



## National Police Week is May 12th through 18th

National Police Week was established in 1962 to recognize the dedicated service & sacrifice of U.S. Law Enforcement.

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## Fort Worth's new South Division police station now open

The newest Fort Worth Police station in south Fort Worth, located at 3501 W. Risinger Road.

The facility increases FWPD's operational ability to serve the growing South Division community by enhancing facility efficiencies. The phone number will still be 817 392-3400 for South Division.

Just a reminder if you need an Officer or need to make a police report, the phone numbers for Dispatch are 911 for emergencies or 817 392-4222 for non-emergencies.

- Personnel housed at the new facility include South Division Patrol Officers, Neighborhood Police Officers, Detectives, Code Blue, Bike Unit and Division Administration.

**Why it matters:** The new facility replaces two outdated facilities at 3128 W. Bolt St. and 7650 McCart Ave.

- Public access to those facilities ended in March, while personnel move to the new location.
- The new facility officially is now opened to the public.

**The big picture:** The \$20 million project was approved for funding in the 2018 Bond Program with additional funds provided by the Crime Control & Prevention District.

- Design incorporates a welcoming entry plaza and lobby, a prominent community room, roll call room and office space.
- Public art is planned to be installed at the facility.



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## FWPD Officers Recognized By Sons Of American Revolution



Six Fort Worth Police Officers received Lifesaving and Heroes' Award from the Sons of American Revolution Van Zandt Chapter for an incident stemming from November 27, 2023 where a Tarrant County Sheriff's Deputy was shot at a credit union in the City of Fort Worth.

On Monday, November 27, 2023, at 3:42 p.m., the Fort Worth Police Department responded to a shooting in the 6400 block of Brentwood Stair Road. When they arrived, they learned that a Tarrant County Sheriff's Office deputy had been shot at the location.

Officers entered the business, traversing broken glass on the floor, a layer of fog inside the lobby, and a heavy smell of fresh gunpowder. They observed employees standing behind the bank counter who confirmed that a deputy was shot and lying on the ground near them. Fort Worth Police Officer Luis Canizares maintained control in the front lobby, while Officer Nicholas Bernal and Sgt. Chris Ramirez relocated behind the bank counter to aid the deputy.

Officer Timothy Kinman and Officer Roxanna Sanchez arrived on the scene with a medical kit. Officer Kinman partnered with Officer Canizares, at which time they began to secure the location by searching the business's interior. Officer Roxanna Sanchez immediately went to the wounded deputy, and with the assistance of Officer Bernal, began to provide emergency medical aid to the deputy. Officer Wesley Anderson arrived on the scene and aided in clearing the business, making it secure to provide emergency medical aid. The suspect was located a short time later and the deputy was taken to a local hospital for medical evaluation.

The Fort Worth Police Department officers' immediate and effective actions under dire circumstances not only exemplified an unwavering commitment to their oath to protect and serve but also played a pivotal role in ensuring the wounded officer received the urgent care needed, ultimately saving a life. These recognitions are a testament to their bravery, quick thinking, and the deep bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood that define our law enforcement community.





## Shelter dog becomes Fort Worth police K-9 officer

### CBS 11 FORT WORTH

Getting a police dog from overseas can be expensive, but the Fort Worth Police Department saved a lot of taxpayer money and saved a life by rescuing from the city's shelter.

The story of Fort Worth's latest K-9 begins in the halls of Fort Worth Animal Control's Chuck & Brenda Silcox Animal Care and Adoption Center. "I asked them, 'Do you have any high-energy dogs?' Just kind of as a joke," Fort Worth officer Kristopher Thompson said. Thompson said "Rock" quickly passed the test to go from shelter dog to K-9 narcotics officer. "It's been very valuable in our fight against the fentanyl crisis," Thompson said. "He can alert to heroin, methamphetamine, crack cocaine, powder cocaine, and marijuana."

Rock's handler, Fort Worth Police Sgt. Charles Hubbard, said the 18-month-old German Shepherd has already helped with several arrests. "He will support any units, such as narcotics and gangs," Hubbard said. "We have the ability to go in and out of the airport, down on the tarmac, and go to the luggage. We also might work the parcel distribution facilities, such a DHL or UPS." Most K-9s cost about \$11,000, but that wasn't the case with Rock. "Because he was from Fort Worth and already in the Fort Worth system, he was free to us," Thompson said. Rock isn't the first and shouldn't be the last shelter rescue dogs for Fort Worth police. The unit has six K9s, and three of them are shelter rescues.

"Many people don't realize there are high-quality dogs that have been given up on or are abandoned in these shelters," Hubbard said. "We're always going to look at shelters first because we think there's so many good dogs at shelters," Thompson said. "I was just floored when I walked into our shelter and saw the number of Siberian Huskies, purebred Boxer dogs, beautiful German Shepherd puppies."

The four-legged officer has a true rags to riches tale, as he gets a second lease on life while helping to keep the community safe. "I've got to think that Rock thinks he's won the lottery," Thompson said.

Rock also has a sister that the department rescued. She's going to work in a local school district.



