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THE PHILADELPHIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF ROCHELLE BILAL

# THE SHERIFF'S PERSPECTIVE QUARTERLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



## Letter from Sheriff Rochele Bilal

I am proud to serve as the first female sheriff for the City of Philadelphia based on my twenty-seven years of experience at the Philadelphia Police Department and leadership at the Guardian Civic League.

I am very excited to share our community newsletter, which will be published quarterly and will share vital information from the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office with the community.

Please let us know what you would like to see in the newsletter. Any ideas to make this more informative are greatly appreciated.

*Sheriff Rochelle Bilal*

## About The Philadelphia Sheriff's Office

The Philadelphia Sheriff's Office is a law enforcement agency for the City and County of Philadelphia. Our office employs deputies and civilian staff to provide services and support Philadelphians.

The Philadelphia Sheriff's Office supports crime prevention through community outreach programs, including community events and food distributions to residents in need.

The office provides constituent services, courtroom security, and civil enforcement and oversees Sheriff Sales.





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## THE PHILADELPHIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE PROVIDES ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA

- **Court Security:** Ensuring the safety and security of courtrooms, judges, and visitors during judicial proceedings.
- **Sheriff's Sales:** Managing and conducting property sales for mortgage foreclosures and tax delinquency.
- **Eviction Enforcement:** Supporting and overseeing lawful eviction processes with fairness and professionalism.
- **Prisoner Transportation:** Transporting inmates securely to and from court appearances, correctional facilities, and hospitals.
- **Foreclosure Prevention Education:** Hosting workshops and outreach programs to help homeowners understand their rights and options to avoid foreclosure.
- **Writ Service:** Executing legal orders and serving court documents such as subpoenas and summonses.
- **Community Engagement:** Organizing public safety initiatives, neighborhood meetings, food giveaways, and educational events to promote safer communities.
- **Public Awareness Campaigns:** Raising awareness about job opportunities, gun safety, and programs on how to save your property.
- **Gun Safety:** Promoting education on gun safety to reduce firearm-related risks.



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## **THE PHILADELPHIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE UNITS**

### **BIKE**

The Sheriff's Office Community Bike Patrol Unit provides patrol services and bike safety demonstrations around the various exterior court buildings, at special events, and upon request from neighboring jurisdictions. The deputy sheriffs assigned provide a secure presence, assist residents and visitors, and ensure traffic safety and control. The Bike Unit achieves sidewalk-level public safety and community policing and provides highly effective visibility when necessary.

### **K-9**

The K-9 Unit is an integral part of the Sheriff's Office. The K-9 Unit consists of members of the department. This unit assists in bomb detections, patrols, and warrants. The K-9 Deputy Sheriffs and their canine partners spend weeks on advanced training in agility, apprehension, tracking, obedience, and search. K-9 also provides a proactive community policing presence and provides highly effective visibility when needed.

### **FUGITIVE WARRANT**

The Sheriff Fugitive Warrant Unit works aggressively to get violent criminals off the street by reducing the backlog of numerous warrants. The Fugitive Warrant Unit enforces court orders such as PFA's and Custody, executes warrants such as Child Support, Dependency, Bench Warrants, Arrest of Other Jurisdiction, Fugitive of Justice, Judicial Body Warrants, and Body Attachments. Charges range from Retail Theft to Murder.

The Fugitive Warrant Unit works 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and assists other Law Enforcement Agencies throughout the city.

**Call (215) 683-3726 if anyone wishes to surrender safely and ask for a supervisor.**





## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

### COMMUNITY POP-UP CLINIC

On August 24 and 25, 2024, the Sheriff's Office hosted a free pop-up clinic at the Mariana Bracetti School. Hundreds of Philadelphians received free glasses, fillings, and other services. The Sheriff and her staff also provided hundreds of bookbags and bags with personal products. Stay tuned for our next one on August 16 and 17, 2025!



### FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

The Philadelphia Sheriff's Office partners with community organizations and city and state elected officials to host food distributions across the city. All residents are welcome to participate. Check out our "Upcoming Events" for future dates and locations for food distributions.





