

# TEMPLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# 2026 GOALS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**For 2026, the Temple Police Department (TPD) is focusing on infrastructure expansion, technology modernization, and refined community policing as part of the public safety budget allocation.**

## Key Infrastructure & Facility Goals

- Public Safety Training Center Expansion: Construction is progressing on a \$14 million facility that will serve as a primary training hub in 2026. Key targets for this campus include:
  - Completion of a modern indoor shooting range with integrated storage.
  - Opening of a new TPD classroom building to centralize officer education.
  - Activation of dedicated K-9 training spaces and defensive tactics areas.
  - Virtual Reality (VR) Training: Integrating VR technology within the new training center to simulate high-pressure scenarios, critical incident management, and de-escalation for officers.



## Operational & Technology Initiatives

- Regional Intelligence Integration: Building on the 2025 launch of Project Centurion, the goal for 2026 is to ensure seamless, real-time data sharing across all Bell County law enforcement partners through the unified Records Management System (RMS).
- Patrol District Optimization: Solidifying the transition to the 10-district patrol model to maintain fast response times and proactive neighborhood coverage as Temple remains one of the fastest-growing cities in Texas.
- Hardware Modernization: The city's strategic plan includes replacing aging mobile data laptops in police vehicles to ensure officers have reliable field access to digital tools.
- Enhanced Technology Capabilities: Increasing the deployment of unmanned aerial systems and license plate readers to assist in crime prevention, traffic enforcement and response to calls for service



## Community & Workforce Development

- Shift Schedule Transition: Aiming to move patrol squads from 12-hour shifts to 10-hour shifts to improve officer wellness and ensure consistent staffing overlaps during peak hours.
- Community Partnership (ABLE): Expanding the Active Bystandership in Law Enforcement (ABLE) program to foster a culture of peer accountability and transparency within the force.
- Specialized Recruitment: Continuing to focus on hiring and retaining investigators and community services personnel to match the needs of the growing population.

