

On Call Inside the Blue

A community news publication of the Arlington, Texas Police Department



At the Tour S.M.A.R.T. Safety Fair, everyone looks on as Sgt. Jones spins the Wheel of Safety to test public knowledge of crime prevention. Winners received gift cards and tickets to area attractions. The fair featured various safety partners, including the Tarrant Regional Auto Theft Task Force, DWI Enforcement Unit, North Texas Anti-Trafficking Team and Arlington Fire Department.



This Summer, Think Safety and Prevention

Throughout the city, people are outdoors enjoying the beauty of another Texas summer. Officers say summertime can also be a time for crimes of opportunity.

Unlocked car doors, items left in plain view inside vehicles and open windows create opportunities for crime.

On June 27, the APD Entertainment District Tourism Unit hosted a Tour S.M.A.R.T Safety Fair, putting the focus on summer fun, safety and crime prevention.

S.M.A.R.T. is an acronym for Safety Means Always Remember to Think.

"We're reminding everyone to think safety and prevention whether their plans include traveling or staying closer to home," said Sgt. Jakisha Jones. "We want to see everyone out doing their part, being smart and having a safe and enjoyable summer."

The period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is also believed to be a time for increases in crashes on area roadways.

Traffic safety remains a priority for patrol officers, according to the APD Media Office.

"Buckle up, monitor your speed and avoid distractions inside the vehicle," said Police Sgt. Paul Rodriguez. "The life you save could be your own."

SUMMERTIME SAFETY

Monitor speed. SLOW DOWN and drive safe. Avoid distractions inside the vehicle.

Do NOT Drink and Drive.

At the lake or swimming pool, always wear a LIFE VEST. Never leave children unattended.

NEVER leave children or pets inside of a vehicle.

When working outdoors, stay hydrated and take frequent WATER breaks.

When temperatures climb, check on your neighbors, especially senior citizens. If you find a neighbor in distress, CALL 9-1-1.

Avoid mosquito-spread viruses by using a repellent on exposed skin. Click [here](#) to read more about WEST NILE.



LOCK. TAKE. HIDE. **LOCK** your vehicle, whether it is in a parking lot or in your driveway. **TAKE** your keys. Never leave your vehicle running unattended. Officers say, if you have to leave your belongings in your vehicle while shopping and touring, be sure to **HIDE** them.



If your summer plans include vacation travel, make sure your doors and windows are locked. Citizens On Patrol are the extra eyes on neighborhood streets. They are trained to identify and report suspicious activity. If you see suspicious activity, call 9-1-1.

On Call

North District

Clergy Leaders Partner with Officers to Assist Family

Responding to a 9-1-1 call at an apartment complex in the North Police District, Officer Ronald Herd encountered a young family who could use a helping hand.

Inside their apartment, Officer Herd saw several children. He also noticed there were no beds. Members of the Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership stepped in to help.

ACAPP President Charles Richardson, Mohammed Shakib, Fredrikka Stark and Jan Cazden took the lead, purchasing new beds, sheets, comforters and pillows.

Officers followed up a short time later, connecting the mother with other helpful resources.

A special thanks to Officer Herd for his compassion and to ACAPP for providing this family with all of the necessities they need for a good night's rest.



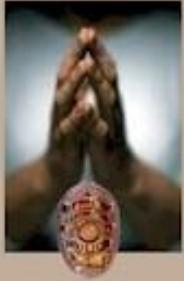
Officer Herd



Did you know? 2-1-1 Texas and the United Way of Tarrant County provides a directory of information about services in Tarrant County for families in need of assistance with basic needs, education, financial assistance, health issues and other concerns. You can also dial 2-1-1 to speak with an information and referral specialist 24 hours a day. Click [here](#).



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



Who is ACAPP?

The Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership is faith-based leaders in Arlington whose mission is to achieve a safer community through prayer, community involvement and support during times of crisis. Citizen academy training classes for future ACAPP members are now being scheduled.

If you are interested in getting involved, contact Officer Fretwell at 817-459-5589.

On Call

South District

The C.O.P. Conference: An Open Forum for Growth and Success

Citizens On Patrol members recently came together for their Second Annual DFW C.O.P. Conference hosted by the cities of Southlake and Trophy Club.

