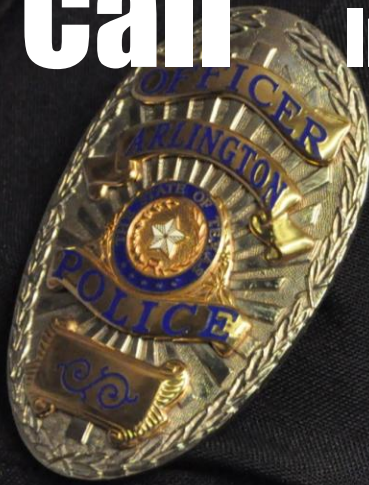


On Call Inside the Blue



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What's Going On ...

Congratulations! The Waterway Park North Community Watch hosted its first meeting on April 12 at Pope Elementary School.

Global Youth Service Day is April 21. Details at www.ArlingtonAlliance4Youth.com.

Twenty-three Arlington residents will graduate from the Citizens Police Academy on April 19.

COP Mobile Training begins April 25 at the South District Police Station. Call 817-459-5725 for more information.

At 7 p.m. on April 27, join us for a virtual ride-along with COP Mobile in the West District. Follow the Street Tweet on Twitter.

April 28 is Drug Take Back Day. DEA officials will be at Arlington Police stations to collect unwanted medications from residents from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

You can help Arlington Police Department reach a goal to lower crime in the city by 50 percent in three years. Visit a Crime Prevention Officer for everything you need to join a Community Watch Group, Citizen on Patrol or Citizens Police Academy. There are many ways to get involved.

www.ArlingtonPD.org

After the Storm – Neighborhoods Recover From Tornado

This week, Arlington's tornado recovery efforts are making a difference in neighborhoods struck by high winds on April 3.

Behind the scenes, the Emergency Operations Center or EOC served as the central command post for a coordinated response effort that started April 3. From neighborhood security issues and communication to cleanup and volunteer coordination, the EOC was fully staffed to address a variety of public safety issues.

Over a 10-day period, the EOC brought public safety together with emergency management officials and personnel from many city departments, including Fire, Public Works, Information Technology, Financial and Mgt. Resources, Community Development, Water, and Parks and Recreation. Each had a unique role in the response and recovery process.

During the afternoon hours of Tuesday, April 3, an EF2 tornado packing winds of up to 135 mph hammered neighborhoods in the southwestern part of Arlington near I-20 and U.S. 287. The tornado damaged at least 500 homes. The Green Oaks Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center was closed and residents safely relocated. There were no fatalities.

Preparation is our best defense!
www.KnowWhat2Do.com

A Tornado Recovery Center opened April 4 in the West District within minutes of storm damaged areas, providing residents with direct access to resources. A web site was created

along with flyers. Social media was used and electronic message boards on roadways were deployed to push critical recovery information into neighborhoods. In the EOC, service agencies such as the Red Cross and Community Emergency Response Team also fulfilled important operational tasks. The coordination of nearly 1,000 volunteers was led by the APD Community Support Bureau.

As residents continue to pick up the pieces after the tornado, Acting Police Chief Will Johnson said, "The Police Department stepped in to help families regain a sense of normalcy, a sense of security. A special thanks to everyone!"

"Before the tornado, I didn't know any of these people ... We're like family now," said Nancy Springer (Far Right) who welcomed volunteers from the Pantego Bible Church who showed up at her front door on April 4 to help cut and remove large tree limbs from her home in the 2400 block of Hedgeway Street.

