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GPPD Hiring as it Graduates One of the Largest Recruit Classes in History of Department

A new class of Recruits is serving the community! The Grand Prairie Police Department trained 27 police recruits in Class #6. 21 of them were basic recruits and six of them were lateral recruits. Eight of the class of 27 have a military background and are using their experience to better serve the citizens of Grand Prairie. "After I finished serving my country I wanted to continue to serve in some way. In my opinion, that's something that drives me. I like to be able to serve something greater than myself," Ofc. David Jordan said. GPPD gives military veterans five extra points on their exams to honor and credit their experience in the military. If you, or someone you know is interested in a career in law enforcement, the next civil service exam is May 19th. The deadline to apply is May 4th. Applications for jobs and the civil service practice exam can be found online at www.grandprairiepolice.org.



Police Department Annual Report | City of Grand Prairie

Grand Prairie Police Department's annual report features a recap of the year as well as top accomplishments and statistics. The 2018 report can be found online at <http://po.st/GPPDAnnualReport>

Grand Prairie PD Adds Two New Bike Officers to Unit



From its inception in April 2017, the Grand Prairie Police Bike Unit has taken to the streets to fight crime and connect with the community. The group began with five riders, led by Sgt. Tracy Hinson, who's been with the department for more than 18 years. In February, two women joined the squad; Ofc. Hannah Sloan and Ofc. Kathleen Bodner, both four year veterans of the department.

The Bike Unit is tasked with many different areas of law enforcement. This unit is seen patrolling the mall areas, Epic Water Park, large retail areas, Lone Star Park and Joe Pool Lake. The officers attend events at local schools and recreation centers. You may even see them patrolling YOUR neighborhood on bikes. Now that the unit has grown to seven officers, they will be able to focus on several different areas of the city at one time!

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.



A MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT CHIEF CHRISTY MARTINEZ

It has been an exciting time for our department as we have seen Grand Prairie grow with the openings of IKEA and Epic Waters. As the need for police services expand, we continue to answer the call with caliber service. I'm very proud of the various units within our police department, both sworn and civilian, that go above and beyond to serve our citizens. Our police department runs at an unprecedented pace with strong endurance. We will continually exceed our citizen's expectations and provide quality service that we ourselves wish to receive. This upcoming quarter will showcase our exceptional police department and the men and women of Grand Prairie PD. Please do not hesitate to call us if you need further assistance or would like to speak with a member of our police department.

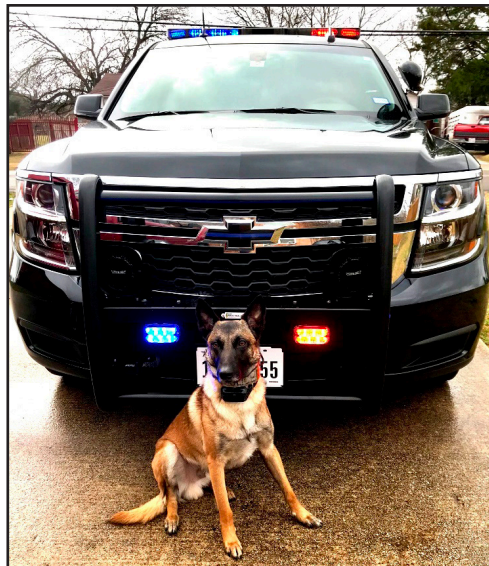


Christy Martinez
Assistant Police Chief

Meet Kaiser the K9

K9 Kaiser joined the Grand Prairie Police Department in July 2017. Kaiser is trained to detect narcotics and track people without biting. The purchase of Kaiser is in collaboration with the GPPD and Grand Prairie ISD. Kaiser works with his handler Officer Darrough on a daily basis as a School Resource Officer. This is the first time GPISD has had a dedicated K9. Officer Darrough has been with GPPD since January 2006. When Kaiser is off duty, he enjoys being a family dog and chasing his friends and family around the yard.

Breed: Belgian Malinois
Born: Jan 25, 2015



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Coming up...

**GRAND PRAIRIE
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Car Show

Sunday, April 29, 2018 Noon - 5pm

Car, Truck and Bike Show Benefiting
Children First Counseling Center

For more information call 972-237-8776 or mbedesa@gptx.org

\$25 Entry/Trophies/Food Trucks

Join us at our first ever Charity Car, Truck and Bike Show benefitting local non-profit Children First Counseling Center. Free to the public (donations kindly accepted), spectators will enjoy a wide array of wheels, old and new. The event will be held at the Public Safety Building located at 1525 Arkansas Lane, on Sunday, April 29th from 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Food trucks will be on site and there will be fun for all ages! Entry for those wanting to show a vehicle or bike is \$25. It's a full show with 34 classes and 56 awards! Children First Inc. is dedicated to providing for the mental health needs of children, adolescents and adults through education and counseling with emphasis on the prevention of and recovery from abuse, neglect, and victimization. The organization is run solely on donations and help is needed so the counselors may continue their great work in helping others.