***See aired story here:***

# Creative?

## FWPD VEHICLE WRAP CONTEST

**SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS FOR THE VEHICLE WRAP CONTEST!**



**Last Year's Contest Winner:**



**TEMPLATES:**



**SCAN ME**

Video

**ALL AGES CAN ENTER**

The Fort Worth Police Department invites the community and employees to design the new police recruitment vehicles wrap. Don't miss a chance to showcase your talent and support FWPD!

Check out the instructional video on our Facebook Page @fortworthpolicedepartment

**Enter now!**

**Deadline is May 31, 2024  
no limit of entrees per person.**

Email :

[recruitng@fortworthnd.com](mailto:recruitng@fortworthnd.com)

To submit your designs.

The winner(s) will ride in the newly designed recruitment vehicle in an upcoming Fort Worth Parade.

# City steps up efforts to fund crime prevention nonprofits

City Council on Tuesday amended an agreement with United Way of Tarrant County for a community liaison to help increase the number of agencies that are funded to address crime and safety priorities.



**The bottom line:** The increase of \$125,000 raises the contract's total to \$174,920 per year for the Police Department.

**Some background:** The Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) is funded by a ½-cent sales tax designated for crime control, crime prevention and public safety. As part of the City's efforts to implement crime prevention efforts, the CCPD Board approved using funds for competitive grants to 501(c)3 organizations that provide services with a measurable impact on crime and safety.

**The goal of the community liaison** is to increase the number of funded agencies that address crime and safety priorities.

## **The community liaison would:**

- Meet with and educate community stakeholders about CCPD funding
- Map community crime- and safety-related resources
- Serve as co-chair of Partners with a Shared Mission, an expert review panel
- Advise on community partnerships
- Coordinate messaging campaigns for CCPD grants under the direction of the Police Department
- Survey community stakeholders on crime and safety problems and the community's capacity to respond



# How to request a traffic calming device for your neighborhood

*Article posted in City News*

Since reinstating the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program two years ago, the program has proven popular, according to a recent City Council update.

**Transportation & Public Works** shuttered the program in 2014 because speed bumps hindered emergency response times.

**In the meantime**, complaints about speeding in neighborhoods kept coming.

**As a result:** In March 2022, the use of speed cushions and speed tables were approved and the traffic calming program went back into gear for low-volume, residential streets only. Since then, 124 applications for speed cushions have been received, according to the council report.

**By the numbers:** In the last year, speed cushions have been installed or are planned at 20 locations.

**What if I'm concerned about speeding in my neighborhood:** You can submit a traffic calming request through the [MyFortWorth app](#) or the call center at 817-392-1234.

**Applications** are also available on the Transportation & Public Works [webpage](#).

## **What happens when an application is received:**

- TPW staff contacts applicants to discuss their request and confirm eligibility of a roadway for traffic calming.
- Speed data collection is performed and installation of traffic calming countermeasures is recommended when 85% of the motorists exceed the posted or prima facie speed limit by five miles per hour or more.
- TPW provides the applicant with a consent form, photos of speed cushions or tables, and a map showing proposed placement.
- The applicant is responsible for securing two-thirds property owner support within the impacted block and 100% support of owners impacted by proposed placement.

**What's next:** Installation takes three to four months from the date of TPW's receipt of a completed consent form.

**How will we know it's working:** Before and after evaluations are done to ensure the installations are reducing speed and meeting residents' expectations.

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

*Free Seminar and Lunch*

**DATE: Tuesday, May 7, 2024**

**TIME: 10:00am - 2:00pm**

**LOCATION:**

**Christ Lutheran Church  
4409 Sycamore School Rd.  
Fort Worth, Texas 76133**

*Free to attend*

*No Registration*

*Required*

*Lunch Provided*

[tctcpa.net](http://tctcpa.net)

[facebook.com/TexasChisholmTrailCrimePreventionAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/TexasChisholmTrailCrimePreventionAssociation)

[Kbbiggs@tarrantcountytx.gov](mailto:Kbbiggs@tarrantcountytx.gov)

817-238-4216

**Join the Texas Trail Crime Prevention Association for a morning of information about domestic violence and what you can do to help.**

Texas Trail Crime Prevention will be presenting on the cycle of violence and its causes. One Safe Place will be presenting on domestic violence through the eyes of children and the services they offer to those in need.

**Questions and discussion welcome!  
A free lunch will be served.**



## NATIONAL MISSING CHILD DAY IS MAY 25th

This day can be a reminder for all of us to talk with children about safety issues.



**It is important to discuss things such as:**

- Bullying and Compassion
- Personal Safety and Self Defense**
- Gun Safety and Internet Safety
- Not approaching strange vehicles**
- Attracting attention if approached by a stranger
- Always be aware of your surroundings**
- Using the buddy system when playing outside or walking to school

Role play different scenarios with your children to lessen their chance of becoming panicky in an emergency. Develop a family password to use with your children in case of an emergency. Encourage a child to trust their instincts. It is a good idea to affirm children everyday. It can help them grow in confidence, self-esteem and may make them less likely to be victimized. Affirming words go a long way. Try: “way to go”, “great job” or “you’re special”.