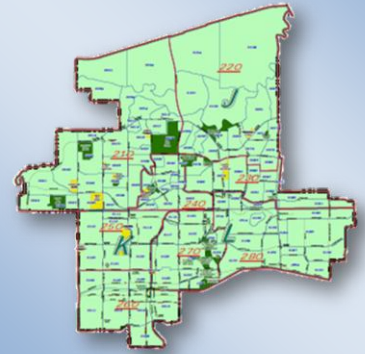
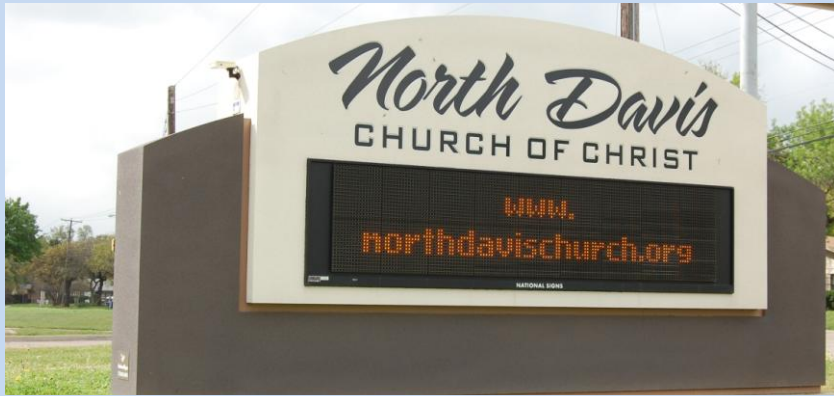


On Call in the North District

Church Provides Positive Alternatives During Spring Break

The North Davis Church of Christ hosted a fun and safe initiative for the youth who reside in the Clover Hill Apartment community located in Beat 250.

During Spring Break, around 20 youth from the nearby apartment complex engaged in various activities including basketball, relay races, art work, and games. North Davis Church of Christ also provided lunch to participants.



Richie Sherrod who is the Youth Pastor and ACAPP (Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership) member headed up the project!

The event also included north day shift Officers Aeron Hill and Kendra Freeland who came out and supported the church and the kids! Hill played basketball and participated in relay races.

The purpose of this great afternoon of fun was to keep the youth active and engaged in positive activities during Spring Break. Initiatives like this help to make our communities greater places to live and work. Thank you for making a difference!

This summer, watch for more community youth initiatives in the North District.



Thank you North Davis Church of Christ for opening your doors to youth activities during Spring Break!

Watch for more crime prevention highlights from the North District. Contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Kimberly Fretwell at 817-459-5589 or Kim.Fretwell@Arlingtontx.gov.

On Call in the South District

The Safe Residence Initiative

A Free Survey Can Help Remove Opportunities for Crime

The Arlington Police Department Crime Prevention Unit conducts commercial and residential surveys as a free service to our citizens. It is our goal to assist in every effort to keep you, your family, home and or business safe. These surveys can help remove the opportunity for criminals to break into your home or business.

The Arlington Police Department Safe Residence Initiative is here for you! The survey process is simple and ... its FREE!

You can complete an application online at www.Arlingtonpd.org or set up an appointment by calling the Arlington Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 817-459-5725. When you contact the Arlington

Police Department, an officer will perform an inspection of your home or business using the criteria outlined on the Texas Department of Insurance Form PC317 Rev. 10/04. We will survey areas such as exterior doors, windows and alarm system. We will compile a survey report and conclude by making recommendations that could include repairs. If your home or business meets requirements, the PC317 form will be submitted to the Texas Department of Insurance. A copy is given to you to provide to your insurance company.

A residential or commercial survey can prove to be a huge benefit! It allows you to take extra steps to prevent crime.



If you would like a free home or business inspection, contact me at 817-459-6468 or Jakisha.Jones@Arlingtontx.gov.



Watch for more crime prevention highlights from the South District. Contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Jakisha Jones at 817-459-6468 or Jakisha.Jones@Arlingtontx.gov.

On Call in the East District

Report Suspicious Activity – Put Safety First

The Arlington Police Department is calling for your assistance. We want you to call and report activity whenever you observe suspicious persons or actions. **What is suspicious?** Basically, anything that seems slightly “out of place” for the area or during the time of day in which it occurs is considered suspicious activity. A few examples:

1. Individual(s) pulling vehicle door handles and looking into windows.
2. Individual(s) wearing odd clothing for the time of the year.
3. Nervous looking persons (Looking all around, moving quickly or slowly). Others are around who are acting as lookouts during these activities.
4. Individual (s) checking for alarms by bumping or hitting vehicle windows/bumpers for sensitivity.

