



## Register your security cameras with Community Camera Program

The Fort Worth Police Department has rolled out its latest community-driven effort in crime prevention, the Community Camera Program.

**How it works:** The voluntary program invites residents, businesses and neighborhoods in Fort Worth to register their doorbell and security cameras, providing law enforcement with valuable resources in the event of a criminal incident.

The Community Camera Program camera registry empowers residents to collaborate with FWPD in investigating criminal activities, fostering a safer environment for neighborhoods.

**This is important:** Registering a camera does not grant automatic access to live video streams or recorded footage; it simply informs the police of the presence of cameras at your location, allowing investigators to reach out to obtain possible evidence that may help solve a crime. However, business owners who wish to integrate their cameras with FWPD's camera system can do so, giving responding officers the ability to receive real-time updates via their video feed.

**Ready to get started?** Registering your cameras is quick and straightforward. Residents and businesses can go [online](#) to provide their name, contact details and the number of cameras at their location. This information will be securely stored and accessible only to authorized investigators.

The Community Camera Program is powered by [Flock Safety](#), an all-in-one technology solution that collaborates with cities, businesses, schools and law enforcement agencies to eliminate crime. FWPD uses Flock Safety's License Plate Readers (LPRs) to address and reduce crime throughout the city.

**What they're saying:** "The Community Camera Program demonstrates the commitment of the Fort Worth Police Department to work hand-in-hand with our community members towards a safer city," said Police Chief Neil Noakes. "This cost-effective, user-friendly and transparent platform equips us with additional investigative tools and informs our decision-making process, all while safeguarding the privacy of our citizens and their residences. The Community Camera Program marks a significant stride towards keeping Fort Worth safe, together."



# How Fort Worth is responding to the fentanyl crisis

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Across the nation, fentanyl accounts for the vast majority of opioid overdoses and almost 70% of all drug overdose deaths. Responding to the crisis, City departments, Fire, Police and Neighborhood Services, continue to work with outside partners to reduce fentanyl and opioid abuse in Fort Worth.

**What is fentanyl?** Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine.

- It is a major contributor to fatal and nonfatal overdoses in the U.S.
- There are two types of fentanyl: pharmaceutical fentanyl and illegally made fentanyl. Both are considered synthetic opioids.
- It is often added to other drugs because of its extreme potency, which makes drugs cheaper, more powerful, more addictive and more dangerous.
- Most recent cases of fentanyl-related overdose are linked to illegally made fentanyl, which is distributed through illegal drug markets for its heroin-like effect.

Nationwide, more than 150 people die every day from overdoses related to synthetic opioids like fentanyl, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control.

## How Fort Worth is responding

**Fort Worth Fire Department:** The department responded to about 1,000 suspected overdose/poisoning incidents each year in fiscal years 2022 and 2023. Upon arriving on the scene, firefighters discovered an actual overdose or poisoning about 20% of the time.

Narcan was administered in 65% of suspected overdose incidents in FY22 and 75% of suspected overdose incidents in FY23.

FWFD recently received funding through the Neighborhood Services Department, along with UNT Health Science Center and Tarrant County MHMR, to mitigate harms caused by opioid distribution and use. FWFD will collaborate with these groups, and FWPD and MedStar, in the coming year to reduce the abuse of fentanyl and other opioid substances.

These initiatives are planned:

- Community CPR training
- Community Narcan administration training
- Engagement with family members
- Distributing hygiene kits
- HOPE Team overdose follow-up within 24-36 hours
- HOPE Team risk assessment and crisis intervention to affected populations

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**Fort Worth Police Department:** FWPD's response is targeted toward enforcement and preserving life.

In 2017, PD started training and issuing officers Narcan to be used in the field to protect officers and residents from opioid exposures and suspected overdoses. Since the inception of this program, 412 officers and civilians have been trained in the use of Narcan, with 357 doses currently issued and assigned to officers. Twenty-two of those doses have been administered as a lifesaving measure in the field.

