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CORPORAL DICK HILL RETIRES FROM THE ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT AFTER 51 YEARS OF SERVICE



In December 2025, after 51 YEARS OF SERVICE to the Arlington community, Corporal Dick Hill, lovingly known by many as "Motorcycle Mike", officially retired.

As a student and athlete at the University of Texas at Arlington, Cpl. Hill developed a deep connection with the American Dream City. Although his talents initially took him to the NFL where he played for the Chicago Bears and Philadelphia Eagles, he ultimately came back to Arlington and was hired as an APD officer in 1974. After a short stint on Patrol, he had the opportunity to join the department's Motorcycle Unit. And the rest is history!

Throughout his APD career, Cpl. Hill has had the opportunity to provide escorts to rockstars and U.S. Presidents, has twice led home plate to the new homes of the Texas Rangers, and has served as the Grand Marshal for the Arlington Independence Day Parade. Not one to bask in his accolades, he says among his proudest achievements is becoming a Corporal (a training officer) and helping to develop APD officers. In recognition of his service, the Arlington City Council proclaimed September 8, 2024 as "Corporal Dick Hill Day" in the City of Arlington. That same afternoon, the Rangers invited Cpl. Hill to throw out a ceremonial first pitch to his son, Arlington Firefighter Cody Hill, ahead of their game. In 2025, he was recognized by Gov Abbott as Officer of the Year.

Corporal Hill says what he cherishes most of all are the people he worked with and the community members he had the privilege of impacting throughout his career (and there's A LOT of them! It's estimated that he made more than 75,000 traffic stops during his career!)

THANK YOU for your service and CONGRATS on your well-deserved retirement Corporal Hill!!!



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| EVENTS CALENDAR | <p>January 8 Coffee with a Cop 8 am - 10 am Karibu Coffee Cafe 2522 W. Park Row.</p> | <p>January 16 - 19 MLK Advancing the Dream Celebration <i>The City of Arlington's four-day event in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.</i> Find all the details here: https://bit.ly/4bbjb52</p> |
| | <p>January 13 Officer Craig Story End of Watch Wreath Ceremony 11 am S. Cooper St./Lynda Ln.</p> | <p>January 19 City Holiday Schedule <i>Most City of Arlington offices will be closed in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.</i></p> |
| | <p>January 17 Friends and Family Event 2 pm - 3:30 pm 400 E. Division St.</p> | <p>January 26 Coffee with Cops Town Hall 2 pm - 3 pm Elements at Viridian 4811 Cypress Thorn Dr.</p> |

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