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## DEPUTY SPOTLIGHT

### DEPUTY SEMILE ROBINSON



Semile Robinson has been a steadfast pillar of service and dedication to the City of Philadelphia, with an impressive career spanning over 26 years.

Throughout his career, Robinson's dedication and courage have been celebrated by the community and his peers alike. He has received numerous awards for his outstanding service, including the prestigious Medal of Valor, a testament to his exceptional bravery and selflessness in situations where he has put others' safety above his own, often at significant personal risk.





## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

### PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY STARS



Founded in 2010, Ardella’s House is a service and advocacy non-profit organization committed to helping women with criminal justice histories realize new possibilities for themselves and their families. Our programs make it possible for women to obtain work, housing, and health care; to rebuild their families; and to participate fully in civic life.

Most recently she has been a vociferous advocate for the “Dignity Act,” a series of bi-partisan legislation provisions in Pennsylvania to bring dignity to incarcerated women; to end shackling of pregnant women; to provide adequate access to feminine hygiene products; to support keeping families together by limiting the distance of a woman’s incarceration so that she can be closer to her family; and to recommend diversionary sentencing for women who have been convicted of non-violent crimes.

Toni Willis is a Community Star.



Stephanie Booker is the CEO and Founder of A Home Is A Right (AHARI), an organization she established in 2011 to provide permanent supportive housing to veterans at risk of homelessness and homeless veterans and their families, helping them achieve self-sufficiency.

Drawing from her own lived experiences with homelessness, addiction, mental health challenges, and incarceration, Stephanie transformed her life and now dedicates herself to empowering others to overcome the stigma associated with these issues. From humble beginnings, AHARI has grown into a million-dollar nonprofit, and Stephanie is continually seeking dedicated professionals to join the Executive Board and Support Team.

Known for her vision to take AHARI to the national level, she has built a reputation for providing unique, high-quality resources to veterans and underserved populations.

Stephanie Booker is a Community Star.



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Darryl Shuler is an anti-violence community activist born and raised in Philadelphia. Darryl has worked to empower young people who participate in violence to put the guns down and become leaders in their own communities.

He has mentored young men and women and groomed them to become mentors. Darryl brought together leaders in the anti-gun violence movement from across the city to create a model that focuses on boots on the ground and providing those most at risk of ending up dead or in prison with opportunities and support systems to promote their success and to deter street violence.

He is a formerly incarcerated person, and he goes into the prisons to mentor and work with lifers and returning citizens to interrupt the cycle of community violence and stop prison recidivism.

Darryl Shuler is a Community Star.



Wanda Pates-Dennis's entire adult career has been dedicated to the Social and Community Services of the aging, disabled, homeless, at-risk populations, and Veterans in their spiritual and mental wellbeing.

Not only is Pate-Dennis proficient in the management of services, Pate-Dennis is also knowledgeable of the availability of City, State, and Federal agencies that aid and support the groups named above. God has given her a Ministry in her career. God is clear. "And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Wanda has been awarded many honors, including the National Honor Society of Collegiate Scholars—Psi-Chi, Post 266—Service Officer of the Year, the Proficient and Effective Service Award in Counseling for Philadelphia Alliance Against Drugs and Non-Profit Organization, the Aces Museum Service Award, and Project Home / Impact Services for the Homeless and Veterans, Person of the Year.

Wanda Pates - Dennis is a Community Star.



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## OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

### IN THE NEWS - FEBRUARY 18, 2025

**Philadelphia, PA** —The International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES) proudly awarded the Certified Autism Center™ (CAC) designation to the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office. To earn this designation, at least 80% of community-facing officers and other personnel completed a position-specific autism training process. The certification includes scenario-based training designed to equip the department with essential skills for effectively understanding, communicating with, and assisting autistic and sensory-sensitive individuals.

**The Philadelphia Sheriff's Office is the first and only law enforcement agency in Pennsylvania to receive Autism Training & Certification from IBCCES, Enhancing Services for the Community.**

Under the Bilal Administration, the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office has been committed to the needs of the Autism community. In April 2023, we announced the no-cost Autism Decal Program. This program will alert Emergency responders that a person with autism is in the home or vehicle, enabling Sheriff's Office deputies to draw on their autism training. This training informs law enforcement that someone in the house or vehicle may not speak, respond to, or comply with verbal commands and may not be aware of the danger.

