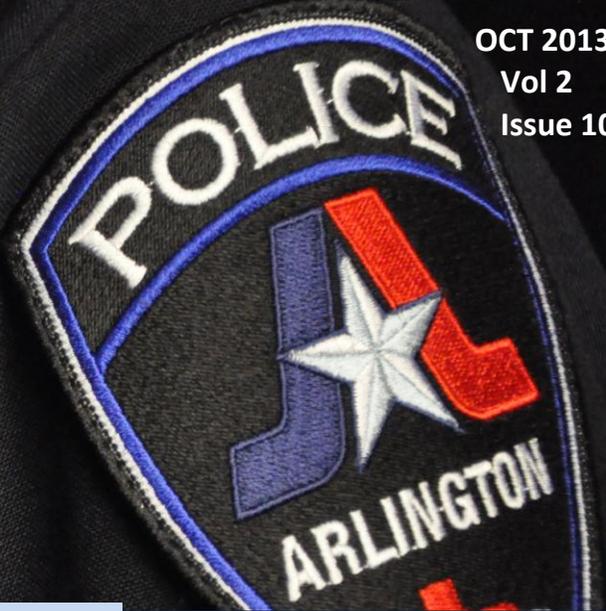


On Call Inside the Blue



A community news publication of the Arlington Police Department

National Night Out 2013 Neighborhoods Celebrate Partnerships and Community Unity

In many areas of the city last week, neighbors were outdoors. On front lawns and in park areas, residents joined the public safety personnel who serve and protect their communities for National Night Out 2013.

"What a great way to show our neighbors that we're all working together to keep an eye on our communities," said Beverly Rowlett, president of the Town North Neighbors Community Watch who grilled hot dogs at Stevens Park. This party was one of more than 143 registered events in Arlington.

Across the world, National Night Out heightens awareness about safety and generates community support for crime prevention programs such as Community Watch and Citizens on Patrol. Police Chief Will Johnson said Arlington residents are sending an important message to criminals.



Neighbors gather in the 1600 Block of Delta Drive for this National Night Out party on Oct. 1.

"Arlington neighborhoods are organized, engaged and taking a united stand against crime," Johnson said. "Thank you for taking the stand with us."
Thank You, Arlington! **More highlights on Inside APD.**

In the Community

National Drug Take-Back Day is **Saturday, Oct. 26**. Drop off locations are posted at www.ArlingtonPD.org.

Save the date! On Oct. 27, the Police Foundation - Arlington, Texas will present *Police Palooza – Undercover Rock Stars*, a musical fundraiser benefitting APD at J. Gilligan's in downtown Arlington.

Halloween is **Thursday, Oct. 31**. Be safe. Slow down and watch for trick or treating pedestrians on roadways.

The Joey Cushman 5K Run benefitting Special Olympics returns to River Legacy Park on **Nov. 2**.

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. **Sunday, Nov. 3**. A friendly safety reminder: Change batteries in smoke detectors when setting your clocks back one hour.

All in a Day's Work: On Call with New Assistant Police Chief Laretta Hill

The first in a NEW On Call "Day in the Life" series featuring uniformed officers, APD volunteers and professional staff.



Assistant Police Chief Laretta Hill

Like most working mothers, the day starts early for Assistant Police Chief Laretta Hill. She has to dress, feed and drop the boys off at daycare and school before commuting to the station to manage the operational realities of the job. The morning starts with meetings, calls and e-mails.

"Lots of e-mails; too many to count," she says. "It's important that I stay abreast of what's going in the community and what's happening in the workforce. I have to understand the issues that might affect the department."

A typical afternoon can be different for this police commander who oversees such operations as Central Investigations, SWAT, Traffic and Jail.

"In the afternoon, I can get out of the office, check on major projects and get some face-to-face time with officers," she said. "I want to know how their day is going?"

"In my job, I try to remove some of the layers of bureaucracy that can be per-



At the promotional ceremony on Aug. 30, Assistant Chief Hill is pinned by her husband and 5-year-old son Jeremiah.

ceived as impeding progress," she said. "I let officers know I'm listening and I'll do everything I can to support them."

Hill has had a lot of support in her 19 years in policing. She joined APD in 1994 upon graduation from UT-Arlington. Since then, she has achieved many milestones. In the U.S., she's among an elite but growing class of black females in law enforcement executive roles.

Around 5:30 p.m., a typical workday for this assistant police chief winds down inside APD. Her husband, a former Arlington officer, and two young sons anxiously await her return home. There's dinner to prepare, homework and baths.

"At the end of the day, I can say I've had a full day! It's time to get ready for a new one," she says. "For all I have been blessed to do, I am always thankful."

On Call

North District

Annual Run Continues to Help Children Impacted by Abuse and Neglect

The 24th Annual Communities Against Crime Run was a race for a good cause. The North Police District was proud to welcome this outstanding event back to the trails at River Legacy Parks.

Every year, the CAC Run raises funds to benefit Child Protective Services of Tarrant County. This annual run is hosted by a number of law enforcement agencies, including Arlington, Bedford, Benbrook, Euless, Fort Worth, Grapevine, Hurst, Mansfield, North Richland Hills, Richland Hills and Southlake. Tarrant County College PD, UT Arlington PD and Tarrant County Sheriff's Office also join us.

