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APD LAUNCHES NEW CONNECT ARLINGTON CAMERA SHARING PROGRAM



The Arlington Police Department has officially launched “Connect Arlington,” a first-of-its-kind public safety initiative in North Texas that uses technology to empower city residents and businesses to partner with their police department and combat crime.

Connect Arlington allows residents and businesses with surveillance systems to either register or integrate their cameras with APD’s Real Time Crime Center (RTCC).

Registration is a **FREE** option that is recommended for residents. When an incident occurs, RTCC can instantly identify which nearby addresses have registered surveillance cameras that may have captured footage relevant to the investigation – and quickly get in contact with the camera owner about accessing that footage. It also gives participants the ability to upload surveillance footage directly to the department.

Registration **DOES NOT** give the department live or unfiltered access to residential cameras.

“I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again – crime is not just a policing issue,” said Chief of Police Al Jones. “It’s a community issue. We need the community’s help and support to address crime in our city. One of the most impactful ways our residents and businesses can do that is by providing us with quick access to surveillance footage when an incident occurs.”



Interested residents and businesses can learn more about the program and sign up by visiting the [APD website](#) or scanning the QR Code.

NEW APD COP SHOP OPENS IN SOUTHWEST ARLINGTON



On January 18, the Arlington Police Department and city leaders celebrated the opening of a brand new storefront – or “Cop Shop” – in the southwest part of the city.

City Council approved funding for the satellite office, which is located at 5100 West Sublett Road, during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget cycle.

The purpose of the Cop Shop is to establish a more visible police presence in a growing section of Arlington and to give officers who patrol the area a space where they can work and complete reports without having to travel all the

way back to the South District Station. The department also plans to use the space to host meetings with community members and stakeholders in the area.

“Community members in the southwest part of our city made it clear they wanted a greater police presence in their neighborhoods and we listened,” said Chief of Police Al Jones. “This new Cop Shop will give the officers who patrol that area greater flexibility to spend more time there.”

Although the Cop Shop will be accessible to patrol officers 24/7, it will not be staffed to conduct public business. Members of the public seeking in-person assistance should still go to the lobby of our Main Station, 620 W. Division St., or one of our three substations around the city.

CALENDAR

February 14

12 pm

Valentine's Day Event

The Village at Johnson Creek Apartment Homes
815 Senior Creek Drive

February 28

9 am

Coffee with a Cop

ShIPLEY Donuts
2140 E. Pioneer Pkwy.

February 19

City Holiday Schedule

Most City of Arlington offices will be closed in recognition of President's Day.