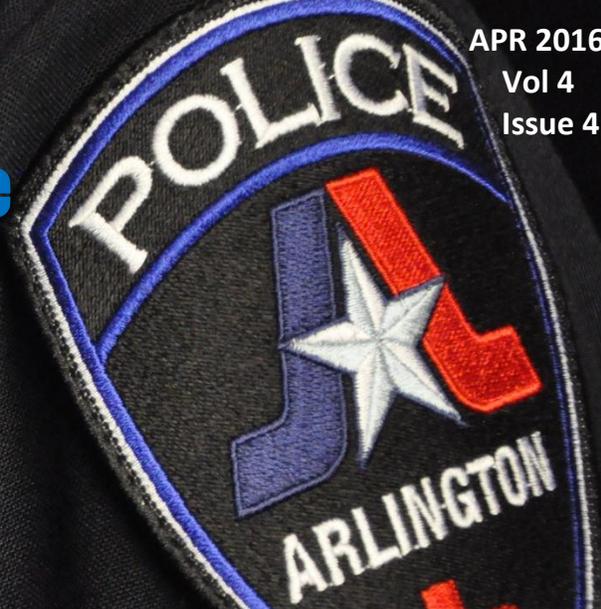


On Call Inside the Blue



A community news publication of the Arlington, Texas Police Department

Residents Rate Satisfaction With City Services Police and Neighborhoods Earn High Marks

Arlington residents had good things to say about their city and police department in a survey that measured their satisfaction with services.

According to data collected and published by Decision Analyst last month, 79 percent of those who responded to the City Services Satisfaction Survey rated the overall quality of life in Arlington as good or excellent.

When it comes to place of residence, 76 percent of the respondents rated the quality of life in their neighborhood as good or excellent.

During the day, 91 percent said they feel safe in their neighborhood. At night, 61 percent said they feel safe.

Close to 30,000 survey invitations were either mailed or emailed between Feb. 9 and Feb. 26, 2016 with a four percent response rate.

Of the 1,280 survey responses completed and returned, 47 percent of them said they had contact with the Arlington Police Department within the past 12 months. From that contact, 78 percent rated their experience as good or excellent.

Eighty-one percent rated the behavior and attitude of officers as good or excellent.

Since 2000, this survey has provided an overview of citizen's satisfaction with basic municipal services such as parks and libraries. Responses are used for process improvement planning and training.

Decision Analyst is one of the largest privately owned research and analytical consulting firms in North America. Click [here](#) for the full report.



HOW ARE WE DOING? Survey Respondents Rate Their Interaction With APD

78%

Contact with APD was good or excellent.
(A four percent increase from the previous year.)

81%

Behavior and attitude of officers was good or excellent.
(An eight percent increase from the previous year.)

80%

The overall competence of Arlington Police Department employees was good or excellent.

**Source: City Services Satisfaction Survey 2015.*

Click [here](#) for more stats.

Celebrating Volunteers!

Highlights from the Volunteer All-Star Banquet



CONGRATULATIONS APD VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR!

Dottie Johnson
Criminal Investigations

Roger Anderson
Management Services

Diane Kiel
Technical Services

Angie Rayburn-Pigat
Community Support

**Sam and Brenda
Richardson**
Operations Support

Linda Boullard
East District

Phil Kabakoff
North District

Kathleen Mulkerin
South District

Phillip Livers
West District

BOB DUNCAN CENTER – Arlington police volunteers from many areas of the department were honored recently for the contributions they are making to public safety.

Last year, close to 350 volunteers logged 33,154 hours, according to data compiled by the Community Support Division. Volunteers served in many capacities, from Citizens On Patrol and the Citizens Police Academy to investigations, property room and jail operations.

"You complete us," Chief Will Johnson told those gathered for the Volunteer All-Star Banquet on May 4. "In everything we do, you support us and show how much you care. We are thankful for all you do."

To show their support, officers served dinner and an orchestra quartet from Arlington High School serenaded guests. Following the presentation of colors by the APD Honor Guard, 10 Arlington residents were recognized as Volunteers of the Year from their respective areas.

Consider becoming a volunteer. See the "Get Involved" section on the APD website. Click [here](#).



