

On Call Inside the Blue



A community news publication of the Arlington, Texas Police Department

More Than a Party: Arlington Celebrates Community

A new record was set when 196 Arlington neighborhoods registered their participation in National Night Out 2016.

From the 3700 block of Bridle Path Lane in west Arlington to the Rosemont at Mayfield Villa Apartments in the east, neighborhoods stepped outdoors on Oct. 4 to unite and celebrate community.

Across the city, there were cookouts, block parties and gatherings on front lawns and in parks. In the 1600 block of Delta Drive, underneath large oak trees, organizer Kathleen Reilly worked to make sure there were plenty of snacks for everyone. This neighborhood has seen National Night Out participation grow over the years from just 20 neighbors a few years ago to close to 200 on Oct. 4. The youngest guest was just six weeks old.

"It was a great night. This community really came together for their city and police officers," Mrs. Reilly said.



McGruff the Crime Dog, Knight the National Night Out mascot, police officers and Arlington Police Explorers greeted neighbors gathering outdoors on Bridle Path Lane for National Night Out 2016.



On Delta Drive, neighbors showed their support for their city and police officers.

In case you missed it, National Night Out returns next year.
Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017

Mentoring Program Earns National Honors

October 3-8 was designated by the Department of Justice as National Community Oriented Policing Week and the observance kicked off in Arlington with the presentation of the 2016 Anthony L. Sutin Civic Imagination Award to the Mentoring Arlington Youth Program.

Since the MAY program started in July 2015, positive results are being celebrated.

According to data collected from the first class of participants, respect for police officers and the school environment increased nearly 80 percent. Grades also improved 11 percent.

By the end of the first eight weeks, 100 percent of parents/guardians agreed the MAY Program was "addressing issues related to minority boys."

One hundred percent of officers said mentoring is enhancing their knowledge of the issues facing today's youth, which assists in their policing efforts.

"We have the ability to see what happens when there is constant, one-on-one involvement in a young man's life," said Lt. Tarrick McGuire. "We are honored to receive this award."

Click [here](#) for more highlights from the Oct. 3 award presentation.

UPDATE: On Oct. 15, the Michael Shanahan Award for Excellence in Public/Private Cooperation was presented by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. MAY Program mentors and Wally Harden, the owner of The Man's Shop, accepted the award in San Diego.



As nightfall sat in, these officers arrived just in time to visit with neighbors on Glenbury Court.



Lt. Tarrick McGuire and Inelda Acosta, Workman Junior High School principal, accept a national award for their leadership in the MAY Program.



Special guests aboard a trolley enjoyed a citywide tour of National Night Out activities.

NORTH DISTRICT

YOUTH CORNER

NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

Social Media is great when its used properly. It can be bad when used the wrong way. Students, click [here](#) to learn more.

Click [here](#) for a video message for parents.

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE!

Enter the Arlington MLK Art and Essay competitions. The theme is: *A Nation of Freedom and Justice.*

Winners will be announced in December. To enter, click [here](#).

Check out the Spirit of Service Scholarship for

TCC and UT Arlington students at www.ArlingtonMLK.com.



First Grader's Lemonade Stand Honors Fallen Heroes

On Sept. 21, the first grade students at the Uplift Summit Inter-national Preparatory School took a moment from their classroom studies to serve lemonade for a great cause.

Summit International is located in the North Police District and they are always looking for ways to show support for the community around them.

Cold lemonade was just what was needed on this last day of summer. The students said they wanted to honor fallen officers.



Proceeds from every cup of lemonade were donated to the Arlington Police Association Benevolent Foundation. More than 700 customers including students, staff and officers raised \$815.

The students enjoyed games along with tours of a patrol car. There were fun selfies, too.

This was a great way to stay refreshed and hydrated and remember the heroes who served with honor.



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.

SOUTH DISTRICT

Catholic School Sponsors First Responder Appreciation Breakfast

The South Police District was honored to receive our invitation to attend the St. Joseph Catholic School Second Annual First Responder Appreciation Breakfast. Officers joined Arlington firefighters and paramedics for this amazing event for breakfast and fellowship.

