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It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I share the news of the loss of one of our own, Sgt Billy Randolph. He was killed in the Line of Duty last month. Please keep the family and friends of Sgt. Randolph in your prayers along with our Fort Worth PD family. Sgt. Randolph served with the Fort Worth Police Department for 29 years, last assigned to South Patrol.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS TUESDAY OCTOBER 1, 2024

The Fort Worth Police Department invites all residents to participate in the “National Night Out”

Neighborhood Crime Watch groups, Citizens on Patrol groups, Neighborhood Associations and other neighborhood or apartment groups are encouraged to host events on “National Night Out”.

Register at: <https://police.fortworthtexas.gov/OnlineServices/NNO/>

“National Night Out” is designed to:

- *Heighten awareness of crime prevention*
- *Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts*
- *Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships*
- *Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime.*

If you have ANY questions about National Night Out contact me.

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FWPD is now accepting applications for lateral officers, including officers outside of Texas, through October 31, 2024.

Must be full-time paid police officer for a municipal, county, or state law enforcement agency with 3 years of service as of 4/1/25. FWPD has developed a TCOLE prep course prior to the Lateral Academy which provides out-of-state officers with all the required courses and state exam to get TCOLE Certified.

Candidates can apply at: [Job Board](#) or contact a recruiter at Recruiting@fortworthpd.com.

SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

SHOOT FOR THE BLUE RAISES MONEY FOR THE FORT WORTH POLICE BIKE PATROL. WE PROVIDE OFFICERS WITH BICYCLES, EQUIPMENT, AND TRAINING NOT COVERED BY THE CITY'S BUDGET, TO HELP KEEP FORT WORTH SAFE.



REGISTER OR DONATE TODAY!



The Fort Worth Police Bike Support Group is a 501(c)(3) committed to training and equipping bike riding officers of the Fort Worth PD while fostering relationships between law enforcement and the Fort Worth community.

FortWorthBikePatrol.org

ShootForTheBlue.org





How downtown is being reshaped

The northeast quadrant, runs from Belknap Street to West 6th Street north to south and Jones Street to Houston Street east to west. This section is home to decades-long tenants, including Sundance Square, Bass Hall, and The

Worthington Renaissance Fort Worth Hotel, which has been in downtown since April 1981. Keep reading to find some new players on the scene.

Oncor conversion

Hillwood, a leading developer in north Fort Worth + Alliance, made its first-ever purchase in downtown in October 2023. The developer purchased a full city block between West 6th and West 7th Streets and between Calhoun and Jones Streets; it was previously owned by Oncor for decades. While Hillwood has not officially announced all plans for the development, representatives from Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. believes the site will soon hold apartments and retail spaces.

Bob Simpson building

The former home of XTO Energy at 110 W. 7th St. will become a Residence Inn by Marriot designed by local firm Bennett Partners. The building was originally constructed in 1910 and is listed on the National Register for Historic Places.

The Star-Telegram Building shown right shares a lobby with the Oil & Gas building. Photo courtesy of Loopnet

Dallas-based Bluelofts, Inc. bought both the Oil & Gas building (1954) and the Star-Telegram building (1929) and is planning to build 268 residential units. A portion of the Star-Telegram building will remain office space — *but no longer houses the newsroom.*



Heritage and Paddock parks

Outside the northeast corridor coverage area, both parks near the Tarrant County Courthouse will be revitalized as part of a **\$50 million project**. Those parks will play a significant role in linking the north end of downtown to the **Panther Island project**.

Fort Worth is committed to supporting National Preparedness Month

FEMA's National Preparedness Month campaign builds on proactive steps to engage and empower the Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities.



As the City of Fort Worth gears up for National Preparedness Month in September, the Fire Department's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is taking initiatives to advance accessibility and cultural competency, boosting the nation's preparedness across all communities. By integrating this theme into its emergency planning strategies, Fort Worth aims to enhance resilience and readiness for the entire community.

What is Fort Worth doing?

Fort Worth's OEM is launching several initiatives to engage communities:

Providing multilingual educational emergency preparedness materials titled [KnowWhat2Do](#).

- Partnering in community outreach with school districts.
- Engaging with local leaders and organizations.

Why do these initiatives matter? It is crucial to include all communities in preparedness planning. These communities play an important role during disasters but often face unique challenges, such as language barriers and different cultural practices that affect their access to and understanding of emergency information.

