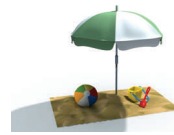


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Detectives Kevin Walling and Bob Etheridge

Texas Special Olympics Torch Run

Etheridge received the honor of running the final leg of the torch run into Maverick Stadium at UTA which signals the beginning of the games. On June 6, 2009, the annual Colleyville Police Department Old Time BBQ Cook Off to benefit Texas Special Olympics will be held on Church Street near the Colleyville Justice Center. The event has raised thousands of dollars for the charity in recent years. It's so successful that the Colleyville Police Department has been recognized as the largest fund raiser among small police departments in north Texas.

The 2009 Texas Special Olympics torch made its way through Colleyville on May 14, 2009. Detectives Kevin Walling (left) and Bob Etheridge (right), participate annually in this event. Detective

Underage Drinking

As summer approaches, teenage parties will become common. Parents are encouraged to remind their children that are under the age of 21 to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages. Each year many teens are issued citations or arrested for alcohol related offenses. Adults who make alcohol available to minors are subject to arrest as well. The offense of Providing Alcohol To A Minor is a Class A Misdemeanor, punishable by up

to a \$4000.00 fine and up to one year in jail. Alcohol related offenses involving a minor also carry a six month suspension of the violators drivers license in addition to a fine and mandatory attendance in an alcohol

awareness class. Alcohol related car crashes kill and injure tens of thousands of drivers each year. Don't ruin your life, drinking and driving is the #1 most preventable cause of death in the United States.



THINK BEFORE YOU



CPD Citizens Police Academy Class VIII

Citizens Police Academy Class VIII starts in January. Come join the fun by downloading registration forms at www.colleyville.com or come by the community services officer at the Colleyville Justice Center. Students attend weekly classes on a variety of police topics. You will also see great presentations by tactical officers and narcotics task force members. The goal of the 12 week program is to educate our citizens about police work while developing a rapport

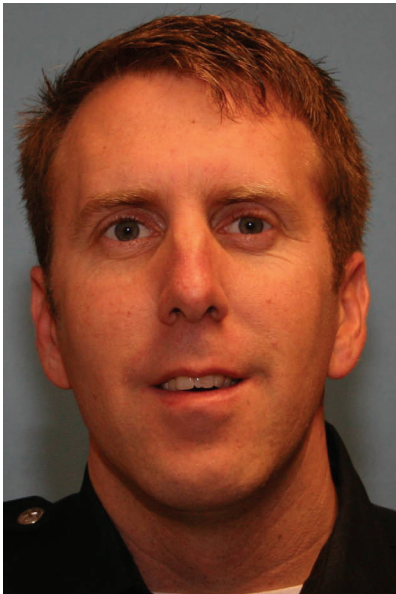
with the community. At the conclusion a graduation banquet is held to celebrate all the hard work. Many graduates of the CPA join the CPA Alumni Association and



continue to volunteer at the police department. Some complete additional training and become a part of the Citizens On Patrol (COP) program. The CPA Alumni help to support police functions through their fundraising efforts. For more information about the citizens police academy, contact the Colleyville Police Community Services Division at (817)503-1230.

Join Now!

Officer Profile



Each month we will profile a CPD officer and tell you a little bit about them. Our hope is that when you see that officer in the public you will feel comfortable in saying hello. Our first officer is Chuck Tinsman. Officer Tinsman is originally from Illinois, he joined CPD in 1996. At one time both Chuck and his brother Cory were both officers with CPD. Chuck has worked in communications, patrol and is currently assigned to the traffic unit. He is Colleyville PD's first motorcycle officer and competes in bike rodeos

with officers from NRH, Keller, Southlake and Ft Worth police departments. Chuck is married with a young daughter and a new baby on the way.



New Child Passenger Safety Seat Law

Starting September 1st 2009, the law is changing in regards to child passenger seats. The new state law requires that all children under (8) eight years of age, unless the child is taller than four feet 9 inches, must utilize a child passenger safety seat, according to the manufacturers instructions, when being transported in a motor vehicle.

The current law required children under five years of age to use a child safety seat. Many child safety advocates are celebrating this as a victory for Texas children. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) which oversees federal testing of child safety seats, stated that that 90% of car seats are incorrectly

installed. While increasing the minimum age of children that must be in a car seat is beneficial, parents and care givers must install the child seat properly for maximum effectiveness. The Colleyville Police Department offers child seat inspections, call to schedule an appointment with one of our certified technicians.

Internet Safety

Parents it's very important to sit down with your children and discuss guidelines for internet use. While the internet is arguably one of the greatest information sources ever known, it is also a portal for predators and identify thieves to enter your home. These few helpful hints will assist you in talking to your child about internet safety:

- Never give your name, address phone number or school name to anyone online without parental permission.
- Never agree to meet someone you "met" online. Child predators often locate victims via the computer.
- Never send a picture or video of yourself to anyone online without checking with your parents first.

- Never respond to mean or rude messages that make you feel sad or scared. Tell mom or dad right away so they can help resolve the issue.
- Last, check with your parents before downloading or installing games or programs onto your computer. You may unintentionally open your computer to a virus attack.

The Colleyville Police Department offers printed material concerning internet safety at the Community Service Office, located at the Colleyville Justice Center.



What To Do After You Receive a Citation

Motorist who receive a traffic citation from a Colleyville Police officer have 20 business days to make payment arrangements or have a court appearance scheduled. The due date is located in the center of the citation directly above the driver signature. By appearing at the Municipal Court Clerks window prior to the due date, a driver can often resolve the citation without appearing in court. The Colleyville Municipal Court has two methods in place to assist drivers in keeping a moving violation off of their driving record.

- **Defensive Driving** can be used once every 12 months by attending a class, completing an approved online course or by renting the training video at a Blockbuster Store. After being approved by the municipal court, the driver has 90 days to complete the course and return the signed certificate that will be received by mail. A fine of \$107.00 is paid to the court which makes this option the least expensive way to keep

your driving record clear. The courses usually cost between \$20.00 and \$30.00.

- **Deferred Adjudication** (probation) is available to Texas drivers who have not received a moving violation on their driving record within the last three years. Unlike defensive driving, the defendant pays the full fine amount for the violation. As long as no other moving violations are received during the sixty day probationary period that follows; the citation will not appear on the individuals driving record.

For drivers who are 18 years old and younger the Metroport Teen Court is another option to resolve a citation. Teen court is a cooperative program involving the cities of Colleyville, Grapevine and Southlake. Teen defendants appear in a "Teen Court Room" and punishments are dealt out by a teen jury. Normally the defendants are sentenced to various levels of community service. Parents are fond of teen court because it requires the juvenile to take personal responsibility for the offense and with a fine of only \$20.00 the price is right too.



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New Look For CPD Patrol Cars

Last year the Colleyville Police Department began purchasing Dodge Chargers when the Ford Crown Victoria's were no longer available. It was a big change for patrol officers who had grown accustomed to the Ford. This year CPD, along with many other local police agencies, have returned to the traditional black & white paint scheme that was the standard in years past. Ft Worth, Hurst, Southlake and Bedford police have also made the change. The first three new black & white Dodge Chargers were received last week and will be on the road soon. Police administrators abandoned the black & whites in the past fearing

that they appeared too aggressive and were less visible than a white patrol car. Most officers applaud the return to what they feel is what a police car should "look" like. The

new patrol cars are equipped with new and brighter light bars that will also increase the overall visibility of the vehicle. Want to see the new car up close? Come on down !