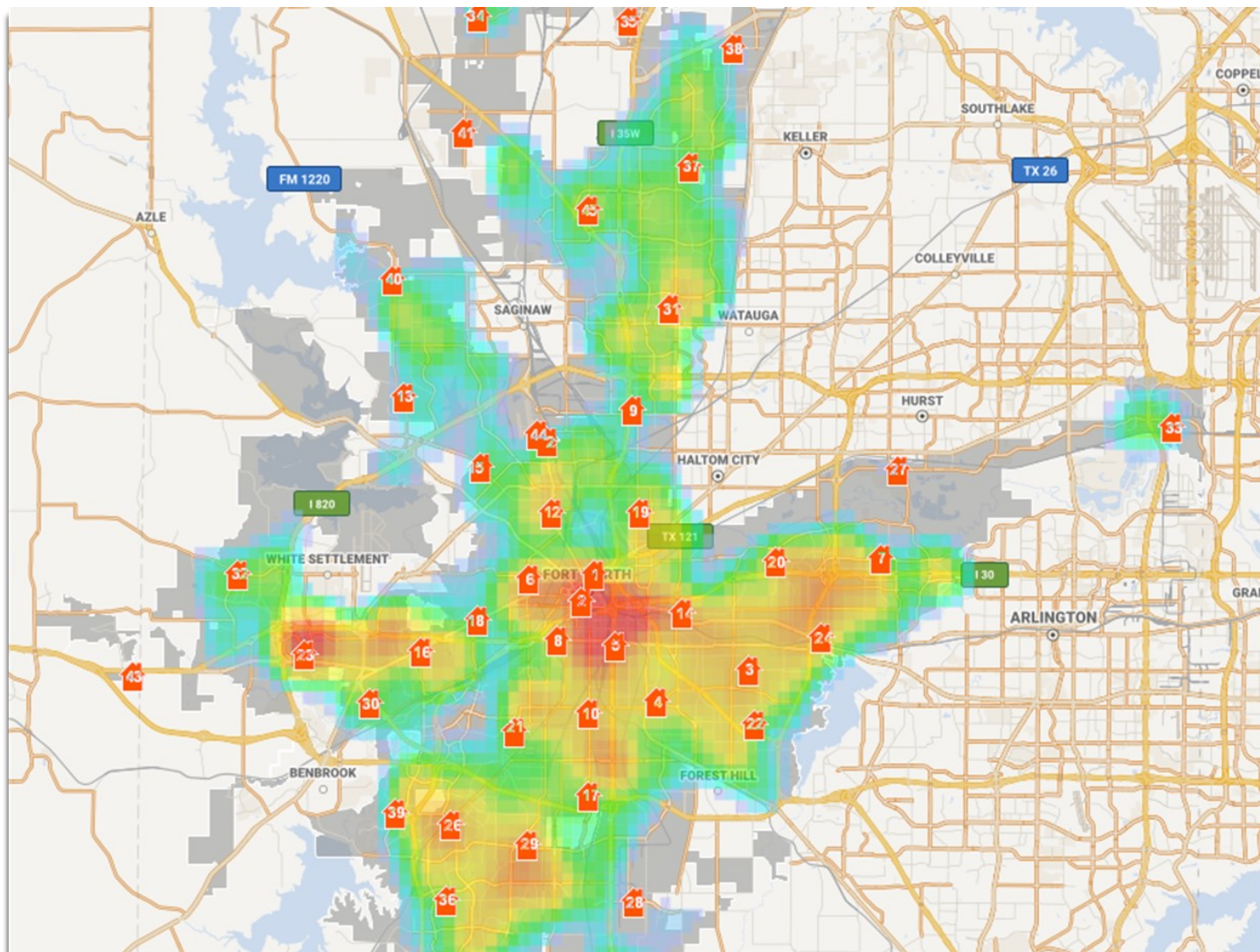
In 2022, FWPD created a team of narcotics investigators devoted to suspected overdose and death investigation from drugs. These narcotics investigators are notified by Police Communications when patrol officers have been dispatched to a call involving a suspected fentanyl overdose. In 2023, the team responded to 98 overdose-related calls; 76 of those were fentanyl-related overdose deaths.

Late last year, FWPD was one of the first agencies in Texas and the first in Tarrant County to indict a suspect on a murder charge from a fentanyl overdose.

This team has also begun educating teachers, administrators and counselors on how to recognize dangerous drugs.

**MedStar:** The mobile healthcare group's overdose response team includes one mobile health paramedic and one peer support specialist from the Recovery Resource Council.

The team received 3,168 referrals between December 2021 and October 2023; 373 patients received at least one program service during that period.



**Map:** A heat map displays the density of incidents related to suspected fentanyl overdose and poisoning. Upcoming initiatives will be targeted to the Lancaster area near downtown and the Las Vegas Trail area.



# Citizens Police Academy Classes Begin March 5

The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) #62 classes will begin on March 5, 2024. CPA is a free 12-week informative program sponsored by the Fort Worth Police Department.

The program's main objective and intent is to familiarize and educate the community about how units within the FWPD operate and the training, commitment and dedication required of a For Worth police officer. The program is open to anyone over the age of 21 with an interest in learning more about the nature of police work.

