

On Call

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Santa Cops

This is what the season is all about - giving to others and spreading joy!

450 deserving families joined us for our annual Santa Cops party, surprising them with presents, music, dancing, food - even the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders!!

We could not do this without the community's support. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to everyone who donated toys, their time, and other resources to make this happen.



We're incredibly thankful to serve this community each and every day. And if we can give a child a reason to smile during the holidays, we're proud to do it!



A North District Thanksgiving



The African American Peace Officer Association of Arlington (AAPOAA) and the Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership (ACAPP) came together in November to serve citizens in the North District for Thanksgiving.

The AAPOAA made 100 gift baskets, purchased 100 ready-to-cook turkeys and handed them out citywide. One stop was the Las Palmas apartments, where the residents were very appreciative for the donated food. ACAPP also partnered with Cornerstone Baptist Church and served residents at the Ardmore apartments with all the fixings for a great Thanksgiving meal.



Hispanic Citizens Police Academy Graduation

Thirteen Arlington citizens graduated from the 43rd Hispanic Citizen Police Academy on November 20th. The eight-week course covered the Arlington Police Department, specialized units and other departments and units APD works with. Students learned about procedural justice, crime prevention, economic crimes and code enforcement. Topics included, among others, 9-1-1 communications, our Mounted and K-9 units, and SWAT. This training helped them to gain a better understanding of how the police department and city work.

Chief Johnson addressed the graduating class, speaking on how their participation helps form better and stronger relationships with the police department. Lissette Tejeda spoke on behalf of her class, stating that the class was very grateful for the instructors who came to speak to them and that they learned an extraordinary amount of information over the eight weeks.

Many close relationships were formed during the eight-week course between police, citizens and the community.



Keep Your Valuables Safe - BMV Report Card



In November, the South District had a Burglary of Motor Vehicle detail where officers and volunteers leave a "report card" on vehicle windows indicating if their vehicle passed or failed. Drivers lose points if they leave valuables or property in plain view, their keys are left in the vehicle, windows are left open, or anything else that would make a vehicle a target for burglary.

In spite of rainy weather, volunteers hit the streets and handed out over 200 BMV report cards and most vehicles passed. They also talked with homeowners they came in contact with about safety and crime prevention.

Every day, especially during the holidays, everyone should take an extra second and make sure their property is locked, items are hidden, or removed. The best way to prevent crime is to reduce a would-be criminal's opportunity to commit a crime.



Arlington Police Honor Guard

Recently, our Honor Guard deployed to support the Houston Police Department following the line of duty death of Sgt. Christopher Brewster.

The Honor Guard is one of the most visible functions of our department. Team members represent APD and our city at various civic functions, memorial events, and other important functions that warrant an Honor Guard presence.

Each officer in the unit serves an ancillary role when participating in an Honor Guard event. Members come from almost every unit in the department and train monthly.

Precision movements, professional decorum, and adherence to ceremonial best practices is a requirement for all team members. Our Honor Guard is one of the most respected in the nation and trains other agencies on an annual basis.

