

# On Call

A community news publication of the Arlington, Texas Police Department



## Amber Hagerman 25th Anniversary

On January 13, 1996 officers responded to a kidnapping call in the 1600 blk. of E. Abram Street. Sadness struck Arlington four days later when Amber Hagerman's body was found in a drainage culvert near the 2900 block of Forest Hollow Lane. Many officers still work here who responded that fateful day to the store parking lot and the stormy night when she was found.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Amber Hagerman case, the Arlington Police Department and members of Amber's family held a news conference to make a renewed plea to the community for information on her abduction.

The department also announced that it plans to submit pieces of physical evidence for additional testing later this year, in hopes that brand new advances in technology can help produce a DNA profile.

If you have any information about Amber's abduction, no matter how small or miniscule you think it may be, PLEASE call the new tip line dedicated to this case.

The number is (817) 575-8823..



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## Welcome Chief of Police Al Jones



The Arlington Police Department welcomes Chief of Police Al Jones. He began his law enforcement career in 1995 as a Baltimore County Police Department police officer and steadily rose through the ranks of the 18th largest law enforcement agency in the nation. Since 2018, Jones has overseen management of the Community Relations Bureau, focused on building trust within communities throughout the county while diversifying the agency to better mirror the communities it serves.

Jones said he is greatly looking forward to getting to know residents and officers personally, adding that he appreciates the community's participation in the robust selection process. In addition to taking a data-driven approach to respond to and find efficient, effective solutions for the city's needs, Jones said he believes building relationships between police officers and neighborhoods, businesses and other stakeholders is critical to creating a place where people want to live, work, learn and play.

"Officers can't be everywhere, which is why it is vitally important for the community to be engaged and help serve as our eyes and ears. Neighborhood involvement with the police department creates not only a safer community, but a stronger community," Jones said.

## Geographic Policing

It's not unusual to see uniformed police officers at the scene of a crime, at a crash site, or in marked cars patrolling the streets.

You might be more surprised to find them at a city park cooking breakfast and serving it to a group of homeless citizens.

But in the minds of Arlington PD's East Foot Patrol Unit, not only is that not out of the ordinary, it's a critical piece of their job.

To help build trust and support within the neighborhoods they serve -- and to challenge people's notions of what policing looks like -- they plan and carry out a community service project each month. They call it their "Mission of the Month."

In this edition of "Inside APD," learn more about this ongoing effort.



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