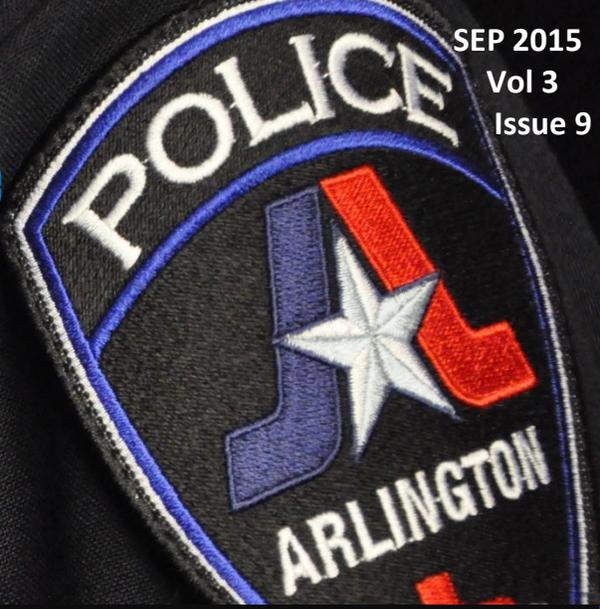


On Call Inside the Blue



A community news publication of the Arlington Police Department

National Night Out 2015 - A Big Night for Police and Community Relations

National Night Out in Arlington helped to make relationships stronger between residents and law enforcement.

Participants say the big night also brought back the true sense of community.

On Oct. 6, neighbors gathered outdoors to interact with one another. Children played together until the street lights came on.

"On National Night Out, we were reminded that we live in a great neighborhood," said Patti Noe, the organizer of one of Arlington's largest block parties. "We have a great city and a great police department."

Police Chief Will Johnson joined Arlington Mayor Jeff Williams, local business leaders and community volunteers for special appearances at four NNO gatherings.

Chief Johnson said police and community relations have never been stronger.

"National Night Out allows police and communities to come together under very positive circumstances," Chief Johnson said.

"Everybody loves a party and this was another opportunity to celebrate all that we have been able to achieve together with the community as our partners."

With 189 registered parties, officers visited as many activities as they could.

Every year, National Night Out is a big deal in Arlington. In a comparison of large U.S. cities with populations over 300,000, Arlington ranks fourth in National Night Out participation. This ranking is based largely on the level of citizen and police involvement and is conducted annually by the National Association of Town Watch.



National Night Out started early in the day for the residents of the Masonic Lodge Retirement home. Across the city, community celebrations continued until nightfall.



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



On Call North District

Green Oaks School Students Learn from Officers

Every Tuesday morning, Sergeant Jared Ross can be found at the Green Oaks School helping out wherever he's needed in a volunteer capacity.

On a recent morning, he asked a few officers to join him. He wanted officers to talk with students about what it takes to be a police officer. It was also a good opportunity to highlight safety and showcase the different types of vehicles used to protect and serve the public.

The APD Motors Unit, Officer Sheila Griffith and officers from

the Homeland Security Unit arrived at the school to find a captivated audience of students eager to listen and learn.

Students climbed inside of a patrol car and behind the wheel of all-terrain vehicles to ask questions and role play with officers.

The Arlington Police Department brought value to this day of learning.

Thanks, Sergeant Ross, for inviting us to join you.



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

Concentrated Effort Puts Focus on Motor Vehicle Burglaries

Every day, the South Police District receives tremendous support from our Citizens on Patrol Mobile volunteers.

From Sept. 14 - 18, that support was made stronger when the COP Mobile volunteers from all four Arlington police districts combined their efforts to reduce vehicle burglaries in the South Police District.

Their volunteer work took them into neighborhoods and through busy shopping center parking lots. They reminded motorists to lock their doors and roll up windows when parking. They reminded them to secure valuables out of sight, park in well-lit areas and don't forget to set the vehicle alarm.

During this week of working together, these COP Mobile volunteers had the chance to learn from one another. We are thankful for their willingness to serve and make a positive difference.



Do you want to help observe and report suspicious activity? Do you want to reduce crime by providing highly visible patrols?

Join the COP Mobile Program!

To get started, contact the Crime Prevention Officer in your police district.



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.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual Jillian Smith Gala returns
FRIDAY, OCT. 30



Casino-style games, prizes and more to benefit the Safe Living Fund that serves the victims of domestic violence.

This event is sponsored by the African American Peace Officers Association of Arlington.

Click [here](#) for details.

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.

On Call East District

Community Outreach on Bland Drive Yields Positive Results

On September 10, the East Police District combined efforts with Code Compliance and Environmental Services to achieve a common goal. That goal was to help make the 1000 block of Bland Drive a safer neighborhood.

This area in the East Police District caught the attention of Code Compliance Officer Casey Hill who was noticing a litter problem.

Litter can become a blight on a community, which can attract crime. In this neighborhood, residents were putting the trash out too early and feral cats and other animals were contributing to litter and unsanitary conditions.

Casey Hill was joined by Lorrie Anderle, the city's Environmental Programs Coordinator, and a walk along Bland Drive was organized.

