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Police Foundation Makes \$10,000 Investment in Summer Camps for Youth



PAL Campers 2015

ARLINGTON, TX _ With funding support from the Arlington Police Foundation this summer, more Arlington youth were able to participate in mentoring activities with officers.

Members of the Arlington Police Foundation stepped up its support for PAL Camp, giving the department \$10,000 for 144 registered youths to attend structured activities over a five week period. PAL is an acronym for the Police Athletic League.

At a Board Meeting in July, Sergeants Scott Vickers and Michael Leonesio thanked Foundation members for their support and they highlighted a few PAL Camp success stories.

"One student has a severe speech impediment and was having difficulty socializing with others," Sgt. Vickers said. "He wants to be a police officer. At the end of the camp, he came out of his shell. He was interacting with campers and having a great time. PAL Camp was a positive experience for him."

Another success story involved two campers with behavior problems.



"As the week progressed, they became friends. They began talking about where they would meet to hang out when PAL Camp ended," he said.

Each PAL camp session exposed participants to summer fun and lessons in effective communication, respect, rules, trustworthiness, fairness, responsibility, citizenship and the consequences of making good decisions.

With additional funding from the Foundation, officers are now preparing to lead a fall mentorship program, which will allow them to follow up with their summer campers.

Sgt. Leonesio said the fall mentor program will allow opportunities to address any problems in school and recruit students for other APD youth programs such as Police Explorers, High School Citizens Police Academy and Hometown Recruiting.



Foundation to Participate in North Texas Giving Day on Sept. 17



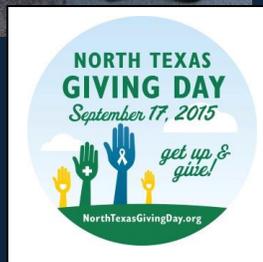
North Texas Giving Day continues to be one of the biggest days for charity.

On Sept. 17, the Arlington Police Foundation takes part in this effort.

From 6 a.m. to midnight, you can

donate to the Arlington Police Foundation and every dollar raised will go to support the work of our charitable nonprofit.

We thank you in advance for your support!



North Texas Giving Day is Sept. 17.

Member *FOCUS*

Meet Police Foundation Board Member
Bethany Tinderholt



Foundation Board Member since: 2013

Occupation:
Sales Manager
Burnett's Staffing, Inc.

Favorite Movie: It's a tie between ELF and any Die Hard movie.

Favorite Vacation Spot: Any beach with my husband.

Why I chose the Police Foundation:

Being a police officer can oftentimes seem like a thankless job and I love that they put their lives on the line everyday to keep us safe. I appreciate their family member's sacrifices to the community during countless missed birthdays and holidays as well as never knowing how each day may impact his/her police officer spouse. Today, more than ever, we need to support the men and women who run toward chaos to protect others. I cannot imagine putting myself in their shoes, so I choose to serve in my own way as a member of the Arlington Police Foundation Board. I have lived in Arlington for 35 years and I am able to enjoy the umbrella of safety they provide. This is why I support APD!

People are surprised to know:

As a Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader, I traveled to Kuwait, Korea, Abu Dhabi, Iraq and Dubai on USO/DOD tours. I saw the sandbox before my husband! People will also be surprised to know that I used to play the viola and I am addicted to Bath and Body Works. I cannot ride a bike anymore and I am scared of clowns!



Cheering the Cowboys!
1996 – 1998

THANK YOU!



Foundation Board liaison Susan Bragg accepts a donation from Elise Snelgrove in honor of her dad, former APD Officer Mark Snelgrove.

Showing Support for APD in So Many Ways

Your Arlington Police Foundation "Backs the Blue" in many ways.

A few examples:

Funding support for the APD Honor Guard

Funding support for the APD Wall of Honor and Photo Wall Project

Funding support for PAL Camp 2015

Start-up support for the new Mentoring Arlington Youth Program.

Funding support for the 2015 Police Palooza

Financed an inventory program for the Harold Elliott Police Museum

Sponsored Family Night for a new police academy class

Supported training exercises for Police Explorer Post #602

Sponsored dinner for volunteers participating in police scenario training exercises



Thank You, Cadillac of Arlington!



Wall of Honor and APD in Pictures at Main Station



Police Foundation Annual Membership Drive is Underway

The Arlington Police Foundation membership drive continues.

Board Chair Rudy Martinez penned a membership campaign letter, which has been mailed to hundreds of residents and businesses inviting them to Back the Blue.

Annual membership dues are \$100. A lifetime membership is \$1,000.

Becoming a member has many rewards. Every dollar raised goes to the Arlington Police Foundation to support public safety initiatives not typically supported by local tax dollars.

The foundation was established in 2003 to support the families of fallen officers. Over the years, their purpose has grown to include so much more.

In 2012, the Police Foundation purchased life-saving trauma kits for officers. In 2015, they funded light bars for the Motorcycle Unit to enhance safety and

visibility at night for both the officer and the driving public. The foundation is also a sponsor of PAL (Police Athletic League) Camp. This program provides Arlington area youth with opportunities to take part in summer mentoring camps with officers. The foundation organizes the Annual Back the Blue Bash and Police Awards Luncheon to celebrate the outstanding work of officers, community volunteers, business partners and civilian APD employees.

The foundation is governed by a board of directors who are 12 community volunteers who give freely of their time and talent to support APD. Click [here](#) to join or call 817-459-6424.

Save the Date: Police Palooza returns October 18, 2015



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