

On Call

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Arlington Police Department Takes First Place in National Night Out Campaign

The Arlington Police Department was notified by the National Association of Town Watch that the department has been awarded First Place in their national awards program that recognizes community and department participation during National Night Out. Even in the midst of the pandemic, the department found a safe and alternative way to celebrate with residents and business owners in October of this year by designating four locations across the city to celebrate with employees. The awards program requires agencies to submit a detailed package that highlights the activities and planning of the annual event.

“It is truly an honor for the department to have received this award in such a challenging year,” said Interim Police Chief Kevin Kolbye. “Our team of officers and employees stepped up and delivered an amazing event that afforded families an opportunity to come out and connect with staff in a safe and socially distanced manner.”

The awards program is based upon a variety of factors, including the overall quality of the event, neighborhood engagement, and law enforcement involvement.



For some video highlights click here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eM3gdJl3dag>

Take a Book, Read a Book!

The single most significant factor influencing a child's early educational success is an early introduction to books and being read to at home. Creating a steady stream of new, age-appropriate books has been shown to increase interest in reading among youth within months.

Three lending libraries were built and placed at Sutter Creek, Windsprint, and Autumnwood Apartments. NEX Metropolitan and Arlington officers placed the lending libraries in each complex and filled them with books donated by individuals and organizations. It is the hope that the lending libraries will be successful additions to these apartment complexes and that more lending libraries will be established in other areas throughout East Arlington.



NEX Metropolitan's mission is to educate and build sustainable character in young men through life skills, etiquette, professional development, community engagement, conflict resolution, financial literacy, and leadership. It is a non-profit organization founded by Arlington Sgt. Robert Walsh.

Preschoolers Honor First Responders



The South District was invited to meet with some area preschool children from Rush Creek Church in November. The preschool class was honoring first responders all week. It was a great opportunity to interact with some amazing children from the area. Officers were able to answer their questions, give safety tips, and listen to them tell stories about things they got to do during the week. After finishing inside, the children had the opportunity to tour a police car and take pictures. Before leaving, officers showed the children how to properly cross the street with their teachers and then enjoyed some recess time with them as they played outside.

A Huge Donation to Santa Cops and a Big Surprise



It was about this time last year that officers first met Elliott Wyche, a 5-year-old Arlington resident who was born with half a heart. He has a big following on social media (Tin Man Tough) and he asked his fans to help him collect toys to donate to Arlington PD's Santa Cops program, which provides gifts to deserving families here in Arlington.

He had such a blast doing it in 2019, he decided he wanted to help out again in 2020! So, in December, he delivered a massive box of toys to one of our police stations.

What he didn't know is that we had a surprise for him as well! Watch the video to see what went down!! (Hint: Elliott is a huge fan of Star Wars.)

To see more, click <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFfiloaRy0>

Thank you for your donation Elliott!! And a major shout out to our costumed friend Eric Alvarez for helping us pull this off!!

If you'd like to help the Santa Cops program, you can bring any new, unwrapped toy or monetary donation to the South District Station, which is located at 1030 SW Green Oaks Blvd. You can also call (817) 459-6079 for more information about what age groups/items that are needed.



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