

On Call Inside the Blue



A community news publication of the Arlington Police Department

What's Going On ...

School is out! The Arlington Police Department reminds motorists to slow down in neighborhoods and near parks where children are playing and riding bikes. **The speed limit is 30 mph.** Avoid distractions inside the vehicle. Be alert and observant at all times!

The All-City Community Watch Coordinators Meeting is **6 p.m. June 5** at the East Police Service Center.

The General Meeting of the Citizens Police Academy is **7 p.m. June 14** at the West Police Service Center.

The Oak Haven Community Watch will meet **June 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

Just in time for summer, Police Athletic League camps for youth begin **June 18.**

Congratulations to the 12 new graduates of the **Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership (ACAPP).**

When you get your child's photo and fingerprint digitally recorded, you will enable law enforcement agencies anywhere in the world to instantly aid in an investigation should your child ever be reported missing. To learn more about Child ID kit, call 817-459-5725.

www.ArlingtonPD.org

Arlington Police Department Welcomes Its Newest K-9 Recruit

Police and military agencies around the world have used canines in law enforcement for centuries. The Arlington Police Department has enjoyed a long history of success with its own team of highly-trained police service dogs, commonly known as the K-9 Unit.

With the help of the **Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, the Arlington Police Foundation and Hispanic Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association,** nearly \$13,000 was raised in 2011 for a new APD K-9 recruit.

In March, an 18-month-old Belgian Malinois arrived from a kennel in San Antonio as an import from Europe. The APD family has named him Finn. Today, he is growing stronger. Sergeant Brett McDonnell says Finn has the right combination of strength, drive, and temperament. He is being trained to assist with officer safety and to be an extension of his handler.

"Finn is an important law enforcement tool. He can help search for violent offenders, armed suspects and he'll be cross-trained in narcotics detection," Sgt. McDonnell said.

The Belgian Malinois is a popular breed among police working dogs. Officer Bobby Muguerza is dedicated to ensuring the highest degree of proficiency as his handler. Depending on health, the lifespan of a k-9 can be about six years, the officer said. Many law enforcement agencies outfit the k-9 with ballistic vests and some have made service dogs sworn officers with their own badge and ID number. When a police dog is killed in the



Finn in training with his handler, Officer Bobby Muguerza

line of duty, agencies have even honored their sacrifice with a full police burial. When Oscar retired in 2011, the Arlington Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association made him an honorary member.

In Arlington, the K-9 Unit is essential to protecting our community. They are valued members of the APD family!

Arlington K-9 Proficiency

90

Average number of searches for suspects and missing/lost persons over a 3-yr period

46

Number of violent suspects apprehended during the past five years.

On Call in the North District

Clergy Leaders Talk Community Engagement and Youth at North Arlington Meeting

On May 14, an important discussion took place in the Board Room of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. Twenty clergy leaders joined Interim Deputy City Manager Theron Bowman for a roundtable discussion about community engagement and youth!

Participants talked about opportunities to open their places of worship to youth and how to get more of them involved in making a positive impact in their communities.

To address local transportation needs, participants talked about how church vans can be deployed to serve neighborhoods and how gymnasiums can be opened to youth for recreational activities. Many of these vehicles are parked on church parking lots six and half days a week, and the gyms are not being fully utilized on most week days.

Pastor Renee Hornbuckle of the Agape Christian Fellowship Church is a board member of the Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership (ACAPP). She spoke about the importance of moving from "behind the four walls" to address community needs. During this discussion, participants agreed that more can be accomplished. ACAPP

shares this belief: **The success of a place of worship is not determined solely by the number of members or the amount of money collected.**



Success is measured by the health of the community within a one to two mile radius of the place of worship. Clergy leaders were encouraged to get to know the neighborhoods around their places of worship by participating in activities such as night walks.

Many of the clergy leaders gathered for this discussion already have great community projects going on with our youth. All were encouraged by the opportunity to do more. One participant stated: *"this just confirms what has been on my heart. Now, it's time to get into action."* A special thanks to all who shared invaluable insight. If you would like more information about ACAPP, please contact me.



Each month in On Call, watch for more public safety highlights from the North District. Contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Kimberly Fretwell at 817-459-5589 or Kim.Fretwell@Arlingtontx.gov.

