



On Call



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APD Santa Cops Makes Christmas Brighter for Arlington Families



On Saturday, December 18, hundreds of children gathered at the ESports Stadium & Arlington Convention Center for the annual Santa Cops event. Arlington ISD school counselors assisted the Arlington Police Department in finding families that were deserving of a brighter Christmas. Several members of the department and community spent their evenings picking out toys and filling Santa's wish list of gifts based on requests received through the school district and officers. Volunteers consisting of sworn officers, non-sworn professional staff, and Citizens Police Academy participants helped make the day special. Officers continued to spread more cheer on Thursday, December 23, by delivering more gifts to homes of some of the chosen families. Thanks to the generosity of our community members and employees we were able to help about 300 Arlington families this year!



APD Events Spread Holiday Cheer

On Wednesday, December 15, several APD officers were invited to Dick's Sporting Goods at The Parks Mall to enjoy an evening of Christmas shopping with some children who are part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County. Dick's Sporting Goods graciously donated gift cards for each of the kids. The officers partnered with them to build relationships and to help them pick out some cool stuff for them to play with, wear, and enjoy. We are already looking forward to next year!



On Saturday, December 18, the Arlington Police Department held a Carousel with a Cop event at The Parks Mall. Arlington residents were able to come say hello to some of Arlington's finest, meet Santa and McGruff the Crime Dog, and enjoy FREE RIDES on the carousel. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success.



Congratulations, Graduates!



On Thursday, December 16, the Arlington Citizens Police Academy held a graduation ceremony for its 2021 academy program participants. The eight-week course covered the Arlington Police Department's specialized units and various other functions. Students learned about procedural justice, crime prevention, economic crimes, and code enforcement, among other things. This training is offered as a public service to the community at no cost to participants.

Graduates are also invited to join the Arlington Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and continue their involvement as police volunteers. Congratulations, graduates!



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January 13
12 pm
Officer Craig Story
End of Watch Wreath Ceremony
1800 South Cooper St.

January 14
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Park Row Sidewalk Ribbon Cutting
200 W. Park Row Dr.
Groundbreaking for new sidewalks. The community had pedestrian safety concerns and worked hard for these new sidewalks to be installed. Great community action!

January 17
City Holiday Schedule
Most City of Arlington offices will be closed in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.