TPD to teach TCALC students in Law and Public Safety pathway

The Topeka Police Department in partnership with Topeka Public Schools has created a pathway at The Topeka Center for Advanced Learning and Careers (TCALC).

In the pathway, students will learn and grow from experts in both the law and public safety fields. This will expand their understanding and experiences of the varied and diverse careers opportunities and tracks of our American Justice System.

The hands-on pathway taught by Topeka Police Officer Brandon Gogian includes field visits to municipal, state and federal courthouses; juvenile detention centers and prisons; crime scene labs; tactical support teams; local and federal law enforcement departments, fire departments; state and federal prosecutors; judges; local law firms; policy makers; and public and private social service agencies.

“We are extremely excited about the TCALC program we are launching in August in partnership with Topeka Public Schools,” said Chief Bill Cochran. “We will teach a class that specifically focuses on juniors and seniors that will help them prepare to graduate. The hopes are when we talk about recruiting, this will help create a local pool of young people that grow up in Topeka, go to school in Topeka and then go to work at the Topeka Police Department to protect our community.”

Students who take the pathway for a full year will obtain a professional CPR/First Aid certification and students who complete two years of the pathway will obtain the industry recognized Certified Protection Officer Credential.

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Revamped online crime reporting

TPD is making it possible for people to report certain crimes on a revamped online feature. Online reporting can be found [here](#).

The online reporting feature is available for certain crimes including:

- Lost or missing personal property
- Unlawful use of financial information
- Identity theft
- Property damage under $1000
- Theft of property under $1000
- "Stolen merchandise for sale"
**Officers participate in Fuzzy February fundraiser**

During the month of February, officers at the Topeka Police Department participated in Fuzzy February to fundraise for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Topeka.

To participate in the fundraiser, officers elected to donate $50 to BOCT.

During the fundraiser, male officers are able to grow facial hair and female officers may color their hair or nails outside the normal policy parameters.

Officers raised an impressive total of $2,450.

**Spring Citizen’s Academy to begin**

Beginning March 7, more than 30 Topeka citizens will begin a 14-week course focused on educating the public about the inner workings of the Topeka Police Department.

During the academy, citizens will explore the problems and challenges faced by law enforcement and learn how TPD meets those challenges. Citizens will observe and participate in demonstrations using some of the latest technology available to your local Crime Scene Investigations Unit, Bomb Disposal Unit, Response Team and Hostage Negotiators. They will also discover programs that have allowed TPD to partner with businesses, schools and citizens to prevent crime.

If you are interested in participating in this free program, the next available openings will be in the fall of 2019. You can email Maria Anderson at manderson@topeka.ks.gov for more information.

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**March Community Events/Meetings**