The Autism Decals are free to anyone in Philadelphia but only those registered with the Office of the Sheriff. Our office recommends placing them near the front door of a home or in the rear window of a vehicle to ensure that law enforcement officers know an occupant has Autism. This is part of our continued comprehensive training and response program, which is grounded in assisting residents with their needs.

"I'm encouraged by the 320 Philadelphia Sheriff's Office sworn and civilian employees completing their training for this certification. Residents must know that law enforcement is taking measures to learn more about Autism and Neurodiversity. When we first launched the Autism Decal program in 2023, it was only the beginning of assisting residents' inclusivity," says Sheriff Rochelle Bilal.

"This certification is a testament to the Philadelphia Sheriff's Office's dedication to prioritizing safety for every individual, especially for those who are autistic or sensory-sensitive," says Myron Pincomb, IBCCES board chairman. "IBCCES is proud to award them with the Certified Autism Center™ credential, highlighting their ongoing commitment to enhancing accessibility throughout their community."







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## AUTISM DECAL PROGRAM

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The Philadelphia Sheriff's Office is committed to the safety of all City of Philadelphia residents. The more information deputies have when they respond to calls for service, the better they can meet our residents' needs.

The mission of the PSO Autism initiative is to alert Emergency Responders that there is a person with autism in the home or vehicle. The decals enable Philadelphia City & County Sheriff's deputies and other law enforcement agencies to draw on their autism training and understand that there is a person in the home or car that may not speak, respond to or comply with verbal commands, may hide, or wander off, or may have no awareness of danger.

The Sheriff's Office is providing these decals free of charge to anyone in Philadelphia County who wants to place them near the front door of their home or in the rear window of their car so law enforcement officers can be aware there is an occupant with autism.

If you want to register for the program but do not wish to affix the decal to your home, simply complete this form and request zero decals. In the comment section, please identify if the decals are for a car or house, as they have specific sizes for each.

**To submit, please scan this form and email it to:  
DARRYL.ROBERTS@PHILA.GOV (SUBJECT: AUTISM DECAL REGISTRATION)**

**Or**

**Mail it to: Office of the Philadelphia Sheriff  
Attn: Community Outreach Department  
100 S. Broad Street – 5th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19110**



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RAY & JOAN KROC CENTER  
of Philadelphia



**Philadelphia Sheriff's Office**

presents

**3<sup>rd</sup> annual Autism & Neurodiversity**

**RESOURCE FAIR & FAMILY FUN DAY**  
**FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION BEGINS AT**  
**11:00AM**

**Saturday, April 19, 2025**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**The Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Center**  
**4200 Wissahickon Avenue**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19129**

\*Info Session \*Q&A / Panel Discussion \*Resource  
Tables \*Moonbounce \*Refreshments \* First  
Responder Vehicles \*Facepaint and more..





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**DON'T LEAVE MONEY  
ON THE TABLE!**

**CALL THE PHILLY SHERIFF OFFICE**

The Sheriff's Office Homeowner Asset Recovery Team (H.A.R.T.) H.A.R.T. is committed to assisting individuals affected by the loss of their home. The program focuses on identifying and returning eligible excess funds from Sheriff Sales to former homeowners. If you believe you may qualify, please contact the Sheriff's Office to confirm eligibility before visiting in person. We're here to help you reclaim what's rightfully yours.

Claim forms can be obtained through the Sheriff's Office Real Estate Division

Don't hesitate to get in touch with us at:

100 S. Broad St., 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102

You can also request to have a claim form mailed or emailed to you by contacting our office at:

215-686-3532 or 215-686-3565 or email: [sheriffhart@phila.gov](mailto:sheriffhart@phila.gov)



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**S2 DEBUTS**

**March  
1st**

**Hosted by: Sheriff Rochelle Bilal**

# **The Sheriff's Perspective**

**Tune in Saturday mornings from 8:30am to 9:00am**

**SERVANT  
LEADER.  
PHILLY  
RAISED.  
UNFILTERED.**

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# Got a Gun? Get a Lock!