On Call NORTH DISTRICT

YOUTH CORNER

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES



High School students are preparing resumes for summer employment at this after school program at The Rec. [Click here](#) to explore summertime employment opportunities in Arlington.

Before school is out for the summer, talk to a School Resource Officer about the High School Citizens Police Academy. Then, get ready to apply in the fall.

The Summer Reading Club is fun for all ages with crafts, free activities, prizes and more. [Click here](#) for details.

After School Program Featured Cops and Popsicles

The Arlington Police Department spent a great afternoon on April 14 making friends with our city's youth at the Cops and Pops After School Program at South Davis Elementary School.

Lt. Thederick Andres joined me as we talked with youth about why we became police officers and the work we do in the community.

This was a good time to talk with them about how to interact with a police officer. They were reminded to always be honest and comfortable when speaking with us.



This session was followed by plenty of questions. There were interactive games and activities as well. At the conclusion of this after school program, each child was given a popsicle.

The Boys and Girls Club was the lead organizer of this program. Their mission is to enable all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens. The Arlington Police Department was proud to help fulfill that mission as participants.

If you are planning an upcoming youth event or after school activity and would like Arlington Police Department participation, contact me.



Arlington youth attending this after school program learned how to become responsible citizens.



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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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

THE SUMMER TOURISM SAFETY FAIR RETURNS JUNE 18

The summer season is almost here. The APD Entertainment District Tourism Unit invites you to the **Second Annual Tour SMART Summer Safety Expo** from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 18. (SMART is an acronym for Safety Means Always Remember to Think).

Meet us in downtown Arlington, 201 E. Abram St. in the parking lot near the Municipal Office Tower.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEMONSTRATIONS, VENDORS, GAMES, PRIZES AND MORE!

For more information, call Sgt. Jakisha Jones at 817-575-3156 or Jakisha.Jones@Arlingtontx.gov.



Journey to Healing Hearts Celebrates Lives Lost to Gun Violence

Officers from the South Police District were proud participants in the Second Annual Journey to Healing Hearts 5k Run/Walk at Cravens Park. It was an opportunity for families and loved ones to gather and celebrate the lives of those lost to gun violence.

The event started with a lot of excitement as the runners stretched and prepared for the morning run. Everyone showed compassion for the participants as cheers rang out for the runner's last 200 yard sprint to the finish line.

After the run, participants gathered to share stories and talk about the support this organization provides to those who have suffered loss.

As the day ended, balloons were released in remembrance of those lost to gun violence. As the balloons sailed away, a silence came over the crowd. It was a moment not soon to be forgotten.

A special thanks to event organizers and Arlington officers who shared in the mission to heal the hearts of others.



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

Safety and Prevention Are Highlighted at Local Conference

Đoàn Kết is an outreach community program created by the Arlington Police Department. The name means united and the purpose is to bring the Vietnamese community together to share important resources. These resources can be public safety related or any topic of general interest to the Vietnamese community and their families.

On April 9, the Police Department had an opportunity to interact with members of the Vietnamese community gathered for the Sixth Annual Child Care Conference at First Baptist Church. Close to 100 people attended the event,

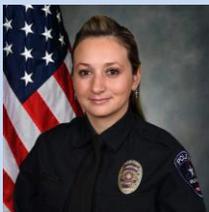
which featured a public safety presentation about robbery and burglary prevention. This was also an opportunity to answer questions about open carry.

This conference was sponsored by the Arlington Child Care Licensing Advisory Committee - Pathway to Quality Care. A special thanks to Mary Thao Hoang, the Child Care Licensing Inspector, who helped with the Vietnamese translation of this safety presentation.

Save the date. The next Đoàn Kết program will be held on June 11. If you would like more information about Đoàn Kết, call 817-459-5817.



First Baptist Church hosts conference that includes safety.



CHECK IT OUT!



The Arlington Police Department 2015 Annual Report features crime trends, public safety success stories and accomplishments from the past year.

If you missed it, click [here](#) to read it online.

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.

On Call WEST DISTRICT

Good Police Work - West Patrol Officers Stop Violent Offender

Thanks to two very attentive West District Foot Patrol Officers, a violent offender has been captured.

