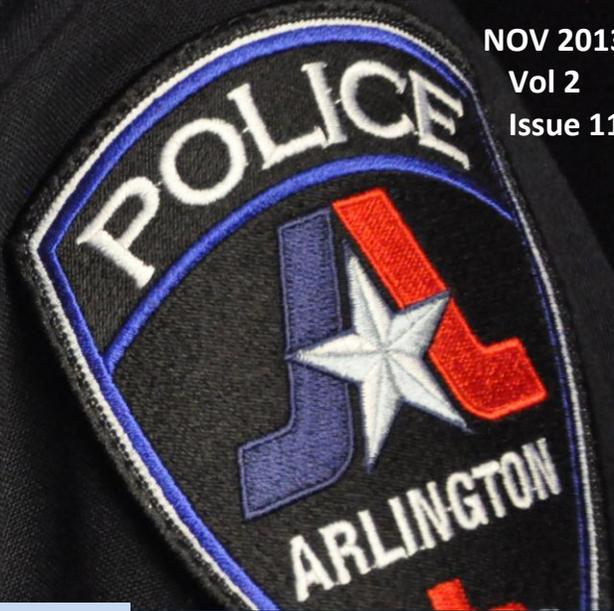


On Call Inside the Blue



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Putting the Spotlight on Domestic Violence

October was Domestic Violence Month across the nation. The Arlington Police Department used social media to draw attention to this crime of violence that affects an estimated 1.3 million women a year.

According to statistics compiled by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, men are also victimized. It is estimated that one in 33 men report domestic violence or abuse every year. Counselors say many of these types of crimes are never reported.

Arlington Police Victim Services Supervisor Nikki Rosenboom said domestic violence thrives when there is silence.

In Arlington, Victim Services Counselors go beyond the month of October to educate the public about domestic violence. They also work to streamline access to critical services that help get victims into safe environments free of abuse.

If you need help recognizing the warning signs, there are many internet-based resources available to help. To access local services for crime victims, call the APD Victim Services Unit at 817-459-5339.

The public is reminded to report domestic violence by calling 9-1-1.

In the Community

Take a S.T.A.N.D. - Break the Silence 10K, 5K, Run Walk is Saturday, Nov. 16. Sponsored by the Strategic Partners Against Domestic Violence, this event will also pay tribute to Officer Jillian Smith who was killed in the line of duty while responding to a domestic violence call in 2010. More event details here: www.standagainstdomesticviolence.org

Cedar Point Apartment's first **Community Watch meeting is Nov. 11.**

The All City Community Watch **Coordinators Meeting is Nov. 12**

On Nov. 22, Hollybrook Apartments will host a Neighborhood Block Party.

Thanksgiving is Thursday, Nov. 28. APD wishes everyone a safe and joyous holiday.

Coming Dec. 3 to Sam Houston High School : Unidos is a NEW community outreach program featuring a series of speakers about relevant topics especially for Spanish-speaking families. Call 817-459-5725 for details.

All in a Day's Work: On Call with Victim Services Counselor Laurie Lawson

A NEW "Day in the Life" series featuring officers, professional staff and APD volunteers



The workday starts with an Egg McMuffin and coffee from the nearby McDonalds.

By 6 a.m., Laurie Lawson is in her office, seated at her desk. It's too early to make phone calls, so this Victim Services Counselor scans police reports from the day before. She reads report calls to identify victims so that she can carefully match critical services with needs.

From one police report, Laurie prepares to follow up with a woman who lost her husband to gun violence. She will call the woman to inform her about the resources available to her and the couple's children, including crime victims compensation that

could help pay for burial costs and time away from work. Laurie will also follow up with the children's school.

Then, she'll reach out to the deceased man's family to offer them assistance.

As the morning goes on, Laurie will mail letters to crime victims and make follow-up phone calls to check on the status of others.

A typical morning could also include a call-out. On this day, she hurried to meet officers at an apartment complex where a woman called 9-1-1

the night before to report an abusive husband. He was arrested.

"It's not OK to hurt people," she told the family gathered around her. "My main concern today is safety, your safety and the safety of your daughters."

For this family, Laurie leaves behind a resource packet that includes important phone numbers and emergency shelter information.

"I love this job," she says. "I love working with officers and helping victims."



"There's something about being able to help someone when they're in the worst situation of their life," she said. "They are scared and traumatized. They're looking for someone to turn to. In that moment, that's who we become."

