

On Call

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Serving His Hometown

Arlington native Trevor Meads has returned to his hometown to become an Arlington Police Department officer. Trevor, who attended the inaugural Hometown Recruiting (HTR) Program Class #1 in 2015, will also be the first HTR graduate to attend the APD Training Academy of Class #57.

Throughout Trevor's education at Arlington ISD, he was involved in choir and sports, including wrestling. During his senior year, Trevor decided to stop wrestling and join the then new Hometown Recruiting Program, where he learned the history of policing and about the job of being a police officer. He credits his father, who was a Deputy Sheriff for Tarrant County, with first sparking his interest in law enforcement.

After high school graduation, Trevor attended Southern Nazarene University (SNU) in Oklahoma. While there, he joined the SNU Safety and Security Department where he operated surveillance cameras, answered the dispatch phone and relayed information to security. He also worked security for special events on campus.

Now that Trevor has graduated with his degree from SNU in Exercise



Science, he's coming back to serve his hometown.

The Hometown Recruiting Program is a result of the cooperative efforts between the Arlington Police Department, Arlington Independent School District and the University of Texas at Arlington. High school students considering a career in law enforcement can earn credit toward a criminal justice degree and participate in early police training. APD Officer Kemp coordinates and instructs the academy at AISD Dan Dipert Career and Technical Center along with several APD

Officers that volunteer to assist with the program. The program gives high school students opportunities to learn, interact, and study day-to-day activities of a police officer. Upon successful completion of the program and after obtaining a bachelor's degree students are guaranteed an interview with APD.

"Hometown Recruiting is one of the many ways we form relationships and hire our homegrown AISD students for a noble career with APD." said Police Chief Will Johnson.

[Click here to see more of Trevor's story.](#)

Hometown Recruiting

Are you, or someone you know, interested in learning more about the program?

[Click here to learn more about the Hometown Recruiting Program.](#)



Above and Beyond

East Foot Patrol Officers conducted a welfare check on a resident, James Peterson. Mr. Peterson was living in a home without air conditioning. He explained that he has been in contact with Housing Authority, as well as HUD, in an effort to resolve his AC situation. It appeared the compressor was not working on his central unit, so it was beyond the scope of the officers' abilities to repair the existing system.

They reached out to Stephanie Gillespie at Mission Arlington, who was able to find a donated window unit at the Mission and gladly donated the it. The team installed it in his living room to remain compliant with code regulations, which enables him to keep his central area at a comfortable temperature.

Peterson was extremely grateful for the intervention, as he has been living without his AC for a while. The unit was installed as a temporary resolution while AHA and HUD explore other potential solutions.



Slow Down, Watch For Students Headed Back to School



Slow down and be extra careful beginning next week. Arlington students will be headed back to school on Monday, August 19.

Did you know state law requires approaching drivers to stop when a school bus is stopped and operating red flashing lights or a stop sign? Drivers should not proceed until the bus resumes motion, the driver is signaled by the bus driver to proceed or the visual signals are no longer activated.

A driver does not have to stop for a school bus if it is on a highway with roadways separated by and intervening space or physical barrier. If a highway is divided only by a left-turn lane, the roadways are not separated and drivers must stop for school buses.

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National Night Out

The National Night Out Kickoff was held at the George W. Hawkes Downtown Library on Saturday, July 27 with music, games, and raffles, and important information about community resources.

National Night Out is set for Tuesday, October 1 this year.

The City of Arlington is currently ranked No. 1 for National Night Out participation by communities with a population of 300,000 or more. Last year, more than 210 neighborhoods held NNO parties across the city.

National Night Out promotes crime prevention, police-community partnership and neighborhood camaraderie. It encourages people to turn on their porch lights, step outside, and get to know their neighbors at small block parties. Law enforcement agencies stop by the parties to offer public safety tips and ways to stay connected to their local police departments.

[Click here to register your neighborhood for National Night Out.](#)



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BMV Report Cards

The East District was busy this summer proactively conducting burglary of motor vehicle report card details to help prevent vehicle burglaries in multiple apartment complexes.

Each detail consisted of five to ten volunteers from the Arlington Hispanic Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (AHCPAAA), who were all eager to assist. Over one thousand vehicles were inspected and had BMV report cards placed on them.

Many residents wanted to know why their vehicles were being inspected. After the purpose of the BMV report cards were explained to them, they were very happy that there was police presence in their neighborhoods and that the department was being proactive in making sure that their neighborhoods were safer.

The awareness that the BMV report cards give can help change the way residents think when they leave their vehicles.

Hide, Lock, and Take!



Meet a Super Hero



Arlington Police Officers were honored to participate in Meet a Super Hero day at the Oakridge school on Thursday, June 25. Officers, including Deputy Chief Carol Riddle, brought out lots of equipment for the kids to see and learn more about.

Students explored a department Tahoe and asked questions about the different police equipment inside. They also had the opportunity to speak with a member of the SWAT team. One of the most popular items was a World War II era jeep that one of the officers had restored to original condition.