Everyone's combined efforts continue to make a difference in many ways.

In 2012, Child Protected Services of Tarrant County investigated nearly 1,800 cases of abuse and neglect.



Never hesitate to report child abuse and neglect when you see it by calling the 24-hour Texas Abuse toll free hotline at 1-800-252-5400.

Thanks to our runners and to all who supported them with donations.



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.



On Call

South District

Police, Volunteers Take Public Safety Education to the Front Door

When APD and the community join forces and work together on one accord, awesome things happen. Here's a good example involving an apartment community in the South Police District.

The mission was to increase awareness and help more people avoid becoming a victim of Internet crime. On August 15, some of our most dedicated volunteers from the Citizens On Patrol Mobile program and ACAPP (Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership) set out to make a difference. Their work involved Foot Patrol Officers, including, Sgt. Donnie Glenn and Officer Kendrick Smith. Following a briefing at the South Police Station, volunteers were divided into teams, paired with an officer and dispatched to the Rush Creek Apartment complex. With assistance from Resident Services Coordinator

Richlyn McPherson, volunteers and officers knocked on doors, engaging in good dialogue with tenants about safety.

Many of the tenants were surprised to know that criminals use Internet sites to target unsuspecting victims.

Officers and volunteers made contact with residents of many ages, including teenagers who are most likely to be targeted online. Many were appreciative of the efforts to increase awareness and keep them informed.

At the conclusion of this event, a debriefing was held back at the South Police Station and valuable feedback was shared. The volunteers on this mission showed true value on this day and the Arlington Police Department appreciates their involvement.



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.

On Call

East District

Local Church Helps to Encourage and Inspire Youth Success in School

A back to school event at Agape Christian Fellowship brought communities together to inspire student success for a new year.

Members of Agape Christian Fellowship have long benefited from Pastor Renee Hornbuckle's leadership and passion for strong and safe communities for youth. On Saturday, August 10, the doors of the church opened to serve more than 300 children and families.



Students received school supplies, backpacks and haircuts along with free health screenings and immunizations. There were games and safety activities with police officers and firefighters. Families enjoyed motivational guest speakers and exciting performances by the Agape Youth Dance Team.

Pastor Hornbuckle said the event was designed to "prepare youth for the future." It encouraged and inspired everyone who attended.



With collaboration and strong partnerships, this church is impacting the community in a very positive way. Thanks for going the extra mile for our youth!



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

Community Safety Fair "Targets" Volunteerism and Crime Prevention



Shoppers who stopped by got a look inside an APD Patrol Car, some also climbed into our SkyWatch Tower and COP Mobile vehicle to learn more about these volunteer programs.

Volunteers distributed National Night Out information and crime prevention brochures. Parents took special interest in our free Child ID Kits and fingerprinting.



Your Arlington Police Department teamed up with the Target store on South Cooper Street to host a Safety Fair on Saturday, Aug. 24, and promote National Night Out.

This community event involved many of our volunteers who are active members of our Citizens On Patrol Mobile program.

Target store employees also pitched in to assist with children's activities underneath the tent.



A special thanks to Target for partnering with us on safety and National Night Out 2013!



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.

Congratulations! Arlington Welcomes a New Class of Public Safety Leaders

Surrounded by family members, friends, and community leaders, APD recently celebrated the promotion of nine supervisors.

One made history, becoming the city's first African American female assistant police chief. Following the ceremonial pinning of the badge, Arlington Police Chief Will Johnson formally introduced new members of the APD leadership team.

- Congratulations!**
- Assistant Police Chief**
Lauretta Hill
 - Deputy Chief**
David McGinty
Chavella Hampton
 - Lieutenant**
Tarrick McGuire
Mandy Baker
Christopher Cook
 - Sergeant**
Seth Archer
Spence Kimbro
Brian Garcia



See more highlights from the ceremony.
[Click here to watch Inside APD.](#)

Police Wives Association of Arlington - APD Friends and Supporters

APD Community Partner Spotlight

Their marriage vows to police officers are true and sacred.

So, when a small group of police wives organized in January 2007, that same spirit of commitment established them as close friends. They formed the Police Wives Association of Arlington.

"Nearly eight years later, we're doing exactly what we said we would do," said President Ginger Stallsworth, the wife of Sgt. Bill Stallsworth, a 33-year APD veteran.

"We're establishing new friendships, supporting one another and doing the things that show our appreciation for the work that officers do."

Members have taken a vow to support one another in times of need and crisis. Social activities like Dinner and a Movie

and Ladies Night Out bring them together for good times. Every year, during Police Memorial Week, they show their appreciation for the sacrifices officers make by serving refreshments at Heroes Park.

On a recent September morning, members were busy planning their strategy for ensuring that every officer (More than 640) received a "Thank You" pen in recognition of National Thank a Police Officer Day, which was Sept. 21.

"We have positioned ourselves to be more vital to the department and to the Arlington community as a whole," Stallsworth said. "Being a part of the Police Wives Association keeps us informed and involved in charitable causes that serve our city."



President Ginger Stallworth and members at Police Memorial Week 2013.

Just in time for the Holidays ... *Hook 'em and Cook 'em* is a collection of authentic recipes inspired by officers, spouses, mothers and friends. Place your order at PoliceWivesofArlington@yahoo.com



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