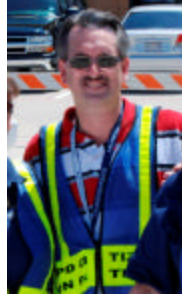




Valley Springs C.O.P. coordinator assists in identifying potential residential burglary suspect.



After receiving the suspect vehicle description of a possible residential burglar, APD Officer Mike Smith immediately reached out to one of his best patrol assets, Valley Springs C.O.P. coordinator Steve Messina. Within 15 minutes of providing Messina with the suspect's information, Messina located the vehicle within his patrol boundaries and called 911 to report the vehicle's location. Officer Smith and assisting officers conducted multiple follow-up investigations at the location and were eventually able to contact a resident who was subsequently arrested for multiple misdemeanor Arlington warrants (totaling \$1059.00) and Possession of Marijuana. The arrestee was able to provide officers with the identification of the owner of the vehicle and other evidence was collected that may be able to assist detectives with their residential burglary cases.

Responding to calls-for-service limits a patrol officer's proactive ability to spend the necessary time required to look for suspects, suspect vehicles and conduct thorough follow-up investigations in the field. This is where the Citizens on Patrol program benefits the department and the community by serving as an extra set of eyes and ears. When patrol officers are familiar with the citizens in their neighborhoods who are willing to serve, the partnership is likely to yield positive results. Valley Springs C.O.P. continues to model the type of community-police partnership that is necessary for fulfilling our goal of achieving safer neighborhoods in Arlington.