



# Texas

## Department of Public Safety

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### **Funeral Arrangements Announced for Trooper Arana**

AUSTIN - Services for Trooper Javier Arana Jr. will begin Thursday in El Paso. Trooper Arana died in the line of duty as the result of a traffic crash Saturday, March 24.

Visitation will be on Thursday, March 29, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. (Mountain Time) at Most Holy Trinity Church with a Vigil/Rosary to begin at 7 p.m. (The church is located at 10000 Pheasant Rd., El Paso, Texas 79924.)

The Funeral Mass will take place Friday, March 30, at Most Holy Trinity Church at 1 p.m. The Committal Service will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery (5200 Fred Wilson Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79906).

Trooper Arana served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps and will be buried with military honors.

Gov. Rick Perry ordered that Texas flags at all state buildings be flown at half staff until after Trooper Arana's burial.

Trooper Arana died Saturday morning after his patrol car was hit by another vehicle as he was responding to a pursuit in east El Paso. DPS is conducting an investigation into the crash. (See initial press release:

[http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director\\_staff/public\\_information/2012/pr032412.pdf](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/public_information/2012/pr032412.pdf).)

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“Trooper Arana was a U. S. Marine, a father and an outstanding state trooper,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “His sudden death shocked all of us, and our prayers are with his family and friends. He gave his life to protect and serve Texas, and his sacrifice will never be forgotten.”

He is survived by his father and mother, Javier Sr. and Blanca; his wife, Cindy; and five children ranging in ages from 5 to 14.

Trooper Arana was born in Glendale, Calif., and graduated from Parkland High School in El Paso in 1997. From 1997 to 2001, he served in the U. S. Marine Corps. In 2009, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice at the University of Phoenix in Santa Teresa, New Mexico. He joined DPS in July 2010, and was stationed in El Paso as a Highway Patrol Trooper at the time of his death.

He is the 87<sup>th</sup> DPS officer to die in the line of duty.

An account has been set up for Trooper Arana and his family in lieu of flowers. For more information on the *Trooper Javier Arana Memorial Account*, as well as addresses, maps and travel information related to the funeral services, please visit:

[http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director\\_staff/public\\_information/2012/pr032612.pdf](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/public_information/2012/pr032612.pdf).

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