

On Call Inside the Blue



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First Responders to be Honored at Cowboys Stadium

Every minute of the day, Texas area police, fire and emergency medical personnel do their jobs with honor and pride.

The National Football League and Dallas Cowboys will pay tribute to first responders during Sunday's Dallas Cowboys vs. Philadelphia Eagles game.

On game day, Cowboys Stadium plazas will display state of the art public safety equipment from around the state, including law enforcement vehicles, fire apparatus and the New Braunfels Police Department's Operation Intervention Drunk Driving Simulator which helps adults and teens understand the dangers of impaired driving.

The tribute will begin with a DPS helicopter flyover honoring the sacrifices that first responders make every day of their careers. The pre-game ceremony on the field will honor Arlington heroes and their families, including Police Officers Jillian Smith and Craig Story and Arlington Firefighter Don Hogg. The National Anthem will be performed by the Dallas Police Choir along with the presentation of colors by a combined Honor Guard Unit comprised of Arlington Police, Fire, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Following the 7:30 p.m. kickoff, the halftime festivities will feature public safety pipe and drum corps and more than 600 First Responders on the field along with honor guards from 34 Texas area police and fire agencies.



Thank you First Responders!

On Dec. 2, follow the Arlington Police Department on Twitter for highlights from Cowboys Stadium:

@ArlingtonPD #Heroes

More Training Gives Police Officers More Options

A new program is giving Arlington officers response options when confronted by dogs.

Mandatory online training for officers started in the summer and will soon include additional hands-on courses. The ASPCA estimates that 62 percent of households in the U.S. have a pet.

APD Media Sgt. Christopher Cook said "every animal that an Arlington Police Officer encounters while on patrol is not necessarily a danger." He said training is designed to provide

officers with non-lethal options.

Mike Bass with the city's Community Services Department worked with the Police Department to develop courses that allow officers to study dog behaviors such as an animal's bark, approach and movements.

Arlington residents can also take an active role in this process as responsible pet owners. Visit www.Arlingtontx.gov/Animals for animal safety information and more.

In the Community



Arlington Police Tactical Officer Bryan Graham will preside over the 2012 Arlington Holiday Lights Parade on **Saturday, Dec. 1.**

Holiday entertainment begins at 4 p.m. followed by the parade at 6 p.m. in downtown Arlington. Officer Graham was injured in June while assisting with a felony warrant. He returned to service on June 25. He received the Governor's Star of Texas Award in September.

The All City Community Watch Coordinators meeting is **Dec. 4.**

The Citizens Police Academy graduation is Dec. 6 in Council Chamber.

The Christkindl Market continues through Dec. 15.

Interlochen starts Dec. 14. [Map here.](#)

'Tis the season to be safe. Check out these holiday safety reminders at www.ArlingtonPD.org.

The Hispanic Citizens Police Academy Graduation is Dec. 20.

Christmas Day is Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Coming in January: Expect detours and road closures along the Union Pacific rail line in Arlington from Fort Worth to Dallas. The project includes four phases of track reconstruction. Connect with www.ArlingtonTx.gov for dates.

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On Call in the North District

Good Conversations Are Going on in Arlington Communities



Like us on Facebook!

Connect and learn about all the great work ACAPP is doing in our community!

Some good conversations are occurring in Arlington communities thanks to an effort being led by members of ACAPP, the Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership.

Since October, ACAPP has been hosting Community Conversations at various places of worship, including the North Davis Church of Christ, Renewed Life Church of Nazarene and the Dar-el-eman Islamic Center. The goal is to improve police community relations and address important neighborhood issues and public safety concerns. As the ACAPP Coordinator, I have attended a majority of the meetings and they've been enlightening. It's good to hear what our citizens are thinking and how we can explore solutions together.

ACAPP members Marcia Nikl and Richie Sherrod have done a great job of serving as meeting facilitators. They received formal training earlier this year from a representative with the U.S. Justice Department.

The Arlington Police Department is reaching out to hear and interact with citizens so that Arlington can continue to be a safe place to live, work and visit.

Join the conversations. More are planned in 2013. Call or e-mail me if your place of worship would like to host a Community Conversation.

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



On Call in the South District

South District Holiday Safety is All About Visibility, Awareness and Education

The last quarter of the year is always an exciting yet busy time in the South District. Families are traveling into town to spend time with loved ones and shoppers are out searching for holiday gift bargains to place underneath the tree. Everyone is enjoying the Parks Mall, movie theaters, restaurants and other attractions at the Arlington Highlands and at retail centers throughout the south district.

The Arlington Police Department takes great pride in all of the work being done to keep the district safe. This year marks the second anniversary of the South District Holiday Safety Detail and we're focused on these three strategies:

1. **High Visibility** – Together, we're working to establish a strong Police and citizen volunteer presence to deter criminal deviance. Trained citizen volunteers will be inside sky watch towers and more Citizens on Patrol members will be out reporting crime and suspicious activity when they see it.

2. **Awareness** – Police Officers and trained citizen volunteers will be using the APD Burglary of Motor Vehicle Report Card to increase your awareness about safety during the holiday season. If a Report Card is left on your vehicle, it will include a list of the items left in plain view inside your vehicle. The Report Card is not a citation or a fine, but it can make you more aware of what you can do to prevent burglary or theft.

3. **Education** – Officers and volunteers will be out talking with shoppers and distributing brochures and flyers to emphasize holiday safety.



Enjoy a safe and prosperous holiday season.
When you see us out, be sure to wave and say hello!

If you're interested in assisting us with the BMW Report Card program, contact me about getting involved.



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 for more information.