GO TO **PHILLYSHERIFF.COM** TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S LIFESAVING GUN LOCK GIVEAWAY PROGRAM.



IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A CALL FROM SOMEONE CLAIMING TO BE FROM THE PHILADELPHIA SHERIFF'S OFFICE REQUESTING ANY MONEY FROM YOU OR ASKING FOR YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION, **PLEASE DO NOT GIVE THEM ANY OF YOUR INFORMATION OR MONEY.**

HANG UP THE PHONE AND FILE A COMPLAINT WITH OUR OFFICE AT PHILLYSHERIFF.COM AND/OR CONTACT THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) AT 1-888-225-5322.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF ONE OF THESE SPOOKING SCAMS, PLEASE FILE A REPORT WITH YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT OR CONTACT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.



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## UPCOMING SHERIFF SALES

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### **2025 Mortgage Sale Dates**

January 7, 2025  
February 4, 2025  
March 4, 2025  
April 1, 2025  
May 6, 2025  
June 3, 2025  
July 1, 2025  
August 5, 2025  
September 9, 2025  
October 7, 2025  
November 4, 2025  
December 2, 2025

### **2025 Upcoming Tax Sale Dates**

April 4, 2025  
April 8, 2025  
April 25, 2025  
May 9, 2025  
May 13, 2025  
May 16, 2025  
June 6, 2025  
June 10, 2025  
June 27, 2025

**Register and Bid today at [bid4assets.com/philadelphia](https://bid4assets.com/philadelphia)**

***\*Dates are subject to change subject to court orders.  
Visit [phillysheriff.com](https://phillysheriff.com) to stay updated on all sales.***



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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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**WOULD YOU LIKE THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO  
ATTEND YOUR EVENT?  
CONTACT US AT LEAST 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE!**

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS REQUEST:**

**Community Outreach**

**Leroy Fisher, [Leroy.M.Fisher@phila.gov](mailto:Leroy.M.Fisher@phila.gov)**

**215-683-4805**

### **COMMENTS, STORY IDEAS, NEWS:**

**Darryl Roberts, [Darryl.Roberts@phila.gov](mailto:Darryl.Roberts@phila.gov)**

**215-683-4827**

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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Philadelphia Sheriff's Office (215) 686-3530  
City Information Network - 311  
Save Your Home (215) 334-4663  
Community Legal Services (215) 981-3700  
Department of Public Health (215) 686-5200  
Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (215) 765-9040  
Funeral Petition Public Defenders (215) 568-3190  
Tenant Union Representative Network (215) 940-3900  
Office of Supportive Housing/Homeless Services (215) 686-7175  
Philadelphia Streets Department (215) 686-5560  
Philadelphia CLIP (215) 683-2547  
Philadelphia Housing Authority (215) 684-4000  
Office of Emergency Management (215) 683-3261  
Philadelphia District Attorney's Office (215) 686-8000  
Department of Human Services (215) 683-4347  
Tax Delinquent/Lineberger (215) 790-1117  
Tax Delinquent/GRB Law (215) 735-1910  
Deputy Training Unit (215) 686-3537  
Internal Affairs (215) 683-4865  
Gun Intake (215) 686-3549  
Share Foods (215) 223-2220  
Philabundance (215) 339-0900

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE CONTACTS:

### Main Location

100 S. Broad Street, 5th Floor (215) 686-3530

### Warrants

714 Market Street, (215) 683-3726

### Family Court/Domestic Operations

1501 Arch Street, (215) 686-3526

### Juanita Kidd Stout for Criminal Justice

1301 Filbert Street, (215) 686-7900

### Traffic Court

800 Spring Garden Street, (215) 686-1671

### Landlord/Tenant Court Widener Building

1339 Chestnut Street, (215) 686-3590

### Real Estate

215-686-3565

### Civil Main Desk

215-686-3560

### Civil Enforcement

(215) 686-3542

### Homeowner Asset Recovery Team (H.A.R.T)

(215) 686-3532

### Community Outreach

(215) 683-4804

### Constituent Services

(215) 683-4816