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Northwest Division Newsletter June 2024

Northwest Welcomes New Commander

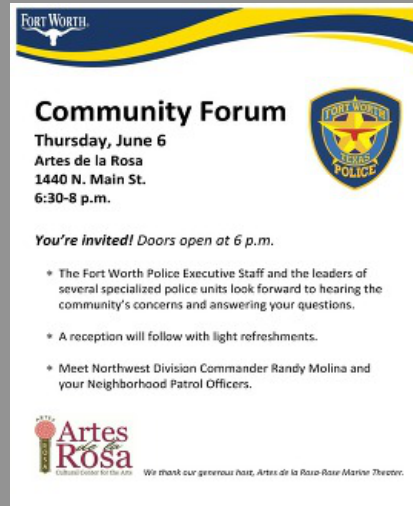


Commander Randy Molina has been with the Fort Worth Police Department since 2007 and is now assigned to the Northwest Division, where he was born and raised. As an officer, Molina worked in Northwest. As a detective, he served in the Property Crimes Unit and was the sole Animal Cruelty Investigator for the City of Fort Worth. Upon promotion to Sergeant, Molina returned to Northwest Division as a Patrol Supervisor and Neighborhood Patrol Supervisor. After promotion to Lieutenant, Molina went to the Backgrounds and Recruiting Unit at the Police Academy. After a year at the Academy, he served in North Division as a District Lieutenant.

"I'm happy to finally return home to the Northwest Division as its Commander," Molina said. Commander Molina holds a Master Peace Officer license and a Police Instructor license from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

"As your new Commander, I am committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community," Molina said. "I aim to foster a strong relationship between our department and the community, based on trust, transparency and mutual respect. Together, we will work towards creating a safer and more inclusive environment for everyone. I look forward to meeting you all and hearing your concerns and suggestions. I appreciate your support as we embark on this journey together."

You're invited to give Commander Molina your input at our June 6 Community Forum.



Community Forum
Thursday, June 6
Artes de la Rosa
1440 N. Main St.
6:30-8 p.m.

You're invited! Doors open at 6 p.m.

- The Fort Worth Police Executive Staff and the leaders of several specialized police units look forward to hearing the community's concerns and answering your questions.
- A reception will follow with light refreshments.
- Meet Northwest Division Commander Randy Molina and your Neighborhood Patrol Officers.

Artes de la Rosa
Celebraciones de la Rosa
We thank our generous host, Artes de la Rosa-Rose Marine Theater.



Foro Comunitario
Jueves 6 de Junio
Artes de la Rosa
1440 N. Main St.
6:30-8 p.m.

¡Estás invitado! Las puertas se abren a las 6 p.m.

- El personal ejecutivo de la policía de Fort Worth y los líderes de varias unidades policiales especializadas, esperan escuchar las inquietudes de la comunidad y responderan sus preguntas.
- Seguirá una recepción con bocadillos ligeros.
- Conozca al comandante de la División Noroeste Randy Molina y a sus oficiales de patrulla vecinal.

Artes de la Rosa
Celebraciones de la Rosa
Agradecemos Artes de la Rosa - Rose Marine Theater.

Summer Crime Watch Begins

Kids are out of school. Days are longer. Warmer weather makes folks hot and bothered. There are many reasons crime generally goes up in summer. We especially need your help this time of year. If there's a problem police need to respond to-- report it.

Call 911 to report a fire, traffic or medical emergency. But also call 911 to report suspicious activity as it's happening. For example: someone pulling on car door handles and looking inside parked vehicles, an unfamiliar person entering a neighbor's house when they're not home or entering/leaving a business when it's closed.

Call 817-392-4222, the police non-emergency number, to report a crime or incident that's already happened. For example: vehicle break-in, theft, burglary, vandalism or suspected scam.

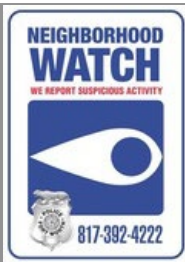
Call 817-392-1234 or use the **MyFW app** to report other issues to the City of Fort Worth. For example: traffic light out, damaged street sign, graffiti, pothole, high grass and weeds, illegal dumping, homeless camp, stray animal.

Reminder: Police do not monitor your Facebook comments and cannot see your Nextdoor posts. If there's a problem police need to respond to—report it.



Crime Watch Works

In neighborhoods with an active Crime Watch, criminal activity has decreased and, in some cases, stopped altogether. Apartment complexes, businesses, schools and faith-based groups can participate in Crime Watch. If you'd like to get started, contact your Neighborhood Patrol Officer. Their phone numbers and emails are listed at the end of this newsletter. Or email Crime Prevention Specialist Dot Kent: dot.kent@fortworthtexas.gov



Several HOAs, including Marine Creek Meadows (right) and Villages of Marine Creek reached out last month to start or re-energize their Neighborhood Crime Watch programs. We'd be happy to visit your next meeting to explain the benefits of Crime Watch and how it works.