To get more information about The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children call 1-800-843-5678 or <https://www.missingkids.org/home>

National  
Day of  
Prayer  
May 2nd



## The annual NALC National Food Drive is Saturday, May 11th.



The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) and the Campbell Soup Company are joining forces to help feed the growing number of Americans at risk of hunger. The STAMP OUT HUNGER food drive takes place on May 11th. You can help with the LARGEST one day food drive in the nation. Place non-perishable items in or near your mailbox on the designated day. The postal carrier will pick up your items and take them to the Food Bank for you. It's an easy way to do a good thing.



# Last Month in Central Division



Rangers World Series Trophy visits FWPD



Crime Prevention Display Evans Plaza Kidney Awareness Celebration Day



Photos from Crime Prevention Display at Fort Worth Arts Festival



St Stephen's Career Day Event

**FLASHBACK** Photo above was taken in 2018 for National Police Week. Location is the front steps of the Central Division Jones Street Sector.



Crime Prevention Display at Safety Day Harris Hospital. Photos show Bikers Against Child Abuse and NPO with Council Women and Event Coordinator



Child Id's offered at Holy Name Church at the Dia de Nino Celebration 41 children processed



# Fighting back against harmful voice cloning

*By Alvaro Puig, Consumer Education Specialist*

If a call sounds like your boss (asking for bank account numbers) or your family member (begging for help in an emergency), you're more likely to act. That's why scammers use voice cloning to make their requests for money or information more believable. And the FTC is fighting back.

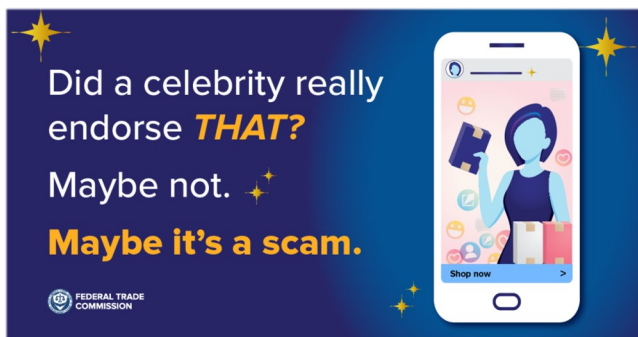
When the FTC announced its Voice Cloning Challenge last year, the main goal was to encourage innovative ways to help protect people from AI-enabled voice cloning harms. Today, we're pleased to announce that the FTC awarded four top prizes to the winning submissions that take a wide range of approaches to doing just that:

- a solution that would use algorithms to detect whether voice patterns are human or synthetic
- a technology that would detect in real time voice cloning and deep fakes in incoming phone calls or digital audio in two-second chunks, assigning a "liveness score"
- a proposal that would watermark audio with distortions that people would not be able to hear, but that could throw off AI voice cloners so that the audio could not be accurately cloned
- a technology that would authenticate that a voice is human and embed the authentication as a type of watermark

Learn more about the winning proposals on the [Voice Cloning Challenge page](#).

The Voice Cloning Challenge is a part of the FTC's ongoing work to ensure voice cloning technology isn't used by scammers to cause harm. That work includes prevention of harms where possible, a proposed comprehensive ban on impersonation fraud, and applying the Telemarketing Sales Rule to AI-enabled scam calls. It also includes warning consumers about the use of AI in scams like when a scammer clones a family member's voice, calls pretending to be in trouble, and then asks you to send money right away.

If you get a call like this, call the person who supposedly contacted you using a phone number you know is theirs, and verify the story. If you can't reach your loved one, try to get in touch with them through another family member or their friends.



# Did a celebrity really endorse THAT? Maybe not

By Jim Kreidler, Consumer Education Specialist, Federal Trade Commission

Before you spend money on that celebrity-endorsed premium cookware, weight loss product, or can't-miss money-making opportunity, pause. Take a breath. Are you sure a celebrity or influencer is really endorsing that product or program? Maybe a scammer is behind that online ad. Scammers are using fake celebrity and influencer testimonials and endorsements complete with doctored video and audio that seems like the real thing to generate buzz and profits.

“But it looks and sounds real, so it must be true,” right? Not so much. The technology to make fake endorsement videos is improving all the time. Your best bet is to do research on your own. Before you click and buy, follow this advice:

- **Check out that celebrity or influencer testimonial.** Search online using their name, the name of the company or product, and words like “scam” or “fake.” See what others are saying.
- **Resist pressure to commit quickly.** Scammers want you to act fast, and the ad might say it's a limited time deal. But it's not true. They just don't want you to do any research or think it through.

**Ask your health care professional about dietary supplements.** The government doesn't review or evaluate supplements for safety or effectiveness before they're put on the market. Even a natural supplement can be risky depending on your health and the medicine you take, and your doctor knows your health better than a celebrity.

**Know the investment risk.** If anyone says you can earn a lot of money on an investment with little or no risk, don't buy into the hype. Investments always involve risk — there are no guaranteed returns. Visit Investor.gov, a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)