

On Call Inside the Blue

A community news publication of the Arlington Police Department

What's Going On ...

The Arlington Police Department welcomes Class #44. Highlights inside.

The Arlington Police Department will host its Annual Awards Ceremony on **March 8** to recognize the outstanding contributions of men and women in blue. This year's theme is "Boots and Badges." See Highlights and Award winners next month in *On Call*.

Community Connections is coming February 27. This one-day event is especially for service providers, the faith-based community, congressional leaders, staff and volunteers. RSVP to: <mailto:bkellar@northdavischurch.org>

Training continues this month at the South Police Service Center for the Citizens On Patrol-Mobile. Call 817-459-5725 or Curtice.Ervin@Arlingtontx.gov about future training opportunities.

Don't forget that ticket! The Great Texas Warrant Roundup is **February 25 - March 4**. Contact Arlington Municipal Court at 817-459-6777 for more information.

Coming soon! Traffic Tip Tuesdays on APD Twitter and Facebook. Every Tuesday, helpful information to keep you safe when behind the wheel!

Arlington Together - Leading the Way to a Safer City Crime Hasn't Been This Low Since 1985

Arlington is seeing historical low crime. At the end of 2011, Arlington had the lowest number of reported Part 1 violent crimes since 1985, according to the Uniform Crime Report, the federal standard for crime reporting.

Part I UCR offenses include robbery, theft, homicide, rape, burglary, motor vehicle theft and aggravated assault. In 1985, there were 8,381 offenses per 100,000 population. In 2011, the number of offenses dropped to 5,214.

Arlington Police Chief Theron Bowman credits crime reduction success to citizen engagement, the deployment of tactical intelligence in targeted hot spot areas, effective communication strategies and specialized unit crime suppression efforts.

"Together, as a Police Department and a city, tremendous strides are being made toward Arlington becoming a safer place for residents, businesses and the millions of visitors who travel here," Bowman said.

"We cannot rest on our accomplishments. It is imperative that we continue this momentum," he said.

The Police Department has rolled out its 2012-2014 Strategic Plan to lower crime by 50 percent in three years. The plan includes reducing fatality accidents and enhancing policy legitimacy through excellent internal and external customer service. The department is also working to increase citizen involvement in crime prevention programs and area community

initiatives that serve Arlington youth. Visit with your Crime Prevention Officer or www.Arlingtonpd.org for crime prevention information and everything you need to join a Community Watch Group, Citizens on Patrol or Citizens Police Academy. There are many ways to volunteer and connect!

Arlington, Texas

1985	Today
Population* 235,000	Population* 370,000
Very little development south of I-20	More than 135,000 residents south of I-20
Arlington Convention Center Opens	Parks Mall Arlington Highlands Tarrant County College
Wet 'n Wild Opens in 1983	Cowboys Stadium Entertainment District Bowling Museum
UT-Arlington	College Park Center Downtown/Univ. District
Six Flags	Super Bowl Host City World Series Host City
Texas Rangers	6.5 million visitors**

Sources: *Community Development & Planning
Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau **

Arlington Police Department - The Highest Standard in Law Enforcement

The Arlington Police Department has earned the highest form of accountability in law enforcement. While maintaining its accreditation for seven consecutive seven years, the department has also been presented the **Accreditation with Excellence**

Award from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies also known as CALEA. Since 1985, CALEA has been certifying police departments in the U.S., Mexico, Canada and Barbados.

"Quite simply stated, this certificate makes us a better agency," Accreditation Manager Sgt. Amanda Moss told officials gathered for a CALEA ceremony on Jan. 31 at the West Station. "It means we're providing more efficient and better quality services."

The accreditation process began in August 2011 when CALEA assessors from law enforcement agencies in New York and Virginia arrived in Arlington for a site visit. They scored the department on 486 standards that addressed areas of policy, operation, administration and technical support. A self-assessment was followed by public input.

Police Chief Theron Bowman said the accreditation process is a great example of a dedicated workforce, accountability and transparency in law enforcement.



Congratulations! APD CALEA Assessors

(From Left to Right) Lt. Wayne Isbell, Police Chief Theron Bowman, Sgt. Amanda Moss, Lt. Chad Gann and Deputy Chief Barry Hines

"The department is always reviewing and analyzing organizational data for the purpose of improving public safety." – Sgt. Amanda Moss

Safety First!

