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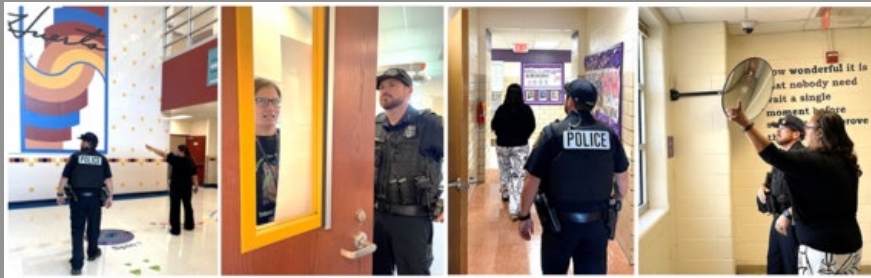
FWPD Northwest Division Newsletter

Back-to-School Safety



When children go back to school in August, you'll see plenty of police officers. Northwest Police Division will provide extra coverage around school campuses to make sure the return to classes is safe. Code Blue volunteers, in their bright blue shirts or jackets, will assist. The special back-to-school detail will include enforcing 20 mph speed limits and no texting or talking on cell phones in school zones. So please: wear your seatbelt, slow down, pay attention to crosswalks and help us keep the kids safe. **See more back-to-school info later in this newsletter.**

School Safety Tours



Northwest officers are making a point to tour every school on their beat to become familiar with the layout and security measures in place. **Left to right:** Dolores Huerta Elementary School Principal Carla Cocia gave Neighborhood Patrol Officer Dustin Lamb a tour, pointing out cameras and security locks. She also demonstrated window coverings teachers use to block the view into classrooms. At Kirkpatrick Middle School, Assistant Principal Marie Boodhna pointed out exits and added cameras. Fort Worth ISD provided officers with updated school floor plans, in case of emergency.

These Scams are Trending



Northwest Police urge you to be vigilant online and on the phone as we continue to get reports of residents falling victim to scammers. The following scams have happened repeatedly here in Fort Worth. Read on but stay alert: scammers often change up the details based on who they're trying to scam.

Bitcoin Payments. A caller claims to be with your bank or credit union, advises there's been fraud on your account and tells you to withdraw all your money and deposit it in a bitcoin machine. *Hang up and call your bank directly. It's a scam.*

Rental Property. You see a house or apartment listed online and contact the "owner" to see it. 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 pay 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 own the property. *Never send money to a landlord you don't meet in person. Never pay in full until you receive the keys and know they work.*

Online Purchases. You buy something on Facebook Marketplace (or similar). The scammer requires full payment before delivery. You send the money, but the merchandise never arrives. *The safest way to purchase online is with a credit card. It's disputable, so you're more likely to get your money back if something goes wrong. If you must use PayPal, Venmo, Zelle or similar, make the transaction only after you inspect the goods.*

Learn more about spotting scams: [Federal Trade Commission](#) or [Better Business Bureau](#)

Plan Now for Oct. 1 National Night Out

National Night Out, held the first Tuesday in October, will be here before you know it! Start planning now for a fun celebration to get to know your neighbors—a fundamental building block of reducing crime.

Hosting a great National Night Out event doesn't have to be complicated or expensive. Here are some ideas to keep it simple and share the costs.



- Email or hand-deliver homemade invitations to every neighbor on your block. Get the kids to help!
- Host a front yard dessert potluck: ask everyone to bring a lawn chair and a treat to share.
- Ask neighbors to turn on their lights and come outside for a walk after dinner.
- Say hello, introduce yourself, help new neighbors meet each other and share contact information.

Once you decide, please register your event with the Fort Worth Police Department by filling out a short [online form](#). You'll be recognized for your efforts, we'll provide some goodies for you to hand out while supplies last, and we'll do our best to stop by on Oct. 1.

NW Police in the Community

Summer Camp Bike Rodeo

There's nothing like a new helmet and a bike rodeo to put a smile on kids faces! Northwest Division officers enjoyed teaching bike safety rules at North Tri-Ethnic Community Center. Special thanks to our partners at Tarrant County Medical Society Alliance for providing free helmets for every child and Raising Cane's restaurant for giving rodeo participants a coupon for a free meal.



Angela Donahue and volunteers with Tarrant County Medical Society Alliance made sure helmets were a perfect fit. Officer Warren, who set up the rodeo, adjusted seats for each rider. Officer Centeno assisted young riders on an obstacle challenge.



Officers Massey and Moncada gave instructions for observing surroundings while riding. Officer Flores and others assisted riders with starting and stopping. Everyone got a helmet and goody bag to take home.

Movie Duty



Northwest Division Code Blue volunteers pulled late-night duty in July, assisting officers in the 3200 block of N. Main Street. The reason? Crews were shooting scenes from screenwriter-director Taylor Sheridan's latest TV series *Landman*. Code Blue members helped observe traffic and pedestrians as officers re-routed traffic. Want to volunteer? Learn more by emailing coordinator [Sandra Jones](#).

