

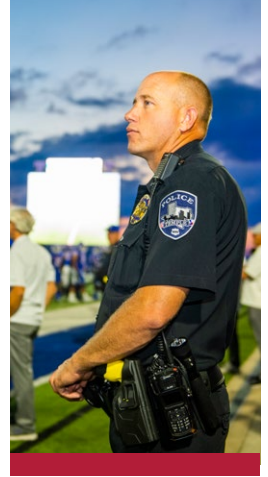
TEMPLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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.