Public Safety at Railroad Crossings

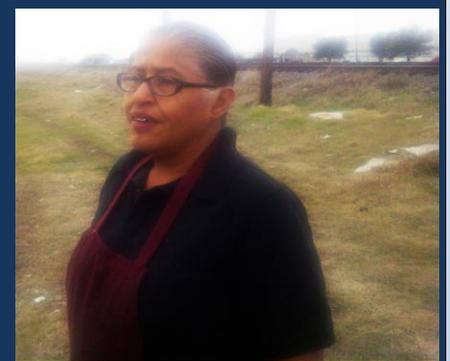
A partnership between the Arlington Police Department, Grand Prairie Police Department and Union Pacific Railroad on January 24 resulted in a successful railroad crossing enforcement and education effort.

During a two-hour period, APD and UP railroad officials talked with the reporters about safety. News cameras climbed aboard for a closer look.

Officers issued 20 railroad related citations to motorists who disregarded the signal and stopped on or too close to the railroad tracks.



Union Pacific Railroad Special Agent **Roger Rhoderick** speaks to reporters about speed and safety at this North Collins Street rail crossing in Arlington.



"Thank you for helping to save lives." - Lydia Montalvo
At a rail crossing at 19th Street near Division Street in Grand Prairie on January 24.

Remember: Slow down and listen when approaching a railroad crossing. Stop when road signs, flashers and gates indicate a train is approaching.

Congratulations! New Police Officers Join the Department



The City of Arlington welcomes a new class of 18 officers to the Arlington Police Department. The class motto: **Excel With Honor - Lead with Integrity.** On February 6, the Arlington community gathered for the Class #44 Graduation Ceremony in the MetroCenter at Fielder Road Baptist Church.

After successfully completing 28 weeks of training in the Police Academy, these new officers are now embarking on 18 weeks of Field Training. Class Spokesman Charles Cisneros told the audience, "Our career is only just now beginning. It is a privilege and an honor."

Valedictorian - **Officer Jessica Adams**

Salutatorian - **Officer Jace Huntley**

Physical Fitness Award - **Officer Andrei Ciurca**



Gil and Bonnie Ginn of the Knottingham Estates Community Watch were applauded for their many years of leadership.



Members of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association show their support for the new officers.

Questions?

... Ask-A-Chief

Have you ever wanted to ask the Chief or one of his command staff a question? Would you like to know more insight into community policing and public safety. If you have a question, send it to *On Call*. The Chief and his command staff will respond to questions and post the answers here in this section. We will also use social media to share responses.



Chief Theron Bowman

Here's How to Submit:

1. Compose your public safety-related question.
2. E-mail to PDOOC@Arlingtontx.gov
3. Be sure to provide your name and contact info.

Your question may be answered by the Police Chief or any Assistant Chief or Deputy Chief.

www.ArlingtonPD.org

Arlington Sergeants Complete ILEA School of Police Supervision Several Graduates Achieve Notable Accomplishments



Fifteen sergeants from the Arlington Police Department have graduated from the School of Police Supervision - Institute for Law Enforcement Administration. This is the only independent four-week school in the nation for police supervisors.

Arlington had quite a few notable accomplishments. The **Class President** was Sgt. Brook Rollins. Sgt. Kyle Dishko was **Valedictorian**. Sgt. Kendra Warr and Sgt. Brook Rollins were recognized as **Top Five Academic Members**. Sgt. Don Pilcher was presented the **ILEA Award for Professionalism**.

Other graduates from the Arlington Police Department include: Sgt. Thedrick Andres, Sgt. John Brown, Sgt. Kevin Brown, Sgt. Todd Burson, Sgt. Jeff Houston, Sgt. Ricardo Lucero, Sgt. Michael Moses, Sgt. Vincent Pewitt, Sgt. Paul Rodriguez, Sgt. Alex Simmons and Sgt. Robert Vorpahl.

Congratulations Sergeants!

On Call in the North District



The North District Welcomes College Park Center!

