



UPCOMING EVENTS:

All meet monthly in the Community Room at the East Police Service Center, 2001 New York Ave.

- **East Arlington Renewal**, 1st Thursday, 7:30-9pm (no meetings in January or July)
- **Plaza Heights Citizens On Patrol**, 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Lights Parade

Saturday, December 6
Starts at 6:00 pm
www.arlingtonparadeoflights.com

Now Available **2009 Animal Services Calendar**

Looking for the purr-fect holiday gift for an animal lover? The 2009 Animal Services calendar features DeVille and Barney on the front cover and offers month after month of enjoyment all year.

Calendars are \$10 each and are available at the Arlington Animal Shelter and other fine locations. For information: www.arlingtontx.gov/animals

MEETING FYI

C.O.P. Orientation
December 2, 6-9 pm
December 9, 6-9 pm
East District Community Room

NUMBERS TO KNOW

East District:
(817) 459-5802
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(817) 459-5726
www.arlingtonpd.org

Message from Deputy Chief Hines



East District
Deputy Chief
Barry Hines

October nights turned out to be truly perfect. We had a record year for National Night Out with 19 block parties in the East Police District alone. Of course, none of that could have happened without the hard work and hours of preparation by you the citizens of Arlington. One of the biggest events was at Berry Elementary School, where our community partners helped us host an event that reached out to over 250 area residents. I want to especially thank Dr. Kathy Link, the principle at Berry, for allowing us to use her school and Marsha Tucker, the principle of Roark Elementary, for allowing the school's folklorico dance group to perform at the event. I know that next year we will have even more celebrations!

Speaking of celebrations, as we approach the holidays we should all celebrate and be thankful for what we have received during the year. The East Police District is no exception. During this year, we have been making improvements to the East Police District. Those improvements include some remodeling of the building, which allowed us to turn some wasted space into a needed conference room for our Geographic Investigation Unit. We are constantly looking for ways to improve our facility by re-purposing our work areas and equipment to keep you and our officers proud of our building. To help with that we have been the beneficiary of all most \$7,500 dollars of grant money, which we were able to use to make technology and equipment purchases.

The funds were used to improve our patrol briefing room, our conference room and most of all our community room. These changes will allow use to provide better, faster and clearer information during briefings and meetings. In addition to all of that, we were able to purchase new digital cameras for every supervisor, which will make it much faster for us to respond to calls where photos are needed. But we did not stop there we purchased an awning and chairs for our mini-mobile command post vehicle, which will come in useful on long incidents, where shade or cover from rain is essential. And all of these purchases were made with grants funds, so no local money was spent to make these purchases.

We have also benefited from a one-time grant from Project Safe Neighborhood, which allowed us to put over 1000 extra patrol hours on the street to address guns, gangs and drugs. This has resulted in a significant number of arrests and removed many dangerous criminals from our streets. As a result, crime is down 14% in the East Police District year to date. And I can't wait to see what next year brings. But for now have a safe and happy holidays and check out Lt. Mike Hollier's column on how to shop safely.

Have a Safe Holiday Shopping Season!



Sector H — Lt. Mike Hollier

The Gift of Flannel

Although many of us have dreams of snow and sleigh bells, Christmas in Texas is more often spent with family members debating on whether to turn on the heater or air conditioner. Yes, I admit there was even one year when I lit a fire and opened the windows! You laugh but I know I'm not the only one. Regardless of the degree, the cooler weather also means that the stores will soon be packed with people looking for the perfect gifts. Please remember that this is also a busy time for criminals looking for unaware victims among the throngs of holiday shoppers. With that in mind, here is a gift idea that can actually help keep you safe during the shopping rush. Think FLANNEL! Here is what I mean:



Lt. Hollier

- Shop in Force! You are safer in groups, especially after dark.
- Shop with Lights! Park in well lit areas even if it is a little farther from the store. Avoid dimly lit shopping areas.
- Shop Aware! Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you.
- Shop with Necessities! Leave non-essential credit cards, cash and personal papers at home.
- Shop Now! Get an early jump on things and take your time. We are more likely to be careless when we are in a hurry during the last minute rush.
- Shop Equipped! Be equipped with a plan in case you become separated from your children. Teach them what to do and designate a meeting place.
- Shop Locked! Keep your car locked even if you are just “running in and running out.” Keep packages hidden out of sight and in the trunk.

Ok, I realize that flannel will not be making a fashion comeback in the near future. Your call as to whether that is actually good or bad. Still, our gift to you is more in the message. On behalf of the Arlington Police Department, have a safe and Merry Christmas.



Holiday Traffic Routes

