



# ONCALL

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## ARLINGTON PD SERVES THE COMMUNITY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Serving the community takes many forms at APD — and during the month of December, A LOT of it had to do with spreading holiday cheer!

During December, APD employees:

- took a group of kids from the Boys & Girls Clubs shopping at Dick's Sporting Goods
- hosted a FREE "Cookies and Hot Cocoa with Santa" event for Arlington families
- took a group of local kids shopping at Target
- hung out with families at the Cooper St YMCA's Feliz Navidad event
- organized Noche de Fiesta through our Unidos program that seeks to build positive relationships with our Spanish speaking community
- helped ensure hundreds of deserving Arlington families had presents to put under the tree this year through Santa Cops

A TEXAS-SIZE THANK YOU to all of our community partners who helped make these possible including: the Parks Mall, Dick's Sporting Goods, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County, Cooper St YMCA, Target, Arlington Clergy and Police Partnership (ACAPP), Arlington Police Association, Canales Furniture.



## APD'S LATERAL ACADEMY CLASS GRADUATES



On December 22, the Arlington Police Department held a graduation for Academy Class 67, the third class to graduate from APD's Lateral Academy. The Lateral Academy is for those who have prior law enforcement experience working for other agencies, but are interest in joining the APD family.

Academy Class 67 included three officers from out-of-state: Hawaii, North Carolina, and Washington D.C. and four from Texas: Dallas County College, Mesquite, and

Tarrant County Sheriff's Office. These officers will now move into field training, where they'll be paired with veteran officers to help guide them through of their law enforcement careers with the Arlington Police Department. Please help us in welcoming APD's newest officers!

APD is looking to fill our next lateral academy. If you, or anyone you know are interested, contact our recruiter at 817-459-5314 to apply now and take your career to the next level.

### CALENDAR

**January 12**  
1 pm  
**Officer Craig Story**  
**End of Watch Wreath Ceremony**  
2001 New York Ave.

**January 15**  
**City Holiday Schedule**  
*Most City of Arlington offices will be closed in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.*

**January 12-15**  
**MLK Advancing the Dream Celebration**  
*The City of Arlington's four-day event in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please visit [ArlingtonMLK.com](http://ArlingtonMLK.com) to learn more about the upcoming events.*