On February 1, city leaders joined UT-Arlington officials, alumni, students and fans for the grand opening of College Park Center. The event was a double-header featuring UT Arlington men's and women's basketball teams. In addition to hosting sporting events, this 7,000-seat arena will also serve as a premier destination for concerts, special events and commencements in downtown Arlington.



The Arlington Police Department enjoys a long history of outstanding collaboration with UT Arlington, and the College Park Center Grand Opening on Feb. 1 was no exception.

Deputy Police Chief Laretta Hill said the special event exceeded expectations. Preparation and communication collaboration helped to make it a success, she said.

In pre-planning meetings, APD shared lessons learned from previous special events such as the opening of Cowboys Stadium and events at Ranger's Ballpark.

Communication was enhanced through social media and e-mail notifications from University and APD officials who worked together to inform students, faculty, alumni and fans about travel routes and parking to the venue.

College Park Center is now open! Learn more at www.uta.edu.

Inside the Traffic Management Center, engineers from the Public Works and Transportation Department monitored roadway conditions in and around the center. The APD Entertainment District and Tourism Section and APD Traffic Section were on standby to assist with major traffic flow issues that never materialized during the grand opening.

APD continues to enjoy a history of partnership and collaboration. The goal is safety and an optimal "fun" experience in downtown Arlington and College Park Center.

"The College Park Center will help to make downtown Arlington a more vibrant destination," Chief Hill said. "It is what the city needs and we look forward to being a partner in the continued success it will bring."



Each month in this section On Call, watch for more updates from the North District.

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APD Crime Prevention Officer – North District
Kimberly Fretwell

On Call in the South District



Extra Eyes on Patrol

Citizens on Patrol Mobile members continue to have tremendous success in the South District of Arlington! Since November 2011, there has been an astonishing increase in the support and number of volunteer hours recorded from COP MOBILE volunteers. These volunteers truly understand the need and they always rise to meet and exceed expectations.

They enter the South District doors, greet officers, grab their keys and get busy! They are extremely visible within the community and are willing to serve in all areas of the South District, even when it is not their immediate neighborhood!

They are impacting property crime in the South District by their visible presence. In the month of November, they contributed a total of 54.5 hours, covering all beats and hours.

During the month of December, COP Mobile volunteers diligently assisted with the Holiday Detail, which included the Parks Mall and Arlington Highlands. They volunteered 139.75 hours. You read that correctly... for both November and December, there was a total of 194.25 hours dedicated to assisting in monitoring crime in the South District!

It doesn't stop there! From January 1 to January 31, COP Mobile volunteers logged a grand total of 166.5 hours. There's no stopping these hard working citizens! Already in February, they have contributed 31.25 hours.

To all of our hard working COP Mobile volunteers, ***Thank you!***

- **Martin T. Royal**
- **Bonnie Bilodeau**
- **Patricia Noe**
- **Pat Struble**
- **Candy Ford**
- **Steve Messina**
- **Judith Pueblo**



COP Mobile is not designed in any way to resemble a patrol car, yet it gives a clear indication that the driver is trained to contact the Police immediately when they see suspicious activity, a crime in progress or the need for medical emergency.



Each month in this section of the Newsletter, watch for more updates from the South District. Contact me at 817-459-6468 or Jakisha.Jones@Arlingtontx.gov.

APD Crime Prevention Officer – South District
Jakisha Jones

On Call in the East District

Granite Redevelopment – A New Community Partner in the East District

The East District welcomes the Granite Redevelopment as a new community partner. Granite Redevelopment recently purchased the apartment community formerly known as L'Atriums on Carter Drive. It is now called Crossway Apartments.

During monthly meetings, they keep us updated on the progress of their extensive construction renovations. They are taking into consideration the recommendations we provide that are based on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design principles. The renovations include exterior and interior makeovers, new appliances, tile, as well as new landscaping and a new parking lot.

Granite Redevelopment is showing great ownership in their community and they are attending the apartment manager meetings held monthly by the Police Department. They have also partnered with community groups such as East Arlington Renewal who were instrumental in bringing about many positive changes to this apartment complex. Having East Arlington Renewal as a driving force and vision behind many of the redevelopment efforts going on within the East District further perpetuate the work that Granite Redevelopment is involved with. Having a motivated team partner such as East Arlington Renewal, along with Granite Redevelopment, is crucial to building strong sustainable community efforts.

