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We are excited to announce a new community support initiative, The Grand Prairie Police Department Success Closet! Our purpose is to support workforce readiness and life skills within our community. We identified three groups that were in need: GPISD senior high students entering the workforce, young adults aged 18-21, and victims of domestic violence. We provide interview attire to assist our clients who may not otherwise have access to professional clothing items. We will begin hosting community information sessions and scheduled events that offer tips on building resumes and interview skills. "We will be expanding these sessions to include additional life skills. For example, budgeting and finances, signing contracts/lease agreements, buying a house, how to file your taxes, etc. What we are seeing is that young people leave home and enter the adult world without these skills or at least a base from which to work. This is an opportunity for us to help members of our community bridge that gap to success."- Kristin Swanson, Detention Manager. Visit [www.gppdsuccesscloset.org](http://www.gppdsuccesscloset.org) for more.

**September Event - Wednesday, Sept 25**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/resume-building-101-tickets-68835479773>

**October Events - Saturday, Oct 26**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/interview-skills-101-tickets-68834135753>

**Wednesday, Oct 30**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/interview-skills-101-tickets-68835309263>

#### **How you can help**

Please consider clothing donations either new or gently used, suitable for a professional interview. This includes men's and women's clothing (all sizes), accessories such as ties, belts, new socks/stockings, women's jewelry, and new or gently worn shoes. Contact us at 972-237-8960 to arrange to drop off or pick up.



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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019**

GPPD COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION 972-237-8677

THIS ANNUAL EVENT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PARTNER UP AGAINST CRIME AT BLOCK PARTIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY

- HEIGHTEN CRIME AND DRUG PREVENTION AWARENESS
- GENERATE SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN ANTICRIME EFFORTS
- STRENGTHEN NEIGHBORHOOD SPIRIT AND POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS
- SEND A MESSAGE TO CRIMINALS LETTING THEM KNOW THAT NEIGHBORHOODS ARE ORGANIZED AND FIGHTING BACK

# SAVE THE DATE!

## National Night Out

It's that time of year to register your neighborhood for National Night Out on Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

This year, the earlier you register, the more eligible your neighborhood is to win a free NNO Banner!

Register online ASAP:

<https://www.gptx.org/city-government/city-departments/police-department/field-operations-bureau/community-services-division/national-night-out-registration>



## 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.



## SCHOOL SHOPPING SPREE

A group of Grand Prairie Detention Officers took three GPISD families shopping for school supplies and outfits at the Target off HWY 360. "We are getting backpacks, and we are going to get some uniforms for them," says Ofc. John Barrientez. The shopping experience was made possible by donations. "We raised this ourselves," said Barrientez, "...we wanted to help out and do what we can."



## NEW OFFICERS ON BEAT

Introducing the newest officers protecting your streets! Class #8 graduated from the Basic Academy on July 18th.

Please join us in celebrating another outstanding class ready to protect and serve our great citizens!

## GPPD SWAT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We're Pulling Together in a Texas-sized tug-of-war to fight childhood cancer. Please help GPPD SWAT with your donation to the Texas Children's Cancer Fund!

Click the link and scroll down to Team Grand Prairie Police to donate.

Be sure to stop by Lynn Creek Park on Saturday, September 14th at 12:30 p.m. to watch and support GPPD SWAT as they compete against Grand Prairie Fire.

<http://bit.ly/pulldfw>

[https://dfw.cbslocal.com/pulling-together-2019/?fbclid=IwAR0i\\_45nZcwFarS-3bLoLsGklUrBIRKxaEzhr1IbV-SYQONQB1eX9SUku8zI](https://dfw.cbslocal.com/pulling-together-2019/?fbclid=IwAR0i_45nZcwFarS-3bLoLsGklUrBIRKxaEzhr1IbV-SYQONQB1eX9SUku8zI)



### Texas Police Officers Memorial Ride Fundraiser

GRAND PRAIRIE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

**DUNK-A-COP**

Dunk Tank Fundraiser benefiting the Texas Peace Officers Memorial Ride and C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors)

BETWEEN EPIC REC CENTER AND EPIC WATERS  
SEPTEMBER 14 - 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.  
2970 EPIC PLACE, GRAND PRAIRIE, TX 75051

### WHAT: Dunk-A-Cop & Mayor Jensen

WHEN : September 14th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

WHERE: The Epic Waters Entrance

The Dunk-A-Cop fundraiser will help raise money for the GPPD Bike Patrol Team that will ride in honor and remembrance of fallen officers at the 6th Annual Texas Peace Officers Memorial Ride in support of Texas C.O.P.S. Chapters on May 1st-3rd, 2020. The cost is \$5 for three balls or \$10 for seven balls. Mayor Jensen will get dunked for 30 minutes at 1:30 and has offered to donate \$10 every time someone dunks him.

The unity bicycle route covers about 150 miles over two days into Austin in time to attend the Texas Peace Officers candlelight vigil ceremony. The costs to participate covers the rider's expense and donations to the all four Texas C.O.P.S. Chapters (Concerns of Police Survivors) organization, which is a nationwide organization providing assistance in rebuilding the lives of the surviving families and effected co-workers of law enforcement officers that have died in the line of duty.



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