

Enjoy coffee with a Tulane officer

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The Tulane University Police Department (TUPD) and PJ's Coffee of New Orleans will host the inaugural "Coffee with a Cop" Wednesday (Oct. 26) at PJ's Coffee, 6501 Willow St., on the uptown campus.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. The program provides an opportunity for community members to come together with local police officers in an informal space to discuss community issues and build relationships. PJ's Coffee will supply free 12 oz. hot coffee and cold brew iced coffee to those in attendance.

"We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our officers," said TUPD Sgt. Roger Barnes. "These

interactions are the foundation of community partnerships.”

Since the majority of contact between law enforcement and the public occurs during emergencies, or emotional situations. The creators of Coffee with a Cop believe those situations are not the most effective times for relationship building.

Similar events are being held across the county, as local police departments strive to make lasting connections with the communities they serve.

For additional details on Coffee with a Cop, please contact Sgt. Roger Barnes at (504) 988-1567 or by email at rbarnes1@tulane.edu.