

# POLICE OFFICER ROSLYN (ROZ) TALLEY

Police Officer Roz Talley is a 13-year veteran of the Philadelphia Police department. She began her career as a police officer in the 35th police district. She loves being a police officer. However, her passion is for those having special needs. Her passion was born out of her own fight for her child, Khmaia (Pronounced Kamaya), who was born with multiple disabilities; cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and autism. She began her plight to assure that people with special needs are loved, treated fairly, and that families will find the assistance that is necessary to care for their loved ones.

Since 2017, Roz began working as an instructor at the Philadelphia Police Training center, where she teaches recruit officers on a daily basis. She has also written a curriculum on, "Recognizing Special needs," that is also recognized and taught by all other instructors. She works with Drexel's ASERT program in which she speaks at various events providing insight and awareness on policing and autism. Fellow co-worker and supervisor, Corporal John Burke, recently started a parent network to support other co-workers whose loved one may have special needs.

Since the time she has stepped foot into the police department, she has wasted no time in connecting with the community. She is committed to working with local charities such as the Ronald McDonald Houses. She is most proud of her program, Widener Heroes where police officers adopt children with special needs for Christmas. She has also started an annual prom event for special needs which is held every year in May at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 5.

Roz received her B.S. in Criminal Justice from Chestnut Hill College and a recent graduate from West Chester University, where she received her M.A. in Communication Studies. She is a member of the PA Association for Black Journalists (PABJ) and the National Association for Black Journalists (NABJ). She is a co-host on PQRadio1.com, an internet based station and is also a published author.

