

On Call Inside the Blue



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It's Almost Time. Is Your Neighborhood Ready for National Night Out?

Just in time for National Night Out, a neighborhood in the south district has won a party platter for its outdoor gathering on Tuesday, Oct. 6.
The Laguna Village Neighborhood Addition is one of 160 registered National Night Out parties in Arlington. These neighbors will turn on their porch lights and unite to celebrate police and community partnerships.



This year, new neighborhoods across the city are signing up to join the National Night Out excitement.
"Regardless of the size of the gathering, we want to see everyone out interacting and getting to know one another," said Sgt. Vince Pewitt, with the APD Crime Prevention Unit.
The introduction of National Night Out began in 1984 as a way to strengthen police-community partnerships and encourage participation in crime prevention programs such as Neighborhood Watch. Last year, more than 37 million people in some 15,000 communities participated in NNO, according to the National Association of Town Watch, the lead organizer of the big night.
It's not too late to host an event. Click [here](#) for everything you need to get started. When you register your event, public safety personnel from Police and Fire may visit your party.
For more information about NNO, call the APD Crime Prevention Unit at 817-459-5725.



During a drawing in the APD Media Office, Deputy Police Chief Os Flores announces the winner of a food platter for National Night Out 2015.

Click [here](#) for more National Night Out excitement.

From Boys to Men ... Participants Learn How to Inspire Life-Long Success Through Mentoring



EAST POLICE SERVICE CENTER _ On a Saturday in August, Arlington police officers joined community volunteers and personnel from the City of Arlington and Arlington Independent School District to learn all there is to know about mentoring.
This group learned how commitment and compassion are the key ingredients for a successful youth mentoring program.
The eight-hour session on Aug. 22 was led by Training Consultant Judy Taylor with the National Mentoring Partnership in Washington, DC. The course was open to all who will be working closely with the new Mentoring Arlington Youth program, a pilot program for young males.
Following the class, mentors were paired with seventh and eighth grade boys from Workman Junior High School. Ten lucky young men have been selected to participate in the life-skills program that includes interactive workshops on leadership, team building and career development. During the 18-month program, Lt. Tarrick McGuire says participants will learn integrity, responsibility, honesty, respect and courage.
With the Arlington ISD and City of Arlington Municipal Court/Juvenile Case Manager Division as strategic partners, the MAY Program is on schedule to begin next month. A kickoff celebration is slated for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29.
Read more Click [here](#).



On Call North District

Crime Prevention is Number One Focus of Training Program

The Arlington Police Department played an important role in the Multi-Family Code Familiarization and Crime Prevention Training program sponsored recently by the Arlington Housing Authority.

The owners and managers of multi-family properties in Arlington learned about crime prevention through environmental design. This concept is based on a theory that law enforcement officers, architects, city planners, landscape, interior designers and residents can work together to create a climate of safety in a community.

Using proven design principles, we can work together to address neighborhoods that are plagued with abandoned properties and foreclosed homes. This training program also included presentations from the Parks Department and Public Library.

This was a great opportunity for the Arlington Police Department to build relationships with new community partners, apartment managers, hotel managers, and all who to support quality commercial development in our city.

SAVE THE DATE!
The Annual Jillian Smith
Gala returns
FRIDAY, OCT. 30



Casino-style games, prizes and more to benefit the Officer Jillian Smith Scholarship Fund.

Sponsored by the African American Peace Officers Association of Arlington.

Click [here](#) for details.



Officers from the North Police District played a key role in helping more than 8,500 Arlington ISD students get ready for a new year. Click [here](#) for event highlights.



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.

On Call South District

BACK THE BLUE



This Back The Blue T-shirt fundraiser shows support for our officers and raises funds for the expenses associated with the Citizens On Patrol program.

Purchase a T-shirt for only \$12 each.

Call Candy Ford at 817-991-2556 or CandyFord@sbcglobal.net to place your individual and group orders.

Officers Help to Inspire Readiness for a New School Year



At Summit High School on August 8, officers from the South Police District partnered with area business and churches to stage a Back to School Safety Fair for Arlington students.

The event was a success with more than 1,500 families in attendance. New students in the Mansfield Independent School District were able to register for classes as officers helped to inspire readiness for a new school year. This event offered backpacks and

school supplies, free vision, hearing, and dental examinations along with haircuts.

Participants enjoyed special entertainment from Champ, the Dallas Maverick's mascot.

This effort is another shining example of the caring community we have in the South Police District. A special thanks to all who worked together to make this back to school safety fair a big success.



Champ the Mascot led exercises in teamwork, respect and goal setting, reinforcing how school work can help students reach new heights.



Watch for a new crime prevention highlight every month from the South Police District. Contact Crime Prevention Officer Timothy Hayden at 817-459-6468 or Timothy.Hayden@Arlingtontx.gov.

On Call East District

Officers and Volunteers Pitch in for Successful Back to School Bash

On August 8, officers staged a successful Back to School Bash at the Vandergriff Skate Park in the East Police District.

Officers distributed flyers to apartment complexes and posted them in Vandergriff Park. Beat 460 includes neighborhoods along Matlock, Collins, Arbrook and Arkansas. This area is served by three AISD elementary schools and a junior high. This successful community effort was led by Beat 460 Sergeant Jennifer Rhodes.