Classes will meet every Tuesday evening from 6-9 p.m. at 1000 Calvert St. A light meal will be served. For more information please contact Officer Carroll by email at [Tamelia.carroll@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:Tamelia.carroll@fortworthtexas.gov) or call 817-392-6225. [Click here for the CPA Application.](#)

## Save the date for Cowtown Cleanup!



The city's largest cleanup event of the year **Cowtown Great American Cleanup** will be held this year on **Saturday, March 23, 2024**. Join Keep Fort Worth Beautiful and work with thousands of volunteers in the city. Schools, churches, businesses, families and individuals are all welcome to join!

**Registration opens on February 1st. [Updates Here](#)**

**Earth Party:** Volunteers are invited to join KFWB following the Cowtown Cleanup for entertainment, and the “*Trashion Fashion Contest* “.Create runway-ready looks out of trash and recyclables! Walk the runway at the Earth Party celebration immediately following the Cowtown Great American Cleanup.



[Email KFWB](#) for the full contest rules earth-themed vendors, pet adoptions, and a free lunch!

# Ambassador Program

## Services



### Hospitality Services

- Directions
- Motorist Assists
  - Flat Tires, Battery Jumps, etc.
- Safety & Umbrella Escorts
- Coordination with Clean Team
- Business contacts

### Safety Services

- Referrals to social services
- Discourage illegal behavior
  - Panhandling
  - Camping/Sleeping
  - Skateboarding
- Constant communication with Law Enforcement Officers



## **DOWNTOWN AMBASSADOR HOURS:**

7 a.m. - 12 a.m. | Sunday - Saturday  
817.484.3723 | [ambassador@dfwi.org](mailto:ambassador@dfwi.org) | [dfwi.org](http://dfwi.org)

**The Fort Worth African American Roost Music Festival is the only major city festival of its kind in the U.S., featuring award-winning Black artists celebrating blackness in America roots music.**



## **Fort Worth African American Roots Music Festival**

**Mar 16 at 12:00PM - 10:00PM**

**Southside Preservation Hall and Rose Chapel  
1519 Lipscomb St, Fort Worth-76104**

**Tickets \$20.00-\$50.00**

**[Tickets and Information](#)**

Join us in the Near Southside Cultural District for a day highlighting blackness in American roots music! The Fort Worth African American Roots Music Festival (FWAAMFest) is the only major-city festival of its kind, putting Fort Worth on the map as a place where community members can engage in the Black reclamation and innovation of these musical forms. This year's lineup featured headliners Lizzie No and Jerron Paxton, as well as Corey Harris, Piedmont Acoustic Bluz Duo, Crys Matthews, Jontavious Willis, Joy Clark, Spice Cake Blues, Lilli Lewis, EJ Mathews, and Stephanie Anne Johnson. FWAAMFest is a program of Decolonizing the Music Room, a Fort Worth nonprofit centering Black, Brown Indigenous, and Asian voices in music education and related fields. FWAAMFest is supported in part by a grant from Arts Fort Worth, The Texas Commission on the Arts, and the City of Fort Worth, as well as a grant from the Fort Worth Tourism Public Improvement District.



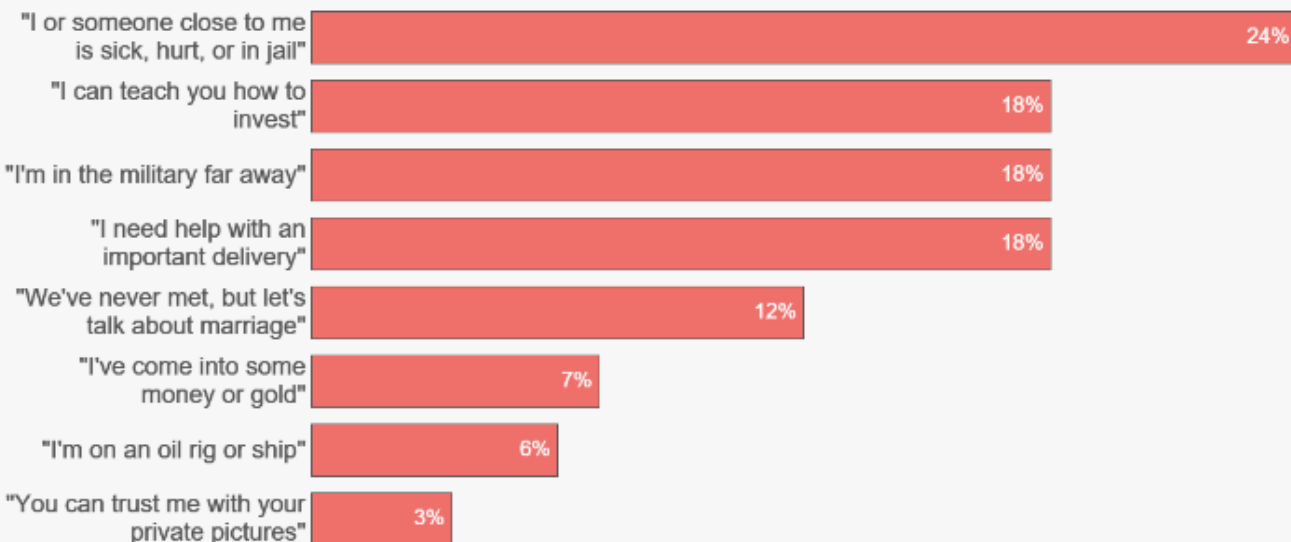
By: Emma Fletcher, Federal Trade Commission

