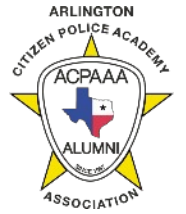




# October NEWSLINK



October 2020

BACK THE BLUE - WE HAVE YOUR BACK

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BOD Meeting - 6:30 PM  
Thursday October 1, 2020  
Virtual Meeting

Membership Meeting

## New Chief Search

The City of Arlington launched its search for a new police chief on June 1, 2020, and attracted 74 public safety professionals from across the country to apply. The City narrowed the pool of candidates to 24 in mid-August and conducted another round of interviews and analysis of these applicants. The City has further narrowed its nationwide search for a new police chief to 10 candidates listed below.

- Alexander Jones, Police Colonel – Baltimore County Police Department
- Charles Ramirez, Assistant Chief - Support Bureau – Fort Worth Police Department
- Derrick Wood, Inspector - Southwest Division – Philadelphia Police Department
- Jaime Ayala, Assistant Police Chief - Support Operations Bureau – Arlington Police Department
- Jason Lando, Commander – Investigations Branch/Narcotics & Vice – Pittsburgh Bureau of Police
- Joseph Gramaglia, Deputy Police Commissioner – Operations/Homeland Security – Buffalo Police Department
- Kevin Kolbye, Assistant Police Chief – Arlington Police Department
- Osbaldo Flores, Deputy Chief – Field Operations – Arlington Police Department
- Perry Tarrant, Chief Operating Officer/Partner – Tri-9 Solutions, LLC

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“We cast a wide net when we started the search for Arlington’s next police chief and I’m pleased that our search has led to a strong, diverse group of police leaders from around the country and at home for us to consider,” said City Manager Trey Yelverton. “As we start the next round of interviews, we look forward to involving our stakeholders in a purposeful way to help us be better informed about the community’s interests in this important position.”

The semi-final round is set to begin in late September 2020. Candidates will engage in a series of in-person panel interviews, which will include members of the City’s executive leadership team, employee representatives and diverse groups of community leaders.

The final phase of the process is anticipated to begin in mid-October with a final selection by the end of October or early November 2020.

## **West Station Closed**

The west station will be closed to us for the remainder of 2020 so we will not hold any further general meetings this year. Hopefully 2021 will bring better news, we are in a wait and see mode. Please take care of yourselves, be save and we look forward to seeing all of you soon as possible.

Thanks  
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- To the Pessimist** - The glass is half empty.
- To the Optimist** - The glass is half full.
- To the Engineer** - The glass is twice as big as it need to be.

# **BE SURE TO VOTE**

## **Early Voting**

October 13<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup> Tues - Sat 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 October 18<sup>th</sup> - Sunday - closed  
 October 19<sup>th</sup> thru 23<sup>rd</sup> Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 October 24<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 7:00 am - 7:00 pm  
 October 25<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 October 26<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup> Mon - Fri 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

## **Election Day**

November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tuesday 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 6, 2020  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



## **North District**

AT&T Stadium, Lot 4

## **South District**

Beacon Webb Community Park  
1100 Mansfield Webb Road

## **East District**

AISD Career Tech Center  
2101 Oleander Street

## **West District**

Veterans Park  
3600 W. Arkansas Lane

National Night Out will look different this year, we will be having DISTRICT PARADES! Come and celebrate National Night Out 2020 with us from 6pm-8pm at one of our four parade locations. We are having a canned food drive to support Mission Arlington, so bring out your canned goods and come say hello to your First Responders. Show your Arlington Pride and go to all four locations!

We will stream highlights from each of the district locations on Facebook Live. Officers will be wearing face masks to protect themselves and the public.



## **Gift of Gift Cards: Make Sure They're Legit**

Gift cards have become one of Americans' favorite ways to mark birthdays and holidays. A new survey by AARP reveals that 70% of U.S. adults plan to purchase gift cards as presents this holiday season. But be forewarned of potential scams.

### **How It Works**

Scammers have come up with novel ways to drain the value of gift cards, or to convince us to buy them at a discount.

### **What You Should Know**

\*\* A common trick is for thieves to compromise gift cards hanging on store racks. Often, they expose the PIN on the back and then cover it back up with easy-to-obtain replacement stickers. When someone buys and loads a compromised card, the scammer is notified and drains the value from the card.

\*\* Fraudsters also lurk on resale or auction websites, ostensibly offering items at an attractive discount. Once they get you interested in buying, they'll ask you to pay with a gift card. As soon as they get the card number and PIN from you, they vanish, and so does the money on the card.

\*\* Scammers send emails or text messages, supposedly from a familiar store or organization, saying you've won a gift card. To claim it, you just need to provide contact information, click through to a website or answer a few survey questions. Their goal may be to unleash malicious software on your device to access sensitive information, or to use your data for identity theft or to sell to marketers.

### **What You Should Do**

\*\* Examine gift cards carefully for signs of tampering before you buy them. Keep the activation receipt with the gift card. You can also register your card with the retailer if the option is offered. This makes it easier to track and quickly report any issues.

\*\* Be wary of cards hanging on racks that are easily accessible. See if you can purchase gift cards that are protected behind the counter, or buy them online directly from the retailer.

\*\* Delete any unsolicited email or text message offering you a gift card, without responding. And never give your personal information to anyone in exchange for a gift card.

\*\* Buy gift cards directly from the businesses where they can be used. If you do go through an auction site or other secondary market, check reviews, and only buy from reputable resellers.