At APD, victim services counselors are on duty seven days a week from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m.

For Laurie, a typical day winds down around 4 p.m. The day could be longer depending on the nature of the next 9-1-1 call for help.

"At this point in my life, this is where I am supposed to be," Laurie said. "At night, I get to lay my head down and go to sleep, knowing that I gave 110 percent."

On Call

North District

Serving Up Great Food for a Great Cause - Thanks for the Tips!

The management team at the Chili's Restaurant in north Arlington recently contacted the Arlington Police Department and asked if officers would participate in a fundraising event to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The APD Community Support Bureau said, "Yes!"

Through research and treatment, St. Jude's mission is to find cures for children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. This hospital is the first institution of its kind established for the sole purpose of conducting basic and clinical research into catastrophic childhood diseases, mainly cancer.

On Sept. 19, APD detectives from the North Criminal Investigation Division joined me to wait tables. Detectives Julia Vecchioni and Jennifer Rodriguez served appetizers, drinks and hot meals to customers.

Thankfully, no food or drinks were spilled and all orders were correct, too.

Throughout the evening, patrol officers and supervisors stopped by for dinner. We served their meals and they tipped us nicely, contributing to this awesome cause.

At the end of our shift, APD collected approximately \$340 in tips for St. Jude's Hospital.

Thanks to Chili's for organizing this event. And, thanks to all who participated, including the families who were lucky enough to be seated at our tables.

And a special thanks to St. Jude's Hospital for all the great work you continue to do for our community's kids.



Watch for a new crime prevention highlight every month from the North Police District. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Kimberly Fretwell at 817-459-5589 or Kim.Fretwell@Arlingtontx.gov.

On Call

South District

Education, Legitimacy and Trust: Teaching Kids about Safety



"I believe the children are our future ..." This statement is more than a lyric from a song. It is a true affirmation about our community.

On Oct. 3, the Arlington Police Department was invited to visit with children at the Kids R Kids Daycare in the South Police District.

More than 100 boys and girls gathered for a safety presentation and all earned Police Pal badges at the conclusion of the presentation that included a focus on stranger danger and how and when to call 9-1-1.

In the parking lot, children climbed inside a patrol car. One of the biggest highlights of this visit was the special guest appearance from McGruff the Crime Dog. When he entered the school, he made the children laugh and smile. These boys and girls gave

McGruff big high fives!

Parents and guardians, since you can't always be with your children, it's important to teach them how to find help when they feel unsafe.

Education, legitimacy and trust were common themes for this day of safety and APD was proud to be part of that experience.



Watch for a new crime prevention highlight every month from the South Police District. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Ray Polk at 817-459-5732 or Ray.Polk@Arlingtontx.gov.

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East District

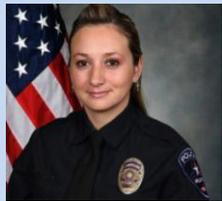
East Police District Welcomes a New Crime Prevention Officer

This month, the Arlington Police Department introduces new Crime Prevention Officer Natalia Kuehling.

She joins the East Police District and will soon become a familiar face in this community.

Originally from Argentina, Officer Kuehling came to the U.S. at the age of 15. She learned the English language in less than a year while attending high school in San Diego. Immediately after high school, she joined the U.S. Navy and later earned a Bachelor's degree in Paralegal Studies from Kaplan University while starting her family.

Officer Kuehling says her heart has



always been in criminal justice so she applied with APD in 2008.

"My career

has been filled with excitement and many great friends," she says. "I could not have been where I am now without amazing peers and the love and support of my family."

"Helping others is why I became an officer and I am glad to have been given the opportunity to be a part of the Arlington Police Department, to interact and help."



Celebrating Community in the East Police District

The Asian Festival on Oct. 5 was a celebration of culture, community, health and wealth. Elected officials were in attendance, as well as Police Chief Will Johnson, Assistant Chief James Hawthorne, Sgt. Vincent Pewitt and Officer Hugh Trinh. We all enjoyed the good food, games, activities and performances from area schools. More than 200 families wert her to take advantage of free health screenings and low cost flu shots. The famous Eggroll competition was one of the biggest highlights, which attracted many Asian cultures. This event reminds us of the importance of community and how much fun we have together celebrating differences and common interests.

Every month, watch for a new crime prevention highlight from the East Police District.

