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ARLINGTON RESTAURANT INITIATIVE

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Arlington County Police Department
Contacts: 968

Assault on Officers: 8

A&B/Malicious Wounding: 15
Reducing Alcohol-Related Crime and Disorder in Clarendon

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## Officer Characteristics

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<th>Patrons:</th>
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<td>Accepts criticism constructively</td>
<td>Interpersonal/oral skills patient</td>
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<td>Intelligent</td>
<td>Self-restraint/control/tolerance</td>
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<td>Patient</td>
<td>Problem solver applies best current practices</td>
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Public Safety Data
Police Data

All contacts
• Positive citizen contacts with officers
• Drunk in public intervention
• Supporting security and restaurant staff ID verification
• Calls for service and arrests from the originating restaurant
• “Last Drink” data (Arrestees & detainees)
Police Data

Arrests by Type

**Violent Crime**
- Rape
- Sexual Assault
- Aggravated A&B/Malicious Wounding
- A&B on Law Enforcement

**Traffic**
- DUI
- Reckless Driving
- Hit & Run
- Traffic Violations

**Quality of Life Crimes**
- Drunk in public
- Underage possession of alcohol
- Urinating in public
- Possession of a fake ID
- Destruction of property
- Noise Complaints
- Trash/Litter
- Pedestrian Violations
Fire Data

- EMS Calls
- Fire Marshal inspections for occupancy and public safety issues
- “Last Drink” data (Arrestees & detainees)
- List of establishments visited

Perception of Safety

- Jurisdiction (Officers, Code Enforcement, Fire Marshals)
- Community
- Bars/Restaurants staff
- Patrons
Proactive Alliance
Molly Mastoras LPC
• Relationship-based policing model focused on mutually beneficial outcomes

• Basis of approach uses counseling therapy concepts to build relationships with stakeholders

• Procedural justice and empathy are elements which allow stakeholders to work side by side

• Stakeholders to problem solve collaboratively as opposed to adversarial
Proactive Alliance: The Ethos of Broken Windows

Molly C. Mastoras, LPC, and Dimitrios Mastoras, Master Police Officer, Arlington, Police Department, Virginia
Training

• Responsible alcohol service
• Fake identification detection and deterrence
• De-escalation techniques for staff
• Public safety expectations and procedures if a crime occurs
• Fire safety and occupancy
• Hands only CPR
• Bar Bystander - Intervention training to reduce sexual and domestic assault
• “Ask for Angela” – Patron safety program
• Compliance with food safety regulations
• Assistance meeting zoning ordinances
#ASK FOR ANGELA
SAY NO MORE TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE

"HI I'M ANGELA,
ARE YOU ON A DATE THAT ISN'T WORKING OUT?
DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU'RE NOT IN A SAFE SITUATION?
IS YOUR TINDER OR POF DATE NOT WHO THEY SAID THEY WERE ON THEIR PROFILE?
DOES IT ALL FEEL A BIT WEIRD?

IF YOU GO TO THE BAR AND ASK FOR 'ANGELA'
THE BAR STAFF WILL KNOW YOU NEED SOME HELP GETTING OUT OF YOUR SITUATION AND WILL CALL YOU A TAXI OR HELP YOU OUT DISCREETLY - WITHOUT TOO MUCH FUSC

24-hour Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline:
703-237-0881

July 1, 2021

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https://police.arlingtonva.us/arlington-restaurant-initiative/
2018
Contacts: 19,362

Assault on Officers: 3

A&B/Malicious Wounding: 3
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<td>19,362</td>
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<tr>
<td>Assault on Officer</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Malicious Wounding</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Assault &amp; Battery</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>- 81 %</td>
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Bar Safe
Bar Safe Notice
Arlington County Police Department
1425 N. Courthouse Rd., Arlington, VA 22201

On behalf of the designated property owners, the following crimes have been identified as actions not acceptable on their property and may result in the accused patron being banned from all listed businesses for a period of one (1) year.

Red Violations (Any Alleged Violation = Banning Notice)
- Rape
- Malicious Wounding
- A&B on Police/Fire
- A&B – Injury
- Felony Drug Violation
- Sexual Assault
- Weapon Violation

Yellow Violations (3 Alleged Violations within 12 months = Banning Notice)
- Drunk in Public
- Drinking in Public
- A&B – No Injury
- Disorderly Conduct
- Indecent Exposure
- Urinating in Public
- Fake ID
- Larceny
- Destruction of Property
- Misdemeanor Drug Violation
- Underage Alcohol Possession
- Trespassing

1st Violation
2nd Violation
3rd Violation

(Within 12 months)

