

# On Call Inside the Blue



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## The Big Night Out is Over ... What's Next?

On Oct. 7, neighborhoods across the city organized National Night Out block parties and outdoor gatherings with their neighbors and friends.

Residents spent the evening interacting with one another and the police officers, fire officials and city leaders who joined them. Using social media, newspaper ads, billboards, flyers and safety fairs, the 2014 event mobilized more people than ever before. According to the Crime Prevention Unit, more than 190 NNO events were registered with the department. Now that the big night is over, what's next?

"We want to see the momentum continue," said Officer Kimberly Fretwell, who served as the lead coordinator for NNO 2014. "We want to see neighborhoods continue to work together with their police department.

There are so many ways to connect and get involved in taking a proactive stance to prevent crime."

The "Get Involved" section of the APD website at [www.ArlingtonPD.org](http://www.ArlingtonPD.org) is a great information resource or call the Crime Prevention Unit at 817-459-5725. Residents can also visit with the Crime Prevention Officer in their police district about enrollment in an upcoming Citizens Police Academy class, Citizens on Patrol or Sky Watch training opportunities.

*"On National Night Out, we took a proactive stand together against crime in our neighborhoods. Thanks for being our partners in safety."*

Police Chief Will D. Johnson

## Celebrating 30 Years of Service PSA Brings Honor to her Community



### On Call with Police Service Assistant Dorothy Ouma

Dorothy Ouma has reached an important milestone in her career with the City of Arlington. On October 23, she was recognized for three decades of continuous service.

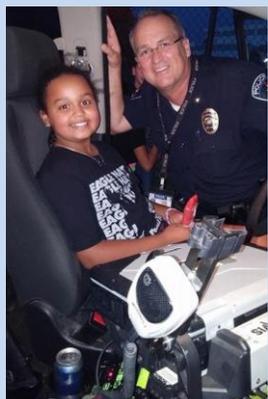
"Coming from a village in Kenya, east Africa, I am very appreciative of the Arlington Police Department for giving me opportunities. This has brought honor to me and my Kenyan community," she said.

Her anniversary post on APD Facebook last week was shared on social media platforms throughout east Africa.

In 1982, Dorothy came to Arlington in search of an education and opportunities. She worked during the day and took college courses at night. In 1984, her first job with the City was in janitorial services. She worked in the Arlington Public Library before joining the Arlington Police Department in 1996 to become a detention officer. She also earned her bachelor's degree in social work.

When the City of Arlington created the Police Service Assistant program comprised of civilians to support basic police operations in 2003, Dorothy was among the first hired. Since then, she has earned accolades from the Crime Scene Unit for the work she has done to process scenes using fingerprints, which have led to arrests. She's responded to thousands of calls for assistance and is a primary transport for police equipment such as Sky Watch Towers, which are used to deter crime.

With her passionate smile, she's a welcome site to officers who need her. Sgt. Spencer Kimbro describes Dorothy as one of the hardest working PSAs in our city.



# On Call North District

## Unidos Arlington!

Join the Arlington Police Department on Tuesday, Dec. 2 for Unidos. Inside Sam Houston High School's Little Theater, families will enjoy a festive night of celebrations, which will include an information resource fair, Santa and holiday treats. Call 817-459-5725 for more details.



**Attention AISD Students!** Click [here](#) for cash award and scholarship opportunities. Enter the Arlington *MLK Advancing the Dream* Essay and Art Competitions.

## North District HEAT Officers Play a Big Role in Tourism Safety

The Arlington Police Department's North Hotspot Enforcement and Tactics team, also known as HEAT, maintains a visible presence on our streets. They patrol our city and identify potential problems or hot spots for crime. A recent assignment took them along Watson Road and into the city's thriving Entertainment District to interact with hotel managers on safety.

North HEAT Officers Ryan Tarver and Ashley Daniels lead discussions with hotel managers about the proactive measures they can take to prevent and reduce criminal activity.

They talked about the benefits of hiring security, additional exterior lighting and making sure hotel exit doors remain locked and are only accessible by guest room keys.

HEAT officers also suggested that hotel managers consider posting signage that lets criminals know that illegal activity will not be tolerated. They also emphasized the

importance of maintaining good records. City ordinance requires hotel management to keep accurate records as a first-line defense to prohibiting illegitimate customers from residing in a place where current identification is mandatory.

Officers suggested that hotel managers consider enforcing house rules such as curfews and placing limitations on the number of visitors to reduce foot traffic after hours.

With every encounter, these officers give hotel managers direct access to the HEAT Unit, leaving them with their phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Hotel staff were reminded to call 9-1-1 to report emergencies or any suspicious activity.

This kind of community policing builds legitimacy and trust between officers and our business partners. The outcome is a safer city for our thriving hotel industry and the millions of visitors who make Arlington their destination.



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](mailto:Kim.Fretwell@Arlingtontx.gov).

# On Call South District

## Another Fine Example of Great Police Work in the South District

The South Police District is filled with officers who serve with compassion and Foot Patrol Officer Kendrick Smith is one shining example.

On a recent call, Officer Smith made contact with a man who appeared physically shaken and afraid.

Three suspects chased the man and attempted to engage him in a physical altercation. Officer Smith determined that the suspects were possibly the same ones who burglarized the man's home a few weeks earlier. Because of the man's condition, Officer Smith drove him to his home and upon arrival, discovered that the man's home had been burglarized again.

