FWPD has a robust plan for filling vacant officer positions

Fort Worth Police continue to place priority on answering all patrol calls as the department works to fill vacant officer positions.

The department is training 72 people between two academy classes and another 17 in a lateral class, comprised of officers joining Fort Worth police from other agencies. When those people complete training, they will be placed on patrol duty.

Earlier this year, Fort Worth had 145 officer vacancies, while another 78 positions were vacant because officers were on medical leave, according to a report to the City Council.



Fort Worth is among many cities nationwide facing a shortage of officers. Recruiting, retaining and attrition are factors leading to the issue.

City Council approved 69 new patrol positions in 2023 and in September approved another 63 positions for the 2024 fiscal year.

Get zoned in and sign up for updates from your council district

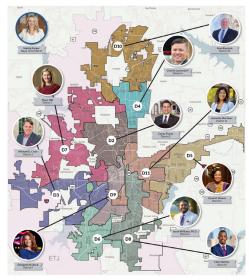
As a result of redistricting, many residents are now in a new council district. More than a third (36.4%) of Fort Worth's population has changed districts.

If your council district has changed, make sure you are signed up for the correct council district newsletter. This will ensure you receive news and updates for your district. There are now newsletters for the new districts 10 and 11, as well as all the other existing districts.

When signing up, make sure you expand the City News section and select (or deselect) the district or districts you'd like to receive news and updates from. This will ensure you're getting the latest updates from your specific district.

In addition to City News and district news, the City's Development Services Department produces zoning newsletters for each district.

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Giving meaningful gifts that encourage sustainability just make (Water)Sense

This year, residents of Fort Worth are encouraged to consider giving the gift of WaterSense products, a choice that not only spreads holiday cheer but also supports efforts to conserve

WaterSense products, certified by the Environmental Protection Agency, are designed to enhance water efficiency without sacrificing performance. From faucets and showerheads to toilets and irrigation systems, these products significantly reduce water usage without compromising functionality.

By gifting WaterSense products, Fort Worth residents can play an active role in the community's commitment to water conservation. These products not only save money on utility bills but also reduce the strain on the local water supply, ensuring that Fort Worth remains vibrant and thriving for generations to come.

This holiday, consider giving the gift of WaterSense products and show loved ones that you care not only for them, but for the future of Fort Worth as well. Together, we can create a more sustainable and resilient city.



WORTH KNOWING



Live Christmas trees can be disposed of as part of the normal weekly yard waste pickup following the holidays. Trees must be less than eight feet long; cut trees in two pieces if necessary. Be sure to take all your decorations, lights and tree stands off of the tree before placing it on the curb. Do not put the tree in a plastic bag. Flocked trees are accepted; artificial trees should be disposed of in the brown garbage cart. Residents can also take the trees to any of the City's four drop-off stations:

- 2400 Brennan Avenue
- 5150 Martin Luther King Freeway
- 6260 Old Hemphill Road
- 301 Hillshire Drive

Remove all lights, decorations and tree stands before taking live trees to the drop-off station so your trees can be turned into mulch for beneficial reuse. Live trees with decorations on them that are taken to the drop-off stations cannot be mulched and will be placed in the trash.



The Fort Worth Fire Department broke ground for Fire Station 43, which will serve one of the fastest growing areas in Fort Worth. The station at 2200 Walsh Ranch Parkway will measure nearly 11,000 square feet with four apparatus bays to allow for future growth. There will be 12 firefighters (four firefighters on each 24-hour shift), one engine and one brush truck assigned to the station. Station 43 is scheduled to open in December 2024.

WORTH GOING



There's still time to experience the international sellout sensation Lightscape at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden this holiday season. The show features an array of stunning light installations expertly choreographed to holiday-themed music. With 80% newly designed displays, this year's reimagined event promises an even more immersive and magical experience for visitors of all ages. The event runs through Jan. 1.

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