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Harris County Deputy Armando Aviles Honored for Community-Focused Service in Cy-Fair

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For **Harris County Sheriff's Office** Deputy Armando Aviles, public safety has become about more than responding when something goes wrong. His work in northwest Harris County has centered on being present before that moment – getting to know families, businesses, schools and community organizations and helping create opportunities for residents and law enforcement to meet on familiar ground.

That community-centered approach earned Aviles recognition as the First Responder Honoree during the **Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce** General Membership Luncheon on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2026, at the **Berry Center** in Cypress.

Aviles, who serves with Harris County Sheriff's Office District 5 Patrol, received a Chamber certificate of appreciation as well as the **Sons of the American Revolution** Law Enforcement Commendation Medal and Certificate, an honor presented to individuals who have served with distinction and devotion in law enforcement.

Deputy Aviles Recognized for Perseverance and Public Service

Tom Jackson, representing the **Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution Robert Rankin Chapter #62**, connected Aviles' recognition to a broader theme of perseverance during his opening remarks at the luncheon.

"America's quest for independence neither started nor stopped with the Declaration of Independence."

Jackson reflected on the difficult months surrounding the signing of the Declaration of Independence 250 years ago, when the fledgling nation faced a much larger British military force and a series of early battlefield losses.

"The war began in earnest, and we lost one battle after another amid tremendous casualties."

He then brought that history back to the person being honored in the room.

"Perseverance is one of the many words to describe today's honoree, Deputy Armando Aviles from Harris County Sheriff's Office District 5."

Community Policing That Reaches Beyond the Patrol Car

A commendation read by Sgt. Anna Ortiz detailed why Aviles was selected for the recognition, highlighting his work in community-oriented policing, relationship-building and collaborative problem-solving.

According to the commendation, Aviles has become a familiar law enforcement presence within his assigned contract area by developing relationships with residents, business owners, local schools and community organizations. Those connections have helped increase participation in Harris County Sheriff's Office community events while strengthening public trust.

His work is particularly focused on the citizens of **MUD 102** and **MUD 257**, where he has taken a hands-on role in creating outreach programs and coordinating partnerships.

The commendation noted that when a new community initiative is proposed, Aviles frequently assumes responsibility for turning the idea into an event – coordinating logistics, finding sponsors, recruiting volunteers and building partnerships with local organizations and businesses.

For residents, that kind of behind-the-scenes work can translate into something very tangible: more opportunities for families to interact with law enforcement outside of emergencies and in settings designed around children, resources and neighborhood connection.

Events Have Reached Hundreds of Local Children

Among Aviles' recent efforts was an After-School Community Resource Event that connected local families with activities, programs and resources intended to keep young people engaged during the summer months.

More than 200 children participated.

He also played a leading role in organizing an annual Halloween community event that drew more than 500 children and family members. In addition to creating a safe setting for families to meet local law enforcement officers, the event included child fingerprinting kits and participation from area businesses and community partners.

Those events illustrate the approach highlighted throughout Aviles' commendation: combining traditional law enforcement responsibilities with proactive relationship-building that can strengthen communication between deputies and the neighborhoods they serve.

His supervisors credited that work with helping create a balance between crime prevention, community engagement and public confidence in the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Why Community-Oriented Policing Matters in Cy-Fair

For northwest Harris County communities, recognizing a first responder is also a reminder that public safety often depends on relationships built long before a call for service is made.

School visits, family events, business partnerships and neighborhood outreach give residents opportunities to meet deputies in everyday settings. They also give law enforcement officers a clearer understanding of the people and communities they serve.

Aviles' recognition reflects that broader role.

The commendation described his service as extending beyond the normal expectations of his assignment, citing his initiative, professionalism, leadership and continued commitment to residents.

At a Chamber luncheon built around business and civic connections, the First Responder Honoree recognition offered another example of how those community networks intersect – with law enforcement, local businesses, civic organizations and residents each contributing to the larger fabric of Cy-Fair.

Local Organizations Join in Honoring Service

The SAR Law Enforcement Commendation Medal presented to Aviles by the Robert Rankin Chapter recognizes distinguished service in the law enforcement field, adding another layer of recognition to the Chamber's First Responder honor.

The ceremony brought together members of the Cy-Fair business community, Harris County Sheriff's Office personnel and members of the Sons of the American Revolution to recognize work that often happens one neighborhood event, partnership and conversation at a time.

For the families and neighborhoods Aviles serves in northwest Harris County, the recognition is ultimately tied to work much closer to home – building familiarity, strengthening relationships and helping residents see their local deputy as part of the community rather than someone they encounter only during an emergency.

Stay tuned to My Neighborhood News for more stories recognizing the first responders, volunteers, educators, businesses and community leaders making a difference across Cy-Fair and northwest Harris County.

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