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Partnering with YOU to Build a Safer Community

APD'S VISION

To achieve a safer community by providing excellent service and involving our community as partners.

APD'S VALUES

- * Service
- * Integrity
- * Respect
- * Education
- * Diversity
- * Leadership
- * Accountability
- * Teamwork
- * Innovation

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NUMBERS TO KNOW

North District:
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- **COP Orientation** Oct. 13, 6:00-9:00p.m. West Police Station (Course B)
- **City Wide COP Coordinators Mtg** Oct. 20, 7-9p.m. West Police Station
- **COP In-Service** Nov. 4, 6:30-10p.m. East Police Station
- **City Wide CWG Coordinators Mtg** Nov. 11, 6:30-8:00p.m. Location: TBD
- **Gang Unit Presentation** (4th Quarter) Oct. 15, 7-9pm West Police Station (**Adults only 18+**)
- **DWG "Day w/the Law"** Oct. 31, 9a.m. to 2 p.m.



A Message from Deputy Chief Barry Hines

Let me start by just saying WOW! Last Tuesday we had another banner National Night Out event, thanks to many of you. We registered over 24 parties in the North Police District alone and even with the rainy weather, we were able to hold 19. Every event I attended, I was met by enthusiastic people who were excited about what's going on in Arlington and brimming with pride for their neighborhoods. And they should be proud, because they have helped improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. As proof, the North Police District has continued to see crime go down, year to date we are down 9%, with reductions in almost every category. The only area we have seen increases in this year has been in the area of burglaries, but even in that area we are starting to see some improvements as a result of some recent arrests.



As many of you have heard me say before, every time citizens get involved in their neighborhood, we see crime and disorder go down. As proof, I'd like to tell you about two recent arrests where everyday people got involved and made a difference. Just a few weeks ago, a couple helped Det. Jody Huynh solve a string of residential burglaries by doing one simple thing, recording the serial numbers of their property. That one couple's actions helped Det. Huynh arrest a suspect who later confessed to a dozen offenses. That one act helped return property and give closure to a lot of people. But that's not the only hero, a chance encounter and quick action by a member of our Forest Park Citizen On Patrol group resulted in a vehicle burglary arrest that cleared up several offenses.

All I can say is keep up the good work! Also, enjoy the cool weather, have a great Halloween, and check out Lt. Hampton's Halloween safety tips.

Sector J's Lt Chavela Hampton's Message



Well, it's getting close to that time again. Halloween is right around the corner. This is a time for costumes, reading spooky ghost stories, and piles and piles of free candy and treats. Halloween has a history that goes back 2,000 years. Its purpose is to say goodbye to the long hot summer days and welcome the cooler longer nights of fall.

This is a time for family fun and excitement for everyone. But the focus for parents as well as your local law enforcement agency is safety. On October 31, there are many things that occur such as pranks, criminal mischief, fun trick-or-treating, and unusual innovative costumes. There will be some suspicious characters, suspicious activity, and suspicious behavior. So with that said, allow me to share a few safe trick-or-treating tips with you.

- Children should never trick-or-treat without adult supervision.
- If trick-or-treating at night, wear costumes that are bright and reflective.
- Each trick-or-treater and escort should carry a flashlight if out after dark.
- Stay in groups and communicate where you are going.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway.
- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks or intersections. Never cross between parked cars or driveways.
- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters and just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!
- Only go to homes with a porch light on.
- Homeowners who participate in this event should restrain their pets so they do not inadvertently jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.
- Parents please make sure that all edible items are carefully inspected prior to consumption.

And the #1 thing to REMEMBER – Law enforcement authorities should be notified immediately of any, any, any suspicious or unlawful activity. Now go have a great Halloween.