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QUARTERLY UPDATE

NEW NAME, SAME HEART

FRIENDSWOOD ANIMAL CONTROL IS NOW FRIENDSWOOD ANIMAL SERVICES

Friendswood Animal Services, formerly known as Friendswood Animal Control, is closing out 2025 with a new name for their division of the Friendswood Police Department.

The change reflects a shift away from the outdated image of Animal Control Officers as “dog catchers” and instead highlights the division’s mission of service to both the animals and residents of the community. Friendswood Animal Services is committed to caring for all animals, reuniting lost pets with their families, educating the public on responsible pet ownership, and fostering community partnerships that encourage engagement and volunteerism.

The team currently includes one Supervisor Ashley Huynh, Facility Manager and Volunteer Coordinator Micaela Hernandez, and Animal Control Officers Regina Guidry and Haylee Webb, with a third officer set to be added by the end of the year. This highly trained group has made a significant impact on the quality of care at the



Friendswood shelter while working tirelessly to help more pets find permanent, loving homes.

The Animal Services staff and their dedicated “A-Team” (adoption team) of volunteers placed more than 20 pets into new homes nearly clearing the shelter this past August by participating in the Houston Mega Adoption Event hosted by Petco Love. This milestone marks one of the division’s biggest adoption successes to date.

Beyond adoptions, the team is also working to reunite lost pets with their families more quickly. Thanks to a growing network of community partnerships, every found pet is now microchipped at no cost (with the owner’s permission). This initiative has already helped speed up reunions and reduce the number of animals staying in the shelter.

Friendswood Animal Services looks forward to expanding its impact in the coming year while continuing to serve both animals and residents with care and dedication. For updates and opportunities to get involved, follow Friendswood Animal Services on Instagram and Facebook.

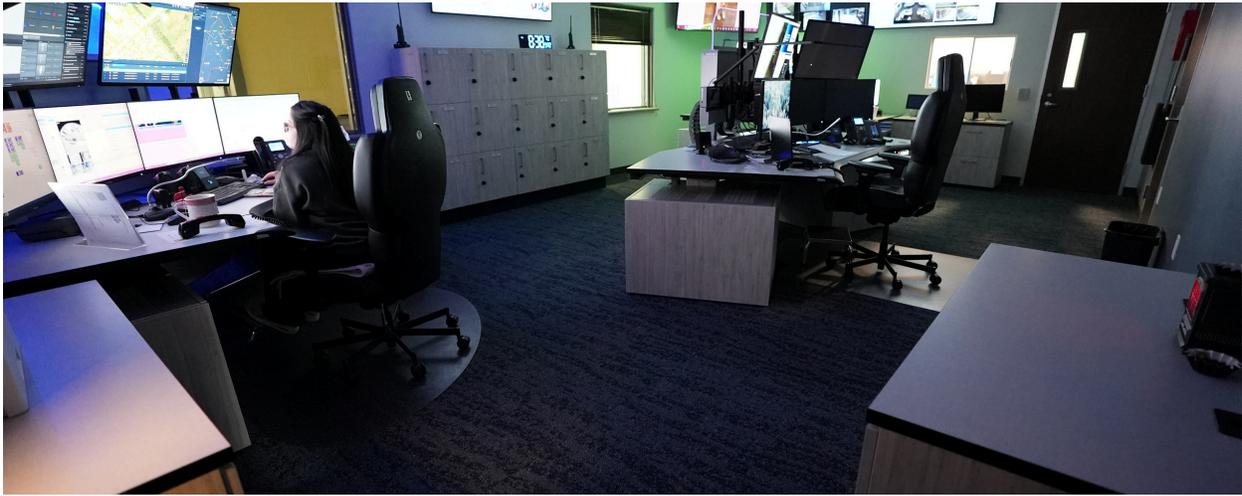


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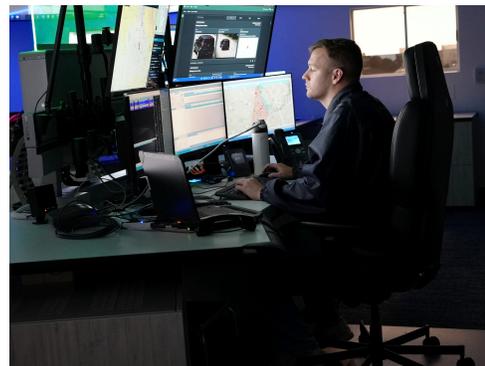
CLEARER CONNECTIONS

POLICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER GETS AN UPGRADE

The Friendswood Police Department's Communications Center recently underwent a complete renovation. This is the first major update since the Public Safety Building opened in 2007. The project was designed to support the City's continued growth, improve efficiency, and enhance the comfort of our telecommunications team.

