

On Call Inside the Blue



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... In the Community



The first week back to school was great! Thank you for slowing down in

school zones, stopping for school buses and watching for pedestrians.

A new city ordinance limits the parking time for commercial motor vehicles and trailers on public roadways. Details here at www.Arlingtonpd.org. Click on "What's New."

Communities Against Crime 5K Run is Sept. 7 at River Legacy Parks.

A new Hispanic Citizens Police Academy Class convenes Sept. 19.

Ecofest returns to downtown Arlington on Saturday, Sept. 21.



Arlington has many outstanding volunteers and APD congratulates **Volunteer of the Month Suzanne Kelly!** Helping to prepare for Arlington's first Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association State Conference held in July, Suzanne logged more than 200 hours. She enthusiastically lends her fundraising and marketing talents as a service to APD and her community. *Thank You!*

Let's Celebrate! Are You Ready for a Party? Everyone Gets Ready for National Night Out

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, neighborhoods across the city will gather outdoors for National Night Out block parties and social gatherings.

APD NNO Coordinator Curtice Ervin describes this year's event as "a party with a purpose."

The APD Community Support Bureau has developed a series of party-themed advertisements to illustrate the importance of community and police partnerships in crime prevention. New neighborhoods, including apartment communities, are joining the fun.

In 2012, nearly 12,000 Arlington residents



National Night Out is Tuesday, Oct. 1.

participated in events held in their communities. It's not too late to plan your activity and get involved. When you register your event, public safety personnel from Police and Fire may visit your gathering.

Visit www.Arlingtonpd.org and click on the NNO logo for everything you need to get started or call the Crime Prevention Unit at 817-459-5725 for more information.

One Neighbor's Knock at Door is Making Connections



Arlington resident Mark Joeckel has started a neighborhood movement. It began with a friendly knock at the door and "Hello."

"We haven't taken the time to walk over and meet," Joeckel said.

National Night Out on Oct. 1 is an opportunity for neighbors to do just that, and Joeckel hopes this event will also advance the movement he calls, "Meet One Neighbor."

His neighborhood on Larkspur Drive is among many preparing to host block parties on Oct. 1 in a public safety partnership with Arlington Police Department.

Joeckel said the kidnapping of three women held captive for years in a Cleveland home is what inspired his "Meet One Neighbor" program. According to national news reports, neighbors in this Ohio suburb never suspected anything.

Joeckel says his movement is "opening doors."

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North District

Everyone Pitches in to “Lift Up” and Help Prepare Children for School

Members of the Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership (A.C.A.P.P.) recently participated in a new initiative called, “Lift up a Child’s Future.”

Patrol officers and detectives from the Domestic Crimes Unit partnered with them on this project, providing ACAPP volunteers with the names of families in our community who could benefit from assistance with clothing, shoes and school supplies.

Donations for this worthwhile project came in from our Muslim communities, Praxis Church and Stand Together Against Domestic Violence (S.T.A.N.D.).

ACAPP volunteers were excited to meet up with these families at our city’s South Cooper Street Wal-Mart location. We enjoyed watching children select the supplies they needed while trying on new clothing and shoes for a brand new school year. Wal-Mart management team members worked closely with us to ensure that every dollar raised was maximized.



Just in time for the school year, a very special thanks to everyone who worked in partnership with us to “lift up” the futures for these deserving children.



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

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South District

Community Watch Coordinators Partner with Police on Social Media Safety

Community Watch Groups are a vital entity within in our neighborhoods and they continue to be a great asset to the Arlington Police Department.

On July 30, Community Watch Coordinators from the South Police District came together to learn more about what they can do to improve safety in their neighborhoods and on the internet.

At this quarterly meeting at the South Police Service Center, Community Watch Coordinators learned about the red flags to watch for when making a decision to buy or sell online.

Sgt. Donald Fulbright with the APD Robbery Unit told coordinators to be extra cautious when selecting meeting locations. Avoid remote areas.

Police command staff enjoyed one-on-one interactions with these coordinators. The relationship that exist between the Police



and Community Watch Group Coordinators is positive. At the conclusion of this meeting, everyone went their separate ways, carrying with them messages of safety and unity.

Thanks for sharing your time with us and for fulfilling an important role in our community as partners in safety.



Watch for a new crime prevention highlight every month. Contact Crime Prevention Officer Ray Polk at 817-459-5732 or Ray.Polk@Arlingtontx.gov for more information.

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East District

Protect Your Property: Prevent Thieves from Taking Your Truck's Tailgate

Everyone is familiar with thieves stealing car parts such as catalytic converters. Thieves looking to cash in on vehicle parts are now taking truck tailgates!

While the total number of tailgate thefts is not anywhere as high as vehicle thefts, a new report from the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) reveals a rising increase in tailgate thefts.

A tailgate can be stolen in less than 30 seconds, making this crime a prime target of opportunity. Replacement costs alone can reach \$1,000 or more.