For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Natalie Kuehling at 817-459-5817 or Maria.Kuehling@ArlingtonTx.gov.

On Call

West District

Inspect your Property: How Does Your Home Look to A Burglar?



Residential burglaries are crimes of opportunity that usually occur when no one is home. With the busy holiday travel season quickly approaching, your police department wants you to consider how your property looks from a burglar's point of view.

The appearance of a home can determine if a burglar will attempt to gain entry. Every opening represents a potential entry point that should be inspected and secured. See the list of crime prevention tips below:

Entrances

Doors should have a solid core or metal reinforcement. Dead-bolt locks should have a double cylinder and a one-inch throw bolt

Cylinder guards can be installed along with strike plates to slow down any attempts at forced entry and to prevent "jimmying" of the lock.

Glass in doors or windows should be strong or have a laminate treatment to make them more difficult to break.

Alarm

Alarms are an entry detection and notification tool, not a physical barrier.

Take time to research alarm companies and choose a system that best fits your needs. Hire a professional to install your alarm. Test your system regularly.

Install clearly visible alarm signage.

Make sure all family members know how to operate the alarm system to avoid false alarms.

Lighting

One of the best crime deterrents is a well-lit home.

Install bright lights outside. Be careful how they're mounted to make sure they do disturb neighbors.

Illuminate all entry points and exterior sides of your home.

Keep all lighting systems in good working order.



Watch for a new crime prevention highlight each month from the West Police District.

For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Doug Glotfely at 817-459-6072 or Doug.Glotfely@Arlingtontx.gov.



After Home Burglary, Arlington Police Recover Family Pet

When a burglar entered a north Arlington home and stole televisions, computers, jewelry and coins, he also took the family pet, an English Bull Dog puppy, who was resting in her kennel. The family named her Maggie.

"My only prayer was whoever took her was taking good care of her," said Scott Hancock who returned home about four months ago to find Maggie missing. "I told my family there was a good chance she would never come home."

What happens next is another good example of great police work by APD.

While working a Property Crime Enforcement Detail Operation last

month, officers on a traffic stop made an arrest that soon reunited the Hancock family with some of their stolen property, including Maggie! There were tears of joy.

This single arrest also led detectives to recover property from at least six other home burglaries.

"I am glad I live in Arlington and I am really proud of the work of the Arlington Police Department," Scott Hancock said. "Thank you!"



Everyone's glad Maggie is home, including Arlington Police Chief Will Johnson and the detectives who worked the case.

For Courage Under Fire, Tactical Team is Bestowed the Citation for Valor

The Arlington Police Department Tactical Unit has been nationally recognized for heroic and courageous action under fire.

The National Tactical Officers Association recently presented the 2013 Unit Citation for Valor Award. Officers Charles Crawford, Steve Dollar, Bryan Graham, Jon Mohr, Nathan Bishop and Brook Rollins accepted this prestigious honor on behalf of their Tactical team members and the Arlington Police Department.

On June 5, 2012, members of the Tactical Unit were mobilized to assist a neighboring law enforcement agency in serving a felony warrant. A man wanted for aggravated robbery kidnapped a woman and threatened to kill her if officers entered the bedroom where he was barricaded. Officers heard gunfire and as they made entry, Officer Graham was struck once by a bullet. Gun fire was exchanged and officers shot the gunman and rescued the kidnapped woman. The gunman died from his injury.

A bullet struck Officer Graham's helmet, hitting the top of his safety goggles and entering his right temple. The 35-year-old husband and father of two children was treated at an area hospital and returned to active duty on June 25, 2012.



Congratulations APD Tactical Unit
Recipient of the 2013 Citation for Valor
Presented by the National Tactical Officers Association

Small Helicopter Flies for Officer and Neighborhood Safety



The APD Aviation Unit recently deployed its Small Helicopter to help ensure the safety of officers responding to a critical incident involving a barricaded shooter. A camera mounted on this remote-controlled helicopter flew above the scene to help Tactical Team members assess the danger to the public as well. Residents near this crime scene were evacuated as a gun-

man fired multiple rounds of ammunition. At the conclusion of this nearly seven-hour standoff with police, the gunman surrendered without injury to officers or neighbors.

Arlington is one of the first U.S. law enforcement agencies approved to use Small Helicopters to fight crime. Learn more at www.ArlingtonPD.org. Click on Aviation Unit.

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