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DeSales Names New Chief of Police

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The DSU Police are implementing policy changes this spring and plan to become more accessible to the DeSales community under the leadership of Karen Tempinski. Tempinski has recently been named the new Director of Public Safety and Police Operations. She previously held the position of Assistant Police Chief and Criminal Investigator with DSU Police. During her time in that position she implemented the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) program on-campus and taught two non-credit self-defense courses each fall semester.

As the director, Tempinski will act as Chief of Police and oversee the staffs who serves in the Office of Public Safety and Police Operations. According to Tempinski, DeSales currently has 14 officers on staff, including both full and part-time employees. Six are sworn police officers and eight are public safety officers.

"I was quite honored to be offered the position of Chief of Police. According to the National Center for Women and Policing, less than two percent of police chiefs in the United States are female. I am both excited and grateful to be given the opportunity to lead the department," Tempinski said.

Tempinski started her law enforcement career by enlisting in the Army as a military police officer. After completing basic and advanced police training at Ft McClellan, Ala., she was sent to Germany where she served in the 95th Military Police Battalion, reaching the rank of sergeant.

Serving various police departments and agencies including Easton, Upper Saucon Twp, Pennsylvania State Police and the United Nations has provided invaluable experience.

"Working for all of these different departments and agencies has shaped who I am today. I have had the privilege to serve in so many different types of communities, including overseas, in the military, in a city and in a small township, Tempinski said. "For me, DeSales is the place where I feel I now truly belong and I am excited about the opportunity to serve the community in the coming years. There is no other place I would rather be."

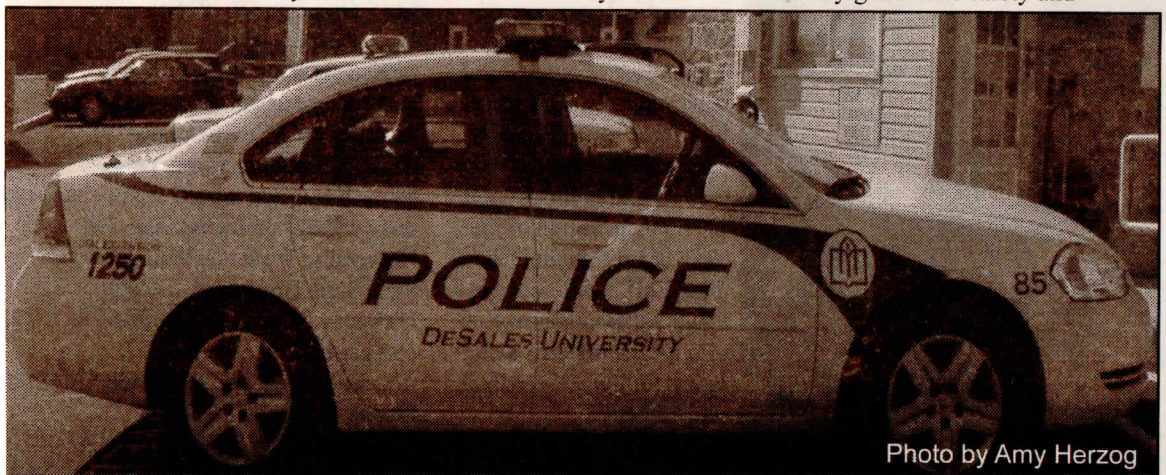
As director Tempinski has many goals. The safety and well-being of students, staff and faculty is of paramount importance. The police department will be implementing the principles of community policing on campus to make officers more accessible to the DeSales community; creating a set of core values, and establishing partnerships with other departments on campus to offer new programs, according to Tempinski.

Community policing will make the officers of DSU Police more accessible and involved in the community they serve. Police and public safety officers need to be accessible to the community and need to be seen, according to Tempinski.

"Students need to be made aware of the programs and services that DSU Police currently offer, including courtesy escorts, free property engraving and self-defense classes," Tempinski said. "I want students and employees to know who the officers are, what services we offer and how to contact police when needed. Individuals need to know that they can call us 24/7 and an officer will be there within minutes."

The DSU community can expect to see more foot patrols and officers on bikes guarding campus.

"Students and staff should feel comfortable walking up to an officer to simply chat. The officers have expressed a desire to become more involved and I will provide them with the opportunities to do so. Additionally, officers will be encouraged to take advantage of training and educational opportunities in the community", said Tempinski.



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