



Texas Department of Public Safety Annual Report 2006



Mission Statement

The broad objective of this Department is
“to maintain public safety in the state of Texas.”

The Department works toward this goal within
existing regulations and in cooperation with other
agencies with mutual or related responsibilities.

The DPS seeks to preserve order by protecting lives,
rights, property and privileges of the residents of
this state.

The Department continues to uphold its motto:
“Courtesy, Service, Protection.”

Message from the Director

Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of Texas
and Members of the Texas Legislature:

We are pleased to present the Texas Department of Public
Safety’s 2006 Annual Report.

This report contains valuable information about the agency’s
activities in 2006, as well as updates on exceptional items approved
during the 2005 legislative session.

Here’s where you can find out more:

- In-car computers, page 9;
- Additional Criminal Intelligence Service investigators and
staff members, page 13;
- Additional Crime Lab personnel and facilities, page 19;
- Additional personnel for the Private Security Bureau, page 35;
- New offices across the state, page 36; and
- Feasibility study for new driving track, page 38.

We welcome your questions concerning our activities.

Respectfully submitted,

The Texas Public Safety Commission

By:

Thomas A. Davis Jr., Director

Public Safety Commission

The Texas Public Safety Commission oversees Department operations. The Commission is made up of three Texas citizens appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Texas Senate. Members serve staggered six-year terms without compensation.

Commissioners are appointed based on qualifications, including knowledge of laws; experience with law enforcement; executive ability; honesty and integrity and education and training.



*Ernest Angelo Jr.
Chairman*

Members of the Commission in 2006 were Chairman Ernest Angelo Jr. of Midland, Carlos H. Cascos of Brownsville and Louis E. Sturns of Fort Worth.



Carlos H. Cascos

Commissioner Cascos left the commission in July 2006. Commissioner Sturns joined the commission in September 2006.



Louis E. Sturns

Director and Assistant Director

The Department is led by a director and an assistant director who oversee the agency's day-to-day operations.

The director is appointed by the Public Safety Commission and must have at least five years experience in law enforcement or public administration. The director serves the Public Safety Commission in an advisory capacity.

The assistant director is appointed by the director.

The director carries the rank of colonel and the assistant director carries the rank of lieutenant colonel.

In 2006, Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. was the director of DPS and Lt. Col. David McEathron was assistant director.



*Col. Thomas A.
Davis Jr.*



*Lt. Col. David
McEathron*

Office of Audit and Inspection

The Office of Audit and Inspection (OAI) provides the Public Safety Commission and Department management with independent, objective assessments of the accountability, integrity, effectiveness and efficiency of the Department's programs and operations. Based on audit and inspection findings, OAI also makes recommendations to management for improving the programs and operations reviewed.

Internal Audit

In fiscal year 2006 Internal Audit completed 11 risk-based audits, 21 follow-up audits, 10 Criminal Law Enforcement Division—Narcotics Service Imprest Fund and Seized Assets audits, 34 Driver License office audits and 21 petty cash fund audits. Based on the findings of the audits, numerous recommendations were made to improve Department operations.

Inspection

In fiscal year 2006, OAI inspectors conducted inspections of law enforcement operations in two Highway Patrol Division regions, two Driver

License Division regions, two Criminal Law Enforcement districts, and two Ranger companies. During this same period, inspections of seven Headquarters operations were conducted. As a result of these activities, 228 recommendations for improvement were developed.

Inspectors also served the Department in a number of other areas. As in previous years, an inspector chaired the Accident Review Board. In fiscal year 2006, the review board processed more than 575 fleet collision reports and 387 fleet incident reports.

The Chief Inspector chaired the Awards Committee, which is responsible for reviewing and processing all Department performance awards. During fiscal year 2006, the Awards Committee approved five Purple Heart awards, one Medal of Merit and nine Director's Citations for presentation to Department employees. Eight Director's Awards were given to private citizens or personnel of other agencies. *(Please see list of Department award recipients on page 49.)*

Finally, inspectors taught

numerous law enforcement training classes at the DPS

Training Academy as well as at other police agency academies.

The 100 Club Partnership



In 2006, The 100 Club of Houston Board of Directors unanimously approved providing line-of-duty death benefits to all DPS officers, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department game wardens, Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission agents and Texas Department of Corrections personnel throughout the State of Texas who are killed in the line of duty.

Before this decision, the organization had provided more than \$25 million in support of law enforcement officers and firefighters in an

18-county region surrounding Houston. Those funds include support for line-of-duty death benefits to federal, state, county and municipal officers as well as paid and volunteer firefighters.

"Survivor's Fund" donations support the families of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

For more information about The 100 Club, please see their website at www.the100club.org.

Texas Highway Patrol Division

The Texas Highway Patrol (THP) Division is primarily responsible for enforcing the state's traffic laws. The division is divided into eight regional commands headquartered in Austin (Capitol), Corpus Christi, Garland, Houston, Lubbock, McAllen, Midland and Waco.

The THP Division, led by Chief Randall Elliston, has 3,620 employees—2,500 commissioned officers and 1,120 civilian support personnel.

The division is comprised of the Highway Patrol Service, the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) Service, the Vehicle Inspection Service and the

Communications Service.

The Highway Patrol Service secures and maintains order on Texas highways to ensure the safety of the motoring public. The Service is responsible for public safety education and police and security functions for the State Capitol and the Capitol complex.

CVE weighs and checks commercial vehicle traffic operating on Texas roadways to ensure compliance with statutes related to vehicle weight; motor carrier safety; and the registration and transportation of persons, hazardous material and other property.

The Vehicle

Inspection Service supervises all official inspection stations throughout Texas to help keep roadways safe and the environment clean by requiring vehicles to be inspected annually for conditions or defects that might cause traffic collisions and



In March, Troopers Pamela Hatchett and Desiree Lyles provided an escort for the body of Marine Gunnery Sgt. John David Frye, who was killed in the line of duty in Iraq. The troopers escorted his body from DFW International Airport to a funeral home in Waco.



Highway Patrol troopers assigned to the Capitol also participated in a "Click It or Ticket" event that featured the "World's Largest Seatbelt." During the May-June "Click It or Ticket" enforcement period, Highway Patrol troopers issued 10,065 tickets for seatbelt violations.

contribute to pollution. Vehicle Inspection employees are authorized to detect and take appropriate enforcement action against anyone in violation of Texas laws.

The Communications Service operates a statewide network designed to serve the communications requirements of all criminal justice agencies. The system utilizes radio, telephone and landline telecommunication systems to connect with the Texas Crime Information Center,

National Crime Information Center and other law enforcement databases. The Department has 34 communications facilities that operate 24 hours a day.

The THP Division also includes several units that handle a variety of specialized functions: the Governor Protective Detail, the Dive Recovery Team (*please see page 7*), the State Accident Reconstruction Team, the Drug Detector Canine Program, the Explosive Detector Canine Program, the Regional



Troopers win third in national safety program competition

Troopers Wayne Beighle (left), HP Amarillo, and Dan Hawthorne, HP Childress, placed third at the Uniformed Safety Education Officer Workshop in June.

Their program, "Maximum Exposure," focused on prevention and recovery techniques for single-vehicle rollover crashes. These crashes are the number one killer in their area.

The state also placed second in the audio public service announcement category with a song called "Big Truck, Little Truck," promoting seatbelt safety in pick-ups.

Texas won third place in the video category with an entry called "Bubba's Last Stand," which was produced for the "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

Both campaigns were produced by the Texas Department of Transportation and Sherry Matthews Advocacy in Austin.

Honor Guard (please see page 50) and 16 Civil Disturbance Management teams.

Trooper shot near Tyler

In March, Tr. Steven Stone, HP Tyler, pulled over a 1994 Dodge pickup truck for speeding. After developing probable cause for an arrest, Tr. Stone attempted to arrest the driver. The suspect pulled a gun from his waistband and fired several shots, striking Tr. Stone in the neck and left shoulder, and causing him to fall into a bar ditch next to the road. Before fleeing the scene, the driver and his passenger both fired multiple rounds at Stone. He made his way back to his patrol car and radioed for help. Smith County deputies quickly came to his aid and transported Tr. Stone to the East Texas Medical Center in Tyler.

As Tyler police began searching for the suspects, they received information that the men were at a Tyler meat market. When police arrived, the men drove off, firing several shots at the police vehicles. Several Tyler police cars were struck by bullets during the chase. The suspects crashed into another vehicle, injuring themselves to the extent that they were unable



\$700,670 in cash stashed in luggage found during a traffic stop in Carson County.

to continue fleeing.

A subsequent search of their vehicle produced numerous weapons. Both men were wearing body armor, and were discovered to be undocumented immigrants. They were convicted of attempted capital murder and are serving life sentences.



Tr. Oscar Esqueda, HP Borger, is shown opening the tar machine.

Large cash seizure

In April, Tr. Chris Ray, HP Panhandle, stopped the driver of a 2006 Cadillac for speeding on westbound IH-40 in Carson County. While talking with the driver, Tr. Ray noticed that the vehicle had a "lived-in" appearance. The driver gave conflicting statements and granted verbal consent to search the vehicle.

Tr. Ray found \$700,670 in U.S. currency inside luggage in the trunk.

Marijuana hidden in tar

In May, Tr. Garry Bullard, HP Borger, stopped a Florida resident driving a 1985 Ford pick-up hauling a trailer on eastbound IH-40 in Carson County. During the contact with the driver, Tr. Bullard was denied verbal consent to search the vehicle.

Cpl. Tony Rocha, HP Groom, brought his canine, who signaled that it smelled drugs in a tar machine. A subsequent search found 19 bundles of marijuana weighing 252 pounds.

Domestic violence call

In May, the Waller County Sheriff's office requested assistance for a domestic violence call

with shots fired in Hempstead. Tr. James Gonzales, HP Hempstead, arrived at the house and heard a gunshot from inside. He saw a man armed with a shotgun leave the home.

Tr. Gonzales took cover behind a parked vehicle and ordered him to drop his weapon. The suspect fired one round of buckshot at Tr. Gonzales, who returned fire. The man retreated back into the house, shot himself and died at the scene. Further investigation revealed that the suspect had shot and killed his wife before officers arrived on the scene. The suspect's mother-in-law hid during the shooting and survived.

Roadcheck 2006

In June, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers and inspectors, along with Highway Patrol troopers who have received specialized training in conducting commercial vehicle inspections, participated in the 19th Annual Roadcheck Program. It is sponsored by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (FMCSA/CVSA).

Roadcheck is a 72-hour intensive commercial vehicle inspection program throughout

DPS Dive Team

Created in 1995, DPS's 24-member Dive Team assists with underwater searches to help find victims of violence or natural disasters and to locate evidence.

The Dive Team is deployed an average of 35 times per year and is one of DPS's most utilized special operations units.

DPS divers are SCUBA-certified, and 90 percent of their dives are conducted in sophisticated biomedical-resistant suits that allow divers to stay completely dry and protect them from poten-

tially dangerous contaminants in the water.

Divers are armed with underwater metal detectors and use a professional-surface-supplied breathing system with a hard-wired communications system. This allows divers to stay

below the surface longer than normal and be able to talk with those above the surface about what the diver is seeing or finding during the dive.

Some operations in 2006:

- In May, the team helped the Rusk County Sheriff's Office search for a piece

of pipe used in an aggravated robbery and possible homicide. Members searched a small stock tank and quickly recovered the evidence.

- In July, the team helped the Seminole Police Department search for a 12-gauge shotgun that had been stolen from a Gaines County patrol car. A diver found the shotgun after approximately 30 minutes of searching in an area with

heavy underwater vegetation.



In March, the Dive Team helped the Gun Barrel City Police Department locate a murder weapon in Cedar Creek Lake. Team members using metal detectors waded in the lake and found the 12-gauge shotgun used in the homicide.



(Above and right): In May, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the Dive Team in recovering a single engine aircraft that had just crashed in Lake Texana, Jackson County. The following morning the operation was conducted, and the plane was successfully lifted from the lake bottom and towed to shore.



North America, including both Canada and Mexico.

During Roadcheck 2006, DPS troopers and inspectors operated 43 different inspection sites and inspected 6,124 commercial vehicles across the state. As a result, 1,461 vehicles and 218 drivers were removed from service because of the serious nature of their safety violations. Enforcement personnel detected a total of 21,614 violations of commercial vehicle safety regulations and 313 violations of hazardous material regulations.



