

REGION II DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES—4TH QTR

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December 2011

AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEWS AND INFORMATION

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We are very excited about the new year and are looking forward to working with the community and making Region II safer and even more enjoyable. With the new year ahead, we have many things to look forward to.

The DRs will each be planning outreach in their districts every month. If you have a suggestion or a specific need please contact your DR as soon as possible so they can schedule an event in your area. They will also continue to proactively seek out areas needing improvement. If you want to bring something to their attention please contact your DR so they can begin assisting you in finding a long-term solution.

2011 Year in Review:

2011 was a very exciting time for the North Austin area. The DRs were tasked with taking charge of new geographic locations. The Region II DRs hosted several large safety fairs, community outreach events that targeted specific neighborhood issues within the neighborhoods, participated in National Night Out, and worked with local businesses to create a comprehensive Criminal Trespass Notice CTN list that is currently being enforced by patrol. Additionally, they hosted several "Train the Trainer" Neighborhood Watch Programs and Commander's forums throughout the year. Some other highlights of the year were the creation of the North Austin Business Alliance and multiple neighborhood watch programs. Clean ups were performed on Applegate Drive, the 200 Block of Rundberg Lane and the area behind Motel 6 on Rundberg Lane and IH 35.

Saturday, December 17, 2011, was Blue Santa delivery day. The Region II DRs unloaded two semi-tractor trailers full of gifts and food for families in need into volunteers cars for delivery in North Austin. We had so many volunteers wanting to help that we actually had to turn people away or divert them to another delivery location. Thank you to all who volunteered this year!

Neighborhood Watch Training/Commander's and Apartment/Motel Forums

The successful series for **Neighborhood Watch Training** is starting again for the new year on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 12425 Lamplight Village (North Substation Lobby). This session will be part 1 of the three-part series.

The session starts at 7:00 p.m. and we will have refreshments available.

All of the 2012 **Commander's Forums** dates are set. The first one will take place on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. Based on input we have received from numerous people, the forums will have a new look and feel that will include more crime information, citizen recognition, DR project progress and interesting guest speakers and presentations. These forums will take place at 12429 Scofield Farms at the Parmer Woods Facility.

Additionally, we have scheduled two **apartment/motel manager forums** for 2012 that will include pertinent guest speakers and presentations. These will take place at the Milwood Branch Library on Amherst Drive.

Please visit our [website](#) to view dates, times and locations of all our upcoming events.

Some Highlights from the 4th Quarter

The DRs were busy in the 4th quarter with many events and projects. They spend many hours planning, preparing, creating software presentations, developing curricula, etc. for such events and projects.

The Region II DRs also completed training to certify them to operate ATV's. They worked a Burglary of Vehicle initiative during the holidays that greatly reduced the number of cars being broken into.

Here are some of the other things they worked on:

Northwest DRs:

- Participated in PACE meetings, HOA meetings, VIN etchings, security surveys, robbery training, retail awareness training and safety fairs
- The DRs worked with TXDOT to remove transients from sleeping under bridges on Research.
- The DRs were highlighted by the media as they saturated the area with BOV educational pamphlets.
- Officer Hebbe participated in Kids Night at Chic-fil-A and fingerprinted dozens of children.
- Officer Whetston and Normand did a holiday safety presentation at Core Logic.
- Officer Meglitorino did several gun safety presentations for children throughout the quarter.

Northeast DRs:

- Officer Kianes has been working hard to unite businesses in the area in an effort to deter and prevent crime. He has created a North Austin Business Alliance (NABA).
- Officer Kianes has also been working with our Metro Tactical Unit and the District Attorney's office to enact "stay away" orders for habitual criminals that frequent certain high-crime areas.
- A community garden and clean-up is in the works for the Sam Rayburn/Powell area.
- A large transient camp was cleaned up behind Motel 6 at Rundberg/IH35.
- Participated in PACE meetings, HOA meetings, VIN etchings, security surveys, robbery training

The Region II DRs did many other activities too numerous to mention. They are focused with new energy for the new year to help the Region II community become more self-reliant when dealing with issues and problems.

We have developed a tracking system that will help catalog the more complex issues they help to resolve. This will ensure a consistent and measurable system that can be used as a reference as other issues come to their attention. This tracking system will be used by all the DRs city-wide.

We will also be conducting random surveys to get feedback from citizens. We are interested in this feedback, both positive and negative, to learn how we did on particular issues and to make changes as needed.

Citizen Observer Web Based Alert Network

Instantaneous and proactive communication from APD to you and it's free!

The Alert Network allows the Austin Police Department to instantly update you about crimes, emergencies and other important information.

All Alerts are delivered via **e-mail** and are also available via **text message** on your cell phone.

- **Citizen Alerts** inform all registered users of public safety concerns in your area. The Alerts contain information about crime trends, descriptions of suspects, missing persons, as well as advice on personal safety, and how to safeguard property.
- **Business Alerts** are targeted to specific business types, so your business will receive information about crimes that are pertinent to your business type.
- **Case Alerts** allows APD to automatically disseminate information about open cases to all registered Citizen Observer users.
- **Watch Group Alerts** allows APD to send targeted alerts to specific neighborhoods with information about crimes that are happening in your immediate area.

Secure Two-Way Communication between the public and APD

Possibly the biggest benefit of the Alert Network is the way it makes possible two-way communication between APD and the public.

- APD can **update citizens** on situations that require their attention.

As you the public learn about **fugitives, missing persons and unsolved cases**, you can provide tips directly to APD.

Sign Up Today

Help create a stronger community by signing up to receive Citizen, Business, and Neighborhood alerts.

You'll get information directly from APD that impacts your community.

It's easy!!

1. Go to www.citizenobserver.com/registration.jsp
2. Fill out the form and you're done ... then spread the word and invite your neighbors to join.
3. Please note that CitizenObserver is a secure website and protects your privacy.

For more details, please review the CitizenObserver privacy policy

The Region II DRs will be sending alerts/tips/information to the community at least twice a month in 2012. So hurry and sign up for this free service so you can stay connected to what is happening in your community.

A community united can accomplish great things!

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The District Representatives' purpose is to designate an officer assigned to an area as a liaison between the community and the police department to assist the community in solving neighborhood problems.

The District Representatives are called upon to do a myriad of activities which include, but are not limited to: enhancing patrol efforts, attending neighborhood association meetings to provide input or answers, attending school functions to educate children about safety and crime prevention, assisting the community in solving non-emergency problems and helping the community become self-reliant.

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Email is the best way to stay in touch since the DRs are usually in the field most of the day and can check email from their vehicle.

Website: <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/apd-district-representatives>



Upcoming 2012 Events

Please visit our website for locations and times*

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- Jan 19th—NACA monthly meeting
- January 21st—Vietnamese New Year
- January 24th—Child ID Fingerprinting Outreach (North substation 5p-7p)
- Jan 31st—Part I Neighborhood Watch training*
- February 7th—Commander's Forum*
- Feb 28th—Part II and II Neighborhood Watch training*
- March 14th—Apartment/Motel Manager Forum*

Please contact your District Rep if you want an officer to participate in your upcoming event or to attend a meeting with your group.

The DRs need about a 1-2 week advance notice to put your event on their schedule.

Examples of Presentations the DRs are invited to do:

Gun safety for children

Senior Crime Prevention and Safety

AROW—Apartment Residents on Watch

Crime Prevention and Safety Tips

Neighborhood Watch

College Student Safety

COPs—Citizens on Patrol