It started with a 9-1-1 call and a report of a shooting in progress in the 600 block of McQueary Street in the West Police District. A witness was able to provide a good description of the vehicle as it was leaving the shooting location.

Officers Andrea Davis and Charles Cisneros were dispatched to this call. They know this beat well and have spent a lot of time patrolling this area.

While in route, the officers spotted the vehicle matching the description provided by the witness. On Division Street is where they conducted the traffic stop.

Officers say their suspect would not initially comply with commands. They used their training and experience to maintain safety and convinced the suspect to surrender peacefully.

While searching the vehicle, officers recovered drugs along with the hand gun believed to be have been used in the reported shooting.

This is another great example from the West Police District of a witness coming forward with good information and trained officers being observant. Working together, a very dangerous situation has been removed from this neighborhood. Good job, officers!



Officers complete their investigation after capturing violent offender.



A GREAT CAREER IS CELEBRATED

Officer Travis Mott was recently honored at a Retirement Ceremony hosted by the Arlington Police Department

This officer began his career in law enforcement in 1980 with the Alvin Police Department. In 1985, he joined APD where he earned many awards including Employee of the Month and Detective of the Year.

In 1986, he was one of the founding members of the APD Honor Guard. Officer Mott has worked in many areas of the department including Vice/Narcotics, Training Center, Robbery, Gang and the Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force.

Thank you for your service!

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.

School Resource Officer Goes the Extra Mile for Youth



Officer Varandas Washington is a School Resource Officer at Seguin High School and the recipient of the 2016 Living Legend Extra Mile Award. Officer Washington joined APD in 2007.



Officer Varandas Washington is respected by students, staff and the community at Seguin High School where he is also a campus leader and mentor.

On April 29, he was one of seven honored as Living Legend Extra Mile Award recipients at the First Rate Living Luncheon. This award celebrates adults who invest in the lives of youth. The program is sponsored by First Rate Inc., an Arlington-based wealth management solutions company, in partnership with the Arlington Alliance for Youth. The award also came with a \$1,700 grant for the nonprofit of his choice.

Along the hallways of Seguin High School, Officer Washington not only promotes safety but encourages academic success. Through a program he organized called Seguin Men, youth activities are focused on character, respect and responsibility.

Officer Washington's service extends into the community as a volunteer with the Santa Cop toy drive and area food banks. Through his fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma, he is actively involved in programs that serve underprivileged families and at-risk teenage males. Click [here](#) to read more.



"Officer Washington's presence at Seguin High School is invaluable. His approach to serving the students, faculty and community of Seguin is one of support, community and involvement."

- Sam Nix, Seguin High School Principal



Representatives with the Texas A&M University Agrilife Extension Service with DWI Officer Stacie Brown and DWI Sergeant Steve Chao.

Campaign Pushes Driver Safety Message

On April 20, the Arlington Police Department teamed up with the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service to push an important message about driver safety.

"Do not drive if there is any chance a prescription drug may cause impairment," said Officer Stacie Brown. "Combining alcohol and marijuana increases that impairment."

The Watch Ur BAC campaign was developed to increase public awareness about intoxication and drug abuse. BAC is an acronym for Blood Alcohol Content.

The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service held a news conference with the DWI Task Force to push education and prevention.

Participants said drug impaired driving is an increasingly critical issue for cities and states. Marijuana use has been found to cause impairment of psychomotor skills and diminish cognitive functions such as operating a motor vehicle.

Click [here](#) to watch the video.

Fallen Heroes Are Never Forgotten



On May 5, Arlington paid tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The Arlington Police Memorial Service was followed by a reception hosted by the Arlington Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and the Arlington Police Wives Association. Thank you! Click [here](#) for more highlights from the Police Memorial Service at Heroes Park.

After School With APD



(Left to Right:) Jeremiah, Sgt. Harrison, Autumn and Emily.

When the last bell of the day rang at Speer Elementary School on April 18, seven-year-old Emily Brinlee was eager to keep her scheduled appointment with APD. Emily wanted to have her photo made with an officer and take it to school as part of "Show and Tell." Sgt. VaNessa Harrison welcomed Emily and led the family on a public safety tour followed by a moment in the spotlight in the Media Office. Thanks for stopping by!



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