Starting on Aug. 10, 2006, commercial vehicle operators who are licensed in Canada or Mexico and transport hazardous material requiring placarding were required to demonstrate that they have undergone a background check similar to the background check required of U.S. commercial driver license holders.

The federal Transportation Security Administration determined that the only background

Additionally, DPS enforcement personnel issued a total of 2,961 CVSA stickers to commercial motor vehicles that were in compliance with safety regulations.

In July, CVE troopers from Regions 1, 2, 4 and 5 assembled in Wise County for a two-day CVE task force. Their efforts were combined into three stationary checkpoints and two different roving shifts. Despite temperatures reaching 105 degrees, they inspected 281 vehicles, placing 113 of them out

check program currently in use that satisfies the legal requirements is the Free and Secure Trade (FAST) program administered by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

FAST driver cards issued at either the northern or southern U.S. borders are equally valid at any CBP land border port-of-entry for a period of five years. Canadian or Mexican CDL holders, who transport hazardous materials requiring placards in the U.S. without having a valid FAST driver card in their possession, are considered disqualified drivers and will be placed out-of-service until driver qualification has been re-established.

of service, as well as 13 drivers. Troopers wrote 201 citations and filed 45 cases on trucks that were too heavy.

Highway Patrol pursues truck hijacker over three counties

In July, Sgt. Bob Nichols and Tr. Terry Lee, HP Weatherford, successfully ended a pursuit that lasted more than four hours and stretched over three counties in



Officers around the truck following a four-hour pursuit. (Photos above and right by DPS Aircraft section.)

the Dallas area.

The suspect stole two vehicles at gunpoint before hijacking a tractor-trailer. He held a woman at gunpoint as she drove the 18-wheeler through residential areas and on major highways.

The DPS helicopter in the area also assisted in the pursuit.

At some point during the chase, officers set out road spikes and flattened the two front tires. Troopers were notified that the suspect was headed toward Parker County and positioned themselves with roadblocks and patrol units. Sgt. Nichols and Tr. Lee shot several rounds from their firearms to blow out the rear tires, radiator, axle and fuel tank to disable the vehicle.

While a Dallas tactical team negotiated with the hijacker through cell phone communications, the kidnapped woman took advantage of an opportunity and jumped out of the cab, running to safety. At that point, SWAT officers were able to deploy tear gas inside the vehicle and take the suspect into custody.



18-wheeler after suspect was arrested.



A false compartment in the "cloned" Wal-Mart trailer above contained 3,058.7 pounds of marijuana and 448.98 pounds of cocaine.

Troopers find fake Wal-Mart trailer filled with drugs

In August, CVE Inspector Ysidro Villarreal and Tr. Oscar Lopez, CVE Falfurrias, inspected a 2000 International tractor and a 2000 Great Dane box trailer in Falfurrias.

The tractor-trailer was "cloned" to look exactly like a Wal-Mart tractor-trailer. The vehicles displayed fake Oklahoma license plates that were made of fiberglass, and the driver was dressed like a Wal-

Mart employee truck driver.

Trooper shot in Midlothian

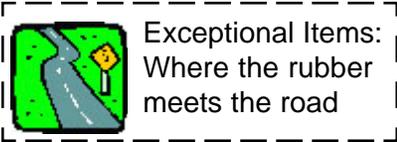
In August, one DPS trooper and three Midlothian police officers were shot and wounded by a sniper in an apartment.

The incident started when

Midlothian police were investigating a broken window that may have been the result of a bullet. Midlothian police officers focused their investigation on an apartment. When they heard sounds from inside, they attempted to force their way into

the apartment and the suspect opened fire through the door.

Several troopers responded to the call of officers down. As two of the wounded Midlothian officers were evacuated, one officer was still in an open area and in the line of fire after three



Exceptional Items:
Where the rubber meets the road

The 79th Legislature approved funding for a proof-of-concept test of in-car computers for Highway Patrol troopers.

The demonstration provided automated enforcement and investigative activities at the roadside. It showed that officer safety and efficiency increased throughout the state with the computers.

The Department is seeking funding from the 80th Legislature to implement a statewide deployment.

The Highway Patrol Vehicle Automation Project will provide direct roadside messaging and communications to the trooper on patrol, providing patrol units with laptop computers, digital cellular modems and Global Position-

ing Satellite (GPS) sensors that will enable troopers to connect to the DPS network through a secure wireless connection for access to TLETS (Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System) and other law enforcement data sources.

The computers will:

- incorporate GPS data and mapping software between the patrol unit and the Department's 34 communications facilities, providing information on the trooper's location when units need emergency assistance, assisting in locating remote

incidents and helping troopers mark coordinates of locations where objects are thrown from vehicles during high speed pursuits;

- eliminate the need for troopers to relay location, speed and route information over the radio during pursuits;
- provide the ability to disseminate photographs of dangerous people and vehicles;
- improve ability to rapidly detect identity thieves, wanted persons and stolen vehicles;
- provide carrier authority and out-of-service information



for commercial motor vehicles to enhance the regulation of commercial vehicle enforcement; and

- improve ability to respond to calls for service in unfamiliar territory.

gunshot wounds rendered him unable to walk.

Tr. Rick Smith ran to aid the downed officer. He was soon joined by Troopers Bill Werkmeister and Vance Griffin. The three pulled the injured officer out of the line of fire.

Tr. Smith then maneuvered to locate the shooter's position and the suspect opened fire, striking him once in the face.

Tr. Griffin and Tr. Terry Eaton returned fire until the suspect stopped shooting. Griffin then ran to assist Smith, who was motionless on the ground. Werkmeister put himself in the line of fire to provide cover for the two troopers. Tr. Eaton then ran to aid Griffin as they pulled the injured trooper out of harm's way. After a DPS SWAT Team helped gain entry into the apartment, the suspect was found dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Highway Patrol leads longest motorcade in Texas history

In September, Highway Patrol Troopers made history when they conducted the longest running presidential motorcade--110 miles each way--for Pervez Musharraf, the president of Pakistan. The Highway Patrol worked with the United States

Secret Service and other local law enforcement agencies to conduct the security and motorcade duties while escorting the motorcade from downtown Dallas to a hospital in Paris, Texas, where he had a medical appointment with an old friend who is a physician. (By international agreement, the same courtesies and security extended to their presidents and heads of state in the U.S. will also be extended to our president and other leaders when they visit that country.)



More than two tons of marijuana

In October, Tr. Shawn Hallett, HP Victoria, seized 4,413 pounds of marijuana from the driver of a tractor-trailer he stopped on northbound U.S. 59 in Victoria County. Tr. Hallett obtained verbal consent to search the vehicle after the

Just another day in the life of the Highway Patrol....

Highway Patrol troopers see it all in their day-to-day patrol duties, but Aug. 8, 2006, still probably stands out.

A refrigerated 18-wheeler transporting penguins, birds, crabs, fish and an octopus, crashed and overturned on U.S. 59 outside of Marshall.

The animals were being moved from their home at the Indianapolis Zoo to a temporary home at Moody Gardens in Galveston while their quarters in Indianapolis are renovated.

The early-morning crash involved only the truck. Both human passengers survived the crash with minor cuts and bruises. However, four of the penguins died in the crash, 21 penguins survived and many



of them were milling about on the roadway. Many of the fish and birds also perished.

It's safe to say that penguins in the road are not a familiar sight to state troopers arriving on the scene of a motor vehicle crash.

Tr. Richard Buchanan was one of the troopers who investigated. When fellow trooper Gregg Greer called to ask for assistance, Buchanan had a hard time believing what type of

animal was at the crash scene.

"Greer had to tell me four times that penguins were running around on U.S. 59," Buchanan said. "It was about the last thing I thought could be involved in a wreck in East Texas."



driver and passenger gave conflicting stories. Inside the trailer, 181 bundles of marijuana were located inside 55 gallon steel barrels.

Sniper shooting incident

In November, the Region 2C Highway Patrol Accident Reconstruction Team

scaled the scene of an interstate sniper shooting in Willis in Montgomery County.

A pedestrian was shot through the neck one time with a .22 caliber round as he walked from his truck to a nearby restaurant. The suspect was positioned under a bridge on IH-45, and was immediately apprehended by Willis Police Department and Montgomery County Sheriff's units. The victim was transported to the hospital in stable condition.

Traffic was stopped on IH-45 for 30 minutes while an FBI bomb squad examined the area. The Highway Patrol assisted in securing the site and investigating the entire shooting scene.

Murder suspect arrested

In November, Tr. Veronica



Another protest at the Capitol, this one peaceful.

Garcia, HP Lubbock, saw a man walking on the shoulder near the fog line as she was driving home. When she stopped to advise him to move farther off the road, he asked her for a ride to a service station.

Tr. Garcia agreed to take him and told him to stay out of her car until she could pat him down. While doing so, she found drug paraphernalia and a folded-up newspaper in his back pocket. One of the articles on the front page included a photo of the man, naming him as a suspect in the murder of a Wichita Falls cab driver.

Tr. Garcia verified the murder warrant through DPS Lubbock and arrested him without incident.



Troopers assigned to the Capitol deal with a wide range of visitors and situations. Several times a year, protesters visit the south steps of the Capitol. Some types of protests require increased levels of security. Above, troopers separated two groups of protesters--white supremacists and those who oppose them--during a protest in November.

Robbery suspect captured

In December, Tr. Casey Jones, HP Cleburne, monitored radio traffic of three gas station robberies during his patrol. At approximately 10 p.m., Tr. Jones observed a Ford pick-up matching the description of the suspect vehicle leaving the Wal-Mart parking lot in Burleson.

After the subject cut across three lanes of traffic and made a U-turn, Tr. Jones performed a traffic stop. During contact with the driver and passenger, he recognized that their clothing also matched the description of the robbery suspects. One of the suspects was believed to be shot

during the third robbery, and Tr. Jones noted blood stains along with medical supplies on the passenger.

During inventory of the vehicle, he found \$992, several cartons of Camel cigarettes and a large knife. Both suspects were handcuffed and turned over to the Burleson Police Department.

Criminal Law Enforcement Division

The Criminal Law Enforcement (CLE) Division investigates multijurisdictional violations, such as terrorism, narcotics, motor vehicle theft, gambling, public corruption, fraud, theft and counterfeit documents. The Division provides specialized assistance to local law enforcement agencies and works with federal law enforcement agencies.

CLE, led by Chief Kent Mawyer, consists of 1,052 members, including 560 commissioned officers and 492 civilian support personnel. The four services that make up the Division are: Criminal Intelligence, Motor Vehicle Theft, Narcotics, and the Crime Laboratory.



Criminal Intelligence Service



Gang brutality on upswing

During the last several years, CIS has seen the emergence of brutality in criminal gangs as their strength increases in Texas. This trend has been identified and associated with Texas' porous border with Mexico, as well as the protection gangs provide to traffickers in the lucrative border drug trade.

As narcotics trafficking increases south of the border, the battle for transportation routes becomes more intense. Gangs, operating in both Texas and Mexico, are competing for the rights to transport and provide protection to criminals smuggling narcotics and undocumented aliens to Dallas and Houston.

To combat the threat, CIS hosts training sessions on behalf

of the Texas Gang Investigators Association, in addition to providing specialized analyst support to ongoing gang investigations. The CLE Division also publishes analyses of threats and emerging trends in crime as they relate to gang activities.

Operations net gang members

DPS CIS personnel assisted U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with Operation Community Shield, a program targeting known gang members.

During a one-day roundup in the Dallas area, investigators arrested nine suspects for illegal entry. Among those arrested were three Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) gang members and two Sureno 13 gang members. Since October 2005, Operation Community Shield has resulted in 39 gang arrests.