We answered questions, shook hands, and encouraged students to continue to make good choices and strive for academic success in the classroom. We also met some future first responders who will



someday answer the call to serve this community as well.

As this event ended, we were reminded of all the incredible support we enjoy from citizens of all ages in Arlington.

This school, administrators, teachers and students represent all the great people we are honored to serve and protect.

Thank you for breakfast and for making us feel appreciated.

Feeling appreciated at the St. Joseph Catholic School.



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. Trunk or Treat at the South Police District is 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, **Oct. 31.** Come on out. This event is Halloween fun for the whole family.

ANNOUNCING THE 2-DAY ARLINGTON CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

DEC. 8-9

Free to all Arlington residents.

Enrollment is easy. Call Officer Tim Hayden at 817-459-6468.



EAST DISTRICT

Community Event Puts Focus on Interactions with the Police

The APD Crime Prevention Unit partnered with the Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership and Destiny Point Church to put the spotlight on youth and encounters with the police. The event was coordinated by Pastor Renee Hornbuckle.

Crime Prevention Officer Kim Fretwell led a presentation that featured a skit written to illustrate how youths should conduct themselves when interacting with police officers. There were reality-based scenarios for students and parents.



The goal of this presentation was to help the audience understand their rights and responsibilities. We wanted to help those in the audience make sound decisions and clarify the false information they may have heard or read.

During this session, we were able to answer many questions from the audience. Those who wanted to remain anonymous were able to submit their questions through text messages.

We were pleased to have Deputy City Manager Theron Bowman serve on a panel and bring his many years of community policing knowledge to this discussion as well.

This was another great way for the community to come together with police officers to talk openly about the challenges facing our society and the policing profession.



Crime Prevention Unit Sergeant Vincent Pewitt responds to a question following a role playing exercise with other APD Crime Prevention Officers during a community event at Destiny Point Church on Aug. 14. The purpose of the skits was to help the public understand their rights and responsibilities when stopped by the police.

The Drug TakeBack Event Returns
Saturday, Oct. 22
10 a.m. to 2 p.m

Turn in your used and expired medications for safe disposal

Four convenient locations. Click [here](#) to find one near you.

"ARE WE RELATED?"

A new community initiative being led by Arlington area churches.

Featuring great music, food and fellowship.

Levitt Pavilion
Downtown Arlington
Friday, Oct 28, 2016
7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Call 817-466-8211 for more information.

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.

WEST DISTRICT

Young Junior High School Hosts Breakfast With the Blue

At Young Junior High School, the student council was looking for a way to show its support for the men and women of the Arlington Police Department.

Working closely with their principal, a "Breakfast with the Blue" event was planned.

An invitation was extended to all Arlington police officers to visit the campus on Sept. 2.

In the school cafeteria, officers from patrol, motors unit,



Close to 200 students at Young Junior High School welcomed Arlington officers for their Breakfast With the Blue Event on Sept. 2 in their cafeteria. Thank you for inviting us!



crime prevention, school resource unit and K9 arrived to find breakfast tacos, cinnamon rolls, fruit and juice and hundreds of students waiting to see us.

Police Chief Will Johnson was also present along with police sergeants, lieutenants and West District Deputy Chief

Jeff Matthews.

After their morning practice, members of the Young Junior High School football team joined us as well. There were Back the Blue banners and greeting cards thanking us for visiting their school and serving the community.

On behalf of all the men and women in blue, thank you for taking time out of your school day to show your support for the Arlington Police Department.



THE POWER OF SOCIAL MEDIA

In this Sept. 9 Furrever Friday FaceBook post, Officer Ruben Hilliard is photographed with a Great Pyrenees awaiting a new home at Arlington's Animal Services Center.

Great NEWS!

"My husband and I adopted this beauty this afternoon! We are in love! Our other furbabies and kids have welcomed her with open arms and she has done great! She has been named Lady Rose.

THANK YOU AMY BLUEMEL!

