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One Congregation + One Precinct = OneCOP



The Arlington Police Department has always recognized that faith-based organizations play a vital role in building strong, safe communities. Last month APD launched a new program called "One Congregation, One Precinct," or "OneCOP" for short. In it, officers will be paired with participating organizations to promote public safety and build trust between law enforcement and members of the various communities in hopes of strengthening those bonds.

On Monday, May 16, APD hosted police scenario trainings where several members of the Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership (A.C.A.P.P.) and some Arlington City Council members took turns acting as officers in the scenarios. Thanks to members of APD's Community Engagement Unit, Training, Patrol, Traffic, and SWAT who helped build, coordinate the scenarios, and evaluate the participants' actions. Each of those who participated said they learned a great deal from the training and better realized what officers encounter every day.

APD looks forward to maximizing its participation in this new program and how it will connect us to the community in an even stronger way. For more info, please visit <u>https://onecop.net/</u>.

Citizens Police Academies Hold Graduations



On Wednesday, May 11 and Thursday, May 19 the Hispanic Citizens Police Academy and the Arlington Citizens Police Academy held graduation ceremonies for their academy programs' participants. The eight-week courses covered the Arlington Police Department's specialized units and various other functions. Students learned about procedural justice, crime prevention, economic crimes, and code enforcement, among other things. This training is offered as a public service to the community at no cost to participants.

Participating community members took time out of their lives each week to learn about policing and how to better protect their property and enhance overall safety. Congratulations, graduates! We appreciate their interest and spirit of volunteerism. If you're interested in becoming a member of one of these academies, contact APD's Crime Prevention Unit at 817-459-5726.

APD Recruiting Initiative

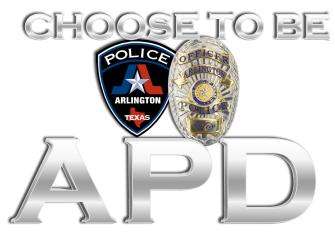
The Arlington Police Department has launched a recruiting initiative as an endeavor to hire highly qualified applicants to become police officers for the City of Arlington. The initiative, called "Choose To Be APD" is a multi-dimensional effort that encompasses video elements (view our <u>YouTube</u> <u>Channel</u>), electronic postings on social media (view our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> pages), and printed materials in police facilities.

The Arlington Police Basic Academy, which is a 32 week program consisting of a curriculum of approximately 1,280 hours of instruction, is challenging....but extremely useful in molding high quality officers. If you know anyone that you believe would make a great police officer, please send them our way! The eligibility requirements and application can be found <u>here</u>.



June 18 10 am - 2 pm MLK Day of Service Festival City Center Plaza 101 S. Center St.

June 20 Juneteenth - City Holiday





One Patch, One Department, One City