It was an exciting opportunity for city volunteers and police officers from law enforcement agencies around the DFW Metroplex to share ideas and strategies for the betterment of our police departments and the communities we serve.

There were presentations that gave us an opportunity to explore topics such as training, parking for the disabled, social media and how others can benefit from the support that Citizens On Patrol members provide.

It was a day of sharing ideas and learning what other citizen volunteers are doing in their communities.

One of the most beneficial parts of this conference was learning about the challenges that every agency faces while growing a C.O.P. Program.

This conference allowed us to see how challenges are opportunities to innovate, improve and strengthen the core values



Officers and volunteers gather for DFW Citizens On Patrol Conference.

of a volunteer program.

Whether the challenge is large, small, past, present or a potential future issue, by working hand in hand with our volunteer partners and learning from other agencies, we can identify new opportunities that will strengthen all of our communities. Congratulations on a great conference!



Congratulations! Volunteer of the Month

Meet Candy Ford. Not only does she volunteer as a Citizen On Patrol in her southeast Arlington neighborhood, she is also a Community Watch Group Coordinator. She recently mailed more than 3,200 surveys and increased attendance at her Community Watch meetings by more than 200 percent! She inspires others to get involved with her positive attitude and dedication to preventing crime and keeping everyone safe.

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.

On Call

East District

Work Camp Volunteers Make an Impact on East Arlington

The Arlington Work Camp is celebrating a service milestone.

In the summer of 1995, 20 years ago, several youth ministers from Arlington area Churches of Christ organized a youth service opportunity.

Each teen is asked to pay a \$50 registration fee, which is collected as a donation to help further their cause.

Today, this program has grown to include 14 congregations and close to 255 teen members.

Volunteers select homes that could use a paint makeover. Arlington Work Camp volunteers partner with the city's Code



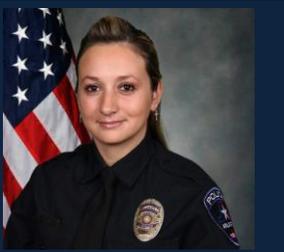
THANK YOU, Arlington Work Camp Volunteers!

Compliance Division for referrals. This program serves homeowners who are elderly and those with a physical disability.

Officers from the East Police District joined a recent effort, interacting with teen volunteers and preparing homes for a fresh coat of paint. So far this summer, volunteers have painted nine houses

and a majority of them were in the East District.

A special thanks to program directors Lance Parrish, Darrell Lanford and all Arlington Work Camp teen volunteers for the positive impact you continue to make every summer in our neighborhoods.



Every month, watch for a new crime prevention highlight from the East Police District. For more information, contact Crime Prevention Officer Natalia Aumedes at 817-459-5817 or Natalia.Aumedes@Arlingtontx.gov.



It's Almost Time for a Block Party!

The summer is a great time to start planning your National Night Out event.

National Night Out returns Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Attend the next Community Watch meeting in your neighborhood or call the APD Crime Prevention Unit at 817-459-5725 for information about starting a Community Watch on your block.

On Call West District

Arlington Police at Your Local YMCA Summer Camp

The Arlington South Davis YMCA recently hosted a Healthy Kids Day, providing families with a wealth of value-rich information.

The Arlington Police Department participated in this event, distributing stickers, rulers, activity books and talking with families about safety. Representatives from area grocery stores and health food places also participated.

South Davis YMCA Director Pablo Munoz has plans to partner with APD on more summer programs for youth.

Together, we are looking at ways to get officers more involved in YMCA camp programs and activities. As officers, we are in a great position to mentor and motivate.

The YMCA provides an opportunity to reach out and connect with more of the city's young people. We can help guide them on the path to making good choices and talk to them about the consequences that go along with making poor decisions.

This is one more example of how your police department is always looking for ways to positively impact the lives of those in our community.

If you know of any upcoming youth-related opportunities, let us know about them. We look forward to seeing you there.



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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

It is hot in July. It also the hottest month of the year for car thieves.

July is Watch Your Car Month.

- Hide your valuable items.
- Take your keys.
- Lock your Car.
- Park in well-lit areas.

BEFORE YOU GO!



Take the time to cross safely at a cross walk.

Watch for vehicles.

Apartment Managers will meet July 14 at the East Police Center.

The Volunteer Coordinators will meet July 21.