In addition to taking a burglary offense report, Officer Smith visited area pawn shops and identified some of the man's stolen property. Through this effort, he linked the suspects to the stolen items that led investigators to make several arrests.

The compassion shown by the Foot Patrol Officer on this call is a shining example of the great police work that occurs every day in the



South Police District.

A special salute to Officer Smith and all Foot Patrol Officers who go the extra mile to serve our community with honor and compassion. Your work is being noticed. Thank you!



Watch for a new crime prevention highlight every month from the South Police District. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Timothy Hayden at 817-459-6468 or [Timothy.Hayden@Arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Timothy.Hayden@Arlingtontx.gov).



### Do you have what it takes to wear the badge?

APD is now accepting applications for a new police academy class slated to start in January 2015. Click [here](#) for details.

### IF YOU'RE NOT ON APD FACEBOOK, YOU'RE MISSING ...

*Who's That Wednesday?*  
*Throwback Thursday*  
*Forever Home Friday*  
And more examples of fine police work.

**CONNECT TODAY!**

# On Call

## East District

### APD Joins Community Celebration at Annual Egg Roll Festival

Every year around this time, the Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce organizes an event that brings the community together for a grand celebration.

On October 6, the Egg Roll Festival Healthcare and Business Expo returned to the Vietnamese Catholic Martyrs Church at 801 E. Mayfield Road.

Residents joined city officials, area businesses and community leaders from throughout the Metroplex for a festive day. Various schools also participated, providing cultural performances. The popular Egg Roll Contest was a big hit with people young and old. Deputy Chief Latesha Watson greeted the community and represented APD as a VIP guest.

APD Detective Hugh Trinh joined Officer Karen Stanback from our



Personnel and Recruiting Unit to interact with families about safety and the employment/volunteer opportunities available with their Arlington Police Department.

This type of interaction helps to build long-term relationships that add value to our community.

Thank you for inviting us to be a part of this great event!



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](mailto:Maria.Kuehling@ArlingtonTx.gov).

### IN THE COMMUNITY



The Citywide Community Watch Coordinators will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 11 at the West Police Service Center.

The Bar Managers will meet on Nov. 13 at the East Police Service Center



On Thursday, Nov. 27, the Arlington Police Department wishes you and your family a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

# On Call West District

### New Community Watch Group is Off to a Great Start

On October 20, 2014, officers from the West Police District attended the first meeting of the Bridle Path Community Watch Group. This neighborhood group enjoyed a very successful National Night Out Block Party on Oct. 2 with over 200 in attendance. They also had great turnout for their first Community Watch meeting.

At the meeting, officers talked with homeowners about how they can help the Police Department keep their neighborhood safe. Officers answered questions on topics such as vehicle burglary prevention and talked about



ways to get more involved with APD. We shared information about the Citizens Police Academy and Citizens on Patrol and talked about our Sky Watch Towers. There was good dialogue between neighbors and officers. This is another great example of what can happen when neighbors partner with their police department. Together, we improve the quality of life for everyone.

More than 200 neighbors attended this National Night Out Block Party hosted by the Bridle Path Community Watch.



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

For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Doug Glotfelty at 817-459-6072 or [Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov](mailto:Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov).

### You're Invited

On Thursday, Nov. 20, more residents will graduate from the Arlington Hispanic Citizens Police Academy. Join us for their graduation ceremony in Council Chamber beginning at 7 p.m.



### SAVE THE DATE:

New members of the Citizens Police Academy will graduate Dec. 11 along with students from the High School Citizens Police Academy.

# First Responder Appreciation Day Salutes North Texas Heroes

On Sunday, Oct. 19, nearly 80,000 football fans at AT&T Stadium paid tribute to First Responders during pre-game and half-time ceremonies.

The tribute featured more than 500 service personnel from North Texas area police and fire departments, emergency medical service providers and federal officers from the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol.

On the field, members of a joint police, fire and federal Honor Guard presented the color and Dallas Police Choir along with a combined Pipe and Drum Corp led a musical tribute to First Responders.

"It was an outstanding tribute," said Officer Zhivonni McDonnell who worked with the National Football League and AT&T Stadium officials to coordinate the big day.

This moving tribute on the field at half time was followed by a big win for the Dallas Cowboys. The Cowboys celebrated a victory over the New York Giants with a final score of 31 to 21.



**A Texas-Sized Tribute to Area First Responders.**  
*Thank You!*



**Providing Comfort to Children in Crisis** - The UT Arlington Department of Criminology/Criminal Justice and Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society recently collected nearly 150 stuffed animals for the Arlington Police Department's Victim Service Unit. Officers will use these cuddly creatures to help provide an extra level of comfort to children in crisis. Thank You!  
*(Left to Right)* Raymon Hernandez, Llyenea Sherwin, Luis Iglesias, Ivan Escobar, Professor Kristy Smith with Crime Prevention Sgt. Vincent Pewitt.

## Gone, But Never Forgotten

The Arlington community and APD family remembers Fallen Officers Terry Lewis and Jerry Crocker.



Officers Lewis and Crocker were assisting the victim of a hit and run accident on October 9, 1992, when their patrol car was struck by an intoxicated motorist. On the anniversary of their End of Watch date, the Arlington Police Association placed memorial wreaths at their grave sites in remembrance of their service and sacrifice.



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