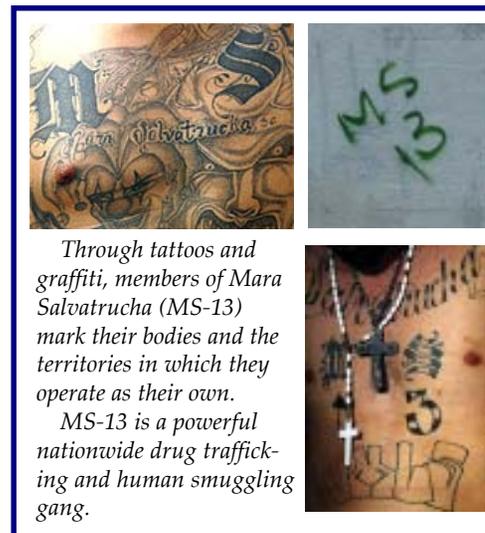
The CIS also participated in Operation Summer Storm. The operation was a multi-agency effort that targeted gang members and associates who are responsible for a significant per-

centage of gang violence in the south Dallas area.

Federal, state and local agencies arrested 22 people and gathered intelligence in an effort to reduce crime and gang activity.

Gang contract killer arrested

CIS personnel and the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office arrested a suspect who was wanted for a January 2004 double homicide in Fort Bend County. The suspect is a member of the Houston Tango Blast gang and a known associate of the Mexican Mafia prison gang.



Through tattoos and graffiti, members of Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) mark their bodies and the territories in which they operate as their own.

MS-13 is a powerful nationwide drug trafficking and human smuggling gang.

Investigators arrested him in Lindale. During an interview, the suspect confessed to his involvement in the double homicide, identified his accomplice and claimed that they had been hired by a member of the Mexican Mafia. According to the suspect, the victims were murdered to keep them from possibly cooperating with police regarding another double homicide that had occurred in Dallas County 10 days prior to the Fort Bend murders.

Mexican Mafia general arrested

A long-term joint investigation led to the arrest of a Mexican Mafia general. The ongoing investigation targets a narcotics smuggling operation that stretches from the Rio Grande Valley to Indiana.

The general was arrested for conspiracy to distribute marijuana and money laundering. Agencies involved in the investigation included DPS CIS, Narcotics, Highway Patrol, other state and federal agencies and the Houston Police Department.

Pistoleros members arrested

CIS assisted the FBI in Laredo with Operation Pistol Whipped, which was the result of a long-term FBI investigation



Exceptional Items: Where the rubber meets the road

Increased protection from terrorism and organized crime

During the 79th session of the Texas Legislature, DPS asked for and received funding for 31 additional Criminal Intelligence Service (CIS) investigators and 20 additional staff members for counter-terrorism and homeland security. With the additional personnel, CIS has provided more effective gathering and dissemination of intelligence information to law enforcement to combat terrorism and address ongoing criminal activity related to the Texas border with Mexico.

Recent terrorism investigations around the U.S. have revealed that to successfully defeat terrorism, a multi-agency information-sharing technique is most effective. The additional personnel have aided in this approach. The CIS also is using the new investigators and staff to serve on the 15 active FBI

Joint Terrorism Task Forces around the state and the four FBI Field Intelligence Groups.

In response to the amount of criminal activity along the border, the service also has increased its staffing of intelligence covering that area. With the additional personnel, CIS has created two new lieutenant areas in Laredo and Del Rio and a one-man duty station in Van Horn. The service now has intelligence personnel stationed in Harlingen, Brownsville, McAllen, Uvalde, Del Rio, Van Horn and El Paso.

The Texas Fusion Center functions 24 hours a day, seven days a week as a statewide tactical intelligence center and a public call center for suspicious activities. This 24-hour-a-day capability has provided DPS officers in the field, as well as officers from other agencies, with immediate assistance regarding ongoing criminal investigations.

The center also takes suspicious activity reports from the public and provides the infor-

mation to field personnel for investigative follow-up. The center, in its commitment to information sharing, has an FBI analyst on staff. Homeland security and counter-terrorism information received in the Texas Fusion Center is shared with the FBI to ensure appropriate response.

The Texas Fusion Center, other CLE Division analysts and field personnel serve as the Department's intelligence arm for multi-agency enforcement operations in the counties along the border with Mexico.

In 2006, federal, state, county and local agencies joined together to conduct operations targeting crime in the border area. CIS commissioned and analytical personnel provided pre-operational briefings about criminal information specific to that area to participating officers. CIS personnel also provided intelligence support to the officers during operations.

targeting the Hermanos de Pistoleros Latinos prison gang. The Pistoleros have been smuggling large amounts of cocaine into the U.S. on behalf of Mexican drug cartels.

Investigators executed several federal warrants, resulting in the arrest of eight gang members. The Laredo Police Department also assisted.

President of outlaw motorcycle gang arrested

Federal, state and local agencies executed a search warrant at a Brady residence after CIS personnel received information that a convicted felon was in possession of several firearms.

The suspect is the founder and president of the Deadmen outlaw motorcycle gang and has a previous conviction for possession of a machine gun. Investigation determined that he had used his common-law wife to purchase several weapons at a local pawn shop. As a result of the search warrant, officers seized 79 handguns, 120 long guns, three homemade shotguns, booby traps, grenades, tear gas, body armor vests, ammunition and silencer parts.

The suspect was arrested

and transported to the Travis County Jail, where he is being held on federal firearms violations. Other agencies involved in the operation included the DPS Motor Vehicle Theft Service (MVTs), Highway Patrol, Aircraft, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and the Brady Police Department.

Laredo human-smuggling operation shut down

The CIS assisted ICE with the arrest of a suspect involved in human smuggling and money laundering. The suspect is the alleged leader of the largest human-smuggling organization operating out of Laredo and was known to smuggle Brazilians, Middle Easterners and other special-interest aliens.

Officers executed a search warrant at the suspect's residence that resulted in the seizure of handguns, a sawed-off shotgun and Mexican Mafia-related materials. The investiga-

tion also led to the arrests of other members of the organization in Dallas and Houston.

Four Top Ten fugitives arrested

In 2006, DPS arrested, or assisted in the arrest of, eight fugitives featured on the Texas Top Ten Most Wanted list.

The fugitives were wanted for crimes ranging from parole violation to aggravated robbery and aggravated kidnapping. All but one of the fugitives were members of organized criminal gangs such as

the Mexican Mafia, Hermanos de Pistoleros, the Texas Syndicate and the Latin Kings gang.

Rapists arrested

CIS personnel assisted the Limestone County Sheriff's Office with an investigation of the abduction, sexual assault and attempted murder of an 18-year-old female from Mexia. The victim was run off the road in rural Limestone County by two males. She was abducted and repeatedly sexually assaulted.

The victim was stabbed several times and left for dead in a ditch. However, she was able to walk to a nearby residence for assistance. She provided investigators with enough information to identify the two suspects, who were illegal aliens from Mexico and Honduras.

Investigators tracked one of the suspects to a location in Mexia, where he was arrested. They also located and arrested the second suspect at a bus station in Waco. Investigators believe the two suspects may be responsible for additional unsolved crimes.

Motor Vehicle Theft Service



Stolen vehicles located

MVTs personnel and the East Texas Auto Theft Task Force recovered \$486,000 in stolen property as the result of a DPS trooper's crash investigation in Nacogdoches County. The trooper's initial investigation led to the identification of a stolen ATV.



In Brady, DPS arrested the president and founder of the Deadmen outlaw motorcycle gang.

MVTS Sgts. Warren Kirkland and Jeff Maeker conducted a follow-up investigation and recovered 16 additional stolen vehicles, including log loaders, semitrailers, a log skidder, a backhoe and truck-tractors. The stolen vehicles had been reported stolen in, and recovered from, multiple counties, including Cherokee, Gregg, Rusk, Angelina, Nacogdoches and Panola.

Stolen property found at deer camp

MVTS Sgt. Swen Spjut and the Montgomery County Auto Theft Task Force recovered \$105,000 in stolen property at a deer camp in San Jacinto County. Recovered property included a skid steer loader, a barbecue trailer, camper trailers, a forklift and an ATV. One suspect was identified and charges are pending.

Hidalgo business dealing in stolen vehicles closed

Victims approached the Hidalgo Police Department, reporting that International Truck and Machinery in Hidalgo was dealing in stolen vehicles. MVTS Sgts. Donald Wilks and Terry Snyder conducted a business inspection at the loca-

tion with the assistance of the Hidalgo Police Department and based on the evidence they collected, secured search and arrest warrants for the business.

MVTS Sgts. Wilks, Snyder and Mike Ramirez assisted with the execution of 18 arrest warrants. Officers arrested three suspects for engaging in organized criminal activity, securing execution of document by deception, placement of serial number with intent to change identity, trademark counterfeiting and deceptive business practices.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection arrested 27 undocumented aliens who were working on the property. Investigators also seized an altered and stolen trailer.

Gillespie County Fairgrounds inspection yields problems

MVTS Sgts. Randy Boysen and Bryan Camp, along with MVTS Lt. Wynn Reynolds, conducted a racetrack compliance inspection at the Gillespie County Fairgrounds Horse Racing Track. During the inspection, investigators seized two firearms from vehicles entering the restricted area of the racetrack. They also seized a vial of Albuterol and an apparatus used

Motor Vehicle Theft Trends

Stolen designer merchandise for sale in the Dallas/Fort Worth area

Investigators have seen a rise in the number of thefts involving cargo containers with name-brand items, especially designer merchandise, such as Nike, Tommy Hilfiger and Ralph Lauren. Thieves sell many of the stolen items at flea markets and discount shops across the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex.

Gas theft increases

The MVTS has seen an increase in gas thefts in North Texas due to the rapid rise in gas prices. Suspects are either filling up their gas tanks and driving off without paying or they are activating the gas pumps after hours by using a keypad to bypass the operating system.

Street racing increases thefts of Civics, Accords and Acuras

The Houston area is experiencing an increase in thefts of Honda Civics and Toyota Accords and Acuras. Recovered vehicles are found stripped of their major component parts, such as transmissions, engines, radiators and batteries. Street racers use these stolen components to replace their vehicle parts that have become worn or damaged by excessive racing.

Construction sites targeted

In Houston, thieves are targeting construction sites. Some pieces of equipment have been stolen and recovered multiple times by criminals. Investigators tracked and recovered many of the stolen items because the equipment had Lo-Jack tracking devices.

Oil field thefts increase

Theft of heavy equipment and theft in oil fields has increased, probably due to an increase in demand within the oil industry.

eBay gives thieves easy marketplace

Thieves are placing an increasing number of stolen items on eBay. Online auction sites such as eBay provide the thieves with a degree of anonymity and a wider market for their stolen merchandise.

Metal thefts on the rise in Houston

Local cemeteries, churches and shopping centers in Houston are experiencing a high volume of thefts of steel, copper and bronze due to the rising cost of these metals.

to administer the substance to horses.

A compliance inspection of the jockey room led to the seizure of an alcoholic beverage and a small amount of marijuana. The jockey in possession of the marijuana tested positive for marijuana and cocaine and was banned from the race. Investigators filed a total of six administrative charges as a result of the inspection. Personnel from the Texas Racing Commission also participated in the inspection.

Stolen trucks recovered

MVTS Sgts. Dennis Damek and Randy Loewe recovered three stolen 2006 Peterbilt trucks

in a construction storage yard in Houston with the assistance of the Harris County Sheriff's Office. At the same location, they also located a Peterbilt tow truck with two additional trucks in the process of being transported to a buyer.

The trucks were discovered after a driver reported one of the thefts at a local motel. Investigators took latent fingerprints at the scene and submitted them for analysis in an attempt to identify a suspect. The trucks are valued at \$240,000.

Stolen logging equipment recovered

MVTS personnel and the

Hardin County Sheriff's Office identified and recovered \$664,333 in stolen logging equipment in Hardin County.

The equipment was reported stolen in Union Parish, La., and had been released to loggers in Hardin County. The recovered equipment included three Timberjack TJ-460s, one Hydra-Ax and one Prentice loader/delimitator on a Viking trailer.



MVTS investigators recovered three stolen Peterbilt trucks at a construction storage yard in Houston. The trucks are valued at \$240,000.

The total value in recovered vehicles was \$37,169,562.

Narcotics Service



Drug traffickers arrested

Narcotics investigators seized 1,946 pounds of marijuana linked to Los Zetas, a violent drug trafficking gang operating along the Texas border with Mexico. Narcotics Sgt. Devin Gonzales conducted an investigation that resulted in the arrest of two suspects and the discovery of 268 pounds of marijuana hidden in vehicles at

MVTS identifies burned cars from Lubbock business fire

Sgts. Jay Truelock and Steve Lauderdale assisted the ATF and the Lubbock Fire Marshal's Office with the identification of more than 30 vehicles.