The Arlington Back to School Kickoff Event is coming to AT&T Stadium on **Saturday, Aug. 15**. Pre-registered students will receive backpacks, school supplies and more! Click [here](#) for details.

Missing for Hours

Arlington PD Facebook Follower Found Him!

Tanya Ray is one of 55,000 followers who like the Arlington Police Department's Facebook page.

Last month, her social media connection with APD has an Arlington family liking her. "We are so very thankful to Arlington police and the lady who recognized my father and called police," said Kendra Jeffers. "We are thankful that she was on Facebook."

She Recognized a Familiar Face

Tanya Ray was driving south on Cooper Street when her daughter saw a man who looked familiar.

Freddie Eric Jeffers had been missing for more than 12 hours and the subject of an ongoing search.

Kendra Jeffers said her family along with officers searched all night and into the morning for her father. He'd recently relocated here from the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The family provided officers with a photo and the APD Media Unit shared it across its multiple communication platforms.

Mr. Jeffers was last seen on June 2 walking home from a store in his west Arlington neighborhood when he disappeared.

Tanya Ray and her daughter saw the Arlington Police Department FB post. On June 3, they recognized Mr. Jeffers and called 9-1-1.

Officers arrived and returned the man home safely to his family.

Social media continues to be a powerful communication tool for getting the word out, said Officer Zhivonni McDonnell, who manages content for the APD Facebook and Twitter pages.

"With social media, we're sharing more information with more people and the results are great!"

Connect with APD. Like us on Facebook. Click [here](#). You can also Follow us on Twitter and on the Web at www.ArlingtonPD.org.



Officers Go Shopping for Suspect in Theft Case

Stolen Items Returned to Rightful Owners



SOUTH ARLINGTON POLICE

When an Arlington woman found her son's stolen laptop computer and other missing items for sale on Craig's List, she went to the Arlington Police Department for help.

Detective Trisha Walker was assigned the case. From a description and partial

serial number, this detective was able to determine that the laptop belonged to the woman's son. A second laptop and a cell phone were also stolen. These items belonged to her son's co-worker.

Detective Walker along with South Criminal Investigations Division pulled a team together to develop a plan to meet their suspect. They went shopping online, pretending to be a customer wanting to buy the laptops and cell phone.

"At this point in our investigation we had enough information to set up a buy with the seller," Detective Walker said.

At the meeting location, the serial numbers matched and an arrest was made.

Officers also confiscated four new tires traced to a stolen trailer. Detectives believe their suspect was part of a fencing operation involving the buying and selling of stolen property.

"Engrave your valuable items and store the serial number in a safe place," Detective Walker says. "Marked property can help us identify and return property to the rightful owners."



Detective Walker

Arlington Police Foundation Launches Membership Campaign

The Arlington Police Foundation has launched a membership drive.

Board Chair Rudy Martinez penned a membership campaign letter, which has been mailed to hundreds of

residents and businesses inviting them to Back the Blue. Annual membership dues are \$100. A lifetime membership is \$1,000.

Becoming a member has many rewards.

Every dollar raised goes to the Arlington Police Department to support public safety initiatives not typically supported by tax dollars.

The foundation was established in 2003 to support the families of fallen officers. Over the years, their purpose has grown to include so much more.

In 2012, the Police Foundation purchased life-saving trauma kits for all officers.

In 2013, they funded light bars for the Motorcycle Unit to enhance safety and visibility at night for both

officers and the driving public. The foundation is also a sponsor of PAL (Police Athletic League) Camp, providing youth with opportunities to take part in summer mentoring

campers with officers.

The foundation organizes the Annual Back the Blue Bash and Police Awards Luncheon to celebrate the outstanding work of officers, community volunteers, business partners and civilian APD employees.

The foundation is governed by an advisory board and 10 community volunteers who give freely of their time and talent to support APD.

Click [here](#) to learn more or call 817-459-6424.



SAVE THE DATE!

North Texas Giving Day is Sept. 17
Support the Arlington Police Foundation

Two New Police Pals



Dylan Charles Dorsey (Left) and Caleb Agee (Right) attended the graduation ceremony for Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership Class #8. These young men were happy to meet Arlington police officers from across the city. With the police badge sticker, Assistant Chief Kevin Kolbye (Right) and Deputy Chief Os Flores (Left) deputized these two new police pals.



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