- **Feb 25 - March 1**: 2019 SAFE Enforcement Period (Seethems Are For Everyone)
- **March 1**: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - American Cancer Society Back for Life - Camo Cross Dog Training - 3556 SE 21st St.
- **March 1**: 6:30 p.m. - Highland Acres NIA Meeting - Highland Park High School - 2444 SE 21st Ave.
- **March 1**: 7:00 p.m. - North Topeka West NIA Meeting - Papa's Landing Senior Center - 621 NW Paramore St.
- **March 1**: 7:00 p.m. - North Topeka Business Alliance Meeting - Great Overland Station - 701 N Kansas Ave.
- **March 1**: 7:30 p.m. - Community Policing Presentation - La Colonia Apartments - 331 NE Golden Ave.
- **March 1**: 7:45 p.m. - Safe Streets Coalition Meeting - Great Overland Station - 701 N Kansas Ave.
- **March 1**: 9:45 p.m. - Police Athletic League Chess League - Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka - 550 SE 27th St.
- **March 1**: 9:30 p.m. - East Topeka North NIA Meeting - Salvation Army - 1500 SE 6th St.
- **March 1**: 6:00 p.m. - Quinter Heights-Stede NIA Meeting - Grace United Methodist Church - 2627 SW Western
- **March 1**: 6:30 p.m. - Central Highland Park NIA Meeting - Hillcrest Community Center - 1800 SE 21st St.
- **March 1**: 6:30 p.m. - Jefferson Town NIA Meeting - Buchanan Center - 1195 SW Buchanan St.
- **March 1**: 6:00 p.m. - Historic North Topeka East NIA Meeting - Garfield Community Center - 1600 N Quincy St.
- **March 1**: 7:00 p.m. - NOTOMA Meeting - Garfield Community Center - 1600 N Quincy St.
- **March 1**: 6:00 p.m. - One Topeka Family Coalition Meeting - Lighthouse Center - 3020 SE 21st St.
- **March 1**: 6:30 p.m. - Elmhurst NA Meeting - Topeka Shawnee County Public Library - 515 SW 10th Ave.
- **March 1**: 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Police Athletic League Chess League - Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka - 550 SE 27th St.
- **March 1**: 6:30 p.m. - Historic Old Town NIA Meeting - Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - 725 SW Buchanan St.
- **March 1**: 6:30 p.m. - East End NIA Meeting - Rice Community Center - 432 NE Neosho St.
- **March 1**: 6:30 p.m. - Cheney Park NIA Meeting - Red Cross - 17th & Lincoln, 1st Floor
- **March 1**: 6:30 p.m. - Greater Topeka Bed Race - Downtown Topeka
- **March 1**: 6:30 p.m. - Mater Dei Irish Fest - Downtown Topeka
- **March 1**: 6:30 p.m. - Mater Dei Irish Fest 5k - Downtown Topeka
- **March 1**: St Patrick’s Day Parade
- March 16th: St. Patrick's Day Street Party
- March 16th: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Community Clean-Up - S.E. Washington St. & S.E. 19th St.
- March 18th: College Hill NA Meeting - Westminster Presbyterian Church - 1275 SW Boswell Ave.
- March 18th: 6:30 p.m. - Oakland NIA Meeting - Oakland Community Center - 801 NE Poplar St.
- March 18th: 6:30 p.m. - Rolling Meadows NA - American Legion - 3800 SE Michigan Ave.
- March 20th: 6:00 p.m. - Monroe NIA Meeting - Brown vs. Board - 1135 SE Monroe St.
- March 20th: 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Police Athletic League Chess League - Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka - 550 SE 27th St.
- March 20th: 12:15 p.m. - Senior Safety Presentation - Lexington Park - 1021 SW Fleming Ct.
- March 21st: 7:00 p.m. - Crestview NA Meeting - Crestview United Methodist Church - 2245 SW Eveningdale Dr.
- March 21st: 6:30 p.m. - Central Park NIA Meeting - Central Park Community Center - 1534 SW Clay St.
- March 21st: 7:00 p.m. - Teen Late Night Skate Party - St. Mary's 815 SW Fairlawn Rd.
- March 21st: 7:00 p.m. - East Topeka South NIA Meeting - Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka Teen Center - 1112 SE 10th Ave.
- March 22nd: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Safe Property Management Training - Safe Streets - 2109 SW 29th St.
- March 22nd: 6:00 p.m. - One Topeka Family Coalition Meeting - Lighthouse Center - 2020 SE 21st St.
- March 27th: 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Police Athletic League Chess League - Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka - 550 SE 27th St.
- March 28th: 6:00 p.m. - Hi-Crest NIA Meeting - Avondale East School - 455 SE Golf Park Blvd.
- March 28th: 6:30 p.m. - Ward Meade NIA Meeting - Westside Baptist Church - 1008 SW 4th St.

Find out who your Community Police Officer is

![Community Police Officer Map](image)

Community Outreach Officer

Officer William Lister

Resources and information in your time of need:

- Victim Assistance
- Liaison after traumatic event
- Crime Prevention Tips

Important Numbers

Shawnee County Crime Stoppers/Gun Stoppers Tip Line: (785) 233-2300

Community Policing Hotline: (785) 234-2300

Topeka Police Department Non-Emergency Number: (785) 298-9551