The vehicles had been destroyed

during a propane fire at the Wylie LP Gas Inc., a business in Lubbock. A local newspaper estimated that the fire caused more than \$2 million in damage.



a Laredo residence.

Sgt. Gonzales subsequently discovered that the marijuana had come from a local warehouse. Assisted by ICE and the Laredo Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force, Sgt. Gonzales searched the warehouse and discovered an additional 1,660 pounds of marijuana. Investigators arrested five suspects at the warehouse.

Parcel companies used by smugglers

From December 2005 through mid-February 2006, Narcotics personnel in McAllen interdicted 77 FedEx packages containing a total of 2,407 pounds of marijuana.

Investigators conducted controlled deliveries in Texas, Arkansas, Illinois, Michigan, Tennessee, Idaho and Montana, resulting in 22 arrests. Some of the arrested suspects had actually shipped the packages to themselves to avoid traveling with the marijuana.

Private mail package drop-off store used to mail drugs

Narcotics Sgt. Ruben Morin arrested two suspects after conducting surveillance at a mail package drop-off store in Pharr. Criminals are increasing their use of such stores as a result of

increased enforcement at Fed-Ex and UPS hubs.

During surveillance, Sgt. Morin became suspicious of two suspects who were shipping boxes to Kentucky. After gathering additional intelligence on their movements, Sgt. Morin arranged for a DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement trooper to conduct a traffic stop. The suspects fled but were subsequently located and arrested with the assistance of DPS Aircraft.

Officers seized 45 pounds of marijuana from the box inside the vehicle and the two shipped packages.

Drug and gun trafficking organization busted

Narcotics Sgt. Rodney Tandy linked two separate investigations, resulting in the dismantling of a large drug and gun trafficking organization in Tyler. Sgt. Tandy coordinated a multi-agency effort with the ATF and DEA that culminated in 26 federal indictments for conspiracy to deliver more than 10 kilograms of methamphetamine.

Officers arrested 39 suspects on federal charges and seized weapons, vehicles, houses, more than two kilograms of methamphetamine, 31 pounds of mari-

juana and 2,471 dosage units of MDMA (ecstasy).

Marijuana and cocaine seized in Hidalgo County

Narcotics Service Sgt. David O'Brien and other DPS personnel seized 2,854 pounds of marijuana and 225 pounds of cocaine. Sgt. O'Brien had become suspicious of a truck tractor semitrailer that was hauling produce. He followed the vehicle to a Hidalgo County ranch. Through surveillance, he determined that the suspects were loading the truck tractor and another truck with contraband.

When the vehicles left the ranch, officers conducted a traffic stop and located the drugs. Further investigation led to the seizure of cocaine and cash in St. Louis and the seizure of more cocaine in Corpus Christi. Three suspects were arrested.

Drug trafficking shut down

A four-year Narcotics Service investigation recently culminated in the arrest of 20 suspects, including five Latin Kings gang members. Narcotics Sgt. Mike McClain and other law enforcement agencies investigated a large drug trafficking organiza-



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tion that was importing cocaine and marijuana from Mexico into Texas. Suspects staged the cocaine in Lufkin before distributing it to New York, Georgia and Oklahoma.

As a result of the investigation, the U.S. District Court returned 47 indictments for drug and weapons charges. Investigators also seized three houses, one night club, weapons and firearms and more than \$40,000. Seven suspects were also arrested for immigration violations.

Meth distribution operation shut down

Narcotics Sgt. Thomas Williams concluded a 2-1/2 year long joint investigation of a criminal organization respon-

sible for distributing 20 to 25 pounds of methamphetamine per month. On the street, the drugs would have been worth approximately \$4.5 million each year.

Ten federal arrest warrants and six federal search warrants were served, resulting in the arrest of 11 suspects and the seizure of four vehicles. Investigators also recovered numerous stolen items, including 4-wheelers and firearms. DPS Highway Patrol, CIS, MVTS, DEA, ATF and the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office assisted.

Crime Laboratory Service



Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) has record year

The DPS CODIS lab had a record-setting year in 2006. The lab set a new record for cold offender hits with 347 state hits and 35 national hits—matches to suspects outside of Texas. (In a cold case, a sample matches an offender in a previously unsolved case.)

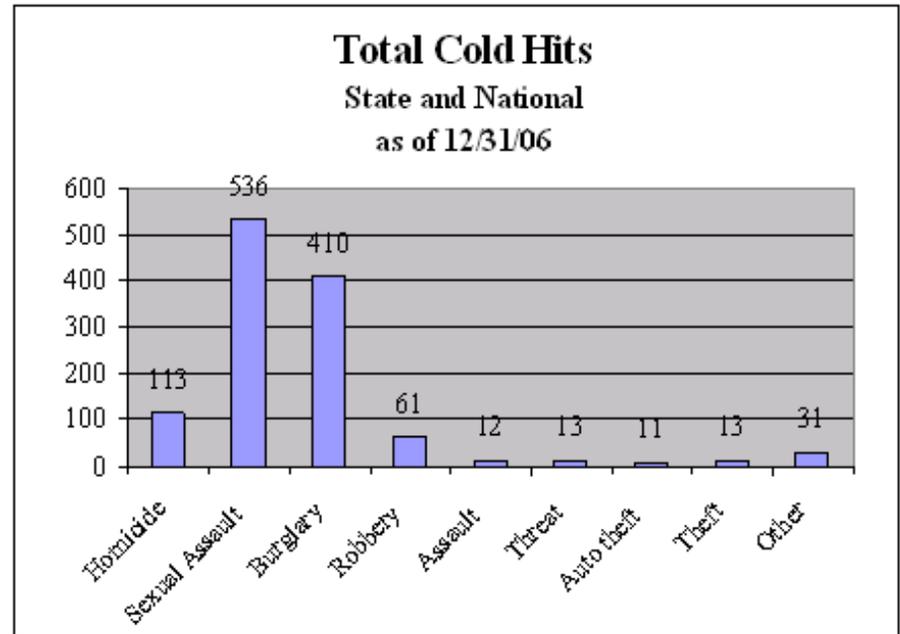
The CODIS lab's cold hits helped solve 135 sexual assaults, 164 burglaries, 33 homicides, 26 robberies, eight auto thefts, seven assaults, six thefts, three incidents of criminal mischief and one incident each of harassment, threatening correspondence and trespassing.

There were two hits that identified a set of unidentified human remains and two hits that solved a case where the wrong person had been previously convicted. The oldest case with a 2006 cold hit was a 1983 sexual assault. The oldest victim was a 92 year-old woman, who was murdered during a botched burglary. The CODIS database program reached its 1,000th offender hit during November 2006, with 904 matches in 2006.

The lab also set a record for offender samples received and analyzed. The lab received 82,800 offender blood samples in 2006, an increase of 45 percent over the previous year. In addition, the lab analyzed 50,694 offender blood samples, an increase of 21 percent over the previous year.

CODIS matches suspect to double homicide

The CODIS database linked a convicted offender to the 1981



murder of a 30-year-old woman and her son in Dallas County. Both victims had been shot in the head with a .38 caliber pistol.

During the investigation, officers recovered a black hat from the victim's vehicle. In March 2001, Dallas County detectives submitted hairs recovered from the hat to the Crime Lab. Lab analysts developed a DNA profile and entered it into CODIS, where it matched to a convicted offender.

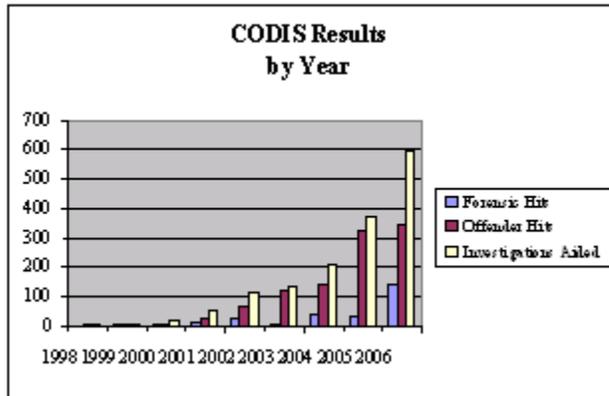
In March 2002, a specimen was obtained from the offender to confirm the match. In October 2006, Crime Lab personnel developed another DNA profile from the female victim's sexual

assault evidence kit, which also matched to the convicted offender. The case was to go to trial in January 2007.

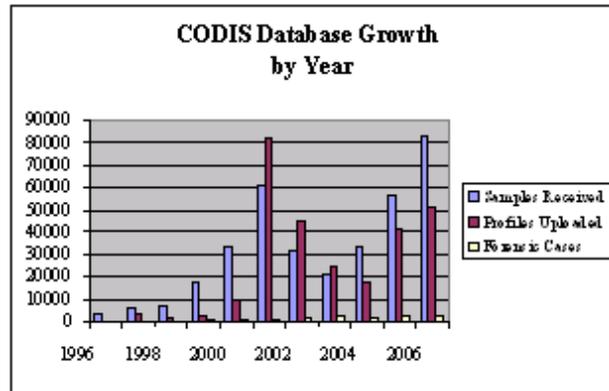
Midland murder solved

A CODIS hit helped solve the 1997 murder of a 92 year-old woman in Midland. Criminalist Brady Mills developed a DNA profile from a cigarette butt recovered from the crime scene.

Lab personnel entered the profile into CODIS, where it matched a convicted offender who was serving time in prison on an unrelated charge. After the suspect was questioned in prison regarding the murder, he committed suicide.



The Texas CODIS database now contains 275,088 offender profiles. As the number of profiles grows, more and more crimes are solved through the use of CODIS.



Sexual assaults linked to suspect through CODIS

The DPS Crime Lab linked a known sexual assault suspect to an unsolved sexual assault. The suspect was believed to be responsible for a May 2001 sexual assault in Austin. Criminalist Chad Hainley developed a DNA profile from case evidence, which was matched to the suspect. The profile was then

entered into CODIS, where it was linked to another sexual assault in Austin.

Murder victim identified through fingerprints

The Crime Lab's Latent Print Section helped identify an unidentified murder victim whose body was found in January 1991 in Waller County.

An autopsy revealed that she had been beaten and strangled. Initial attempts to identify the victim were unsuccessful.

In January 2006, the Texas Rangers requested that the Latent Print Section run the victim's fingerprints through the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), which is managed by the DPS Crime Lab.

When the search produced negative results, Latent Print Technician Jill Kinkade ran the prints through the FBI's Integrated Automated Fingerprint



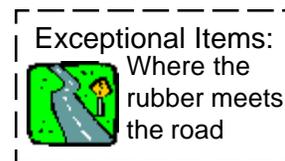
Crime Lab personnel and laboratory space added

The DPS Crime Laboratory Service added 36 personnel, most of whom are forensic scientists, to the crime laboratory staff in FY 2006. The additional personnel have helped the Crime Laboratory Service keep up with the increasing demands for forensic casework.

The new staff members, after completing an intensive forensic training in drug analysis, DNA analysis or firearms examination, were approved for independent casework.

The service has completed more than 70,000 forensic chemistry cases and more than 700 firearms cases in 2006. The number of cases completed in 2006 greatly exceeds both the 2006 projected number of new cases and the amount of cases reported during 2005. The total number of laboratory cases that will be completed and reported during 2007 is projected to exceed the numbers from 2006.

Additional laboratory space has been requested for the new scientists to be able to work efficiently in the Department's 13 crime laboratories.



Identification System (IAFIS) database. The prints linked the unidentified body to a woman who had been arrested in McAllen and deported.

Fingerprint points to murder suspect's conviction

A known suspect was linked to a murder in Gregg County through latent print analysis. DPS Crime Lab personnel examined a bloodstained telephone bill that belonged to the victim and discovered a bloody fingerprint. Lab personnel then used chemicals to enhance ridge details before taking a photo of the print, which a print examiner subsequently identified as the suspect's left thumbprint.

In December 2006, Latent Print Examiner Mark Wild testified in the suspect's trial, which ended in a conviction. He was sentenced to 70 years in prison.

Cheeze heroin epidemic

A new trend known as "cheeze" heroin is expected to reach epidemic scale. Cheeze is a mixture of heroin and crushed Tylenol PM tablets.

