

Plano Police Department Hits Fifty Year Service Mark to Community
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Fifty years of service to our community was celebrated by the Plano Police Department via a public Open House event held Saturday, August 9, 2008. From tours of the operational areas of the Police facility, normally closed to the public, to getting up close and personal with the department's bomb robots and Mobile Command Center, the Open House provided Plano residents and visitors with a stunning view of the services and programming provided them. The Plano Police Department is the largest law enforcement agency in the northern Dallas metropolitan area, serving more than 260,000 citizens.



Since its formation on January 1, 1958 the department has emphasized professionalism, integrity and progress in providing traditional law enforcement services to our growing community as well as innovative approaches to community issues. The department carries a national reputation for highly trained officers, outstanding salaries, benefits and first-class equipment. It has carried national Accreditation since 1992.

A morning opening ceremony included the introduction of current Chief of Police Gregory W. Rushin, as well as former Plano Police Chiefs who gathered for the event. A Proclamation by Mayor Pat Evans touted the years of service excellence afforded to our community by the department.

"Our mission as an organization is to provide outstanding police services, in partnership with the community and to maintain a safe environment that contributes to the quality of life. This is our goal," said Chief Rushin. In 2007 Plano again had one of the lowest crime rates in the State of Texas, finishing the year with a reduction of 8.53 percent in the major crime rate per 1,000 citizens. In 2007 the department responded to 115,861 calls for service and continues to build positive connections between police and residents for an involved and aware community essential to creating an environment where serious crime can't gain a foothold.

For a photo slideshow of the Open House, [click here.](#)