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AH Police Attains Re-Recognition Status

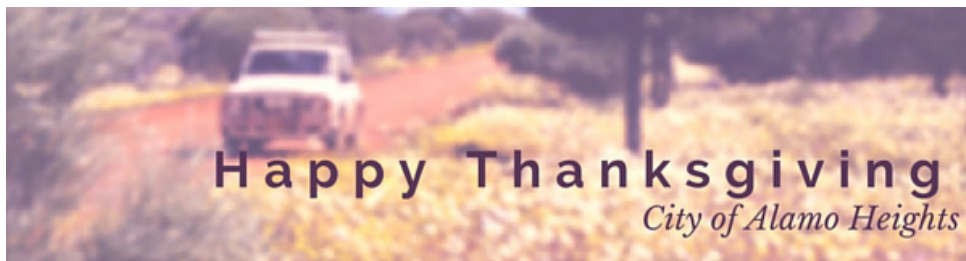


The Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation, officially notified the Alamo Heights that the Police Department achieved "Re-Recognized Status" for compliance with the Texas Law Enforcement Agency Best Practices Recognition Program.

Chief Richard Pruitt and the Alamo Heights Police Department are to be commended for the commitment made to this process. Every employee of the agency can be proud of this accomplishment.

The Law Enforcement Recognition Program is a voluntary process where police agencies in Texas prove their compliance with 164 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices. These Best Practices were carefully developed by Texas Law Enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service, the reduction of risk and the protection of individual's rights.

While similar in nature to the national accreditation program, the Best Practices Recognition Program is easier to administer, lower in cost and is designed specifically for Texas Law Enforcement. The Texas Legislature demands a great deal of professional law enforcement in Texas and the Best Practices were specifically designed to aid Texas agencies in meeting those demands and providing the best quality of service to the people of our State.



Holiday Package Precautions



With more people shopping on-line the delivery services will be very busy this shopping season delivering all those purchases right to your front door. If you anticipate your packages might be delivered during a time when someone will not be home to receive them it is a good idea to arrange for an alternate delivery method to avoid the opportunity for your packages to be stolen from your front porch. For more specific information about delivery options and associated fees, please go to the websites for the package services.

Don't forget to insure your packages, especially those containing valuables. Remember, criminals seek opportunities and the holiday season only heightens those opportunities with easy availability to packages left unattended on the porch.

BRIEFS

Winter Water Averaging

A reminder that your water consumption during the winter months affects your residential sewer service fee for the next year.

- Residential sewer service fees are calculated based on the average water usage during three consecutive billing periods.
- This year your November, December, January consumption will be used for your winter averaging.
- For more information or questions, please call utility billing staff at 882-1507.

Get Ahead of Winter Freeze

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- Your furnace has been inspected and serviced by a qualified professional during the last 12 months.
- Your chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional and you have checked for creosote build-up.
- Your portable space heaters have an automatic shut-off, plugged directly into an outlet (not an extension cord) and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn.
- You have tested your smoke alarms and the carbon monoxide alarms to make sure they are working properly.

Tips for a Safe Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment. Please think "Safety First" when preparing and enjoying your holiday meal.

Remember:

- The kitchen can be a hectic and crowded place while preparing the turkey dinner with all the trimmings, so try to keep the little ones busy with activities that keep them occupied outside of the kitchen or outdoor cooking areas. Let them be a part of the celebration by planning non-kitchen activities.
- Keep a fire extinguisher nearby and call 911 if you need to use it.
- Turn all pot and pan handles away from the edge of the stove to prevent accidentally knocking one over.
- Clear all combustibles away from heat sources.
- Have the appropriate lid for your pots and pans handy, even if you don't need it for cooking. It can be used to

cover a stovetop pan fire. Slide the lid on the pan from front to back to avoid burning your hand or arm

- Don't over fill your turkey fryers! Use water to determine the appropriate amount of oil to heat.
- Stay in the kitchen or outdoor cooking area while preparing the food to keep an eye on the food.

Remember, the Alamo Heights Fire Dept. will provide a free home safety inspection to any residents upon request! Let us be a part of your safe holiday by checking your home for any hazards before the big turkey dinner. Call the AH Fire Dept. 210-832-2241 to schedule an inspection to stay safe!

Did you know?



Shop for a Cause - AH Animal Care Services



Come join us and "Shop for a good cause" on Saturday, November 21st from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at La Madeline - 4820 Broadway. Angie Marzec, City of Alamo Heights Animal Care Representative, is hosting a Stella and Dot trunk show as a fundraiser to support Alamo Heights Animal Care Services' No-Kill Initiative.

Our Stylist will display a gorgeous line of jewelry and bags

- just in time for a Holiday refresh, and for your gift giving needs! Twenty-five percent of all sales will be donated to Alamo Heights Animal Care Services. All funds raised will be used to provide shelter, food and medical care to stray and abandoned animals who are waiting to find their forever families.

If you are not able to make it to the trunk show you can still help support the AH Animal Shelter and shop on-line at www.stelladot.com/ts/jnjb6.

We hope you can make it and feel free to bring a friend!

Congratulations Lt. Pruitt!



Lt. Cindy Pruitt graduated from a 10 week specialized training course by Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command on October 23, 2015 and served as Vice-President of Class #383

CITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 17	Architectural Review Board	5:30 p.m.
Monday, November 23	City Council Meeting	Canceled.
November 26 and 27	City Holiday	Offices Closed*

DECEMBER

Wed., December 2	Board of Adjustment	5:30 p.m.
Monday, December 7	Planning and Zoning	5:30 p.m.
Monday, December 14	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.

*No Solid Waste Pickup