All of us here in East Division

Wish you and your family

A Very Merry Christmas
And a
Happy and Prosperous
New Year
Holiday Shopping Tips

As the holiday shopping season is upon us, please take time to ensure you have a safe and happy holiday season. As you find time to shop, please be mindful of the following safety tips:

- Be aware of your surroundings. Look for suspicious persons, etc. when you are in any area.
- Remember where you parked your car. While this may sound elementary, many shopping areas are spread out over large areas. Being unable to locate a car can cause you undue confusion and stress that may present you as a better target to a criminal.
- If shopping late in the day or after dark, park in an area that is well lighted. Keep in mind, if you are shopping at a mall, the time the store closes from which you enter the mall, as some stores close earlier than others. This may keep you from having to walk unnecessary distances to your car if you find the store has closed earlier than you expected.
- Shop in pairs at the very least. Take a friend or family member shopping with you. There is something to be said for safety in numbers.
- As you return to your car, make sure to keep your car key in your hand.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with checks, credit, charge or debit cards. Carry cash and wallets in a front pocket to reduce your chances of having your pocket picked.
- Don't leave car phones, purses, CD cases, or any other item of value in your parked car where they can be seen. Always conceal these items. Don't leave purchased merchandise in your parked car where it can be seen. Conceal these items also.

If you decide to not shop at area malls to avoid the crowds and shop online

Below are some tips for Shopping Online

- Before surfing the Internet, secure your personal computers by updating your security software. Everyone’s computer should have anti-virus, anti-spyware, and anti-spam software, as well as a good firewall installed.

- Keep your personal information private and your password secure. Do not respond to requests to “verify” your password or credit card information unless you initiated the contact. Legitimate businesses will not contact you in this manner.

- Beware of “bargains” from companies with whom you are unfamiliar—if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

- Use secure websites for purchases. Look for the icon of a locked padlock at the bottom of the screen or “https” in the URL address.

- Shop with companies you know and trust. Check for background information if you plan to buy from a new or unfamiliar company.

While these steps don't guarantee you will not become the victim of crime, they will hopefully reduce your chances of falling prey to a criminal.
Thanks to Rosalinda Mendoza, Crime Prevention Specialist, North Division for sending the below Crime Prevention Tip.

How to Protect your Holiday Packages from Theft

So you have waited patiently for your holiday package. The day your package was to have been delivered has come and gone. You contact the delivery service only to be told your holiday package was delivered to your residence and left on your porch but you never received it.

Criminals have been known to follow delivery trucks, stealing packages drivers have left on doors, porches, hallways, etc.

Here are some tips you can follow that will help prevent theft of your holiday packages.

- Regardless of delivery provider you choose ask if company provides customers with an email alert or text message of package status such as delivery time.
- Request signature at time of delivery.
- Ask the delivery provider to deliver holiday package at place of employment or at the local shipping center.
- If living in apartment, ask driver to deliver package in manager’s office w/signature. Notify office manager of expected delivery paying attention to office hours of operation.
- Specify driver is NOT to leave package on porch if no one is at home to receive the package.
- Ask neighbor to accept delivery, be sure to provide the time and day of delivery.
- Ask for a tracking number from the delivery provider. Most delivery providers will assign a tracking number to packages.
- Plan your day accordingly. If at all possible arrange delivery day and time to coincide with a day you will be at home.
- Never allow packages to sit unattended once delivered, retrieve packages from porch as soon as delivery is made.
- Report any suspicious vehicles lurking around in your neighborhood and contact your NPO, Neighborhood Police Officer or dial 911.

Seasons Greetings
East Division
Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO)

Here is another article in the continuing series of Getting to Know your Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO).
Officer John Sullivan #2733

I have been with the Fort Worth Police Department since 1993. I trained on the Northside and eventually finished my training in Eastside where I have been ever since. I worked patrol throughout eastside for 7 years. In 2000 I became an NPO on Eastside and have enjoyed this position for the last fourteen years. I started out the NPO over the Loop 820, Rivertrails housing area and eventually took over the airport beat NPO. The airport beat has grown tremendously since I first started working patrol in 1993. The airport beat went from a few apartment complexes and some farm land, too fourteen apartment complexes, 200 businesses, four housing editions, and several retail stores and restaurants and is continuing to grow. The beat boundaries are east of Highway 157, west of Valley View, north of Trinity River and south of Highway 183. I have enjoyed my last fourteen years as an NPO, especially getting too meet and become friends with many great citizens of Fort Worth. I look forward to meeting more citizens and serving my citizens on my beat for many more years.

You can reach me at 817-991-8469 or john.sullivan@fortworthtexas.gov

Note from the Editor

Each Division publishes a newsletter each month and ALL of them are placed on the Fort Worth PD Website

They all contain a wealth of information and I encourage each of you to visit the website and view the other newsletters each month.

Go to www.fortworthpd.com
At the top of the home page click on Patrol Divisions
In the right column each of the divisions are listed click on the division and scroll down to Newsletters
I hope you enjoy reading each of them
Donations can be dropped off at East Division Police Sectors
5650 E Lancaster Ave, 76112 or 1100 Nashville, St. 76105
Hours of business for both locations is 8am—5pm
East Division
CRIME WATCH TRAINING SCHEDULE
2014
10:00am-11:30am or 6:30pm-8:00pm

Dates

The December 16, 2014 Trainings
HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Watch for the 2015 Training Dates

In the January 2015 Edition

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CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES

Did you ever want to be a superhero? To fight the good fight? To do something amazing!? Spectacular? Incredible?!! Well now you can, because CASA of Tarrant County needs your help!

