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7th Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run and Penny Challenge Benefits Special Olympics Texas

Each year, the Grand Prairie ISD Special Olympics Athletes and the Grand Prairie Police Department engage in the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Penny Challenge to kick off the Summer Games at the University of Texas at Arlington. This year's Penny Challenge helped raise nearly \$1,000 thanks to the efforts of five schools. South Grand Prairie HS won the challenge, raising nearly \$800! The money raised through our Penny Challenge and other LETR events provides every Special Olympics athlete in the state of Texas the chance to participate in local, area and state competitions!



4th Annual Cops & Kids Fishing

Grand Prairie Police Officers took time out of their Saturday to fish with our future! Several children attended the event at Mike Lewis Park and learned how to fish, all while meeting new role models and most importantly, making new friends. The yearly event enhances police-community relationships and teaches children the importance of environmental stewardship.



GPPD Youth Boxing Program Open House



The Grand Prairie Police Department Youth Boxing Program team and family members are hosting an open house cookout for existing and future youth boxing members. The event will be held on Thursday, June 7th from 5-8 p.m. at the GPPD Boxing Gym located at 1502 College Street. GPPD is accepting applications for the Youth Boxing Program, which is designed for creating leaders through boxing. Both male and female youth ages 12-16, who live in Grand Prairie, are invited to participate in the program. Interested Boxers are encouraged to visit the gym during the hours of 5-8 p.m. to submit an application and contact Coach Freddy Sanchez in person.



OUR MISSION

The Grand Prairie Police Department is dedicated to service and partnering with our community to maintain a safe environment with a high quality of life.



CYCLIN' WITH THE MAYOR

Join us on Tuesday night, June 26th at Starrett Elementary where we will ride the Fish Creek Trail with Grand Prairie Mayor Ron Jensen. Our Bike Patrol Unit will be there so feel free to introduce yourself and get to know them! The Bike Patrol Unit also created an Instagram account, so follow their patrol adventures:

 @grandprairiebikepatrol

A MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT CHIEF DANIEL SCESNEY

Our relationships with our community, in my view, are fantastic. We enjoy broad support, and I think that's because we take every interaction so seriously. We are problem-solvers at Grand Prairie Police Department, not just law enforcers; it's not the same thing. We get called to deal with such a myriad of different issues, and our officers don't just look at whether or not a law has been broken, but how to fix the problem and have a positive impact on the quality of life for our citizens. Every time. Every interaction.



Coming up...

National Night Out is Tuesday, October 2. This annual event is a great opportunity for citizens, police officers, firefighters and EMS paramedics to strengthen neighborhood spirit and first responder community relations. To sign up your neighborhood, please contact the GPPD Community Services Division at 972-237-8677 or register online at www.gptx.org/NNO

National Night Out



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Tip A Cop



Each year we partner with Texas Roadhouse and help raise money for our Special Olympics Athletes. Grand Prairie Police Officers will trade in their handcuffs for serving aprons at the annual Tip A Cop night held at Texas Roadhouse at 2536 W. Interstate 20 on Thursday, July 26. During the 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. dinner shift, officers will serve tables and collect tips, which will be turned in as donations to Special Olympics Texas to provide programming for more than 12,600 athletes with intellectual disabilities in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. This event operates under the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR), which is SOTX's largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle. Through efforts like Tip A Cop and our Annual Spring Classic Police Motorcycle Competition, Texas LETR raised over \$1.4 million in 2016 to support more than 58,300 SOTX athletes across the state.



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