Major League Honor

Northwest officers helped welcome Major League Baseball to Fort Worth in July, providing traffic control at an Artes de la Rosa mural unveiling, the MLB Draft at Cowtown Coliseum and an All-Star Week celebration in the Stockyards.



Left to right: The Texas Rangers and Major League Baseball commissioned a mural by artists Juan Velazquez and Armando Aguirre, featuring local baseball players. Commander Molina, Assistant Chief Swearingin and NPO Salazar gave it thumbs up. Commander Molina and NPO Salazar awaited the arrival of players, as fans lined up for pictures and autographs. And with former Texas Ranger pitcher Yovani Gallardo, who grew up in Northside Fort Worth.

MLB Drone Show

A special drone show over the Historic Stockyards capped off Fort Worth's Major League Baseball All-Star Celebration. Drones with colored lights formed a Texas flag, rodeo rider and this awesome image of a player sliding into first base!



4th of July Parade

NPO Moncada helped keep things safe as North Side Neighborhood Association held its Independence Day Parade. Entries included a scouts color guard, several elected officials and the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, followed by bikes and people decorated with balloons.



Business Crime Watch

The NW 25th Street Business Crime Watch held its second meeting since reactivating after COVID. The group is working to choose a communication tool for sharing information. NPO Skelton provided weekly crime stats, and Crime Prevention Specialist Dot Kent urged members to report not just crime, but also code violations and city issues via the MyFW app or 817-392-1234, because well-maintained areas generally have less crime. Business owners and managers along NW 25th Street are invited to the next meeting: **Monday, Aug. 12**, noon-1 p.m. at Victory Outreach, 2424 Chestnut Ave., to discuss issues related to the homeless.



Invite Us to Your Meeting

City Councilmember Carlos Flores gave an update on a proposed senior housing development during July's Diamond Hill-Jarvis Neighborhood Association meeting. Northwest Police offered free gun locks and safety information. The group meets the third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at Diamond Hill Community Center. Invite us to your neighborhood or civic club meeting by contacting your NPO or crime prevention specialist [Dot Kent](#).



Fort Worth Explorers

Thanks to North Beverly Hills Neighborhood Association for inviting families to hear about the [Fort Worth Police Explorers](#) program in July. The youth program focuses on character development, decision-making and careers and has inspired past neighborhood residents to become police officers! Explorer applications are open through Aug. 31.

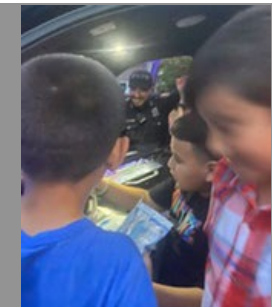


Inspiring Youth

NPO Jesus Flores spoke to Camp Fire Teens in Action about his career and what happens during a traffic stop. He also answered teens' questions about drugs and how to stay safe. The summer program is part of [Camp Fire First Texas](#).

Birthday Brigade

Officer Brock Atkins made a lot of new friends when he stopped by a birthday party and let several young boys get a look inside his patrol car. Eight-year-old Isaiah and his family live on Atkins' beat, and the officer had learned that Isaiah really likes police stuff. "I believe it's important to show the community that you are there for them," said Atkins. Best birthday ever!



New Police Building



The city's newest police station is in south Fort Worth at 3501 W. Risinger Rd. Funding for the \$20 million project was approved in the 2018 Bond Program with additional funds from the Crime Control & Prevention District. Commander Molina, Northwest COP members Harry Diaz and Sue Anderson and Chief Neil Noakes were among those who attended the July 29 grand opening.

NW Division News

Promotion Ceremony

He's been at the job for more than a month, but now it's official! Chief Noakes presented Commander Molina with his promotion papers at a FWPD promotion ceremony July 25.



Security Assist

Northwest Division NPO Joshua Vanbrunt was among more than 40 Fort Worth officers who assisted with security at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee. In addition to crowd and motorcade traffic control, the team assisted the Secret Service. "We helped secure a corridor that Vice Presidential nominee J.D. Vance could walk through with his security detail. In the picture you can see a line of bicycles, a line of Kentucky State Troopers then another line of bikes," Vanbrunt explained.

Staying Cool



A thousand thanks to assistant manager Stan Shelton and his team at the Lake Worth Lowe's, 3500 NW Centre Dr. in Fort Worth. They donated a hot and cold water dispenser for our Stockyards bike unit, to help officers stay hydrated.

Decade of Service

Code Blue volunteers Sherry and Robert Moore were recognized in July for their 10 years with the Northwest Code Blue Citizens on Patrol Program. Lt. Kyle Lawrence thanked them for their outstanding service to the community and presented them with certificates and service pins. Learn more about [Citizens on Patrol](#) online or contact [COP coordinator Sandra Jones](#).

We always need volunteers!



