

On Call Inside the Blue

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What's Going On ...

Congratulations! On May 9, the Arlington Police Department family celebrated the successful careers of nine employees who have retired since January 2012.

National Police Week is May 13-19. Join us in recognizing the service and sacrifice of U.S. law enforcement. At **6 p.m. Thursday, May 10**, you are invited to Heroes Park for a community celebration honoring the memory of the eight Arlington officers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

On **May 11**, the Arlington Police Department will promote six sergeants and seven lieutenants during a promotional ceremony at UT Arlington.

The Police Explorer End of Year Banquet is **May 22**. Their speaker is Assistant Chief James Hawthorne.

Take 25 encourages parents and guardians of children to take 25 minutes to talk about stranger danger as part of National Missing Children's Day on May 25. For more information, go to www.Take25.org.

The last day of school for Arlington and Mansfield ISD students is **May 31**.

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Hispanic Citizens Police Academy graduate **Meredith Torres** with Acting Chief Will Johnson



Citizens Police Academy Valedictorian **Pedro Martinez** of Martin High School with Officer Richard Morrison

Meet Our Graduates: Arlington Citizen Police Academy Participants

The graduation season is here! High school and college graduates everywhere are accepting diplomas for years of hard work and personal growth.

This season, the Arlington Police Department celebrates its own graduates. After completing their respective programs, Arlington residents are graduating with more citizen awareness and public understanding of law enforcement.

On April 19, Arlington applauded the accomplishments of 23 residents who graduated from the Citizens Police Academy.

Academy Class #51 also included 21 high school students. Many of them have proclaimed career interests in law enforcement.

On May 3, family and friends gathered for the Hispanic Citizens Police Academy Class #22 Graduation at City Hall, which included 20 graduates. In this program, classroom presentations are conducted in Spanish.

In Arlington, Citizens Police Academy participants are provided the opportunity to observe the inner workings of one of the greatest police departments in the country.

In a classroom setting, citizens learn about the officer selection and training process and the role of the uniformed patrol officers. They gain crime prevention and traffic investigation insight among other topics.



Graduates do not become police officers. They become police volunteers and active members of the alumni academy associations who support APD programs and public safety initiatives. Hispanic Citizens Police Academy graduate Meredith Torres says the program has empowered her with knowledge and information. She was selected by her peers to address the graduating class on May 3.

"This program meant a lot to us," she said. "It has given us more knowledge so that we can all work together to make our community a better place to live."

New citizen police academies are now enrolling. Visit www.ArlingtonPD.org for an application or visit with a Crime Prevention Officer.

On Call in the North District

Victory Run Benefits Anti-Violence Programs and Services



Detective J. Jenkins and family

A special thanks to the runners, walkers, sponsors and volunteers who helped to make the 2012 Victory Over Violence Walk/Run the most successful event ever.

On April 7, more than 3,650 participants joined together at Fort Worth's Trinity River Park Duck Pond. It was outdoor fun and recreation for a very good cause!

For 16 years, the proceeds from this event has benefitted the Women's Center of Tarrant County, which serves over 95,000 people annually, including women and families right here in the Arlington community. Thanks to the continued support of the Arlington Police Department and many other community supporters, the Women's Center is able to provide counseling, employment and educational programs to clients and victims of sexual assault, abuse and other violent crimes. Their work in the community inspires, teaches and empowers women and families to overcome violence, crisis and poverty.

For more information about the Women's Center and its anti-violence programs, visit www.womenscentertc.org or call their 24-Hour Hotline at 817-927-2737.



Detective A. Douglass and daughter



Officer Fretwell & her son



Every month in *On Call*, watch for more public safety highlights from the North District. Contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Kimberly Fretwell at 817-459-5589 or Kim.Fretwell@Arlingtontx.gov.

On Call in the South District

Want To Get Away?

Take a Moment to Protect your Home and Property Before Traveling

It is a fact that most residential crimes occur when people are away from their home during a vacation. Residential property crime can also occur while you are just simply away for a short period of time. Avoid becoming a potential victim by following these simple suggestions to protect your home and property.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

1. **Make it appear someone is always home.**
 - A. Stop your mail delivery
 - B. Cancel all deliveries or ask a friend to make daily collections if you are away for an extended period of time.

- C. Hide all garbage cans.
- D. Leave shades/blinds in normal positions.
- E. Put several timers on for lights. Also, set one of the timers on a radio tuned to a talk show station instead of a music station.
- F. If you have a pet(s) or plants, make arrangements to have them cared for.

2. **Leave a key with a trusted neighbor who can keep an eye on your home. Also give them your departure and return date and emergency contact information.**

3. **Store valuables in a safe deposit box.**

4. **Lock all windows and doors. Double check the basement and garage doors.**

5. **Did you know? You can call 817-459-6640 and provide the front desk officer your name, address and contact number along with your departure and return date. Let the officer know what vehicles if any should be at your home and an emergency contact person and phone number in case you can't be reached.**

Leave your worries behind. Enjoy your vacation!