On Call in the South District

In the South District Spotlight: James Bowie High School



While all Arlington schools are exemplary places for our youth to learn and grow, it is my pleasure to put a South District Spotlight on James Bowie High School!

James Bowie High School dates back in history to 1973. It was remodeled and reopened in 1991 in south Arlington at 2101 Highbank Drive.

Their vision statement is as follows: ***"At James Bowie High School, we promote and honor academic excellence and emphasize success and responsibility in order to produce positive contributors to society."***

This statement has truly been fulfilled this year. James Bowie High School has earned high ratings in all

categories of academics. They have excelled in sports and have a very active student body of community volunteers, clubs and organizations dedicated to service. From the track team and UIL Choir to the Thespian Club, band and all who have worked hard this year to achieve success, congratulations for representing Arlington and James Bowie High School in a positive light.

As officers, one of the biggest things we emphasize in addition to academics, athletics and community service is safety. Bowie High School Principle Michelle Wilmoth-Senato, her assistant principals and all of the professional staff have worked very

closely and diligently with the Arlington Police Department to ensure the safety of all students and their families. Thank you!

Congratulations to the entire James Bowie High School family!

We look forward to even greater success in the next school year.



New crime prevention highlights every month from the South District! Contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Jakisha Jones at 817-459-6468 or Jakisha.Jones@Arlingtontx.gov.

On Call in the **East District**

Know What to Do If You're Ever Approached by an Armed Robbery Suspect

While you're out and about with family and friends this summer, there are a few tips you should keep in mind to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a crime – regardless of where you may travel. Share this information with your family and friends. While the risks are relatively low, always keep safety in mind and be aware of your surroundings!



Know What to Do

- If confronted by a robbery suspect, you should cooperate and try to remain calm.
- Be as alert and observant as possible;
- Follow the robber's directions, but do not volunteer more than he asks for;
- Do not make any sudden movements;
- Be attentive and make mental notes, which may be of help in identifying the robber.

Remember Details

- Take a good look at the robber, watching for traits that will help you in describing the suspect.
- Remember clothing type, style, and color.
- Note size, and color of weapon if used.
- Get a good look at any vehicle used in the robbery and write down a license plate, noticeable damage on the vehicle, and direction of travel.

Deter Crime; Keep Safety in Mind!

- Always be aware of your surroundings. Walk with a purpose and appear self-confident;
- Avoid parking between two larger vehicles where suspects can easily hide;
- If walking alone, pay attention to who is around you;
- Have your keys ready. Do not fumble around looking for them at the last minute;
- Avoid carrying lots of bags or a large purse.
- Never carry large amounts of cash.



Watch for a new crime prevention highlight each month from the East District. Contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Faviola Delgado at 817-459-5817 or e-mail Faviola.Delgado@Arlingtontx.gov.

On Call in the **West District**

Keep the Dialogue About Child Safety Going This Summer - It Takes Only 25 Minutes!

For the past 29 years, May 25 has been observed as National Missing Children's Day. It is a day to remember those who are still missing, but most importantly it is a time to make child protection a national priority.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, approximately 58,200 children are abducted by non-family members each year. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Take 25 Campaign was developed to raise public awareness of the issues surrounding missing and exploited children.

The program encourages parents to take 25 minutes to talk to their children about safety. With a focus on prevention, Take 25 provides free resources including safety tips, conversation starters, and engaging activities that can be used anytime, anywhere. The goal is to promote an ongoing dialogue between, children, families, and communities about child safety.

As our children grow older, it is quite natural for them to become more independent and desire to explore life and socialize with far less family supervision. Taking the time to teach safety concepts they can use their entire life could help to reduce the potential risks they may encounter.