Fort Worth aims to ensure no one is left behind in emergencies by focusing on a whole-community approach. Empowering all communities enhances overall resilience and provides a more coordinated and effective response during disasters.

A critical initiative that can help this group and all other communities is Community Connect.

What does Community Connect provide?

- **Critical information:** residence type, fire sprinklers, family meeting place.
- **Emergency contacts:** access, hazards, locating occupants.
- **Physical or mental disabilities:** household members who might need additional attention.
- **Include pets:** type, quantity, names, location. These initiatives are designed to provide emergency preparedness information and ensure that it is accessible to everyone, regardless of language or cultural background.

Through these initiatives, Fort Worth's OEM supports FEMA's theme for National Preparedness Month and fosters a more inclusive and resilient community prepared to face any type of hazard.

Creating your community account is easy and secure. To sign up for Community Connect, scan the QR code above.



Neighborhood Litter Stomp is a citywide volunteer litter cleanup hosted by Keep Fort Worth Beautiful each fall. The focus of the event is to encourage your neighbors to come together and host a cleanup event in your neighborhood! If your neighborhood is looking good and free from litter and trash, we encourage you to pick up litter at a local park, school, or a waterway. It's easy to participate and Keep Fort Worth Beautiful provides all the supplies for free. [More Information](#)



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If you'd like to know more about Citizens on Patrol, visit the [webpage](#).

For even more information contact Central Division Coordinator [Alison Golden](#)

Reporter Scoop Jefferson featured a story about Fort Worth's Code Blue Citizens On Patrol. View in the link below.

[CODE BLUE](#)

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.

Fort Worth Police Department NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Copper thefts are again on the rise, a recent theft amounting to approximately \$10,000 was reported

CALL 911 or the Non Emergency 817 392-4222

[See this Newscast from WFAA Channel 8](#)

UNITED COMMUNITY FAIR

(Assisted at South Division Event)



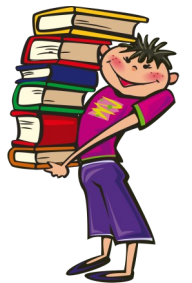


BACK TO SCHOOL GATHERINGS

New Mt Caramel
Missionary
Baptist Church
Back to School
Event



Aids
Outreach
Center
Back to School
Event



Power Hour
of Praise
Back to
School Event

More Photos



TCTCPA prepare and serve dinner for Ronald McDonald House families.



Crafting with COPs at Cook Children's Hospital



Cielo Place Apartments with Kona Ice, COP Members and Recruiting information



Personal Safety Presentation at the REACH center



Andrew Doc Sessions Back to School Event



CONGRATULATIONS



During City Council **OAKHURST Neighborhood** (pictured left) was given a plaque from the City for being the oldest neighborhood, the oldest neighborhood watch (Citizens on Patrol) and for winning Neighborhood of the Year (Nationally) three times.



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HOW TO AVOID GETTING BURNED BY SOLAR OR CLEAN ENERGY SCAMS

By: Larissa Bungo

While reputable companies can help you save money with clean or solar energy improvements, scammers offer more than they can deliver. The scams vary, but here's the gist: someone claiming to be with the government or your utility company promises big savings on your utility bills from solar energy or other home improvements designed to increase energy efficiency. If you agree to the scammer's offer, it could cost you thousands of dollars. These scams start with an unexpected phone call, message on social, or even an in-person visit. The so-called official offers you an "energy audit" to reduce your utility costs. Or they might try to sign you up for a "free" program to make your home more energy efficient with solar energy. While they might say they're from your utility company or the government, they're not. And while they promise free or low-cost solar panels, or offer you huge rebates, tax credits, or utility incentives to pay for those solar panels, those are lies. Some so-called officials even say your utility company already signed you up for the program, so now you need to pay. That is, of course, also a scam.

To protect yourself from clean energy scams:

Know that "free" or "no cost" solar panel offers are scams. The federal government does not install solar systems in homes for free. If you're considering whether solar energy is right for you, check out the Department of Energy's [guide for homeowners](#) and [learn more](#). Or check out the Department of Treasury's [guidance on clean energy](#).