DPS Crime Lab personnel have been receiving a large number of cases from the Dallas Independent School District

involving students in possession of cheeze. Other submissions have come from Plano, Carrollton, Garland and Mesquite.

DNA backlog remains

DPS Forensic DNA Labs had a backlog of 1,431 cases at the end of September 2006 and a backlog of 1,449 cases at the end of October. The laboratories continue to work overtime on "unknown suspect" cases with the aid of a grant funded by the National Institute of Justice.

Ballistic evidence compared to determine possible matches

The DPS Crime Lab continues to offer the ability to associate firearm-related offenses through the National Integrated Ballistic Imaging Network (NIBIN) program and thus help law enforcement solve crimes. NIBIN technicians and firearms examiners collect images of cartridge cases recovered at crime scenes, as well as from ammunition fired in firearms submitted as evidence or as seized property.

These images are entered into a computerized database and searched for possible matches. If a match is obtained, the law enforcement agencies

involved are informed. This information is used by the agencies to further their investigation.

McAllen ballistic evidence leads to additional charges

An individual was arrested during a traffic stop for unlawfully carrying a weapon. Investigators submitted the pistol to the DPS McAllen Crime Lab. At the lab, Examiner Bradford Means entered images of the pistol into the database.

Three months later, the imaged cartridge case from this pistol was matched to a cartridge case in a San Antonio homicide. The pistol had been reported as stolen, so the charge of possession of a stolen firearm was added to the unlawful carrying charge. The continuing investigation may lead to other charges.

Homicide and assault cases matched with ballistic evidence

In the Tyler Lab, NIBIN Technician Stacey Phetteplace entered images from .32 and .45 caliber cartridge cases recovered at an assault scene. The .32 caliber cartridge case was matched to a pistol submitted under an unlawful carrying of a weapon charge.

Examiner Wade Thomas, also in the Tyler Lab, entered images from a .45 pistol submitted as evidence in a homicide investigation. This was matched to the .45 caliber cartridge cases in the assault.

Austin ballistics evidence matched to homicide

Police found several 9 mm cartridge cases at the scene of a homicide and submitted them to the Austin Crime Lab. Three months later, police seized a pistol during a traffic stop and charged the individual with unlawfully carrying a weapon.

A national database search of a cartridge case fired in this pistol was performed by Examiner Cassie Allen, and a match to the cartridge cases recovered at the scene was made.

Texas Rangers



The Texas Rangers perform a variety of duties that consist primarily of conducting criminal and special investigations into felony crimes, such as murder, white-collar crime and public integrity cases. They also assist in apprehending wanted felons, suppressing major disturbances and rendering assistance to local law enforcement officials in suppressing crime and violence.

The Rangers perform other duties, such as serving as officers of the court during judicial proceedings, providing protection for elected officials and assisting the Governor's Protective Detail with security for the Texas Governor and other dignitaries.

The Texas Ranger Division, led by Chief Ray Coffman, is

made up of 118 commissioned and 21 non-commissioned employees, including two crime analysts, one forensic artist, one fiscal analyst and 17 civilian support personnel.

Escapee taken into custody

On January 5, investigators with the St. Martins Parish Sheriff's Office in Louisiana requested assistance in locating and apprehending an escapee from their jail. The fugitive was a known narcotics dealer and believed to be residing in the Houston area.

After making telephone contact with the fugitive, Ranger Sgts. Freeman Martin, David Rainwater, Crayton McGee and Adolphus Pressley developed a plan to lure the fugitive to an open area for capture. Houston DPS Narcotics investigators assisted with surveillance.

At the designated meeting

Texas Ranger Division Criminal Statistics

Start Date: Jan. 1, 2006 — End Date: Dec. 31, 2006

Investigations — Offenses/Cases

Developed	Totals	Murder	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Other*
Offenses - Activities*:	6,369	888	181	303	1,100	3,897
Charged Offenses:	2,075	305	100	122	409	1,139

* Other is all other criminal offenses (fraud, forgery, assault, etc.)

* Activities are Warrant, Civil, Subpoena and Fugitive

Completed

Closed Files:	2,758	397	103	152	560	1,546
Criminal - Activity Disp*:	2,805	278	93	122	364	1,948

Arrests — Conviction results

Number of arrests	2,432	Number of convictions	1,767
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location, the fugitive approached the Rangers, but then fled on foot. He was apprehended and arrested. Investigators located and seized a loaded pistol in the fugitive's vehicle. The Rangers filed the charge of felon in possession of a firearm with the Harris County District Attorney's office.

Rangers investigate police shooting

On Jan. 31, an off-duty female officer from Richmond was leaving her apartment for work when two masked men, both brandishing pistols, ap-

peared and shoved her to the passenger side of her vehicle.

Fearing she was about to be kidnapped, assaulted and murdered, the officer retrieved her pistol and fired numerous rounds at both suspects, fatally wounding one and critically injuring the other. Another male suspect was captured by responding police officers.

Ranger Sgts. Crayton McGee and Adolphus Pressley responded to the scene at the request of the Jersey Village Police Department. Sgts. McGee and Pressley obtained a confession statement from the unin-

jured suspect. The other suspect invoked his right to counsel. This investigation will be reviewed by a grand jury. Charges of aggravated robbery have been filed against both suspects.

Death ruled suicide

On February 12, Ranger Sgt. Brian Taylor was requested by the Waller County Sheriff to assist in the investigation of a man's questionable death.

Sgt. Taylor assisted with the investigation and collected evidence. Investigators located a suicide letter and various documents in the residence. The autopsy indicated the male died from a single gunshot wound to the chest, and the death was ruled a suicide.



The Texas Rangers identified a murder suspect in a homicide near De Soto, based on evidence, such as the truck above, and circumstances of the case.

Drug smuggler arrested as double-homicide suspect

On Nov. 2, 2005, the Hutchins Police Department located the bodies of two males on a county road near DeSoto. The victims were bound and had gunshot wounds to the head.

That same day, a vehicle, which had a large amount of blood in it, was located in DeSoto.

Ranger Sgt. Terry Welch identified a known drug smuggler as the suspect. Sgt. Welch and police narcotics officers received information that the suspect was involved in cocaine distribution. DPS Highway Patrol stopped the suspect's vehicle and arrested the suspect, seizing 2-1/2 kilograms of cocaine. This investigation continues.

Gambling operation closed

The Rangers, with the assistance of DPS CIS personnel, executed search warrants at six businesses in Trinity County in connection with a gambling investigation.

Officers seized 365 eight-liner machines, one stolen

pistol and approximately \$29,000 in U.S. currency. Investigators arrested six suspects for engaging in organized criminal activity.

Other agencies involved were the DPS MVTS, Narcotics, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the Trinity Police Department.

Murder suspect arrested

On January 15 in Wise County, a confrontation occurred after a suspect went to the victim's residence, accusing the victim of damaging the suspect's vehicle. A fight broke out, and the suspect shot the victim in the head.

The victim was airlifted to a local hospital where he died. Ranger Sgt. Dewayne Dockery assisted with the investigation by processing the scene for evidence. He found the evidence did not support the suspect's statement as to how the shooting occurred. Sgt. Dockery interviewed witnesses and the suspect. The suspect was arrested and charged with murder.

Suspect in missing person case arrested

An elderly female had been



The Texas Rangers arrested six suspects for engaging in organized criminal activity relating to an eight-liner operation in Trinity County.

missing since January 2001. The Travis County Sheriff's Office requested Ranger Sgt. Matthew Lindemann to assist in the investigation.

The missing woman and her son-in-law were in the process of building a home in Kingsland. Investigators executed search warrants for the residence and evidence was found. On Dec. 14, 2006, Sgts. Lindemann and Joey Gordon presented this investigation to the grand jury.

An indictment was returned on the woman's son-in-law, charging him with the offense of murder. He was arrested at his residence without incident.

Homicide investigation leads to arrest of wanted fugitive

On March 21, Ranger Sgts. Chris Clark and Brad Harmon

assisted the Dallas Police Department Homicide Division and the U.S. Marshals Service with a homicide investigation in Tarrant County.

On March 20, the suspect and two other males traveled to the residence of the victim to collect an \$8,500 debt. The suspect shot the victim, who died from gunshot wounds.

Sgt. Harmon assisted a police detective with the identification of the suspect's residence. Sgt. Clark arrived and assisted Sgt. Harmon with the execution of arrest warrants for the suspect charging him with murder. They, the U.S. Marshals Service and the police department located the suspect at his residence.

Other officers detained two



The Texas Rangers' investigation of a house fire in Olmos Park lead to the arrest of a burglar, who had set a fire to cover up his crime.

other suspects. They found one suspect in possession of a loaded handgun and another was discovered to be a fugitive wanted by the U.S. Marshals Service and the FBI.

Aggravated kidnapping solved

On February 21, Ranger Sgt. Stuart Willer assisted the Lubbock Police Department with an aggravated kidnapping investigation. They arrested the suspect and searched his residence.

Sgt. Willer discovered drug paraphernalia, illegal drugs, written instructions on how to manufacture "Texas Style Ice" (methamphetamine) and weapons. Sgt. Willer also conducted interviews, resulting in a statement of confession from the suspect. The suspect admitted he

had kidnapped the victim and shot the victim in the leg in an attempt to recover \$5,000 that the victim owed. Charges of aggravated kidnapping were filed.

Kidnappers arrested

On March 12, Ranger Sgt. Bart Bivens assisted in apprehending two male escapees from Anadarko, Oklahoma. The suspects had kid-

napped a female from her home, stolen her vehicle and crossed into Texas with her. The suspects abandoned the woman's vehicle leaving her inside the trunk.

They then robbed a man at his home in Briscoe and stole his vehicle. The suspects were sighted in Hemphill County where they abandoned the stolen vehicle and fled on foot. Sgt. Bivens assisted in the manhunt. The suspects were taken back into custody.

Arsonist admits to fire

On March 29, the Olmos Police Department requested the Texas Rangers' assistance in investigating a house fire. Police and Bexar County investigators suspected arson.

Ranger Sgt. Troy Wilson responded and provided investigative assistance. The investigation revealed that entry was made through a window.

Ranger Sgt. Chance Collins learned that law enforcement officers arrested a suspect for burglary in Alamo Heights on March 30. Sgt. Collins and an Olmos Park Department investigator went to the Bexar County Detention Center and made contact with a male who had been charged with committing the burglaries. The suspect

confessed to setting the fire in Olmos Park and stated he had set the fire to cover up evidence of his burglary.

Missing boy found

On March 22, Ranger Sgt. Mark Reinhardt received a phone call from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office requesting assistance in the investigation of a young juvenile male who had disappeared from his home in Burleson.

The child had been riding his bicycle a short distance from the residence when he suddenly disappeared. Police were notified and dispatched to the scene. They searched the area but didn't find the boy.

They conducted interviews, and officials issued an Amber Alert. A stock tank was located near the residence, and investigators had searched it with negative results.

Sgt. Reinhardt requested that officers search the stock tank again. Subsequently, they found the missing child in the tank. The child had been riding through the tank when it was dry; however, recent rains had filled it. The child rode into the water and drowned.

Homicide suspects arrested

On April 18, Ranger Sgt. Alvin Schmidt assisted the Amarillo Police Department with a capital murder investigation involving two victims. Investigators found the first male victim lying next to his vehicle at the rear of his property. They discovered a second male during a search of the property. Both victims had received shotgun wounds.

Investigations revealed a male suspect had pawned two rings stolen from the scene. Investigators interviewed the suspect. He admitted to witnessing the two murders and stealing the rings from the scene. He provided investigators with the identity of the second male suspect. Investigators charged both suspects with capital murder of multiple persons and placed them in jail.

Internet solicitation of minor

On March 13, the Eastland Police Department requested Ranger Sgt. David Hullum to assist in the investigation of an online solicitation of a minor.

Sgt. Hullum met with the complainant who advised because of her husband's predilection for Internet pornography, she feared for the safety of their

daughter. A friend of the complainant assumed the identity of a 16 year-old female and sent e-mails to the suspect. The suspect was receptive, and they engaged in sexually suggestive conversations.

Arrangements were made for the "friend" to meet with the suspect. Investigators arrested the suspect when he arrived for the meeting. Sgt. Hullum obtained a confession statement from the suspect and booked him into jail.

