

**Austin Police Department**  
*Southwest Area Command*  
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**Improving quality of life and improving resident satisfaction with police professionalism:**

■ Police Cadets spent several days with District Representatives and Patrol Officers to learn the basics of community policing and problem solving. These cadets will be assigned to southwest Austin when they graduate in July. It was an impressive group!

■ 20 students who were violating curfew laws were returned to school or to their parents during the month of March.

**Traffic Safety:**

■ In March, the smart trailer was placed on Convict Hill, Davis Lane, Covered Bridge, Red Willow, Westgate, South 1<sup>st</sup> and Del Curto. If you have a suggestion for the placement of the smart trailer, contact the District Representative Office at 974-8241.

■ 54 DWI arrests were made and Southwest Area Command Officers issued almost 3200 citations and warnings in March.

■ In 2004 there were ten fatalities in southwest Austin, six involving alcohol. Speed was also a factor in five of the ten deadly collisions. Four of the victims were not wearing a seatbelt. The majority of fatal collisions in 2004 occurred along and south of Ben White. That trend continues in 2005 with our first fatality of the year on March 7<sup>th</sup> in the 7500 Block Westgate. The driver was charged with Intoxication Manslaughter. The victim was his 8-year old daughter.

SWAC Command will attempt to reduce the number of alcohol-related fatal accidents. Patrol officers will team with Street Response and District Representatives on a summer DWI initiative. Enforcement is a big part of the plan, but it also includes working with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to visit those bars and restaurants in our area command that are reportedly selling alcohol to already intoxicated patrons. Please drive safe and sober.

**Reducing violent crime and property crime:**

■ Street Response Officers made several drug and warrant arrests near South Congress and Alpine. 100 rocks of crack cocaine and about a pound of marijuana were seized during one arrest. Evening Patrol Officers are conducting foot patrols in that area as time permits.

■ Remind your neighbors to keep their garage doors closed day and night, even when they are at home. Thieves look for open garages to quickly steal tools, bicycles, golf clubs or any item left in an unlocked car.

■ Always secure your valuables and lock your car when parking your car to shop or take a walk on the hike and bike trail. Burglarized vehicles are usually those with purses, DVD players, laptop computers and other personal items left in plain view. This winter and early spring, day shift officers closely patrolled Barton Creek Mall and the parking area for the hike and bike trails. Statistics show the initiative was effective, but car burglary is a common crime in southwest Austin as well as other parts of the City.

**Helpful Numbers:**

Abandoned Vehicles	280-0075	Southwest District Reps	974-8241
Community Liaison Office	974-4700	Southwest Division Dets	974-8221
Crime Stoppers	472-8477	Southwest Street Response	974-8251
Graffiti Removal	854-4125	Victim Services	974-5037
Public Information Office	974-5017	Non-Emergency Calls	311
Recruiting	974-4211		

**The Mission of the Austin Police Department is to protect and serve Austin's diverse community so that residents and visitors feel safe and are safe.**