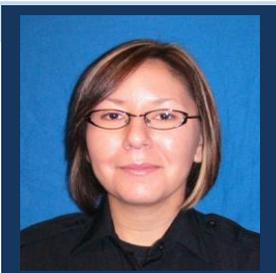
The East District looks forward to the continued collaboration with Granite Redevelopment because we know that ultimately our residents and business in the East District will benefit directly from these improvements.

Founded in 1992, Granite Redevelopment has become well known in the industry for its success in turning around under-performing properties.

Before



Renovations - In Progress



Each month, in this section of the Newsletter, look for more highlights from the East District. Contact me at 817-459-5817 or Faviola.Delgado@Arlingtontx.gov.

APD Crime Prevention Officer – East District
Faviola Delgado



On Call in the West District

Yes, We Can Stop Motor Vehicle Theft!

There is a crime that is very preventable and with the assistance of our citizens, it is one that can be greatly reduced. The crime of vehicle burglary (BMV-Burglary of a Motor Vehicle) is one that Police Departments across the country are constantly working to impact.

There are three criteria that must be met before a crime can be committed. The criminal must have the **ability**, the **desire**, and the **opportunity** to commit the crime.

We have a limited chance to impact ability and desire, but we can make a huge difference if everyone would remove or hide their valuables, roll up their windows and lock their car doors, it would deter the opportunity and greatly reduce one of the most preventable crimes that occur.

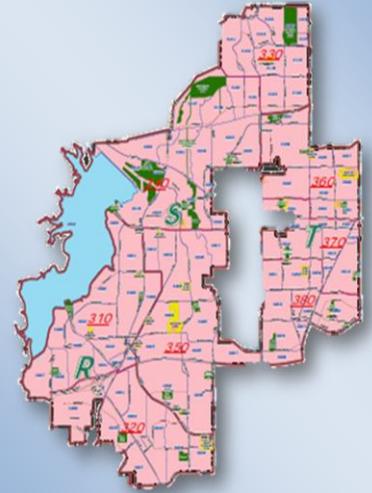
Remind your family and friends that wherever their travels may take them, they should remain diligent in removing the opportunity to become a victim of vehicle burglary.

It takes only a few minutes to protect your valuables!

Pass or Fail?

The **Vehicle Burglary Report Card** is an important tool we use to help you keep your property safe from crime.

Distributed in English and Spanish



**El Departamento de
Policía de Arlington**

**ARLINGTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT**



**Esto No Es Una Infracción
THIS IS NOT A CITATION**

**Boleta de Calificación
Para la Prevención del
Robo de su Vehículo**

**VEHICLE BURGLARY
REPORT CARD**

Los Oficiales del Departamento de Policía de Arlington están al tanto de su seguridad personal, y la seguridad de su propiedad. El Robo de Vehículos es un crimen común, al mismo tiempo siendo un crimen muy fácil de prevenir. No se toma tanto tiempo para asegurar su vehículo. Para este fin, hemos completado esta forma para ayudarle en mantener la seguridad de su vehículo.

YOUR ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY, AND THE SAFETY OF YOUR PROPERTY. VEHICLE BURGLARY IS A COMMON TYPE OF PROPERTY CRIME, YET IT IS A VERY EASY CRIME TO PREVENT, ALL IT TAKES IS A FEW MINUTES TO PROTECT YOUR CAR. WE HAVE COMPLETED THIS FORM TODAY TO HELP YOU KEEP YOUR PROPERTY SAFE.

Su vehículo: YOUR VEHICLE HAS:

Aprobó	PASSED
Fallo	FAILED

Si su vehículo fallo, fue por las siguientes razones: **IF YOUR VEHICLE FAILED, IT WAS FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:**

- Artículos en plena vista**
PROPERTY IN PLAIN VIEW
- Llaves en el vehículo**
KEYS LEFT IN THE VEHICLE
- Ventana abierta**
WINDOW OPEN
- Otra razón:** _____
- OTHER:** _____

Gracias por su tiempo y su apoyo!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & SUPPORT!