Three Important Home Safety Tips:

1. Do not let a stranger inside your home. If strangers are knocking on your door, ask who they are with the door shut and locked. Always keep doors and windows securely locked and instruct children not to open the door to strangers. Never leave notes announcing your absence.
2. Anyone forcing entry into a residence, business or vehicle is suspicious anytime, anywhere. Persons loitering around schools, parks, secluded areas or parking lots could be involved in illegal activity. Call 9-1-1 immediately to report any of these activities.

Remember 1. Lock your car, close windows and take keys. 2. Park in well-lit areas. 3. Use your garage 4. Lock garage door and vehicle inside. 5. Use tire/wheel locks 6. Install an audible alarm. 7. Do not leave items in plain view. 8. Engrave expensive items and keep all receipts and serial number information 9. Take out removable radios and faceplates 10. Avoid parking between large vehicles (they provide a cover for thieves).



3. When calling 911, the information most often needed is: **What happened? When? Where? Is anyone injured?** Provide a description of person(s) including age, race, sex, height/weight, clothing. Vehicle description including make, model, color, license plate number and direction of travel.



Each month, this section of the newsletter will feature crime prevention highlights from the East District. Contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Faviola Delgado at 817-459-5817 or e-mail Faviola.Delgado@Arlingtontx.gov for more information.

On Call in the West District

More Citizens Join the Patrol in the West District

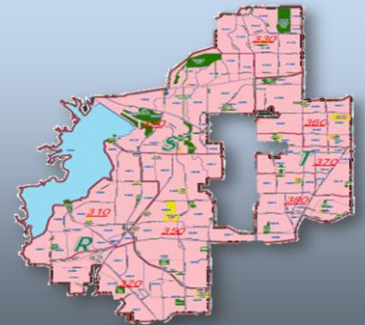
The COP Mobile program is off to a great start in the West District! After the last class of COP Mobile volunteers graduated, they quickly took advantage of their new opportunities and began assisting West District patrol. Since March 1, they have logged over 100 hours. **Art Dennis, Robert Lynch, Bill Jezek, Janie Gonzales, Edward Ricardez, and Diane Torres** have generously given their time to assist the Police Department and their community!

Their enthusiasm and energy are great assets. Famed Anthropologist Margaret Mead once said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only

thing that ever has.”

COP Mobile volunteers here in the West District are a great example of this. They are an important part of the plan to reduce crime in Arlington. They drive city-issued vehicles, with the Citizen on Patrol markings. They communicate with Sergeants and Lieutenants about areas where they can be most effective, and their presence is helping to deter crime. The Police Department cannot be successful in meeting its goals without their partnership.

For those who are not familiar with Citizens on Patrol Mobile, it is the next step in citizen engagement and crime prevention.



Each police station in the City has a vehicle assigned exclusively to the COP Mobile program. Vehicles are available 24 hours a day for residents who have completed COP Mobile training and approved to participate in the program as volunteers.



More volunteers are needed to join COP Mobile in the West District. Contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Doug Glotfelty at 817-459-6072 or Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov.

Arlington Police Salute Community and Business Partnerships

More than 450 guests attended the Arlington Police Department Annual Awards Luncheon on March 8. The department celebrated the best in community partnerships and law enforcement. Awards were presented to 15 winners! A special thanks to The 1010 Collins Entertainment Center for hosting this year's event and to the John V. and Jeri McMillan family for their continued sponsorship.



Summerwood Community Watch Coordinator Cynthia Delaney was presented the **Citizens Community Award**. She works to keep her south Arlington neighborhood of about 215 homes engaged in community policing in many ways. One of the most active groups in the South District, this CWG coordinator distributes newsletters, crime statistics, safety information and sponsors a Yard of the Month Beautification program. She has served as a Citizen on Patrol member and Code Ranger.



The Parks at Arlington Mall and Valor Security were presented the **Business Partnership Award**. General Manager Lorie Lisius and Security Director C.D. Fisher were recognized for their commitment to public safety. A state-of-the-art surveillance system is being used to reduce crime and apprehend numerous criminals. They work hand-in-hand with APD to enhance safety for the thousands of shoppers who visit the largest retail destination in Arlington.

Congratulations to all nominees and award winners!

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