Inmate's confession matches Juarez murders

On March 23, Ranger Sgt. Brooks Long interviewed an inmate at the Hudspeth County jail in reference to his and two associates' roles in the murder of 10 women in the Ciudad Juarez, Mexico area from 1993 through 1994. The inmate stated all the women were sexually assaulted and stabbed to death for satanic rituals.

Sgt. Long and Ranger Sgt. David Duncan met with Mexican officials, an assistant attorney general and an evidence technician to corroborate the information. Each confirmed the suspect's information was accurate and fit at least three of the unsolved homicides in the

Juarez area. On March 27, Sgt. Long forwarded a copy of the recording to Mexican officials for further investigation.

Confession obtained in roommate murder

On May 4, the Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Office contacted Ranger Sgt. Tom Davis to assist with a murder investigation. The body of a male was found at his residence with an apparent stab wound.

Evidence at the crime scene appeared as if someone attempted to clean up the residence. Investigators questioned the roommate of the victim. He confessed to the killing, stating the two had argued. The suspect said the victim struck him with a floor fan. He returned from another room with a knife and stabbed the victim.

Investigators located the knife. The suspect was arrested and charged with murder.

Fugitives apprehended

On June 30, Ranger Sgt. Brad



The Texas Rangers helped solve a homicide in Titus County, in which a son had stabbed his father and run over his mother.

Harmon was asked to join the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Apprehension Team (FAST) in locating and arresting three federal escapees. The federal prisoners had escaped from the Mansfield jail.

Investigation revealed two of the fugitives might be in a Fort Worth motel. Investigators set up surveillance, and one of the fugitives walked across the parking lot and fled on foot.

Sgt. Harmon and two U.S. Marshals apprehended the escapee as he attempted to hijack a vehicle a few blocks from the motel. Mansfield S.W.A.T. then entered the motel room and apprehended the second fugitive.

Further investigation revealed that the third fugitive was at another motel with his girlfriend, who had facilitated

the escape. Investigators arrested the escapee and his girlfriend.

Son kills mother and almost kills father

On April 4, the Titus County Sheriff's Office received a call from a man stating his son had assaulted him and was attempting to kill his wife. Deputies traveled to the scene and found the man lying in his home in a pool of blood. He had been stabbed.

Officers called for backup and called Ranger Sgt. Steve Boyd to the scene. Officers then located the suspect at a neighbor's house. They located the suspect's pickup down the road where it had been wrecked.

Officers found the mother, injured and lying under the vehicle. Both parents were taken to the hospital where the mother died. The suspect had gone into an alcohol-induced rage, stabbed his father 12 times and run his mother down with his pickup as she fled the residence trying to escape. The suspect was treated for wounds from the wreck, and investigators placed him in jail for capital murder.

Triple homicide solved

On April 7, the Lavaca

County Sheriff's Department contacted Ranger Sgt. Dewayne Goll and advised him that two males and one female were found deceased at a residence.

Ranger Sgts. Goll and Morgan Miller traveled to the scene. The DPS Crime Lab processed the crime scene. The victims had been killed by gunshot wounds to the head.

Investigators identified a suspect, and Sgt. Goll obtained an arrest warrant for him, charging him with capital murder (multiple victims).

On April 11, the Richardson Police Department arrested the suspect. Sgt. Goll and the Lavaca County Sheriff traveled to Richardson and obtained a confession of the murders from the suspect. The suspect was placed in the Lavaca County Jail, pending the posting of a \$1 million dollar bond.

Monks arrested in Blanco

On May 12, the Blanco County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of Ranger Sgt. Tommy Ratliff with an indecency with a child investigation. Monks at Christ of the Hills Monastery had committed sex acts on several juveniles in the early 1990s.

Investigators conducted

interviews with three of the juveniles that had sexual contact with the monks. On July 25, Sgt. Ratliff, Ranger Sgts. Cris Love, Sal Abreo, Joey Gordon and Marcus Hilton, along with members of the sheriff's office, the district attorney's office and the U.S. Postal Inspectors Service executed a search warrant at the monastery and made arrests.

Officers arrested three monks. Two more monks were arrested off the premises. All five monks were charged with indecency with a child and criminal conspiracy. Additional charges are pending.

Ranger assists in investigation of murder and suicide

On July 5, the Kerr County Sheriff's Office received an emergency telephone call from a juvenile who said that her mother and brother were dead in the family home.

Responding Sheriff's Office deputies and investigators found the bodies in the house. Subsequent investigation revealed the mother's boyfriend had burglarized the home, kidnapped the juvenile and bludgeoned the victims to death. The suspect stole the victim's vehicle, burglarized a business and passed a forged check to the business.

A manhunt ensued for the suspect, who was subsequently located. As officers approached the stolen vehicle, the suspect ignited the vehicle with a fire accelerant, causing his own demise.

Ranger Sgt. Kyle Dean assisted in preparing a search warrant for the murder scene, processing the crime scene, attempting to locate the suspect and later searching the burned vehicle for weapons and other evidence. No charges were filed because the suspect is deceased.

Crack-user arrested for murders

On Aug. 9, Ranger Sgt. Richard Shing was asked to assist in a murder investigation where the body of a female was located in Kaufman. Investigators found the decomposed body covered with trash.

Sgt. Shing worked the crime scene and interviewed witnesses. He located a male, who had been buying presents for the woman. Both individuals were heavy crack users.

During the polygraph of the boyfriend, he confessed to Sgt. Shing that he beat her to death. He was arrested for murder.

Texas Rangers Unsolved Crimes Investigation Team

Cases solved in 2006



The Texas Rangers Unsolved Crime Investigation Team (UCIT) is led by a Ranger captain and lieutenant and staffed by eight Ranger sergeants whose mission is to provide Texas law enforcement agencies with a process for investigating unsolved murders and serial or linked criminal transactions.

Case solved with no recovered body

On Jan. 18, 1999, a male victim was reported missing from Nacogdoches. Investigators believed he had been murdered.

In Sept. 2004, Ranger Sgt. A.J. Miller began to re-investigate this case. He learned that the suspect told his mother, wife and an associate that he killed the

victim and disposed of his body in Angelina County. The suspect alleged that he was defending himself when the victim attacked him with a knife. He had been arguing with the suspect's girlfriend concerning the purchase of chemicals for the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine. The victim has never been seen or heard from again.

With the Angelina County District Attorney's support to prosecute without a recovered body, investigators issued an arrest warrant for the male suspect, charging him with murder. The suspect never denied killing the victim and stated he did not want to talk to officers. Bond has been denied.

Suspect confesses to murder when confronted with evidence

On Oct. 27, 1980, a male victim was shot and killed by his wife at their residence in Kilgore. The wife was arrested for murder. She claimed self-defense, alleging he tried to



Ranger Trampas Gooding (at left) conducting a body recovery near Sierra Blanca in Hudspeth County.

shoot her but she shot him first. She also claimed the victim was abusing her.

Investigators presented the case to the grand jury, but it was no-billed. On May 10, 2005, Ranger Sgt. John Martin began to investigate the case and found discrepancies in the suspect's story. On March 29, 2006, Sgt. Martin traveled to Raleigh, North Carolina, to interview the suspect, where she confessed to

shooting the victim.

Investigators presented the case to the Gregg County District Attorney, who in turn obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect. On May 1, 2006, the suspect surrendered to the police department and was charged with murder.

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Incarcerated murderer confesses

On Feb. 27, 2000, a juvenile male was fatally stabbed while attending a party in Seguin.

An extensive investigation had been conducted by the Seguin Police Department, but the case went unsolved. Investigators submitted the case to the UCIT for review and consideration. Upon review, Ranger Sgts. Troy Wilson and Jeff Vajdos began re-investigating the homicide by locating numerous witnesses and conducting further extensive interviews.

They developed a possible suspect in the case. The suspect, who is currently incarcerated in TDCJ for an unrelated homicide, was interviewed by both Sgts. Wilson and Vajdos. The suspect confessed to murdering the victim in 2000. This case will be presented to the Guadalupe County Grand Jury.

Midland murder solved

On Feb. 11, 2004, Ranger Sgt. Troy Wilson began assisting the Midland Police Department with an unsolved capital murder that occurred on Sept. 28, 1997. Extensive investigation had been conducted by both the police department and Sgt. Wilson.

The investigation entailed the death of an elderly female, who was found brutally murdered in her Midland home. The victim had been strangled and sustained several stab wounds. During the collection of evidence, a partial cigarette butt was collected and submitted to the DPS Crime Lab.

A DNA profile was established from the partial cigarette butt. On Oct. 25, 2006, the Crime Lab matched the DNA from the cigarette, through CODIS, to a subject who was incarcerated in TDCJ. The suspect had been convicted of manslaughter.

On Nov. 1, 2006, Sgt. Wilson and a police investigator interviewed the suspect. The suspect denied any involvement in the Midland murder or knowing the victim, even after being told his DNA was found at the crime scene. On the following day, the suspect committed suicide in his



John Martin (center) in body recovery school (National Forensic Academy) at the "Body Farm" in Tennessee.

prison cell and left two suicide notes. Although the suspect did not specifically confess to the murder in his suicide notes, he made an incriminating statement in one of the notes.



Ranger Jimmy Schroeder examines a bullet trajectory angle in the recreated crime scene of a 26-year-old murder that occurred in Longview.

Driver License Division

The Driver License Division (DLD), led by Chief Judy Brown, issues Texas driver licenses and identification (ID) cards, collects, maintains and provides driver records and investigates identity fraud. The Division has 224 commissioned officers and 1,586 noncommissioned employees with a total of 1,810 personnel.

The DLD is comprised of the following services: Administrative License Revocation Service, Field Service, Fraud Investigation Unit (FIU) and the Headquarters Service, which encompasses the following bureaus: Crash Records, Customer Service, Driver Improvement, Driver Records, License Issuance and Safety Responsibility.

Arrests made for selling illegally-obtained medical insurance forms

The DLD FIU was created to fight driver license fraud and identity theft. (For more information on the FIU, please see page 30.) Tr. Joey Rean of the FIU, in conjunction with the North Texas Identity Theft Task Force and the Carrollton Police Department, executed an arrest and search warrant at the resi-

dence of a 32-year-old female in Carrollton. They seized a total of 66 medical insurance forms containing names, addresses, Social Security numbers and medical histories of various individuals. After her arrest, the Carrollton suspect identified an additional female who had originally stolen the insurance forms and was selling them for \$50 each.

Tr. Rean executed an arrest warrant for the second suspect, who was subsequently arrested at her residence. Both suspects were transported to the Dallas County Jail and charged with fraudulent use or possession of identifying information.

DL employees arrested for fraudulent issuance

In January 2006, Tr. Rean arrested a DL employee who had updated a friend's driver license with the physical description of a third individual.

The employee modified the physical description information on the victim's DL (ethnicity, eye color and height) to match the friend's physical description. After receiving the fictitious license, the third individual attempted to withdraw more than \$90,600 from a bank account

belonging to the victim.

After this suspect was arrested, the suspect gave details about the fraud, including information on how the driver license was obtained.

In February 2006, FIU Investigator Tr. Richard Castro conducted an internal investigation involving a technician and determined that the clerk was accepting and notarizing fraudulent documents and making false entries on eye and written exams. Investigators initiated an undercover buy in April 2006,

which resulted in the clerk accepting \$500 in exchange for processing and issuing a driver license application after the applicant presented fraudulent documents. Investigators arrested the DL technician for bribery, a second-degree felony, and transported the technician to the Harris County Jail.

Person caught with stolen Naval Intelligence computer

In February 2006, a 29-year-old male was stopped by a Farmersville Police Officer in Dallas County for a traffic violation. A driver license inquiry revealed that the subject had warrants for his arrest, and a search of the subject's vehicle produced methamphetamine, fraudulent government documents, counterfeit checks, employment IDs and a stolen Naval Intelligence computer valued at \$22,000.