Romance scammers tell all sorts of lies to steal your heart and money, and reports to the FTC show those lies are working. These scammers pay close attention to the information you share, and don't miss a beat becoming your perfect match. You like a thing, so that's their thing, too. You're looking to settle down. They're ready too. But there is one exception, you want to meet in real life, and they can't. Reports show their excuse is often baked right into their fake identity. Claiming to be on a faraway military base is the most popular excuse, but "offshore oil rig worker" is another common (and fake) occupation. In short, there's no end to the lies romance scammers will tell to get your money.

Reports show romance scammers often use dating apps to target people looking for love. But reports of romance scams that start with unexpected private messages on social media platforms are even more common. In fact, 40% of people who said they lost money to a romance scam last year said the contact started on social media; 19% said it started on a website or app. Many people reported that the scammer then quickly moved the sweet talk to WhatsApp, Google Chat, or other social platform.

You may have heard about romance scammers who tell you they're sick, hurt, or in jail, or give you another fake reason to send them money. But did you know that many romance scammers operate by offering to do *you* a favor? They may claim to be a successful cryptocurrency investor who'll teach you how it's done. But any money you "invest" goes straight into their wallet. In another twist, they might say they've shipped you a valuable package (not true), which requires you to send money for "customs" or some other made-up fee. It's all a lie. You send the money, and the package never turns up.

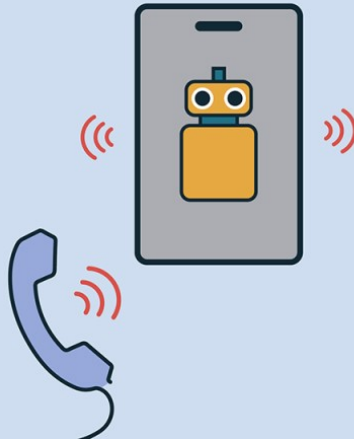
## Romance Scammers: Their Favorite Lies by the Numbers



Figures are based on 8,070 2022 romance scam reports that indicated a dollar loss and included a narrative of at least 2,000 characters in length. Lies were identified using keyword analysis of the narratives.

Report illegal  
robocalls

[DoNotCall.gov](https://www.donotcall.gov)



## How are Robocallers Getting your phone number?

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Does it ever feel like you're getting more robocalls than calls from actual humans? Illegal robocalls aren't just annoying - they're also often scams. But you might be wondering - how did they get my number in the first place?

Sometimes robocalls are random. But sometimes, a company tries to trick you to get your information and sells it. That's what the FTC says happened with lead generation company [Response Tree LLC](#) in a settlement announced today. People looking for a quote to refinance their mortgage gave the company their name and number. But instead of giving quotes, Response Tree took people's information and sold it to telemarketers making illegal robocalls about things like [fake auto warranties](#), solar panels, hearing aids, and Social Security disability services.

Here's what to do to avoid and report robocalls and scams:

- **Protect your personal information.** Before you enter your personal information on a website, research it. Search the name of the site plus "complaint," "review," or "scam."
- **Read the fine print.** Some websites might have small disclaimers that say if you click a link or check a box, you're agreeing to having your information collected and sold to other companies.

**Know your rights.** A [robocall](#) trying to sell you something is illegal unless the company has your written permission to call you that way.

**Report illegal robocalls.** Reporting helps law enforcement and investigators stop illegal robocalls. Report them at [DoNotCall.gov](https://www.donotcall.gov).