ONLY COMPLETE IF ISSUING FOR A RED VIOLATION OR 3rd YELLOW VIOLATION WITHIN 12 MONTHS
NOTICE FORBIDDING TRESPASSING

In accordance with Section 18.2-119 of the Code of Virginia, I hereby notify you that you are forbidden to go or remain upon the lands, buildings, or premises of the following Clarendon businesses:

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<th>Address</th>
<th>Business Name</th>
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<td>2854 Wilson Blvd</td>
<td>GOAT</td>
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<td>Whittow's on Wilson</td>
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<td>3028 Wilson Blvd</td>
<td>Don Tito</td>
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<td>3165 Wilson Blvd</td>
<td>Silver Diner</td>
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<td>3200 Wilson Blvd</td>
<td>Bracket Room</td>
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<td>1210 N. Garfield St</td>
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<td>2901 Wilson Blvd</td>
<td>Hunan One</td>
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<td>BABA/Ambar</td>
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<td>2900 Wilson Blvd</td>
<td>Spider Kelly's</td>
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<td>TTT/Buena Vida</td>
<td>O'Sullivans</td>
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<td>2933 Wilson Blvd</td>
<td>Clarendon Ballroom</td>
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<td>Mexicali Blues</td>
<td>Spirits of 76</td>
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<td>2915 Wilson Blvd</td>
<td>Bar Bao</td>
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<td>Wilson Hardware</td>
<td>Pamplona</td>
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<td>3141 Wilson Blvd</td>
<td>Bronx Pizza</td>
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TRESPASSING NOTICE EXPIRES AFTER ONE YEAR
Date Issued: ____________________________
Date Expires: ____________________________

Signature of On-scene Individual Who Has Forbidden Access to Property

Acknowledgement and Signature
I, the person whose biographical information appears below, hereby acknowledge that I have read this Notice, or had it read to me, and that I understand it. My signature is an acknowledgement of my receipt of this Notice and is not an admission of guilt. If I refuse to sign this Notice, my refusal to sign shall be documented by the officer serving the Notice.

Signature of Person Receiving Notice

Reason for Issuing Notice of Violation and/or Notice Forbidding Trespassing:

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University of Virginia Study

Evaluating the Impact of the Arlington Restaurant Initiative on Alcohol-Related Crimes in Clarendon

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Sponsors: Jim Mastoras, Arlington County Police Department; and the Virginia Tech Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention (CPSVP)

Project Overview

- **Background**: Arlington County features some of the most unique restaurants and nightlife destinations in the Washington D.C. metro region. Areas such as Clarendon, however, with a large number of restaurants have become a difficult issue for police to manage due to alcohol-related crimes such as malicious wounding, sexual assault, public intoxication, assault on police, DUU, disorderly conduct, and rape.
- **Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) launched the Arlington Restaurant Initiative (ARI) that focuses on best practices for restaurants and nightlife to reduce the risk of alcohol-related disorder. The Initiative grew out of the Clarendon Detail, the creation of a team of patrol officers using overtime to control pedestrian and road traffic, and to ensure that intoxicated patrons are protected from harm.
- **Objective**: Evaluate effectiveness of ARI (social and economic impact) in Clarendon to help ACPD sustain and support the program.

### Clarendon Detail Contacts

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<tr>
<td>Assaults/Disputes</td>
<td>451</td>
<td>570</td>
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<td>Drunk in Public (DFP) / Sent on Way (SSM)</td>
<td>1,238</td>
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<td>DUU Pedestrians</td>
<td>575</td>
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<td>Dealerships</td>
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<td>Reports</td>
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<td>Field Observation Report (FOR)</td>
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<td>15,698</td>
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<td>Arrests</td>
<td>80</td>
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<td>Vehicle Under Surveillance (VUS)</td>
<td>35</td>
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- **Officers working the Clarendon Detail collect activity logs (summarized on the left) to capture information about all contacts between police and citizens on the busiest nights regardless of whether or not a formal incident report was written.
- **The logs revealed that, despite the impact of excessive alcohol consumption on the crimes listed above, only about 10% of police contacts with the public result in an arrest.**

### Summary of Clarendon Detail Resources

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<tr>
<td>Weekend Days</td>
<td>217</td>
<td>189</td>
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<tr>
<td>Officers</td>
<td>1,153</td>
<td>1,346</td>
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<td>Avg. Officers per Day</td>
<td>9.9</td>
<td>11.5</td>
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Clarendon has over 40 restaurants (pinned in blue circles) with ABC (Alcohol and Beverage Control) license and an average of 5,000 patrons per weekend night. Each year, approximately 590,000 patrons visit Clarendon between 25:00 and 03:00, especially during holidays and special "drinking" events. Alcohol-related crime counts in Clarendon between 25:00 and 03:00 for 2016-2017 are given in yellow and green circles.
The Arlington Restaurant Initiative
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