The East Police District and the other police districts in our city are asking truck owners to consider some simple



If your truck has an integrated lock, use it. If a tailgate can't be opened, it can't be stolen as easily. If you don't have one, purchase one. They are relatively inexpensive.

Park with the tailgate as close as possible to an object or structure to prevent the tailgate from opening.

Etch your truck's vehicle identification number (VIN) or your own personal identification number into the tailgate. This will aid in recovery efforts.



cost-effective steps to avoid becoming a victim. Review our list of helpful theft prevention tips at right.



Every month, watch for a new Crime Prevention highlight from the East District. For more information about this month's topic, contact Curtice Ervin at 817-459-5732 or Curtice.Ervin@ArlingtonTx.gov.

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West District

At this Block Party, Residents Get Acquainted with their Beat Officers



On Saturday, August 10, Sgt. Charles Brown and west patrol officers hosted a great block party for the residents in the area of Tina Marie Drive. The goal was to invite neighbors out to visit with one another and get acquainted with the officers who serve in their area.

West District Deputy Chief Jeff Matthews, Lt. Chadd Gann and Lt. Kelly Velder joined the party along with representatives from Code Compliance and the Library who set up tables along the street and distributed helpful information and goodies to the kids. There was a bounce house as families enjoyed snow cones and hot dogs.

Two of our Citizens On Patrol Mobile units were showcased at the event as an example of some of the exciting volunteer opportunities that are available within the Police Department.

One of the biggest highlights of the evening was when children were asked to place their names in a drawing for backpacks filled with school supplies.

This event was very successful with a large turnout of residents who said they enjoyed the social interaction with their neighbors and the time spent getting to know their beat officers.

Here's another great reason to celebrate. Get Ready!

The 30th Anniversary of National Night Out is Tuesday, Oct. 1!



New crime prevention highlights each month from the West District Crime Prevention Officer Doug Glotfelty. Contact him at 817-459-6072 or Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov.

Arlington Police: Leading the Fight Against Heart Disease and Stroke



Chief Will Johnson

Police Chief Will Johnson is leading the 2013 City of Arlington American Heart Association fundraising campaign.

Under his leadership, City departments are raising much-needed funds for the fight against heart disease and stroke. Statistics show Police Officers and public safety personnel to be among the groups of people at a higher risk of cardiovascular disease.

Employees are hosting tournaments and special events while local businesses and restaurants are pitching in, donating

the proceeds from employee purchases to the American Heart Association.

The Heart Walk on Saturday, Sept. 7 in the Stockyards will close out the campaign. This event is expected to draw hundreds of walkers, starting at 8 a.m. The Heart Association has a mission to build healthier lives free of cardiovascular disease.

"It is with great pride that I lead our organization's efforts to fight heart disease and stroke so that we can all lead longer, healthier lives," Chief Johnson said.



Learn more about the American Heart Association at www.Heart.org

Video Surveillance Helps Arlington Police Capture a Criminal in the Act

With a video verified alarm system, criminals have no idea who's watching! This technology allows consumers to monitor activity at their home or business from anyplace, anytime, using a smart phone or computer.

From Arlington police reports, here's what happened last month when a closed business with a verified video alarm system was hit by a burglar:

Shortly after midnight on Monday Aug. 12, the Arlington Dispatch Center received an alarm call from a business in the 1000 block of North Collins. With his computer, the caller was also watching video of the burglar climbing a pipe to gain access to the roof.

Typically, a commercial alarm or residential alarm would be classified as a priority 2 call, which means police response time could be up to 15 minutes, depending on the availability of officers. Since the caller was able to verify a burglary in progress, the call was upgraded to a priority 1 status.

As the caller monitored the movement of the burglar from video surveillance, officers arrived on scene. The caller was able to provide officers

with a clothing description of the burglar and his location on the roof as the suspect attempted to hide near an air conditioning unit.

Officers quickly set up a perimeter to prohibit the burglar from escaping. The Fire Department was called to lend assistance with ladders.

Minutes later, this burglar was arrested, transported to the City Jail and charged with copper theft and possession of burglary tools.

"This is a good example of how a video verified alarm system allowed officers to interrupt a burglary in progress," said Sgt. Christopher Cook with the APD Media Office. "Video based evidence is also a valuable tool because it can aid in the prosecution of offenders."



An AFD ladder truck arrives to help officers apprehend a rooftop burglary in progress. Great Team Work!

On the Air Waves – Officers Aim to Engage Vietnamese-Language Listeners



Vietnamese families are interested in political, economical and safety awareness, but language barriers can sometimes limit their understanding of these issues.

Saigon Radio 1600 AM broadcasts daily in their native language, offering programming on variety of important topics.

During a recent broadcast, Patrol Sgt. Traci Thai joined Show Host Ha Ho to talk about safety and community policing.

"I was able to reach out and help increase understanding of the law," Sgt. Thai said. "... Police officers are more than enforcement. "We try to educate and inform."

During the live radio broadcast, Sgt. Thai took questions from callers and talked about DWI laws and the dangers of driving while intoxicated.



Sgt. Traci Thai on Saigon Radio 1600 AM



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