Families learned about Police, Fire, Parks and Library programs. Representatives from the Safe Kids of Tarrant County, Mission Arlington and MCA Hospital showcased their services.

In a drawing, a teenage skateboarder won a safety helmet. Police volunteers and Spring Meadow Community Watch members helped with games. Close to 50 animals received low-cost vaccinations thanks to the Texas Coalition for Animal Protection.



A special thanks to everyone, especially our East Foot Patrol Officers and Patrol officers, who worked to make this Back to School Bash a success in Beat 460.

Members of the Arlington Police Association donated over 80 backpacks after filling each one with school supplies. Thank You!



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.

ARE YOU READY!



National Night Out is Tuesday, Oct. 6

Around the world, National Night Out heightens awareness about safety and generates community support for crime prevention programs such as Neighborhood Watch.

Are you involved?

Click [here](#) for details or call 817-459-5725 to register your neighborhood event.

On Call West District

School Supplies and Much More at Annual Block Party

The annual Back to School Block Party returned August 2 to the TreePoint community.

Officers from the West Police District have hosted this neighborhood gathering for the past several years, inviting families to join their neighbors outdoors to interact with one another in a fun environment.

An APD patrol unit, medical helicopter, fire truck, ambulance and Lake Arlington boat patrol unit were among the vehicles on public display.

West District officers distributed school supplies to about 150 families.

This event was made possible by a number of community partners including the American Red Cross, Mission Arlington, the Arlington Police Association and Citizens on Patrol, including the following apartment home communities: Trails Apartments, Parks Apartments, Sterling Crest Apartments and the Kennington Park Apartments. Thank you!



Photography by Phil Kabakoff

Now's A Good Time to Start a Community Watch Group!

Contact the APD Crime Prevention Officer in your district to get started.



The Joey Cushman 5K Run returns to River Legacy Park on Oct. 31.

Joey Cushman was an Arlington Police Officer who was killed in a training exercise in 2001. The community honors his memory and continues his legacy of service to Special Olympics. Click [here](#) to register.



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.

20 Years Later: Officer Shares A Special Moment With Her Hero



Officer Kristi Weil is reunited with the officer and retired U.S. Marine who saved her Dad's life and changed hers.

A lot can happen in 20 years. Last month, Officer Kristi Weil's dad celebrated his 64th birthday after a heart attack nearly took his life 20 years ago in a small town in the Texas Panhandle.

On the anniversary of that day, Officer Weil remains thankful to the hero who saved her dad's life and changed hers. That hero was Pampa, Texas Police Officer Larry Dodd.

"I will never forget the crash and my mom screaming my dad's name," she recalls. "He was on the floor. The 9-1-1 operator was helping me do CPR, but I wasn't strong enough."

She recalls seeing Officer Dodd running up the driveway. He was a familiar face at high school football games, teen dances and even worked a car crash involving a classmate.

"It's because of him that I am a police officer today," she says. "In him, I saw compassion

and kindness. He had the opportunity to change the course of my family."

Kristi was a teenager preparing for her junior year in high school when her dad suffered the heart attack.

Open heart surgery and rehab followed. While he recovered, Officer Dodd checked on the family often.

After high school, Kristi pursued her love of teaching, but changed her career path. In 2002, she joined the Arlington Police Department.

"By becoming an officer, I can repay the kindness and compassion that Officer Dodd showed me and my family."
- Officer Kristi Weil, APD since 2002

"I couldn't wait to tell Officer Dodd," she said.

The two have kept in touch and on the 20th anniversary of her dad's heart attack, Officer Weil reconnected with her hero. He climbed into her patrol car and road out with her in the West District.

Victims Advocate is Appointed to State Criminal Justice Board



Congratulations! Derrelynn Perryman

Texas Governor Gregg Abbott has appointed Derrelynn Perryman to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

Since 1994, Derrelynn has served as the Arlington Police Department's Victim Services Coordinator.

She becomes one of nine members whose mission is to oversee the functions of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). The TDCJ provides confinement, supervision, rehabilitation, and reintegration of the state's convicted felons. Members are appointed to serve six-year terms.

Under her leadership, APD has been recognized twice by the International Association of Chiefs of Police for excellence in victim services.

Derrelynn serves as an adjunct instructor at the UT Arlington School of Social Work and the Criminal Justice and Criminology Department.

She has also worked as a therapist with the Family Assessment, Consultation and Therapy Services, also known as FACTS, where she developed programs for court ordered offenders, including a batterer's intervention program and a life skills curriculum for federal probationers.

Since 2005, she has worked with the Concerns for Police Survivors Kids Camp as a counselor to children who have lost a parent in the line of duty. Derrelynn has also earned a Social Worker of the Year Award and has

held numerous leadership positions including serving as past president of Texas Victim Services Association.

Derrelynn was sworn in on September 18 by the Honorable Judge Teresa Evans of the Arlington Municipal Court.



The Arlington Community Backs The Blue



Thanks for the sweet treats!



Arlington's Swift Elementary School wears blue to show their support for officers.

Find more Back the Blue highlights on the APD Facebook. Click [here](#).



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