One of the most exciting upgrades is the addition of three new variable-height sit/stand consoles. These stations not only improve workflow with built-in task lighting and touchscreen capabilities but also allow team members to adjust their environment for personal comfort. Each console is equipped with individual heating and cooling controls, enabling staff to stay focused without stepping away from their post.

These enhancements reflect our commitment to invest in one of the most vital parts of the police department's mission, the success of our team. In 2024 alone, our telecommunications team answered more than 22,400 calls for service, supporting the Friendswood Police Department, Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department, Friendswood EMS, Animal Services, Forest Bend Fire, and Windsor EMS. Their constant coordination of emergency joint response efforts, and critical information ensures that our officers and first responders can act quickly and effectively.



We are proud to provide this dedicated team with a modern, comfortable space that will allow them to grow and adapt to the City's needs in the years ahead. This renovation was made possible through municipal funding and the generous support of the Friendswood Rotary Club. The Friendswood Police Department is deeply grateful for our community's partnership and we stand ready to answer the calls of the future.

**SCAN HERE TO SEE A VIDEO
OF THE COMMUNICATIONS
CENTER TRANSFORMATION**



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH SHELTER SUPPLY DRIVE



PARTNERING WITH LOCAL SHELTERS, PROVIDING FOR SURVIVORS

Each October, the Friendswood Police Department partners with our community to support survivors of domestic violence and raise awareness by collecting essential supplies for two local shelters: Bay Area Turning Point and the Resource and Crisis Center of Galveston County. Both organizations work tirelessly to provide safety, advocacy, and hope for local survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Each year, dozens of men, women, and children in crisis find critical support through their dedicated efforts.

In October of 2023, the Friendswood Police Department launched a new initiative during Domestic Violence Awareness Month: the Shelter Supply Drive. The goal of this program was to help meet the tangible needs of local shelters, allowing them to direct more of their financial resources toward education, prevention, and awareness efforts.

According to the Texas Council on Family Violence, the Texas Department of Public Safety reported 247,896 family violence offenses in 2023—a 26% increase since 2018. Behind each of these numbers is a survivor, a family, and a story in need of compassion and support.

Local shelters play a vital role in responding to this need. They provide not only a safe place for survivors to heal but also the essential resources necessary to rebuild their lives. We are grateful for the opportunity to stand alongside these organizations each October, supporting their mission and honoring the survivors they so compassionately serve. To find out more about this year's drive or resources for Domestic Violence, scan the QR code Below.

**SCAN HERE
FOR THIS
YEAR'S
SUPPLY LIST**



**FIND LOCAL DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE RESOURCES IN
OUR VICTIM ASSISTANCE
BOOKLET**



UPCOMING EVENTS

October

October 1-31 - Shelter Supply Drive

Help the Friendswood Police Department support Bay Area Turning Point and The Resource and Crisis Center of Galveston County by donating supplies to their shelters. Get a full list of supplies from the QR code on the previous page.

October 7 - National Night Out

Join the City of Friendswood Police, EMS, and Friendswood Volunteer Fire Department in building stronger, safer communities through fun, food, and connection. Several neighborhoods throughout the City will be hosting their own National Night Out party.

This year, we're also collecting Sleep Fit Kits for local teens. Please consider donating new:

- Adult-sized socks
- Adult-sized Pajamas
- Adult-sized Underwear (Briefs for boys, Seamless briefs for girls)

The neighborhood that raises the most will receive the trophy for the year.

October 25 - Medication Take Back

10 AM - 2 PM

FISD Annex

402 Laurel Drive

Bring your expired over the counter, prescription, and pet medication to this drive thru collection drive. Scan the QR code above for more information.



November

November 3 - Blue Santa Applications

The Friendswood Police Officer's Association is asking the community to help with Blue Santa, a special operation to ensure that all local children and families can enjoy the spirit of the season. Blue Santa is a joint effort of the Friendswood Police Department and the citizens of Friendswood aimed at providing holiday support for families in need.

Applications are being accepted and families are undergoing a review process through December 1st. Families must live in the City of Friendswood, show a need, and applicants must have guardianship and custody of the children they are applying for. Applications may be requested by emailing bluesanta@friendswood.com.

November 24 - December 19 Blue Santa Toy Drive

Friendswood Public Safety Building
1600 Whitaker Drive

The Friendswood Police Officer's Association is asking for donations of new, unwrapped toys. They may be dropped off at the Friendswood Police Department, in the front lobby. Deadline for toy donations is **December 19, 2025**

JOIN OUR TEAM AVAILABLE POSITIONS

- CRIME ANALYST
- TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR (RECRUIT AND CERTIFIED FULL TIME)
- POLICE OFFICER
- ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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