Firefighter Games

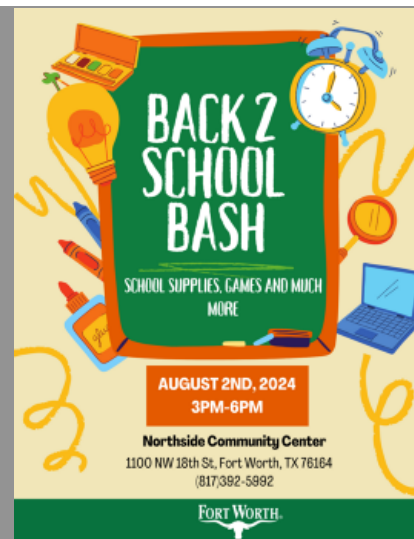
NPO Lamb was invited to the 2024 Texas Firefighter Summer Games held in Lewisville, where he placed third in cornhole. The event drew hundreds of firefighters from Fort Worth and across the state.

More Back to School



Fort Worth Offers After-School Programs

Twenty City of Fort Worth community centers offer parents a safe place for children to hang out, do homework and play after school. The city's After-School Program is available for students ages 5-13. Sessions run Monday-Friday starting Aug. 13, from school dismissal to 6 p.m. Transportation is available at select sites. Snacks are served each day. Price varies by location, and some scholarships and discounts are available. [Registration](#) is required and can be paid by credit card or electronic check. Check online to find a [local community center](#) near your home or where you work.



Get Ready for School

Get your vaccinations and school supplies at All Saints Catholic Church, Saturday, Aug. 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., while supplies last. Enjoy food, games, face painting, caricatures and a raffle for Dallas Cowboys tickets in the Parish Hall at 215 NW 20th St., across from Marine Park.

Drivers Take Note: School Zones in Effect

Whether or not you have a child going back to school, it's important to get back in the school zone habit. In Texas, that means:

- Slow down! The speed limit is 20 mph in all school zones.
- Cell phone use is prohibited—both texting and talking—while driving in a school zone.
- Stop for school buses that are loading and unloading.
- Do not pass other vehicles, make U-turns or change lanes in a school zone.
- Stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.
- [Apply to be a crossing guard](#) at one of more than 150 area schools. It even pays!

Fort Worth police remind you that traffic fines increase in school zones. Mark your calendar now to leave a little early and slow down in school zones.



NW back-to-school start dates

- Aug. 7 Castleberry ISD
- Aug. 12 Eagle Mtn-Saginaw ISD
- Aug. 13 Fort Worth ISD
- Aug. 13 Lake Worth ISD
- Aug. 14 Northwest ISD

Immunization Collaboration of Tarrant County

2024 Events

Event Hours Tuesday - Friday: Noon to 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

July 30 - August 2
Diamond Hill-Jarvis High School
1411 Maydell St. • Fort Worth, TX 76106

August 3
North Texas Wellness Fair
Forest Hill Civic & Convention Center
6901 Wichita St. • Forest Hill, TX 76149

August 6 - 10
North Davis Church of Christ
North Entrance to Gym
1601 N Davis Dr. • Arlington, TX 76012

August 13 - 17
Ridgmar Mall
Entrance at Food Court
1888 Green Oaks Rd. • Fort Worth, TX 76116

Tarrant County Public Health Clinics

Clinic Hours Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed for Lunch: Noon to 1 p.m.

Lake Worth
3800 Adam Grubb Rd. • Lake Worth, TX 76135

Watauga
6601 Watauga Rd., Suite 122 • Watauga, TX 76148

Arlington - Cooper Street
2920 S. Cooper St. • Arlington, TX 76015

Fort Worth - Granbury Road
6551 Granbury Rd. • Fort Worth, TX 76133

Fort Worth - Main Campus
1101 S. Main St. • Fort Worth, TX 76104

Main Campus Saturday Clinic
August 24 • 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

BRING YOUR SHOT RECORDS!

Children (0-18 years old): \$10 per shot
Adults (19 years & older): \$15 per shot
Cash, Check, CHIP, or Medicaid Accepted
NO DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS

Important Note:
If your child has private insurance that pays for the needed vaccines, see your child's doctor.
For additional health questions, physicals or exams, follow up with your doctor.

Questions? Text 817-776-5574 or visit www.ictchome.org
Facebook: ImmunizationCollaborationTC
X: ImmunizeTC Instagram: ImmunizeTC



Baby on the Way

And last, but not least...Northwest Division loves to celebrate! Our most recent get-together was for the anticipated arrival of a baby boy. Receptionist Jessica Vazquez is due in August. We can't wait to meet him!

Contact Your NPO

If you don't know your Neighborhood Patrol Officer'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
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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
C16	MONCADA, O.	oscar.moncada@fortworthtexas.gov	817-944-2725
D11	MASSEY, K.	kirk.massey@fortworthtexas.gov	817-994-3408
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D NPOs	SGT. BOHLIN, J.	joshua.bohlin@fortworthtexas.gov	817-682-3072

Emergency? Dial 911 Police Non-Emergency Phone 817-392-4222

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