New crime prevention highlights every month from the South District! Contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Jakisha Jones at 817-459-6468 or Jakisha.Jones@Arlingtontx.gov.



On Call in the East District

Kids and Citizens Have Fun With Cops at Anderson Elementary School!

On Saturday, March 24, families joined the Arlington Police Department at Anderson Elementary School for our first Kids, Cops and Citizens Creative Competition. It was a great day!

This free event attracted Arlington police officers, parents and students from Sam Houston High School and Hutcheson Junior High School. We teamed up to solve clues and complete fun and interactive tasks in the parking lot at Anderson Elementary. The completion of tasks led to important life skills and life-saving information.

Participating agencies included the Arlington Public Library, Code Enforcement, Victims Assistance and Tarrant County 9-1-1 who distributed community materials and information. During the event, many parents had their kids fingerprinted for a free Child ID kit.

This event helped to reinforce the positive images of law enforcement in our communities. A lot of new relationships were formed and the feedback was great!



A special thanks to our sponsors:

REACH (Rejuvenating Arlington, Creating Hope) and the East Arlington Police Service Center!



Each month, this section of the newsletter will feature crime prevention highlights from the East District. Contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Faviola Delgado at 817-459-5817 or e-mail Faviola.Delgado@Arlingtontx.gov for more information.

On Call in the West District

Don't Wait, Summer Volunteer Opportunities In the APD West District Are Here!

Summer is fast approaching and the Arlington Police Department has volunteer opportunities for energetic citizens. Regardless of your age or ability, there is a place for you.

Volunteer Opportunity #1 – Citizens On Patrol

APD has an active Citizens On Patrol and Citizens On Patrol Mobile program in the city. Participants provide the extra eyes and ears the department needs to help deter crime. With magnetic signs on personal vehicles and/or patrols in city-issued vehicles, these volunteers are trained to be observant. They notify 9-1-1 when they see suspicious or illegal activity occurring.

Volunteer Opportunity #2 – The Sky Watch Tower

Volunteers are needed to staff the sky watch tower in Arlington area parking lots. The tower is another highly visible deterrent to criminal activity. Volunteers are trained to be observant and to call 9-1-1 when they see suspicious or illegal activity occurring.

Volunteer Opportunity #3 – West Police Service Station

The uniformed police officer at the front desk could use some assistance answering phone calls and greeting citizens who visit the station during regular business hours. Our Investigative Unit could also use assistance with phone calls. There are clerical and support operations volunteer opportunities also available.

There is nothing more noble than to take time to help others and make your community a better place for everyone!

Please call me at 817-459-6072 and I can answer your questions and guide you through the process for getting involved.

Don't wait, the time is now!



Watch for more Crime Prevention Highlights from the West District each month. Contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Doug Glotfelty at 817-459-6072 or Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov.

Temporary Leadership Changes Are Announced At the Top

Arlington Police Chief Theron Bowman has been temporarily assigned to the City Manager's Office and Assistant Chief Will Johnson has been appointed as the Acting Police Chief in his absence.

Chief Johnson is no stranger to leadership. He has 17 years of law enforcement experience specifically in administration, operations, investigations and homeland security. He joined the Arlington Police Department in January 1997.

Chief Johnson oversees the Support Operations Bureau, which includes SWAT, Traffic, Criminal Investigations, Covert Operations, Homeland Security and Special Events. He is a published author and Police Executive Research Forum Executive Fellow. He holds a Bachelor's degree in History from Texas Tech University and a Master's degree in Liberal Arts from Texas Christian University. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Regardless of the new faces in leadership, the Arlington Police Department's mission is the same.

"Our focus remains on the 50-in-3 Crime Reduction Plan and the efforts to build upon our department's legitimacy in the community, increase citizen engagement and promote effective traffic enforcement initiatives for a safer Arlington."



Acting Police Chief
Will Johnson

Arlington Police Department Makes It a Special Day for a Super Hero



On April 14, the Arlington Police Department teamed up with Wish With Wings and the Fire Department to make a wish come true for 7 year-old Kye Sapp who was diagnosed with Leukemia in 2010. Kye's wish was a Batman Adventure Day complete with a bank robbery, purse snatching and car bombing. To make this adventure a success required a lot of planning, community participation and plenty of volunteers including actors from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Dear arlington
and a wish with wings:
Thank YOU for
making my wish come
true my day was
cool I loved it
my favorite Super Heros
are Spider man and
Batman. I never been
in a limo and I
got to go in the
kitchen at Babes
and I beat up
the Joker and the Hitler
and a pet's snatcher.

Sincerely
AKA Batman
Kye Sapp
4-24-12

At the end of a busy day of crime fighting, Kye Sapp was presented the key to the city by Assistant Chief James Hawthorne and City Council member Lana Wolff in Council Chamber.

If you missed the highlights, watch the Batman Adventure video on YouTube!



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