



Fitzgerald COP partners with Girl Scouts to clean up graffiti

Citizens on Patrol members have always taken their duties seriously. They routinely patrol their neighborhoods, spend hours looking for suspicious activity and report their observations in a timely fashion. The organization is a major asset to the Arlington Police Department and its members are highly respected. Even though the organization already does so much, the Fitzgerald COP members found a way to do just a little bit more.

During their patrols, the Fitzgerald COP members noticed graffiti in their neighborhood. They took pictures, recorded information and submitted patrol reports detailing the extent of the graffiti in their area. On Oct. 8, 2006, some members talked to a couple of residents with graffiti on their fences and asked about their plan of action. The residents were planning on using city resources to have the graffiti removed from their property. The COP members decided to roll up their sleeves and take charge. They partnered with the Girl Scouts from Brownie Troop 1907, grabbed a couple of sanders, and cleaned up their fences.

By showing some initiative, the Fitzgerald COP members not only took care of an eyesore in their neighborhood, but made their community a safer place to live. Community Watch is no longer solely about crime, but about improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods to make Arlington better. Good job, Fitzgerald COP!



1. Shelby Bilodeau (left) and Mikaela Borjas (middle) with Bonnie Bilodeau (right)
2. Mikaela Borjas (left) and Shelby Bilodeau (middle) with Pat Struble (right)