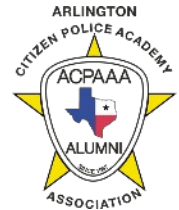




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BOD Meeting - 6:30 PM
Thursday September 3, 2020
South Station

Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
Thursday September 10, 2020
West Station



ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT Kevin Kolbye Interim Police Chief

August 17, 2020

Arlington Citizen Patrol Alumni Association

Dear ACPAA ,

Thank you for the donation of water for the officers here at Arlington Police Department. Your words of inspiration and encouragement are always appreciated. The water will put to good use in the hot weeks to follow.

We value the support that you have shown for The Arlington Police Department and wanted to commend you and your organization, on your act of kindness.

Again, I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



State of the District

Arlington Police to Host Virtual State of the District Meetings. Each year, the Arlington Police Department hosts a series of community meetings to keep residents of each police district informed about what is happening on their sides of town, to share what their beat officers have accomplished over the past year, and to give citizens an opportunity to ask APD Command Staff any public safety questions they may have.

Typically, these “State of the District” meetings are held in-person. But in light of the ongoing pandemic, and in line with CDC, state, and local guidelines, this year, each district will host a virtual meeting.

Interim Police Chief Kevin Kolbye and each district’s Deputy Chief will make a brief presentation during each meeting. Participants will then have the opportunity to submit questions electronically in real time. Command Staff will answer as many questions as time allows.

Each meeting will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the specific dates listed below.

For more information, please click the link below.

https://arlingtontx.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=14481146&pageId=16993187&fbclid=IwAR0Ng_jbXXKHpV1O4vIN9n66o7

SANTA COPS

Santa Cops will be a different format this year. A lot of the corporate donations are not available. Because the schools are not housing students, APA is going back to an old process just for this year. They will ask the patrol officers to give them names of families that are verified and in need of major help. They are going to pick 20-30 families and hand deliver to the homes of these families. The APA is asking for help this year with financial donations and toys. The Board is asking for your input and vote to donate \$1000. In years past we have donated double that. But, we feel this is a good amount for this year. If you want to discuss it, please contact any of the Board. We will need to make a decision on this in October so be looking for a virtual voting process of sorts. Thank you for your continued agreement with us supporting this great cause.

East District

Philip Blanton has voluntarily stepped down from his Volunteer Coordinator position. He was a great Volunteer Coordinator for East-side volunteers and he will be missed for his contributions to this department. James 'Jim' Colley is the new Volunteer Coordinator for East Volunteers. He may be reached at james.colley@arlingtontx.gov.

West District

Aug 31, 2020 - Our president has just been informed that the meeting room at the West Station will NOT be available to use for the September meeting. We will keep you informed when any new information is available. In the meantime, stay safe.



From sending emails that appear to be from companies you know and trust to adding card-reading devices to ATMs, fraudsters rely on creative ways to obtain your confidential information.

Emails may steer you to fake websites or bogus call centers to get your information. Be careful anytime you're sharing or using confidential information. Remember, BB&T will never send an email to obtain your user name, password, personal identification number (PIN) or other account information.

DO NOT click on links, open attachments or call phone numbers provided in suspicious emails. Delete the email without responding.

Observe your surroundings before using ATMs. Don't use an ATM if you see anyone or anything suspicious. Alert the appropriate financial institution if you see exposed wires or unusual equipment, which may be a device used to steal card numbers and PINS.

When traveling for an extended period, have the post office hold your mail until you return. Mail often contains information that can be used to commit identity theft or other types of fraud.

Only carry cards you use often, and never write your PIN on them. Call your financial institution if your card is lost or stolen



Do illegal robocalls have your phone ringing off the hook?

Does this scenario sound familiar?

You're in the middle of dinner and your phone rings. Maybe the number looks familiar. Perhaps the first few digits are the same as your number ... you may even be looking at your entire number.

You answer the call, and on the other end is not a live person but instead ... a robotic voice.

You are the recipient of a robocall. And while many robocalls are made by legitimate entities looking to conduct legitimate business, it is estimated that 40% of all robocalls are fraudulent.

How It works

Illegal robocalls made by scammers often use "spoofing" technology to mask their true origin, and may change the caller ID to look similar to your own phone number. A recent AARP study showed that 59% of us are more likely to answer if the caller ID shows a local area code.

The robotic voice on the other end might claim to represent a utility, a name-brand company or a government agency, or it may offer you a free trip, cheap health insurance or a low-interest loan.

You may be prompted to press "1" to be removed from the list.

What You Should Know

Illegal robocalls make up a fast-growing share of phone traffic, making it all the more important to be on guard for automated scams.

Even just pressing a key or answering a question alerts scammers that they've hit on a "live" number, and your number will be added to even more lists that are bought and sold among criminals.

What You Should Do

Let calls go to voicemail or your answering machine if you aren't 100% sure who is calling you. Listen to the message and if it's a threat from a government agency, a utility company or some other entity, know that it is a scam.

If you do pick up on a suspicious robocall, once you realize it's suspicious, hang up without engaging. If the caller claims to be from a legitimate-sounding entity, hang up and call that entity on a number you know to belong to them.

Explore free and low-cost call-blocking options, such as apps and services that screen calls and weed out spam and scams. Ask your phone service provider if it offers any such tools.

Report scam calls to the proper authorities. Every report helps authorities piece together a fuller picture of what scammers are doing