Para preguntas/comentarios, llame: _____
FOR QUESTIONS/COMMENTS, CALL: _____



If you reside in the West District and want more information about preventing vehicle burglary, contact me at 817-459-6072 or Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov.

**Crime Prevention Officer – West District
Doug Glotfelty**

In the Community



According to the National Center for Victims of Crime, an individual with a disability is four times more likely to become a victim of crime.

The APD Community Services Bureau and Victim's Assistance Unit were presenters at the January meeting of the Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities at City Hall.

Members were provided information about the services and resources available to assist victims and family members of crime. Members were also invited to connect with news and information from the Police Department. For more information, call the Victim Assistance Program at 817-459-5339.

APD officials with members of the Arlington Mayor's Committee On People With Disabilities at their monthly meeting.

All-City Community Watch Coordinators Meeting on February 2



Neighborhoods from across the city were represented at the February 2 All-City Community Watch Coordinators Meeting in the East District.

Community Watch Coordinators were introduced to their beat officers. They learned more about the advanced methods of identity theft during a presentation by APD Crime Prevention Specialist Curtice Ervin.

Each sector of the city divided into groups for one-on-one discussions with Crime Prevention Officers.

Community Watch Groups work to encourage citizen involvement and deter crime. These citizens have volunteered to become extra eyes for the Police Department by reporting crime and suspicious behavior in their neighborhoods. Learn more by going to the Crime Prevention tab at www.ArlingtonPD.org or call 817-459-5725.



Get Your February Police Trading Card



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The Arlington Police Department created an Entertainment District Tourism Unit to provide focused attention to public safety concerns related to the approximately 6.9 million visitors to North Arlington's premiere "Entertainment District." The officers in this unit focus on tourism policing, which includes specialized training in being ambassadors to the city, using pro-active safety methods and community volunteers to help keep visitors safe. EDTU officers work in partnership with the Arlington Convention and Visitors Bureau, hotels, restaurants, amusement parks, shopping and sporting venues in the area to provide a safe, fun place for visitors from the region and around the world.

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A Moment in History ... Another Interesting Fact from the Police Museum



The Early Years - APD SWAT Unit

The 1960s and 1970s were periods of turmoil in the United States. Across the country, from Los Angeles to New York, violence was breaking out with astounding consequences. In response to these violent outbursts of kidnappings, homegrown terrorists, and rogue snipers, Police Departments across the country began to develop Tactical and Special Operations units. These units are now infamously known as SWAT teams.

The development of Arlington's elite SWAT unit began with Special Enforcement Officer Gary Shipp in 1972.

The Arlington Basic Tactical School was formed and taught by officers who brought their expertise from the military.

These instructors and students were allotted no budget because the concept was so new. They provided their own equipment for operations. It was not until the mid 1980s when the department began allotting funds for this unit.

Arlington's SWAT Unit benefits from many forms of external expertise. The United States Army and private sector assist with operations. Today, Arlington's elite SWAT Unit is led by Lt. Chad Gann.

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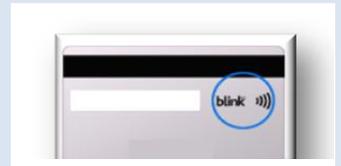
PROJECT 365
"IDENTITY
THEFT"

Prevention Tip #2 – **Don't Blink!**

SmartCard technology was originally designed to allow retailers to make transactions faster. The tiny microchip molded in such cards captures credit card data without a card swipe. These same small card data capturing devices you see in retail stores are available for purchase on the Internet from outside of the U.S.

In the wrong hands, they can be concealed in a bag or small purse. Once a subject gets within the signal range of an unsuspecting person, the device can retrieve the needed information to duplicate your credit card without your knowledge.

- Numerous banks no longer embed the smart card/blink chip or you can request a card without it.
- Refer to the image on the right to see if your card is set up for this technology.
- Avoid being skimmed. Purchase a foil lined card holder to block the signal.



Curtice Ervin – 2012 NNO Coordinator APD

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APD Mission

Achieve a safer community by providing excellent service and involving our community as partners.

APD Values

Respect Education Diversity Service Accountability
Teamwork Innovation Integrity Leadership