Take your time. Anyone who pressures you into a contract or demands up-front or immediate payment is a scammer. Legitimate businesses and government agencies don't pressure you to act immediately and won't tell you to pay with cash, [gift card](#), [wire transfer](#), [payment app](#), or [cryptocurrency](#). But imposters will. Learn more at [ftc.gov/imposters](https://www.ftc.gov/imposters).

Protect your personal information. Don't respond to unexpected requests online or on social media for your name, address, or other personal information to "see if you qualify." At best, this is someone generating leads to sell, not actual solar businesses. At worst, they're scammers trying to steal your identity.



HOME TITLE LOCK INSURANCE? NOT A LOCK AT ALL

By Larissa Bungo - Federal Trade Commission

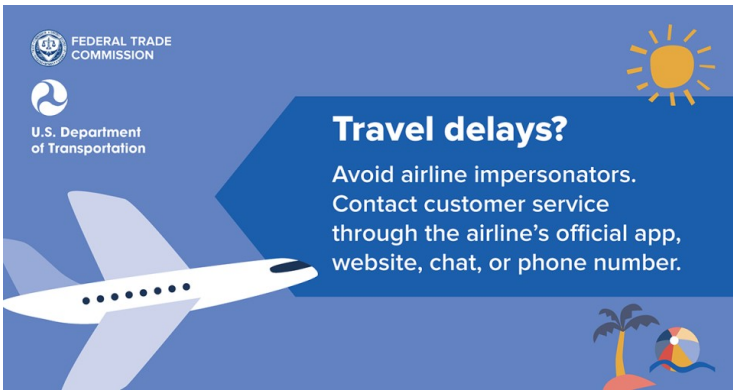
If you've seen ads for home title lock insurance, they might have you worried. After all, the ads say thieves can steal the title to your home. But then the ads tell you to buy title lock insurance to supposedly prevent home title theft. Stop. Take a breath. It's just a ploy to scare you.

First, know that "title lock insurance" is not title insurance. If you're a homeowner, you might remember buying title insurance when you first bought your house. It protects you against challenges to the title, like a lien you didn't know about. But "title lock insurance" is different and it's not insurance at all. Instead, it's a service that claims to monitor your deed to protect you against title fraud. You'd only find out AFTER your title got transferred to someone else without your authorization. So much for the lock.

Title fraud is identity theft: someone pretends to be you and transfers your deed to someone else. Title lock insurance (again: not a lock, not insurance) wouldn't stop that. And you can check your title for free with your state's land records office, and some areas even have a free notification program that allows you to sign up for alerts about any legal changes, like ownership of a property.

Here are some other steps you can take to protect yourself from identity thieves:

- **Check your credit report** for free through [AnnualCreditReport.com](https://www.annualcreditreport.com). Each of the nationwide credit bureaus lets you get [free weekly credit reports](#) online.
- **Monitor your bills.** If you suddenly stop receiving utility bills, that may be a sign of identity theft. If you're worried, contact your utility company directly.
- **Get help.** If you suspect identity theft, go to [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov) for a free, personalized recovery plan.



Scammers impersonate airline customer service Representatives

By Alvaro Puig

There are few things more frustrating than airline delays or cancellations that leave you stranded at the airport. Whether the issues are the result of an unprecedented event like the CrowdStrike glitch that grounded thousands of flights worldwide, or more common disturbances like weather delays, desperate travelers often turn to social media for help from the airlines. Opportunistic scammers know this, and they're re lurking behind fake accounts trying to steal travelers' information.

Scammers crawl social media looking for posts from upset travelers. They reach out to them through fake social media accounts and pretend to be an airline customer service representative who's there to help. The scammers ask passengers for a slew of information, like their booking confirmation number, phone number, or bank account. Or they send passengers to a spoofed site that harvests their personal information and use it to steal the passenger's identity or rack up charges on their accounts.

If you're dealing with travel troubles, here's how to avoid getting re-routed to an airline impersonator:

- Log in to your airline account and contact customer service through the airline's official app, website, chat, or phone number.
- If you're at the airport, speak to a customer service representative in person.
- If you reach out through social media, find the airline's official social media page on their website. Look for a verification symbol or badge. And never give out personal information on social media.



Holiday gatherings are just around the corner. Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. Make arrangements to celebrate safely. Appoint a designated driver or call for a ride. **Don't drink and drive.**