



# ONCALL

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## TWO NEW DEPUTY CHIEFS APPOINTED TO APD COMMAND STAFF

On Monday, April 17, the Arlington Police Department celebrated the appointment of two leaders who will embark on the next chapter of their careers as members of the Arlington PD Command Staff. Congratulations are heartily sent to the appointed APD Deputy Chiefs, Steve Williams and Kyrus Branch! Deputy Chief Branch will oversee our East Patrol District while Deputy Chief Williams will oversee our Technical Services Division. These are critical leadership roles, and Deputy Chiefs Williams and Branch are well-equipped to take on these responsibilities. Their dedication, passion, and expertise will be instrumental in helping us achieve our goals as an organization. Thank you to the family and friends that came to support our new leaders.



## OFFICERS REUNITE LOST BIRD WITH ITS OWNERS



On Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, APD Officers and several recruits participated in the Healthy Kids Day Bike Rodeo at the YMCA on South Cooper Street. It was a fantastic day, filled with fun and adventure, but it wasn't all play and no work for the officers. An officer was approached by a young lady named Gracie and her mom who had found a lost bird that came up to them. They were concerned about the bird since it appeared to be friendly but lost. The bird had a few ruffled feathers and was looking quite hungry. The officers at the scene quickly identified the bird as a cockatiel, due to its unique appearance.

After much discussion about what to do with the bird, the officers decided to take it to Arlington Animal Services. Officer Sandham volunteered to take the

bird. Officer Waghorne decided to check the internet to see about the bird and found a post on Pawboost for a lost cockatiel. Sure enough, they found the owner who immediately came to the event to meet the officers.

We confirmed the bird, named Beanie, was the missing bird and he is now safely at home. Beanie had been missing since March 30, 2023. Although Beanie lives in Grand Prairie, it is still unknown how he ended up in Arlington at the YMCA. It was a heartwarming and rewarding experience for all involved, and a reminder of the importance of compassion and kindness towards all creatures great and small. Thanks to everyone who helped Beanie reunite with his family!

## HELP PUT THE BRAKES ON AGGRESSIVE DRIVING AND ROAD RAGE

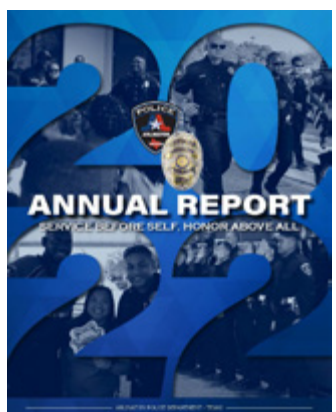
Road rage is becoming an increasing problem and the Arlington Police Department is working diligently to make our roads safer. APD takes road rage very seriously and the Traffic Section is taking efforts to combat this issue. These efforts include:



- A road rage hotline. This hotline has fielded more than 105 calls and more than 90 letters of notification have been mailed.
- Weekly team enforcements with all the traffic units where data is used to target specific high crash locations or citizen complaints.
- Using a subdued graphic patrol vehicle to work the major highways looking for aggressive drivers. The car allows officers to blend in with normal traffic.
- Partnering with Tarrant County District Attorney's Office to arrest aggressive drivers.
- Conducting education efforts on traffic safety which includes DWI, seatbelt usage, and aggressive driving.
- A BRAND NEW online report system via the Arlington PD website. Click [here](#), then select the option that says "Submit a Road Rage / Aggressive Driving Report Online." Once you fill out and submit the report, we'll take the same steps that we do with the hotline and work to encourage the aggressive driver to change their driving habits

We want to stress the hotline and online reporting option are for NON-EMERGENCIES only. If you find yourself or someone else in danger on our roadways, you should ALWAYS call 911. If you witness aggressive driving or a non-emergency road rage incident, please get the license plate of the vehicle when it's safe to do so and call the APD Road Rage Hotline at 817-459-5389 or file an online report. You should provide, if possible, the license plate number, a description of where you witnessed the aggressive driver, and what behaviors were observed. APD will then attempt to identify the registered owner of that vehicle and directly notify them of the dangerous behavior. Help us keep our roads safe!

## APD ANNUAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABE ONLINE



The Department's 2022 Annual Report and Annual Use of Force Report are now available to view online. The annual report provides community members and stakeholders with an engaging, comprehensive look at city crime statistics, new department initiatives, and department achievements during the most recent calendar year. The Use of Force Report provides details related to how APD reports and tracks use of force by police employees.

Click [here](#) to view the 2022 Annual Report.

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### CALENDAR

<b>May 4</b> 9 am <b>APD Annual Memorial Service</b> Heroes Park 2100 W. Green Oaks Blvd.	<b>May 10</b> 6 to 8:30 pm <b>Dog Walker Watch Class</b> 2001 New York Ave.	<b>May 26</b> 9 to 11 am <b>Coffee with a Cop</b> McDonald's 611 W. Abram St.	<b>May 29</b> <b>Memorial Day City Holiday</b>
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