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Durant PD News & Economic Development Week 2021 Continued

Durant PD News

DPD's 9th Annual Memorial Service – Reminder...it's this evening, Thursday, May 13 at 6p in Durant's Market Square. Click here for [PR 05062021](#) details.

DPD Awards - Congratulations to Officer Mark Idell, Durant Police Department's Officer of the Year! Officer Idell was given the award earlier this week at the Police Awards Banquet by Chief David Houser and Deputy Chief Joe Clark. Thank you for your service and dedication! Officer Idell also received a Congressional Certificate of Commendation for his K9 training and recognition for a life-saving incident.

Communications Supervisor Kaitlynn Carman received Certificate of Commendation for her handling of an emergency 911 call.

Captain Ben Veenstra and Lieutenant Joe Sebourn each received the Chief's Award of Excellence for service with the department.

Thanks to Community - A big thank you to Victory Life's Community Ministries, for providing dinner at our Police Awards Banquet earlier this week! Also, sending gratitude to Roma Italian Restaurant for bringing us lunch Tuesday!

Now Hiring – Join DPD – see attached graphic

K9 Officer Bors and His New Handler – Click here for [PR 05132021](#) details.

Economic Development Week 2021

Housing - Click here for [PR 05112021](#) details. A vital part of any city's economic development is housing. When it comes to finding a quality home, affordability and availability are key factors when deciding to make the move.

Neighborhood developers stay busy building new housing to keep up with population growth in Durant. Contractors have jobs lined up for weeks, possibly even months renovating existing homes as well.

Even with the current high demand for housing, home prices are still well below the national average. Owning a home here costs just 39.8 percent of the US average. Durant's cost of living makes homeownership an affordable and appealing possibility.

Citizen Engagement – As someone who already lives here, what can I do to attract businesses to come to Durant? There are many ways to get involved in projects that support a healthy, beautiful Durant.

Help strengthen our economic development by serving on civic groups like Keep Durant Beautiful or become a [Friend of the Library](#). Volunteers are always needed and welcome to apply online for appointment to any of the [Boards & Commissions](#).

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