

On Call

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8th Annual Jillian Smith Gala

The life and legacy of Officer Jillian Smith, was celebrated at the 8th annual Jillian Smith Gala on October 26th. The gala was hosted by the African American Peace Officers Association of Arlington (AAPOAA) at the Mediterranean Villa in the North District.

In celebration of her legacy, AAPOAA, in partnership with Safe-Haven of Tarrant County, has created the Jillian M. Smith Safe-Living Fund to assist in providing financial assistance to survivors of domestic violence.



The Association donated \$3,000 to Safe Haven/Safe Living of Tarrant County and a scholarship to a deserving college student. Safe Haven/Safe Living have provided support to women and children affected by domestic violence in Tarrant County for over 40 years.

Thanks to all that came out and we are looking forward to next year!

Don't Bully Me!

East District officers Lieutenant Dylan Eckstrom, Sergeant Robert Robertson, and Officer Jeff Lee attended the "Don't Bully Me! Prince & Princess Ball and Stage Play" and were acknowledged for their role in making Arlington a safer place to live.

The event was hosted by Headline Mentors and Performing Arts, who mentor troubled youth through performing arts and life skills. The dinner and play were put on to support and honor students who have been victims of bullying and who stand up against bullying.

It is inspirational to see an organization like Headline Mentors standing up against bullying and teaching children and teenagers the importance of treating others the way they would like to be treated.



Trunk or Treat



Over 1,200 children participated in this year's 5th annual Trunk or Treat event on October 31 in the South District! Fortunately, the rain lightened up at the start of the event.

The opportunity to assist local families to have a safe and memorable Halloween experience, along with seeing all the happy children, is always a rewarding and gratifying experience for all the volunteers, police staff, and officers that participated.

Everyone is already looking forward to next year's Trunk or Treat to be even more spectacular.

Mark your calendars now!

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Coffee with a Cop

Bright and early on October 3rd, West District officers sat down for coffee and conversation with citizens at the Chick-fil-A on Little Rd.

Officers, including Deputy Chief Carol Riddle, Lieutenant Kris Caldwell, and Sergeants Rico Lucero and Jill Willis were at the location visiting with residents and employees.

They interacted with many residents that were visiting the restaurant and answered their questions, or just visited with them to get feedback on their perceptions of the police department and the city.

They also visited with many children at the location and passed out numerous stickers, which are always a big hit with the kids.

These types of interactions are very important and assists the department with keeping a finger on the pulse of the community, as well as allowing officers to share information with residents to clear up any misunderstandings or misperceptions.

At the next Coffee with a Cop, grab the kids and come on out as we look forward to visiting with another great crowd of Arlington residents!



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