

# On Call

A community news publication of the Arlington, Texas Police Department

## Arlington Police Celebrates Volunteers

Arlington Police honored volunteers at its annual Volunteer Awards Breakfast for their hard work and dedication. Police Chief Will Johnson spoke on the impact these volunteers make in our community and how valuable their donation of time is to the department.

Before the awards, officers and members of APD served breakfast to the volunteers as a way to say “thank you” for giving their time and services to the residents of Arlington.

In 2018, volunteers logged 33,181 hours of service in various capacities assisting the department, an increase of 4,000 hours over 2017.

The department awarded several volunteers with awards for their service in 2018:



### Award Winners

- East District – Garrett Hiller
- North District – Hugh Ward
- South District – Patricia (Patti) Noe
- West District – William Leach
- Community Support – Jim Colley
- Central Investigations – Dottie Johnson
- Management Services – Stephen Fashoro
- Operations Support – Philip Livers
- Technical Services – Gayle Hatala

## Hot Dogs for a Cause

On Memorial Day weekend, the Arlington Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (ACPAAA) held their annual Fry's Electronics hot dog fundraiser.

Fry's provided everything to the ACPAAA as a donation, from basic items such as hot dogs, buns, and drinks, to other needed items like an ice trailer, grills, refrigerators - even mustard and relish.

It's an opportunity for dozens of ACPAAA volunteers to spend time with the community for a good cause and to educate people about their mission to assist the police department. It is also an opportunity to recruit for future Citizen Police Academy classes and encourage community members to become a volunteer with the city.



## A Family of Service and Sacrifice



Just before Memorial Day, several Arlington Police Department and Fire Department employees, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps, stopped by to thank Phyllis McGeath, a recent APD intern and current volunteer, for her family's service.



Phyllis has six sons. In 2012, she lost her oldest son to combat in service with the U.S.M.C., and four of her sons are currently serving our country with the Marines. Her youngest, who will enlist immediately after graduating from high school, will continue the family tradition.

## Hispanic Citizen Police Academy Graduation

Congratulations to Classes #41 and #42 who graduated from the Hispanic Citizen Police Academy (HCPA) on May 22.

The HCPA is a program for Spanish-speaking residents who want to learn more about and build relationships with the Arlington Police Department. During the spring 2019 session, seven residents went through the eleven-week class and four attended the two-day class. They learned about crime prevention, economic crimes, the mounted unit, K-9 unit, victim services, 9-1-1 communications, and the many other units that make up APD.



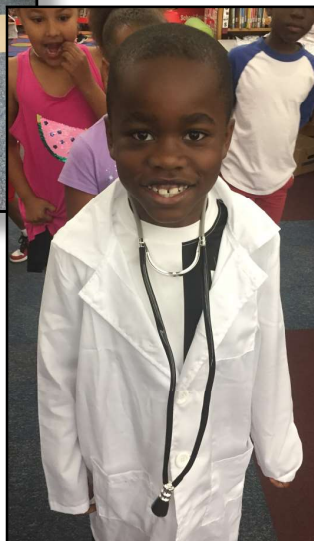
Chief Johnson addressed the class at their graduation, telling them the importance of their roles in the community.

Claudia Monreal Torres from Class #41 spoke on behalf of the two classes, touching on the importance of the relationships and knowledge that came with meeting and learning from each of the instructors. The Arlington Hispanic Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association was recognized for their assistance throughout the spring HCPA classes.

We look forward to the graduates continuing to interact and volunteer with the department and encouraging others to attend future HCPA classes.

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## School Career Day at Arlington ISD



Officer Kimberley Fretwell visited two Arlington ISD schools in May for their career days. Her first stop was Webb Elementary, where she talked to the kindergarten students about making good choices and gave them safety tips on how to have a safe summer. She then spoke with 6th graders about police work and how their decisions now will help them become whatever they desire and be successful. Also, another presenter was a female American Airlines pilot who told the students about her job.

Officer Fretwell's next stop was Ellis Elementary, where the students were allowed to dress up as what they wanted to be when they grow up. They came dressed as a police woman, doctor, teacher and military soldier, to name a few. The Arlington Fire Department also demonstrated their bunker gear for the students and told them about firefighting and fire safety.

## Take 25

The Arlington Police Department partnered with the Arlington Independent School district for the annual Take 25 event in May. This year, the event was at Swift Elementary in the West District. Police Chief Will Johnson and AISD Superintendent Dr. Cavazos come out to speak to the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders about ways that they can stay safe over the summer and into the future.

Take 25 is a preventive child safety campaign created by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) in honor of National Missing Children's Day. Annually honored on May 25th, this day serves as a reminder to the nation to make child safety a national priority. The goal of Take 25 is to heighten awareness about children's safety issues, with a focus on prevention. The campaign encourages parents, guardians, and other trusted-adult role models to spend time talking to kids and teaching them ways to be safer.

First proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan in 1983, the day serves as an annual reminder to the nation to renew efforts to reunite missing children with their families, remember those who are still missing, and make child protection a national priority. It's a time of reflection and renewed hope for millions of families in communities across the country. Parents can go to [www.kidsmartz.org](http://www.kidsmartz.org) for more information, including conversation starters and activities that will help them communicate with their children, no matter their age.



### Safety Tips

- Make sure your children know their full name, address and telephone number.
- Remind your children that it is OK to say NO to anything that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused, and teach your child to tell you if anything or anyone makes them feel this way.
- Remind your children not to walk or play alone outside.
- Teach your children how to locate help at theme parks, sports stadiums, shopping malls, and other public places. Also, identify those people who they can ask for help, such as uniformed law enforcement, security guards and store clerks with nametags.
- Make sure your children know how to reach you at work or on your cell phone.
- Practice "what if" situations and ask your children how they would respond. "What if you fell off your bike and you needed help? Who would you ask?"

