



# On Call



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## Upcoming Town Hall Meetings with the Chief of Police



Chief of Police Al Jones has scheduled a series of town hall meetings where community members are invited to come and provide any thoughts, visions, or strategies they believe will help steer the police department into the future. The feedback from the town halls will be reviewed and included in the foundation for the department's new 7-year strategic plan. The dates, times, and locations for the public town halls are below. Please come and provide your input!

**April 4**  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
City Council Chambers  
101 W Abram St.

**April 6**  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
South Community Room  
1030 SW Green Oaks Blvd.

## South Substation Renamed for Former APD Police Chief Theron Bowman

On Monday, March 28, the City of Arlington renamed the South police substation for former police chief, Dr. Theron L. Bowman. Dr. Bowman, a Fort Worth native, attended the University of Texas at Arlington where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Biology, a Master's Degree in Public Administration, and a Ph.D. in Urban and Public Administration. He began his law enforcement career with the Arlington Police Department in 1983 and became Chief of Police in 1999. He remained Police Chief until 2013 and later served as a Deputy City Manager for the City of Arlington before his retirement.



Dr. Bowman is currently a police practices expert and President/CEO of The Bowman Group. APD is proud the City of Arlington chose to recognize our former police chief and congratulates Dr. Bowman on this great honor!

## ATM Burglar Arrested by Patrol

East Patrol Officer Caleb Elliott was dispatched to a burglary in progress of a bank ATM. A security company was watching a live feed of the offense and provided real-time descriptions as the incident unfolded. Caleb arrived and found fresh evidence of the burglary, but the suspect had already left the scene.



Officers Jared Edwards and James Mitchell also responded. Jared spotted a vehicle leaving the area and noticed the driver matched the suspect description given by the security company. A check of the license plate showed there was a possible warrant hit on the vehicle. Jared and James conducted a traffic stop and contacted the driver. The driver was found to be wearing the same clothing described by the security company and was in possession of a similar duffel bag. The officers then placed the suspect under arrest for the attempted theft of property after their investigation led them to believe they had probable cause that the detained suspect committed the offense.

### CALENDAR

**April 2**  
10 am - 2 pm  
**Community Easter Egg Hunt**  
West District Police Station  
2060 W. Green Oaks Blvd.  
*Join APD for an Easter Egg Hunt for children 12 and under. Children with disabilities are welcomed and accommodated. There will be a bike raffle, face painting, fun, and other surprises! You can register to attend the egg hunt here:*  
[bit.ly/APDWegghunt](http://bit.ly/APDWegghunt)

**April 16**  
12 pm - 3 pm  
**Easter "B'egg" Hunt**  
Beacon Recreation Center  
1100 Mansfield Webb Rd.  
*Bring your family and dogs out for music, vendors, contests, and more!*  
Fee is \$10 per dog.

**April 30**  
10 am - 2 pm  
**Arlington Police Bicycle Rodeo**  
YMCA South Arlington  
7120 S. Cooper St.  
*Join APD as we teach bicycle safety and feature free safety inspections and bicycle skills courses. You can earn your APD bicycle safety license by completing the safety course!*

*To register, contact Sgt. Michael Leonesio at [michael.leonesio@arlingtontx.gov](mailto:michael.leonesio@arlingtontx.gov) or 817-823-9350.*

**April 30**  
10 am - 2 pm  
**Spring Drug Take Back**  
*APD is hosting a prescription drug collection event at four collection sites in coordination with the US DEA's National Drug Take Back Day. Residents can participate anonymously and safely at the locations below:*  
**Walgreens:** 4400 W. Green Oaks Blvd.  
**Ott Cribbs Public Safety Center:** 620 W. Division St.  
**Trinity Park Surgery Center:** 3501 Matlock Rd.  
**South Arlington Police Service Center:** 1030 SW Green Oaks Blvd.