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# **Arlington Police Department Awarded First Place** in 2021 National Night Out Campaign



For some video highlights click here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAW-hDVQHk0

The Arlington Police Department has been awarded First Place in the National Association of Town Watch's national awards program that recognizes community and department participation during National Night Out. National Night Out strengthens the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, fostering a true sense of community.

During the month of October, neighborhoods hosted block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts, exhibits, and various other community events that included visits from emergency personnel. The awards program is based upon a variety of factors, including the overall quality of the event, neighborhood engagement, and law enforcement involvement.

Thank you to all the residents and business owners of Arlington for helping make this year's campaign a great success!

# Dick's Sporting Goods Donation Drive Challenge

Dick's Sporting Goods gave back to the community this holiday season by collecting toiletry items for the homeless. Erin Geiser, Store Manager of the Hurst location, saw the Arlington Police Department's Facebook post about Project 365 and wanted to get her store involved. She and James Arevalo, Store Manager of the Arlington location, participated in a donation drive challenge to see which store could collect the most items in a two week time period.

As the two-week challenge came to an end, Erin reached out to the Arlingting Police Department to partner with them to arrange delivery of the collected items. Officers picked up donated goods at the Dick's Sporting Goods store located at The Parks at Arlington Mall. Erin hopes this challenge raises awareness about homelessness and giving back to the community.



## Congratulations, Graduates!



On Wednesday, November 10, the Arlington Hispanic Citizens Police Academy held a graduation ceremony for its 2021 academy program participants. The eight-week course 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 helped them to gain a better understanding of how both the police department and city work.

This year's 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!



## **December 9**

2 pm - 7 pm

## City of Arlington Job Fair

George W. Hawkes Downtown Library 100 S. Center Street

The City of Arlington is hosting a job fair. Several city departments are planning to participate in the fair and some will hold on-site interviews and may even make job offers. Interested individuals can view salary schedules on the city website, are encouraged to pre-apply online, and should bring their resumes.

## **December 11**

2 pm - 9 pm

## Arlington Holiday Lights Parade

**Downtown Arlington** 

Entertainment beings around 2 pm. The parade begins at 6 pm, followed by the COA Christmas tree lighting.

## December 28

10 am

#### Officer Jillian Smith **End of Watch Wreath Ceremony**

Moore Memorial Gardens 1219 N. Davis Drive

#### **December 24, 27, and 31** City Holiday Schedule

Most City of Arlington offices will be closed in recoginition of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day (observed), and New Year's Day (observed).