Furrever Friday is an APD social media initiative aimed at promoting safe neighborhoods and finding homes for the city's unwanted animal population. Like us on FB for more social media highlights.

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.

Annual Gala Honors a Fallen Hero, Raises Awareness for Domestic Violence

An annual event that pays tribute to a fallen hero and raises awareness for domestic violence returns Oct. 21.

The Sixth Annual Officer Jillian Smith Masquerade Gala is 8 p.m. to midnight at the Cacharel Grand Ballroom.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and this gala will put the spotlight on community efforts to help victims impacted by this violent crime. This gala is organized by the African American Peace Officers Association of Arlington.

According to SafeHaven of Tarrant County, one in three women in the U.S. have experienced rape, physical violence and/or stalking by an intimate partner in her lifetime. SafeHaven operates some of the area's largest domestic violence shelters.

Who was Officer Smith? Officer Jillian M. Smith was fatally injured while responding to a domestic assault call on Dec. 28, 2010. She was also a UT-Arlington graduate.



AAPOAA members deposited \$3,000 into the Officer Jillian Smith SafeLiving Fund. (LEFT TO RIGHT) Lieutenant Leo Daniels, Deputy Chief LaTasha Watson, Sergeant Jennifer Rhodes and Katrina Hickman with SafeHaven officials.

**OFFICER JILLIAN SMITH GALA
FRIDAY, OCT. 21**

**INDIVIDUAL TICKETS
\$50 per person**

**PURCHASE A TABLE
\$500**

Click [here](#) or call 817-459-5810 for more information.



What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior that is used to gain or maintain power and control over an intimate partner. Abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. This includes any behaviors that frighten, intimidate, terrorize, manipulate, hurt, humiliate, blame, injure or wound someone.

Seek Help. Call SafeHaven's 24-Hour Hotline: 1-877-701-SAFE (7233)
If in immediate danger, call 9-1-1.

An Afternoon of Golf Backs the Blue

The Riverside Golf Course was the site for the Annual Arlington Police Foundation Golf Tournament on Oct. 6.



Thank You!

Teams of area golfers took part in the event and all proceeds benefitted the Arlington Police Foundation.



Want to learn more about the Arlington Police Foundation?

Click [here](#)

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Police Department is Recognized for Efforts to Reduce Domestic Violence

The Arlington Police Department has won a state award from the Texas Municipal League for the work being done to assist victims of domestic violence.

The Municipal Excellence Award was presented Oct. 5 in Austin for Project RAISE (Risk, Assessment, Intervention, Safety and Engagement) program.

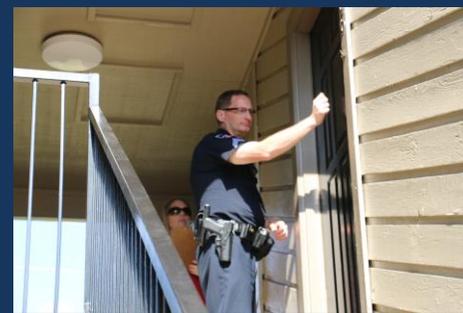
Project RAISE started as a six-month pilot program in Aug. 2015 to reduce family violence cases, aid in the reduction of resource hours devoted to domestic violence calls and reduce the incidence of having to respond to repeat locations.

The program involves a multi-disciplinary team of social service, community and criminal justice agencies all working together to focus on the issues that repeat victims face.

"Arrests made by law enforcement are simply not enough to deter repeat incidents of family violence," said Lt. Tracie Baker. "Project RAISE creates an environment for families to receive multiple layers of assistance."

Chief Will Johnson said the work being done through Project RAISE is also enhancing police legitimacy. Officers are building trust and the process is giving victims a voice.

The TML is comprised of more than 16,000 mayors, council members and city managers whose sole purpose is to serve and advocate for Texas cities.



The locations of repeat instances of domestic violence are visited by a Victim Services Counselor and a patrol officer.



During a site visit, this Victim Services Counselor shares information with a woman who has called Arlington police numerous times to report domestic violence. Counselors say the main objective is not to break up a home or make an arrest, but to educate and inform.

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