CASA of Tarrant County will host its 1st Annual Superhero Run at Globe Life Park in Arlington on December 13. The event will support advocacy for children in foster care, and is a fantastically fun, family friendly, action-packed way of making a big difference in a child’s life. CASA of Tarrant County is preparing for over 500 big and little superheroes from around the community who will run and walk for the most important cause imaginable.

CASA of Tarrant County Executive Director Rebecca Farrow says, “We’re stretching out our tights, grabbing our masks, and donning our capes for the Superhero Run because we believe every child deserves a life free from harm.”

In 2013, over 350 CASA volunteers – Superheroes – agreed. They joined CASA of Tarrant County by serving as friends of the court, speaking up for children who were placed in foster care. Volunteers raised their voices against the unspeakable atrocities of child abuse and neglect and served 802 children in Tarrant County. But the need for courageous advocates is still great. Tarrant County has the 2nd highest child abuse rate in the state, and over 350 children are still waiting on the voice of a crusading CASA volunteer. There are yet mighty deeds to be done!

For more information on the Superhero Run/Walk or CASA of Tarrant County, call (817) 877-5891 or visit www.speakupforachild.org. The event also includes costume contests and prizes. Join us as we celebrate the everyday Superheroes who are making a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children.

Contact:
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Fort Worth, Texas 76102
817-877-5891
There is no etching in December
Due to extreme weather

Look for the January 2015 Schedule in the next Edition

East Division Crime Prevention
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Happy New Year

**NOTE**
If you have questions about any of the listed dates, times or locations, call the telephone number listed for that month

All City Offices
Will be Closed
Thursday December 25
And
Thursday, January 1, 2015
Just a bit of good information. The special detail went out on Thursday, November 13 in and around Berry St. A suspicious unmarked white van was wondering up and down the streets. One of the guys called the NPO and reported what he had seen. Needless to say, the van was reported stolen, the guys in the van were taken to jail and stolen property in the back of the van was recovered. Kudos to the special detail guys. Don’t you wish you had been there?

Another bit of good information. The 5 coordinators put their heads together and came up with the number 90. That is the number we were aiming for in new Code Blue people to go through the class training and become patrollers. We trained 137. We will set our goal higher in 2015.

There is an assisted living complex in East Division. These people walk through the complex every day. They turn in anywhere from 50 to 60 hours a month with just 7 people. Kudos to Villas of Eastwood Terr. That may not sound like much but think about walking in all kinds of weather, age, but determined.

If you have friends living is a neighborhood that does not have a Code Blue, please let me know. East Division has 13 Code Blue groups compared with North, South, and West that all have 50+. Central does not have a lot but more than East. I really don’t care about numbers, just safety and we can help.
Citizens On Patrol Training Schedule for 2014

| Watch for the 2015 dates  
In the next Edition | All COP training sessions are on Saturdays  
8:00 am to 2:00 pm  
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Las personas que quieran participar en el programa “Citizen On Patrol” (COP) deberán de cumplir con lo siguiente:
1. Mayor de 18 años.
2. Entregar esta solicitud antes de tomar el curso de entrenamiento COP de 8 horas.
3. Revisión de historial criminal.
4. Asistir y terminar el curso de COP de 8 horas.
5. Asistir mínimo de 1 hora al centro de Comunicaciones con recepcionistas de 911 y despachadoras de emergencia.
6. Tomar un paseo de trabajo con un oficial de policía de FTW, turno completo de 10 horas (2 turnos de 5 horas).
7. Tomar un paseo con un voluntario con experiencia del grupo COP.

- Favor de usar letra de molde -

Fecha: ____________________________

Nombre: ____________________________________________ Sexo: _______

Fecha de Nacimiento: ____________________________ # de licencia (disponible): ____________________________

Dirección de casa: ____________________________________________ Ciudad / Código: ________________

Dirección de trabajo: ____________________________________________ Ciudad / Código: ________________

Teléfono/casa: ____________________________ Celular: ____________________________ Teléfono/Trabajo: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________________________

Alguna vez a sido arrestado por un crimen? (circular) SI NO (si contesto “SI” explique)

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Favor de proveer nombres, direcciones y número de teléfonos de 2 personas que lo conozcan/referencias:

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2. ____________________________________________

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Division: ____________________________ NPO: ____________________________

COP Group: ____________________________

10-29 check: __________ SCRAM check: __________ Criminal history check (circle one): Attached None

Officer who conducted 10-29, SCRAM and Criminal history check: ____________________________

(Signature of Division Commander or Supervisor approving application)

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Persons wanting to become a member of the Citizen On Patrol (COP) program must meet the following criteria;

1. Be at least 18 years of age.
2. Submit a COP application prior to the 8 hour COP training course.
3. Pass a background check.
4. Attend and complete the 8 hour COP training course.
5. Sit with a FWPD Communications call-taker and dispatcher (one hour each).
6. Ride in with a FWPD Patrol Officer for a total of a full patrol shift (one 10 hour shift or two 5 hour shifts).
7. Ride in with an experienced COP member.

- Please print the following information -

Name: _______________________________ Race: _______ Sex: _______
Date of Birth: ___________________________ Driver's License Number: ________________________
Work address: ___________________________ City / ZIP: ________________________
Home address: ___________________________ City / ZIP: ________________________
Home phone: ___________________ Cell phone: ___________________ Work phone: __________________
Email Address: __________________________

Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a crime? (circle one) Yes No (If “Yes” explain below)

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Provide the names, addresses and phone numbers of two references:

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Applicant’s Signature

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Division: ___________________________ NPO: ___________________________
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Officer who conducted 10-29, SCRAM and Criminal history check:
__________________________________________ Date: ____________________________

(Signature of Division Commander or Supervisor approving application)

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