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QUARTERLY UPDATE

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

FRIENDSWOOD POLICE DEVELOPING DRONE FIRST RESPONDER (DFR) PROGRAM

In May 2019, the Friendswood Police Department certified its very first drone operator, marking the beginning of the agency's journey into drone technology. Initially, drones were deployed reactively - officers would arrive at a scene, assess the situation, and then request a drone if needed. These flying tools quickly proved their value playing a vital role in tasks such as reconstructing accident scenes, locating missing persons, and providing overwatch during critical incidents.

Now, as we look ahead to 2026, Friendswood PD is ready to take things to new heights with an exciting upgrade: **Drone First Responder (DFR) Program**.

What's different about DFR? Instead of waiting for officers to arrive on a scene, drones will be dispatched—getting to the scene quickly and providing a live video feed to responding officers and dispatch. This gives officers the ability to see what is happening at a location before they even step out of their vehicles, helping them respond faster and smarter.



The department is already taking steps to get this initiative off the ground, by investing in technology to make it possible. The department recently invested in DroneSense, a powerful new software platform that makes it possible for dispatchers and officers to watch live video and receive night time thermal images from the drone—giving them a real-time view of what's happening on the ground which will improve safety to both the community and the officers.

The next big step? Getting the approved waivers from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to fly drones Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS)—up to 2 miles away from their starting point. Once approved, the department will have the ability to launch drones from multiple locations across Friendswood, covering the city's entire 21.2 square miles.

With 9 drones and 12 trained pilots already in place, FPD is excited about this new safety tool and its benefits for increased community and officer safety.

SCAN HERE TO WATCH A DRONE SCENARIO VIDEO





CRIME BY THE NUMBERS



156
ACCIDENTS

January - April 2025



42
DWI ARREST

January - April 2025

ONE NIGHT, ONE CHOICE: DRIVE SOBER THIS FOURTH OF JULY

In 2025, the Friendswood Police Department has responded to several accidents and incidents where impaired driving has resulted in harmful yet preventable outcomes. This is why the department is reminding all residents to drive sober this Fourth of July.

The Fourth of July is without a doubt the biggest annual celebration for our city and one of our most beloved traditions. Each year, thousands of Friendswoodians and residents from surrounding areas gather to enjoy Friendswood's Fourth of July festivities and celebrate our country's independence. As with any large event, more people means more traffic

and an increased risk for accidents. That is why we want to take a moment to remind everyone to celebrate responsibly this Fourth of July by finding a sober ride. In an effort to reduce alcohol related crashes and fatalities, we remind residents to schedule a rideshare, order a taxi, or designate a sober driver so everyone can celebrate freedom without putting the lives of others at risk.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2025



JOIN US FOR THE BEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

Each year, Friendswood First Responders join with neighborhoods across the City to celebrate National Night Out. In Texas, the annual event takes place on the first Tuesday in October, when the scorching summer heat finally subsides and the cool breeze of fall finally starts to settle in.

In 1984, the inaugural National Night Out event took place in the suburbs of Philadelphia in an effort to enhance police partnerships and promote neighborhood camaraderie. Over the past 42 years, the event has grown to all 50 states with millions across the Nation participating each year. Since its inception, the event has grown to include a variety of community first responders such as, EMTs, Paramedics, and firefighters. National Night Out is an opportunity for everyone to turn on their porch light, join with neighbors, and come get to know their local first responders. Last year, the City of Friendswood had 10 neighborhoods host parties. The events came in a variety of shapes and sizes. From cookouts and block parties, to ice cream trucks and living room gatherings. All of them however shared one common goal, creating a stronger sense of community and a shared desire for promoting safety across the City.

This year, FPD is hoping to have even more neighborhoods across the City sign up and join us for the best night of the year. Registration is open from now through September 1, 2025. To sign up, scan the QR code below and enter your neighborhood information.



For questions about hosting a National Night Out event, call the Friendswood Police Department non-emergency number at 281-996-3300.

**SIGN YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD
UP HERE**



**SCAN HERE TO
SEE HIGHLIGHTS
FROM LAST
YEAR'S EVENT**



GALVESTON COUNTY 50 CLUB OFFICER OF THE YEAR

On May 5, 2025, the Galveston County 50 Club, in partnership with several local law enforcement agencies, gathered to honor officers from across Galveston County for their exemplary service to their communities. Each agency was invited to nominate an officer who not only demonstrates dedication and commitment to their community but also upholds the core values of their department.



This year, Officer Liufau was named the Friendswood Police Department's Officer of the Year by the Galveston County 50 Club. In two years with the department, Officer Liufau has consistently shown exceptional reliability and leadership. His strong work ethic, determination, and skill earned him a transfer to the Field Support Unit, where he continues to excel. Officer Liufau is known for his outstanding dependability and we are honored to have him as a member of our team.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

June 26 - Coffee With A Cop

8 AM - 10 AM

Summer Moon Coffee

1765 S. Friendswood Dr. Ste 101

June 30 - July 3 radKIDS

Age 5-7

5:00 - 7:30 PM

Fire Station #1, 1610 Whitaker Drive

Email: jives@friendswood.com to sign up

JULY

July 18-21 RAD Woman's Basic Self Defense

Age 12+

Friday, July 18th 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday July 19th 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sunday July 20th 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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July 21-24 radKIDS

Age 8-12

5:00 - 7:30 PM

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NEW HIRES



Phillip Reyna

Police Officer



Debra Murry

Telecommunicator

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