The police department contacted FIU Investigator Tr. Brad Prince regarding the fraudulent documents and stolen computer. Investigators found four Texas driver licenses, an Oklahoma ID, two temporary-permit driver licenses and

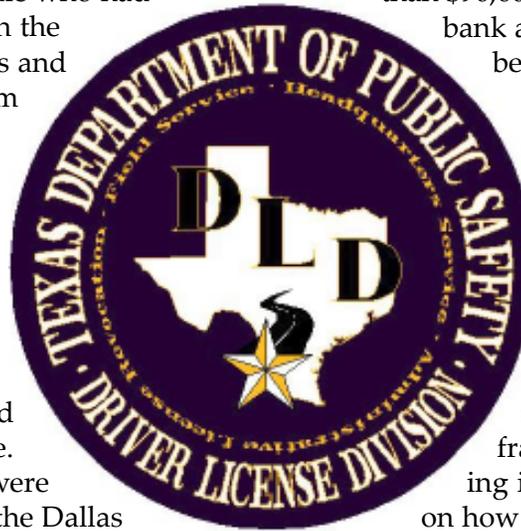


photo paper with printed information similar to what is on the back of a Texas driver license in the suspect's possession. Tr. Prince charged the suspect with tampering with a government document. This investigation is ongoing, and other charges are pending.

IRS theft ring

In April 2006, a 35-year-old female entered a Dallas Driver License office and presented documentation to update a Texas driver license in the name of another subject who had outstanding warrants. After notification of the warrants, the 35-year-old female acknowledged that she was not the subject listed in the documentation that she presented.

Investigators discovered that her employment identification showed she was employed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Tr. Rean spoke to an IRS special-agent-in-charge for the Dallas Region who advised that an identity theft ring was operating inside the IRS at the location where the subject worked, and an investigation of the theft ring was underway. Tr. Rean interviewed the subject who gave a written statement. Tr. Rean obtained and executed an arrest

warrant for the subject. She was placed into the Dallas County Jail for tampering with government records.

Fraudulent documents result in charges

In January 2006, two males were arrested on federal fraud warrants, after a city-wide investigation into fraudulent document vendors operating in Houston. Investigators made several undercover purchases of high-quality counterfeit Texas driver licenses and resident alien cards over several months.

FIU Tr. Richard Castro and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents arrested the suspects when they made a delivery to an undercover officer. The two suspects were booked into the Harris County Jail with charges on both the state and federal level.

Louisiana resident arrested for fraudulent possession

In December 2006, Tr. Esther

Driver Responsibility Program Overview

	Points	Intoxication	No Insurance/ DWLI*	No DL
Notices mailed:	40,878	254,130	1,199,139	524,396
Revenue billed:	\$4,481,616	\$268,835,900	\$328,217,210	\$64,451,775
Revenue collected:	\$2,707,819	\$74,643,804	\$96,173,759	\$12,800,740
Notices resulting in Suspension:	10,856	146,728	703,578	362,485
Number of drivers in the program:		919,794	* Driving while license invalid	
Total notices mailed:		2,018,543		
Total revenue billed:		\$665,986,501		
Total revenue collected:		\$186,332,394		

Racus of the FIU was contacted by DPS HP Trooper Derek Leitner, regarding his traffic stop of a 41-year-old suspect in Montgomery County.

During the stop, the suspect presented a fraudulent Florida ID card to the trooper. After the suspect gave Tr. Leitner consent to search the vehicle, he found a second fraudulent document. This document was a Texas ID card under the same name as the name listed on the Florida ID.

In the vehicle, Tr. Leitner also found numerous personal and company checks with multiple names, gift cards, store receipts and \$564. Tr. Racus' investigation found that the identification belonged to an individual in Texarkana. In addition to the charges filed for

failure to ID, the suspect was also charged with fraudulent possession of identifying information.

Female bank robber arrested

Tr. Fred Riojas of the FIU was contacted by a victim who stated that checks from her banking account (totaling more than \$4,500) had been forged and cashed. An investigation determined that the victim's daughter, who had stolen the checks, also was wanted for bank robbery.

The Austin Police Department had arrested the suspect in February 2006 for the bank robbery. Tr. Riojas also interviewed her and obtained a confession regarding the forged checks and assumed identity.

Fraud Unit combats identity thefts, DL fraud

The FIU, which became fully operational on May 1, 2004, consists of 13 commissioned troopers and six analysts.

Driver license fraud and identity theft is a problem that has been around for many years. Technological advances, software and computer equipment now available to the public have allowed the manufacture of high-quality false identification to become widespread. Drug traffickers, scam artists and wanted persons all use counterfeit or stolen identities. Most recently, the use of fraudulent documents in conjunction with terrorist activities has become a national security issue for the United States.

During FY 2004 through FY 2006, the FIU investigated more than 1,547 driver license-related fraud cases, of which more than 500 resulted in arrests and 1,041 resulted in the issuance of warrants. In addition, the FIU has assisted other agencies in more than 2,500 cases.



Exceptional Items: Where the rubber meets the road

Driver Responsibility Program (DRP) surcharge assessment grows

In September 2004, the Department contracted with a third-party vendor to process surcharge notices and payment collections for the DRP, which was enacted by the 78th Legislative Session.

As of January 2007, the DRP has assessed \$665,986,501 in surcharge revenue requirements, of which \$186,332,394 has been collected. Individuals who are assessed a surcharge are eligible to remit the surcharge payment in its entirety or enter into an installment agreement to pay the surcharge requirement over time. As installment agreements vary in length depending on the amount due, ranging from four months to 36 months, revenue collected from these agreements is not fully realized until the completion of the agreement.

Analysis of the program for the previous two years has provided that the majority of surcharge assessments are for

alcohol and no insurance convictions.

Driver License Reengineering

The Driver License Reengineering Project (DLR), which is designed to update the Department's legacy driver license system and provide a more secure driver license and ID card for Texans, is more than 50 percent complete.

The project is currently in the building and testing phase for the DLS application. Preparation of the Division's Headquarters and Field offices' infrastructure is also underway to accommodate the new organizational structure of the DLS.

In addition, the DLR Project team is finalizing deployment, training and implementation schedules for the final deployment of the DLS. The DLS will be piloted in the Austin, Georgetown, Garland and San Antonio DL offices beginning August 2007. Implementation for all remaining field offices is scheduled for September through November 2007.

Image verification aids law enforcement

The Legislature authorized funding for inclusion of image verification technology into the Driver License System (DLS) for the purposes of deterring and preventing identity theft and DL fraud. The Image Verification System (IVS) is in the final development stage and has begun to provide assistance to law enforcement officials for the purposes of locating unknown individuals, as well as identifying multiple records belonging to the same individual. In 2006, approximately 20 million driver license and identification card photographs were enrolled into the IVS, where the process of comparing all photographs began to locate suspicious issuance data.

As a law enforcement tool, the IVS is proving to be extremely valuable to DPS and its goal of reducing identity theft and fraud. The IVS has identified multiple cases of fraud, ranging from individuals with two to nine different identities, through multiple

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issuances of driver licenses and identification cards. Requests from analysts across the agency to locate individuals suspected of having multiple identities or to identify unknown or missing individuals is providing positive results.

Using the IVS, which will become fully functional in early summer 2007, driver license issuance employees will verify the identity of the individual at the time of issuance for a DL or ID card. This will be accomplished by comparing the current photograph taken against previous photographs on file. All original DL or ID applicant photographs taken during the course of business will be compared nightly against all photographs on file. Suspicious activity identified through this process will be forwarded to the Division's FIU for investigation.

Subject arrested for selling fake IDs to students

Tr. Randy Wells of the FIU received information from a student at the Texas State University campus who indicated that another student was altering Texas driver licenses to make the subjects appear to be 21 years old.

After further investigation, Tr. Wells obtained a search and arrest warrant for the 22-year-old male suspect at his residence in Houston.

At the suspect's residence, investigators found more than 30 driver licenses and the tools necessary to alter driver licenses. Investigators charged the suspect with tampering with a government document, a third-degree felony. He was booked into the Harris County Jail.

Commercial driver license (CDL) with fraudulent documents

A 36-year-old male entered the DL office in Taylor and applied for a commercial driver license (CDL) with a tanker and hazardous material endorsement.

The applicant presented his identifying documentation to the DL examiner, but the exam-

iner determined that the social security card was altered. The examiner also found that the information provided on the application was incorrect. The examiner photocopied all documents, discontinued the transaction and reported the fraudulent documents to the DL FIU.

Later, the same applicant was successful in obtaining a CDL during another visit to a different driver license office. By presenting a Kenya passport and a Georgia DL, the applicant was successful in obtaining a CDL for tankers only.

Tr. Fred Riojas began an investigation of the applicant's fraudulent use of documents. He obtained information from the Department of Homeland Security that the subject was in the United States illegally. Tr. Riojas filed an arrest warrant, and the subject was stopped on a traffic warrant in April 2006. The FIU also notified the Department of Homeland Security and DPS Criminal Intelligence about this arrest.

Individual arrested for using victim's identification

Tr. George Lopez, of the FIU, investigated a case involving an individual who had reported to the Laredo Police Department

that he was the victim of identity theft. The victim had lost his birth certificate and social security card in Mexico 10 years ago. The suspect, who lived in Mission, Texas, had used these documents to establish an identity and obtain a Texas DL and ID.

In June 2006, Tr. Lopez contacted the suspect and met him at the Laredo DL office, where he was arrested for fraudulent use or possession of identifying information.

Sale of fictitious documents on Internet results in arrests

In conjunction with the Texas State University Police Department, Tr. Dori Livingston of the FIU conducted an investigation involving an Internet website that advertised the sale of fake Texas ID cards and driver licenses.

Investigators obtained a search warrant for the dormitory room where three students resided. Information obtained from the execution of the search warrant resulted in charges of fraudulent use or possession of identifying information and delivery or manufacture of counterfeit instruments for each of the suspects.

The students had used the

money they received from the sale of the counterfeit documents to purchase gift cards in order to avoid detection of the funds by the IRS.

In March 2006, law enforcement officers arrested the suspects and interviewed them at the University Police Department. They were later transported to the Hays County Jail with bonds totaling \$12,000 each.

Subject arrested for obtaining CDL in another person's name

Tr. Livingston, in conjunction with the Central Texas Task Force, investigated a 25-year-old male who had used a victim's identifying information to obtain a Texas CDL. Investigators found that the male had used the CDL for more than five years for employment purposes and to purchase and register vehicles.

The suspect was arrested at a heavy equipment store as he was attempting to purchase a \$50,000 piece of equipment using the victim's name and credit.

Real ID Act

The Federal Real ID Act of 2005 will have a significant fiscal and procedural impact on the Driver License Division, licensing standards in Texas and Texas

DL and ID card holders.

The provisions of the Act will require many changes, impacting DL and ID card holders and will have significant implementation challenges with legislative, operational, technological and fiscal limitations. This federal legislation requires all 20 million existing Texas DL and ID card holders to present their respective identity credentials to driver license office personnel beginning May 11, 2008.

The Act also stipulates that all states must implement the requirements of Real ID by May 11, 2008. Failure to do so by the Act's deadline will result in federal agencies not accepting state-issued DL and ID cards for official identification purposes, such as boarding aircraft and entering government buildings.

Until the proposed rule is published by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the DPS is limited to its assumptions of the Act's impact to DL and ID card programs. Based on current assumptions derived from provisions of the Act and meetings held with DHS authorities, the implementation costs for Real ID are estimated at \$142,667,754 with a recurring annual operational impact of \$67,057,526.

Crash Records Information System (CRIS)

The Highway Patrol Division began implementing the pilot of the Web Data Entry (WDE) component of the CRIS application in January 2007. Troopers from HP Region Six, in Central Texas, are submitting crash data to Crash Records via a web-based data entry application. With the successful completion of the pilot project, the WDE component of CRIS will become available to other areas in DPS. Deployment to outside agencies is scheduled to begin in 2008.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has awarded a contract to process the backlog data of crash records information to HDI Solution, Inc. HDI planned to begin full data entry production on Jan. 8, 2007. Teams of auditors both in the Crash Records Bureau and at TxDOT have been formed to monitor and evaluate the quality and accuracy of the data processed by HDI.

Driver license image retrieval system assists law enforcement

The Driver License Image Retrieval (DLIR) system continues to assist law enforcement agencies by making it possible to view driver license images via

the Internet in support of investigations. To date, there are approximately 984 federal, state and local law enforcement agencies within Texas and neighboring states that use the DLIR system.