Thanks to District 7 Councilmember Macy Hill and her staff for reaching out to us when Parkview Hills HOA and nearby neighborhoods expressed concerns about recent crimes. After meeting with residents to hear concerns, officers set up traffic details to ticket speeders and drivers running stop signs in the neighborhood.

Crime Watch is for Businesses, Too!

NPO Sergio Martinez met with TownePlace Suites Lake Worth General Manager Sophia Rodriguez and TGC Group Vice President Cameron Caine to discuss crime trends and prevention tips. Businesses that would like a safety survey of their property and suggestions for keeping employees and customers safe should contact their Neighborhood Patrol Officer.



FORGE WORTH



NW 25th Street
Reunión De Vigilancia Contra Delitos Empresariales

Lunes 10 de Junio
12 - 1 p.m.
Texas Forge Taekwondo
1511 NW 25th St.



- Vea las últimas estadísticas sobre delitos en la área.
- Prepárese para las tendencias criminales del verano.
- Sepa qui, cuándo y cómo reportar.
- Preguntas y respuestas con su oficial de patrulla vecinal.
- Conozca a propietarios y gerentes de negocios vecinales.

All businesses on NW 25th Street are invited to meet with police at **noon Monday, June 10** to get the latest area crime stats, prepare for summer crime trends, learn what, when and how to report concerns. The meeting will be at Texas Forge Taekwondo, 1511 NW 25th St. Meet nearby business owners and managers, as well as Neighborhood Patrol Officers, to strengthen the area's Crime Watch program. The meeting will be in Spanish and English.

Code Blue Helps Reunite Boy & Family

On Saturday afternoon May 18, Northwest patrol officers responded to a 911 call about a child standing in the roadway. The caller said the 6-to-7-year old boy was non-verbal, possibly autistic, and apparently lost. Officers J. Gonzalez and J. Starrett began going door-to-door in search of the parents, while the caller posted a photo of the child on Facebook and Nextdoor to make neighbors aware. Northwest Division Code Blue member Tina Wallen saw the post and took the initiative to contact more Code Blue members. She and members Chris Williams and Josh Troup joined officers in canvassing the area. They were able to locate the child's father! The boy was reunited safely with the rest of the family at their home. "It's a great example of how resourceful and vital our Code Blue program is to our department," said Sgt. Sandra Baldivia. Officer Gonzalez added, "We always appreciate the help we receive from our Code Blue members, but, on this particular day, I want to give a special 'Thank You' to Tina for a job well done!"



If you're interested in learning more about Code Blue and Citizens on Patrol, email coordinator Sandra Jones: Sandra.jones@fortworthtexas.gov

End-of-School Safety Detail

It was all hands on deck for the last week of classes before summer vacation. Northwest Division officers were joined by Code Blue and Citizens on Patrol volunteers to show their presence on some 35 campuses. We're happy to report there were no major end-of-year issues at schools in Northwest Division.



Left to right: NPO Velasquez and School Resource Officer Espinoza with students at North Side HS. Citizens on Patrol assist students at Marine Creek MS.

Northwest Division in the Community



Commander Molina talked with residents of Scenic Shores, North Lake Worth, East Lake Worth, Lake Country and Town of Lakeside neighborhoods during Councilmember Macy Hill's District 7 Community Walk at Arrow-S Park.



NPO Lamb attended a casual backyard cookout with North Beverly Hills residents. The association's outdoor May meeting drew a crowd, including several new members.



Crime Prevention Specialist Dot Kent and NPO De Los Santos shared tips on how to recognize scams with Best Years Club members. The workshop was part of Senior Expo at North Tri-Ethnic Community Center.



NPOs Skelton and Massey found that the All Saints Running Club does more than just run!



NPOs Vanbrunt, Flores and others enjoyed greeting seniors and loading their cars with food at Northside Community Center's Senior Share event.



Members of The Landing listened as NPOs Velasquez and Vanbrunt shared the top summer safety reminders— lock car doors every time, and don't store your extra key fob in the console!

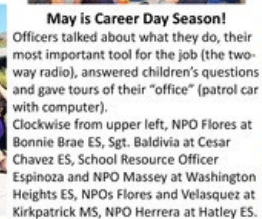
Northwest Division in the Schools



May is Career Day Season!

Officers talked about what they do, their most important tool for the job (the two-way radio), answered children's questions and gave tours of their "office" (patrol car with computer).

Clockwise from upper left, NPO Flores at Bonnie Brae ES, Sgt. Baldivia at Cesar Chavez ES, School Resource Officer Espinoza and NPO Massey at Washington Heights ES, NPOs Flores and Velasquez at Kirkpatrick MS, NPO Herrera at Hatley ES.



Sports for Good Causes



Left to right: The 30th Annual Code Blue Charity Golf Tournament raised funds for the Citizens On Patrol program. Officers Cherry, Backlas, Kujawski and Lamb at the MedStar Annual Clay Shoot. Officers watched and played in the Police vs. Fire Battle of the Badges soccer match at Lake Country Christian School.

