



# ONCALL

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## POLICE ACADEMY CLASS 62 GRADUATES



On Friday, March 3, the Arlington Police Department held a graduation ceremony for the 24 men and women of Academy Class 62. These men and women have moved into field training, where they were paired with veteran officers to help guide them through the first several months of their law enforcement careers.

While it was a very exciting day for our department and community, it was also bittersweet. In September of 2022, Class 62 tragically lost one of its members, Officer Marquis Kennedy, after he collapsed during a training exercise. We were deeply honored to have his family in attendance for the ceremony. To show their love and support, the members of Class 62 presented Officer Kennedy's family with a special portrait that they each helped paint.



We wish all the members of Class 62 the best as they move forward serving and protecting our community.

## THE ARLINGTON POLICE FOUNDATION HOSTS 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "BACK THE BLUE BASH"



On Saturday, March 4, the Arlington Police Foundation hosted its 9<sup>th</sup> annual Back the Blue Bash, celebrating 20 years of service to APD and the City of Arlington. The mission of the Arlington Police Foundation is to support and supplement the efforts of the Arlington, Texas Police Department through officer resources, youth programs, recognition of outstanding service, and scholarships. It does this by funding equipment and programs that might be unfunded by the city budget.



The Foundation also provides support and resources to APD by funding the Police Activities League (PAL) Camp, scholarships for two Hometown Recruiting graduates, and assisting in funding the Annual Awards Ceremony.



During the Back the Blue Bash, the foundation recognized former APD Police Chief Dr. Theron Bowman, Beth Troy, Rudy Martinez, and Mayor Jim Ross with the Chaplain Harold Elliott Award for being some of the founding members of the foundation. Thank you to the Police Foundation for all of your support!

## APD HOLDS PROMOTION CEREMONY

On Monday, March 6, the Arlington Police Department held a promotion ceremony for nine employees. Promotions are a proud moment in a career and congratulations are heartily sent to the promoted Sergeants and Lieutenants, and the newly appointed Assistant Director. Thank you to the friends and family that came to support our newest leaders!



### CALENDAR

**April 7**  
**Good Friday**  
**City Holiday**

**April 22**  
**10 am to 2 pm**  
**Drug Takeback**  
North- Cribbs Public Safety Center  
620 W. Division St. (North parking lot-circle drive)  
West- Walgreens  
4400 W. Green Oaks Blvd.  
South- South Police Service Center  
1030 SW. Green Oaks Blvd. (North parking lot)

**April 29**  
**11 am to 2 pm**  
**El Dia de los Ninos**  
**(Children's Day)**  
East Library and  
Recreation Center  
1817 New York Ave.