Each home was given a large roll of garbage bags. This was also a good time to share code compliance information and to remind tenants when to put trash and recyclables out for pickup.



Efforts to address safety and litter control involves cooperation.



This community outreach effort also provided a good time to share information about National Night Out and how neighbors can get involved in local crime prevention efforts.

Close to 40 rental properties on Bland Drive were contacted on this day. Residents were very receptive to our outreach efforts. Through information-sharing and cooperation, we came together to help make this area a healthier and safer place for all.

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.

APD YOUTH CORNER

YOUTH NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Explorer Post 602 exposes youths to exciting careers in law enforcement. Membership is open to anyone age 14 to 20. Contact Officer Jeff Lee at 817-459-5803 for more details.

The High School Citizens Police Academy is underway. Talk with the APD School Resource Officer at your school about signing up.

Donate an item to help a student in need. CRASH (Communities Raising Awareness of Student Homelessness) is a NEW program being led by the Mayor's Youth Commission. Call 817-459-6499 to find out how you can help.

\$1,000, \$750 and \$500 scholarships available for Arlington area youth. Click [here](#) to enter the MLK Essay and Art Competition.

On Call West District

Saturday Shoppers Find Safety and Health Information at Fair

In the parking lot of a popular retail shopping complex last month, the Arlington Police Department hosted a Health and Safety Fair.

This Target store in the West Police District partnered with the Crime Prevention Unit to share important health and safety information with shoppers. Officers also shared information about National Night Out and how to get involved.

There was a great turnout as families stopped by to visit with crime prevention officers and see what the vendors in front of the store had to offer.



The National Night Out Health and Safety Fair was a big hit for shoppers at this Target Store on Arbrook Boulevard in the West Police District on Sept. 12.



At one table, the Fitness Connection distributed information and waived their registration fee for all new members.

Brident Dental gave away free toothbrushes and the Tarrant County Auto Crimes Task Force distributed information, talking with families about how to reduce the risks of becoming a victim of an automobile theft or burglary.

The Arlington Public Library parked its mobile learning center and shared information about the various programs and services available for children and adults. Mission Arlington provided medical students who conducted free health screenings.

It was a great day to interact with the community. Thanks for stopping by.

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.



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

Joey Cushman was an Arlington officer who died during a police training exercise in 2001.

Through this event, the community honors his memory and continues his legacy of service to Special Olympics.

Click [here](#) to register.

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APD Crime Scene Unit is Awarded Accreditation in Forensics



Congratulations Crime Scene Unit!

The collection and preservation of evidence left at the scene of a crime are two of the most critical tasks that occur during any investigation.

That's why it's important for the Arlington Police Department to ensure that the practices, personnel qualifications, technical procedures and laboratory facilities associated with these processes meet the highest standards of quality and excellence.

Last month, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the American Society for Quality (ASQ) and the National Accreditation Board confirmed their assessment of the Arlington Police Department and awarded accreditation to the Crime Scene Unit.

Unit Supervisor, Sergeant Kendra Warr, said the accreditation process involved a thorough external review and assessment of unit operations over a five-year period.

"This certification is important because



it confirms that our processes are in accordance with established national and international standards," she said. "I am extremely proud of all we have been able to accomplish together as a team."

This Crime Scene Unit is comprised of twelve civilian employees and two supervisors who are specially trained, equipped and assigned to collect physical evidence at the scene of a crime.

These investigators photograph crime scenes, prepare crime scene sketches, collect, preserve and transmit physical evidence, including biological materials. Their work also involves the recovery and comparison of latent prints.

Arlington Hosts International Conference of Law Enforcement Planners

ARLINGTON HILTON - From Canada to Missouri, law enforcement planners from around the world gathered in Arlington from Sept. 21-25 for innovation and training.

The International Association of Law Enforcement Planners consists of individuals who work in the areas of policy, budget, analysis and research for criminal justice agencies.

Annually, this conference provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, techniques and policies. Planners are also able to earn standard and advanced level certifications.

APD Grants Coordinator Susan Bragg served as the Conference Coordinator who organized workshops on a variety of law enforcement topics including, body-worn cameras and emergency planning. APD led training sessions on social media, the unmanned aircraft program, tourism policing and online grant management. The conference also included a guided public safety tour of AT&T Stadium.

This conference ended Sept. 25 with an awards banquet that featured Brickhouse Mason, a band comprised of Arlington police officers and detectives. APD also won a First Place IALEP Award for its 2014 Annual Report.

Wedding Planner?

Unlike any other training conference, this gathering had special meaning for a law enforcement planner from Wilmington, North Carolina and his bride. The two met after an IALEP Conference four years ago. They decided to tie the knot in Arlington, Texas.

"We absolutely love Texas and we were among friends. So we decided, why not?" said Captain Randy Pait, commander of the Research Division of the Wilmington Police Department.

At the conference hotel on Sept. 25, surrounded by planners, Officer Barry Samples united the two in matrimony.



Top: Conference participants at AT&T Stadium.

Left: Officer Barry Samples, who is also an ordained minister, performs wedding ceremony.



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