MyFW app Now Available in Spanish

The free My Fort Worth app is now available in Spanish! Please tell your Spanish-speaking family, friends and neighbors. **For mobile users:** Switch the MyFW app to Spanish by opening your device "Settings." For iPhone, select "General." For Android users, select "General Management." Then choose Spanish as your preferred language. The update provides Spanish-speaking users with easy access to information about city services and a speedy way to report traffic, code and neighborhood concerns. Use the QR code below to download the MyFW app for your iPhone or Android device.



NW Division News



The Fort Worth Police Department joined law enforcement agencies from around the nation during **National Police Week** in May to honor the sacrifice of those who have protected and served. Fort Worth officers traveled to Washington, D.C. to honor and be with the family of Sgt. Jon A. Jenson, a North Division officer who passed away in October. Jenson's name was added to the memorial wall this year.

Northwest NPO Joshua Vanbrunt, far right, also participated in National Police Week events, performing with the department's Pipes & Drums unit. The unit was awarded 3rd place in a good-natured competition among units nationwide.



Apartment Spotlight



For NPO Lamb, “to protect and to serve” also means serving after-school snacks to kids at Providence Marine Creek Apartments. Resident Services Coordinator Roxana De Blanco and her husband (center) greet children every week as they get off school buses. She invited Northwest Police Division to share safety tips once a month. We’ve talked with kids about how to call 911, traffic safety and more while sharing crime prevention tips with parents, too.

Managers who’d like to plan a summer safety visit should contact their NPO or email crime prevention specialist Dot Kent dot.kent@fortworthtexas.gov

EMANCIPATION DAY
CELEBRATING FREEDOM
JUNETEENTH
BLACK AMERICAN FREEDOM
1865

Juneteenth CELEBRATION

SATURDAY JUNE 15TH 11AM -5PM

LINCOLN PARK 2922 LINCOLN AVE. FT. WORTH TX

MUSIC BY DJ E2/ FUN / GAMES / FREE FOOD FROM 12-2PM

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY
 CELEBRATE THE LEGACY
 HONOR THE PROGRESS
 RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS OUT AND COME ENJOY
 THE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION!!!!

A LIST OF EVENTS FOR THE DAY
 PARADE LINEUP 7:30 -9:30 @SHILOH EAST PARKING LOT 2823 N. HOUSTON ST.
 PARADE TAKES OFF @ 10:00AM
 COMMUNITY CENTER GAMES AND ACTIVITIES 11AM-2PM 3 ON 3 BB, FLAG FOOTBALL
 VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT 1ST AND 2ND PLACE RIBBONS
 ADULT SOFTBALL GAME STARTS @4:00PM
 THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE THE JUNETEENTH BILL LAYNE TOURNAMENT TROPHY

Juneteenth Celebration
 Sponsored by the Far Greater
 Northside Historical
 Neighborhood Association

Don't Lose Money to Online Scams



Nearly every week, Fort Worth Police take reports of people being scammed when using PayPal, Venmo, Zelle and similar online platforms. Here are two typical ways scammers operate.

Selling goods that never arrive. You purchase a dryer or other large appliance posted on Facebook Marketplace (or similar) that requires scheduling a delivery. The scammer requires payment up front. You send money, but the goods are never delivered.

Renting property they don't own. You see a rental property listed online and contact the "owner" to arrange a viewing. When the "owner" doesn't show,

you call or text and they give you a code to enter the property. You like what you see, accept the deal and arrange payment online. When you return for move-in, the property is locked or someone else has moved in because the person you sent money to doesn't really own the property.

Tips to avoid a scam

- The safest way to purchase online is to pay with a credit card. It's disputable, so you're more likely to get your money back if something goes wrong.
- If you do pay with Zelle, PayPal, Venmo or similar platforms, understand their policies for business transactions. For example: scammers may instruct you to use PayPal's Friends & Family function, which doesn't have the same protections as the business function.
- Be wary of sellers or renters you never meet in person. That's a red flag!
- Anyone can claim anything online and post generic photos. Purchase from reputable online retailers or from actual stores where you can see what you're buying.

NW Neighborhood Patrol Officers

If you don't know your NPO's name, visit [OneAddress](#). Type in your street address, click search, then click the "+" sign in front of the word "Neighborhoods." Your NPO's name and number are listed.

BEAT	NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL OFFICER	EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
C11	SALAZAR, R.M.	rafael.salazar@fortworthtexas.gov	817-996-0406
C12	DE LOS SANTOS, R.	ricardo.delossantos@fortworthtexas.gov	817-991-8463
C13	SKELTON, M.	magdalena.skelton@fortworthtexas.gov	817-992-0170
C14	FLORES, J.	jesus.flores2@fortworthtexas.gov	817-925-2505
C15	ZENTENO, J.	jose.zenteno@fortworthtexas.gov	817-929-8959
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D NPOs	SGT. BOHLIN, J.	joshua.bohlin@fortworthtexas.gov	817-682-3072

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