On Call in the East District

Community Watch Coordination in Homemaker Hills Brings Everyone Together

Community Watch planning efforts are paying off in the Homemaker Hills residential area in the East District. With the help of volunteers from the Hispanic Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, East District Foot Patrol Officers and East District HEAT Unit Officers, a total of 282 flyers in English and Spanish were distributed in seven targeted areas in Homemaker Hills recently to invite residents to a Community Watch meeting on Nov. 14 at the East Police Station. As the meeting date grew closer, dynamic message boards were deployed in visible locations

to remind residents about the meeting. As flyers were being distributed, officers and volunteers spoke with residents curious about their efforts. This Community Watch Meeting on Nov. 14 was a great success! Approximately 37 residents from the Homemaker Hills neighborhood attended. City Council member Lana Wolff and Crime Watch Group Coordinators Claudia Gromatzky and Shirley McGriff were present along with East Arlington Renewal members, Lt. Eddie Garth, Sgt. Tim Anderson, and Beat Officer Emilio Rivera. Residents asked questions and visited one on one with officers.



Hispanic Citizens Police Alumni Association members and the Arlington Police Department together for East Arlington.

Thank you!

We talked with residents about how to report suspicious activity and the actions that can be taken to prevent vehicle and garage burglaries. It was a great Crime Watch meeting!

Every month, watch for a new Crime Prevention highlight from the East District. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Faviola Delgado at 817-459-5817 or Faviola.Delgado@ArlingtonTx.gov.



On Call in the West District

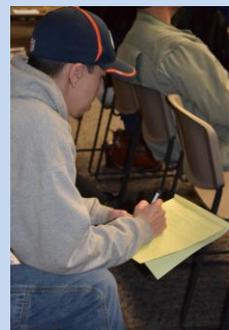
Taking Good Notes:

In Training, Citizen Volunteers Learn How They Can Serve and Make a Difference

On Tuesday, November 13, the West District hosted a training seminar for members of the APD Citizens On Patrol program. There was a tremendous turnout with over 40 volunteers in attendance for the two-hour course. The class was basically an overview of what constitutes suspicious activity and how to identify suspicious people and vehicles. Crime Prevention Specialist Curtice Ervin led lively classroom discussions that focused on understanding common neighborhood property crimes and how they can be prevented. Volunteers discussed crime prevention strategies such as illuminating the porch or driveway at night, removing valuable items from vehicles and always parking in the driveway and not on the street.

Crime Prevention Sgt. Vincent Pewitt also led a presentation to help citizen volunteers understand the basics of probable cause and reasonable suspicion.

APD programs such as Community Watch and Citizens on Patrol are pro-active methods of preventing crime before it occurs. A special thanks to all who participated. More training opportunities like this are being planned for 2013. Connect with your District Crime Prevention Officer for dates and times.



New crime prevention highlights each month from the West District. For more information, contact West District Crime Prevention Officer Doug Glotfelty at 817-459-6072 or Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov.

'Tis the Season for Giving and Spreading Joy

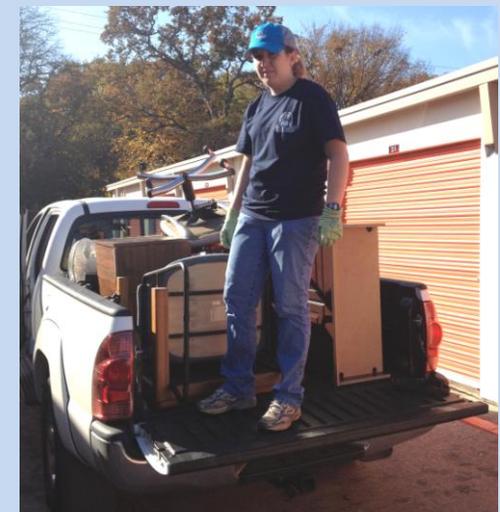
Arlington Police Officers Make Holidays Brighter for Area Families



When a customer stopped a patrol officer in a Kroger parking lot with a turkey she wished to donate, he accepted the donation and drove it to the Life Shelter so it could be counted among the items being collected to feed less fortunate families on Thanksgiving Day. When Thornton Elementary planned a Thanksgiving lunch for students and their families, East District Foot Patrol Officers put on gloves and aprons to serve up all the holiday trimmings. An elderly couple in west Arlington with medical problems opened the front door during the holidays to find Arlington officers and volunteers waiting to clean and trim overgrown shrubs and trees.



From Dec. 7-16, you will also find officers collecting donations at the Arlington Music Hall for Santa Cops. Throughout the city, officers are doing their part to make the season brighter for those who could use a helping hand this holiday season. **Thank you!**



The Silver Alert Mobilizes Help When You Need It

APD Helps Residents Prepare Should a Loved One with a Mental Impairment Go Missing

When a loved one with a mental impairment such as dementia or Alzheimer's disease goes missing, getting information to the public quickly is essential to their safe recovery.

Through the Silver Alert Network, the public is notified when a senior citizen with a documented mental impairment is missing. Much like the Amber Alert, the Arlington Police Department will require you or the legal guardian of the missing person to provide important documentation before a Silver Alert can be activated in the community.

The written documentation must be on physician letterhead. It must include the impaired medical condition, date of diagnosis and patient's name with physician's signature. Because of the nature of most mental impairments, it is not necessary to update the documentation on a yearly basis. Keep this medical documentation in a safe, secure location.

Together, with the local news media, social media and our community partners, the public can help us locate your loved one and return them home safely. [Click here](#) for more details about the Silver Alert Network.

Today, take a few moments to learn more about the **Silver Alert.**

[Watch our video. Click here](#)

Be prepared.

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