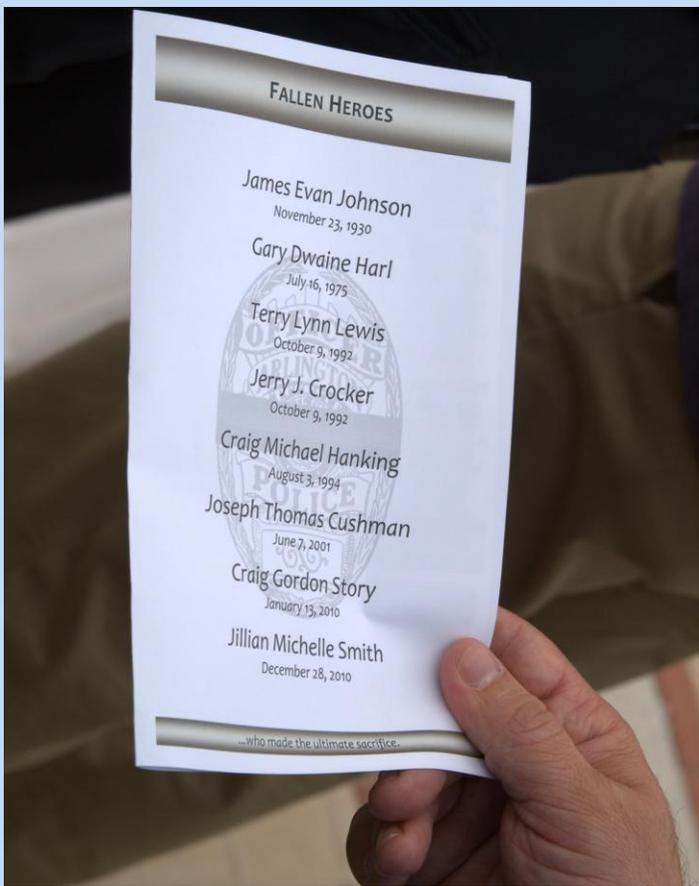
The Arlington Police Department is asking each of you to accept the responsibility to help reinforce the importance of child safety. This summer, initiate that important dialogue with your child. It takes only 25 minutes. Visit www.take25.org for conversation starters or contact me for assistance.



Everyone's Talking! On May 25, Acting Police Chief Will Johnson and AISD Superintendent Jerry McCullough engaged students in discussions about safety at Anderson Elementary School.

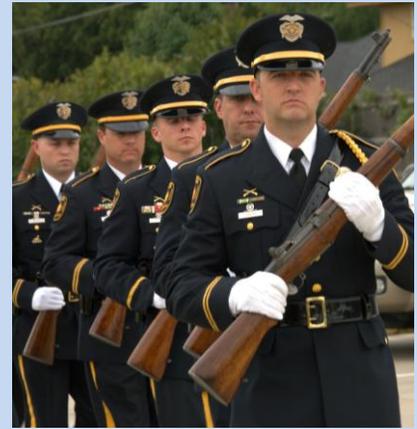


Each month, more Crime Prevention highlights from the West District. Contact APD Crime Prevention Officer Doug Glotfelty at 817-459-6072 or Doug.Glotfelty@Arlingtontx.gov.



Memorial Photos Courtesy of Lt. Tracie Baker

Arlington Remembers Fallen Officers During National Police Memorial Week



During the Arlington Police Department's more than 100-year history, eight police officers have made the ultimate sacrifice and lost their lives in the line of duty. As part of **National Police Week**, the Arlington community came together on May 10, to honor the memory of these officers during a celebration at **Heroes Park**. The ceremony included a presentation of colors by the Arlington Police Honor Guard, a mayoral proclamation, 21-gun salute, and the official Roll Call of Honor. *Gone, but never forgotten!* Visit www.ArlingtonPD.org and click on Memorial.

APD ... Making a Positive Impact in Our Schools and Community



The Arlington Police Department joined area employers and more than 2,000 students at the Sam Houston High School Career Fair on April 12. **Officers Bryan Graham, Ryan Eastlick and Faviola Delgado** spoke with students with career interests in law enforcement. They encouraged students to obey laws and continue to pursue educational goals. Also pictured: **Sgt. Vincent Pewitt** from the **APD Community Support Bureau**.



In preparation for Mother's Day, **Foot Patrol Officers** from the **East District** spent an afternoon with about 15 youths who reside in the Los Lomas Apartments. While some of the youth enjoyed a tour of the East Police Station, others worked on Mother's Day greeting cards and created necklaces for their moms. Officers spoke with youth about safety and shared positive words of encouragement.

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