CDL disqualification action

Texas Transportation Code Chapter 522 was amended effective June 1, 2005, requiring the Department to initiate an automatic disqualification action against CDL holders who commit an offense of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, regardless of the type of vehicle being operated. Previously this disqualification was specific only to offenses committed while operating a commercial motor vehicle and when the appropriate Administrative License Revocation (ALR) disqualification notice was served to the driver.

With the assistance of the Information Management Service, this disqualification process was successfully implemented on Sept. 1, 2006. Since then, Driver Improvement has taken disqualification action against more than 4,000 commercial-licensed drivers or persons operating a commercial motor vehicle.

Driver Record sales goes to Texas Mobility Fund

Effective Sept. 1, 2006, Driver Record fees collected are deposited into the Texas Mobility Fund instead of the state's General Revenue. This change is a result of the passage of HB 2 Article 3 and HB 3588. The table, below, depicts fees for the sale of driver records collected over the last four fiscal years.

Foreign reciprocity

In the last legislative session, a bill was passed giving the Department authority to establish reciprocal driver license agreements with foreign countries. The Texas Transportation Code gives the Department authority to enter into an agree-

ment with a foreign country to allow a person from a foreign country who is 18 years of age or older and holds the equivalent of a Class C driver license to be issued a Texas Class C driver license.

In order to enter into such an agreement, the foreign country must agree to allow a Texas Class C license holder to be issued a license similar to this class of driver license. The DLD is in the process of developing criteria, policies and procedures to consider agreements with other countries, taking into consideration traffic safety.

Automated Conviction Reporting

Currently, there are 1,721

courts in Texas sending conviction information to the Department to populate driver history records. Of these courts, 838 use electronic conviction reporting methods. This number continues to increase as more courts take advantage of funds allocated to the Department from a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration grant.

Online services campaign begins

The Driver License Division debuted its first television advertising campaign for online services. Television ads and a radio advertisement began running in Austin, Lubbock, Longview, Tyler and the Valley during the week of February 13.

The attention-getting ads encourage the use of the online driver license renewal and address change services. The ads are presented both in English and Spanish. Because the debut was well received, the Division plans on rolling the campaign out statewide. Tela Mange of the DPS Public Information office has coordinated the campaign with the TexasOnline vendor, BearingPoint, and Sherry Matthews Advocacy.

The E-Commerce section

reports that the advertising campaign has resulted in an increase in participants in the online renewal and online address change programs.

Driver Record Fees Collected	
Fiscal Year	Amount Collected
2003	\$50,915,143.61
2004	\$50,981,996.64
2005	\$50,306,788.55
2006	\$56,217,298.13

Administration Division

The Administration Division provides a wide variety of core support functions for the Department. The division includes the Crime Records Service, the Regulatory Licensing Service and the Staff Support Service. The Administration Division, led by Chief Burton Christian, has 716 employees—50 commissioned and 666 non-commissioned.

Crime Records Service

The Crime Records Service has 265 non-commissioned employees, who aid in the support of the numerous functions within the service.

The Crime Records Service serves as the Texas state control terminal for three national criminal justice programs: the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), the national Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program and the Interstate Identification Index, which is a national index of criminal history records. Each system requires the compilation of records from local agencies throughout the state into a statewide file from which data is forwarded to FBI national

databases. The systems provide critical operational data to law enforcement agencies in Texas and throughout the country.

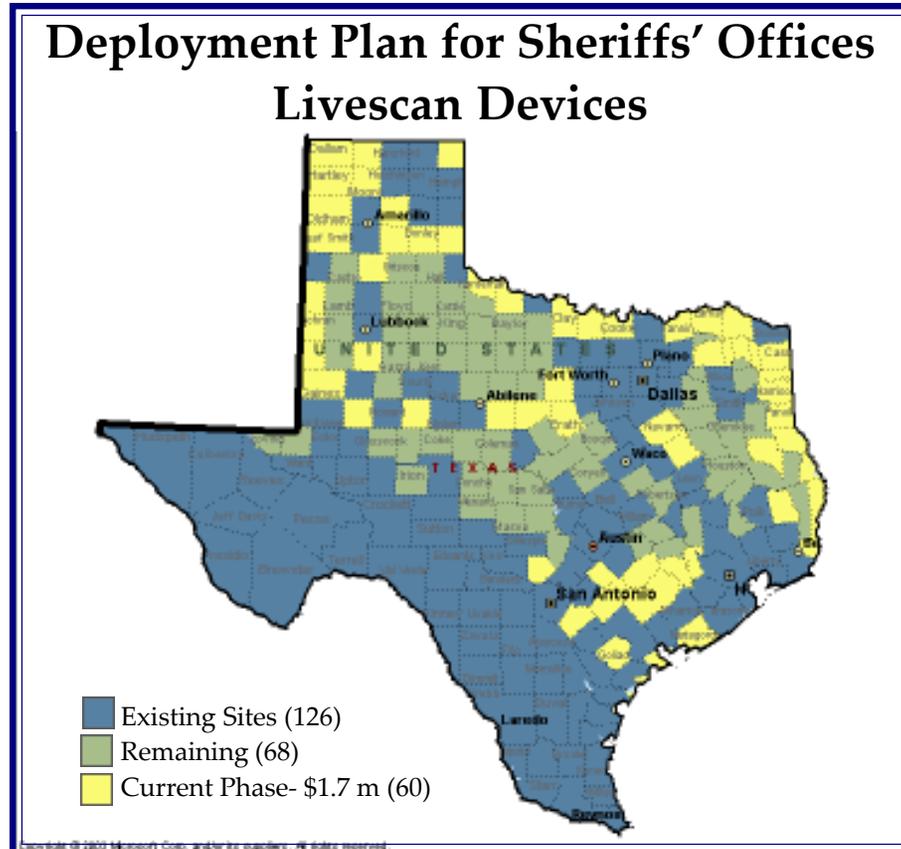
The Texas Crime Information Center (TCIC) provides immediate access 24 hours a day, seven days a week to law enforcement agencies throughout the state to data regarding the stolen status

of property and the wanted, missing, sex offender or protective order status of persons. TCIC is accessed via the Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (TLETS), which provides responses within 12 seconds to inquiries from police departments, sheriffs' offices and other criminal justice users.

TCIC also provides a direct link to the NCIC so that law enforcement officers throughout Texas know instantly whether a vehicle, a boat or other property under investigation is stolen or a person is wanted anywhere in the country.

The UCR program gathers data on crimes reported to, or known to, the police and publishes these statistics semiannually. The statistics are used by researchers and policy makers to study trends, allocate resources and set policy.

Under Texas law, all persons arrested for offenses categorized as Class B misdemeanors and above are fingerprinted. The fingerprints are then sent to the Crime Records Service for processing through the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). After the person has been identified through AFIS, the arrest data is entered into the Texas Computerized Criminal History file and is available over TLETS to all law enforcement agencies in Texas. More than 80 percent of the fingerprints submitted to DPS are sent electronically via livescan devices that take finger-



prints electronically rather than by the old-fashioned ink-and-paper method.

In 2006, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security provided grant money so that a livescan device could be deployed in each county that did not currently own a livescan device. The first counties to receive these livescan devices were along or near the Texas border with Mexico: Brewster, Culberson, Dimmit, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Kinney, Maverick, Presidio, Starr, Terrell, Val Verde and Zapata. Additional counties were added in phases II, III and IV of the program. Phase V was expected to begin in early 2007 when more funds became available.

Fingerprinting for non-criminal justice needs such as employment applicants, volunteers and those wishing to adopt children have increased since Sept. 11, 2001. Citizens visiting jail facilities to be fingerprinted became an increasing burden on those facilities, so the Crime Records Service developed a statewide fingerprinting strategy. The service contracted with a private vendor to provide livescan-based services across the state. The program, called Fingerprint Applicant Services

of Texas (FAST), began implementation in 2006.

The Crime Records Service also is responsible for the state-wide sex offender registration database, which compiles sex offender registration information it receives from local police agencies responsible for handling sex offender registration. There were more than 48,000 registered sex offenders in Texas at the end of 2006.

Regulatory Licensing Service

The Regulatory Licensing Service consists of 103 employees—28 commissioned and 75 non-commissioned. It administers concealed handgun and private security licensing and regulation responsibilities.

The Private Security Bureau administers Chapter 1702 of the Texas Occupations Code. Functions include the commissioning of private security officers, the licensing of companies and the registration of the following individuals: private investigators, unarmed security officers, alarm system installers, security salespersons, personal protection officers, private security instructors, security consultants, locksmiths and electronic access installers. Companies licensed include private investigation,

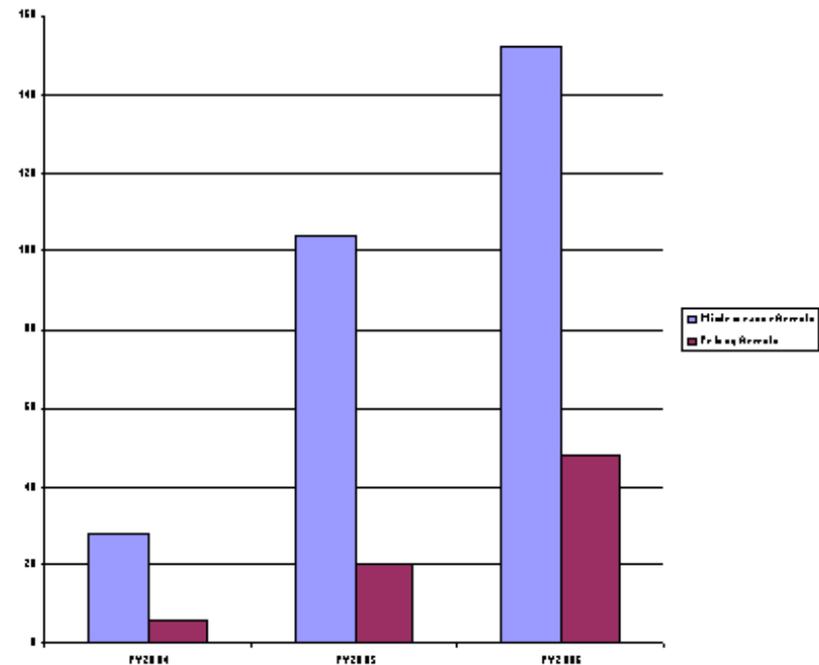


Exceptional Items:
Where the rubber
meets the road

During the 79th session of the Texas Legislature, DPS asked for additional funding for the Private Security Bureau, which joined the agency in 2003. Much of the funding went toward hiring 22 additional troopers to investigate complaints and 17 non-commissioned support personnel to assist in processing applications for private security licenses.

The large increase in commissioned personnel allowed the bureau to investigate more cases—and led to a dramatic increase in the number of citations and criminal arrests.

Private Security Bureau Arrests





The Building Program Bureau oversaw construction of the new DPS office in Snyder (above). Below is the interior of the new Driver License office.

guard, alarm system, guard dog, armored car, electronic access control, armed courier and locksmith companies.

The Concealed Handgun Licensing Bureau processes applications for Texas concealed handgun licenses under Chapter 411 of the Texas Government Code. Activities include evaluation of the application to determine eligibility, creation of the license and maintenance of the license record. The bureau takes action to suspend or revoke licenses when statutory provisions are violated.

The bureau also certifies qualified handgun instructors following a process very similar to the concealed handgun license application activities. The bureau administers the application and review process in coordination with other DPS areas for the field background investigations of applicants,

creation of the actual concealed handgun license document, training of handgun instructors and other necessary functions.



Staff Support Service

Staff Support Service performs many diverse support functions for the commissioned and non-commissioned employees throughout the state, including employee recruitment, training, promotion and wellness. It is comprised of 348 full-time employees (22 commissioned and 326 non-commissioned). The bureaus within the service are responsible for maintaining all DPS-owned buildings, fleet vehicles, employment and training records.

The service consists of the following bureaus: Building

Program, Fleet Operations, General Services, Human Resources, Psychological Services, Radio Frequency Unit and the Training Academy. Staff Support Service also includes the Equal Employment Officer.

Building Program Bureau

The Building Program Bureau (BPB) works with Department employees, the Texas Building and Procurement Commission, architects, engineers, contractors and regulatory agencies to coordinate building design, renovation and new construction projects, as well as the purchase of land.

The bureau also manages telephone services and equip-

ment, coordinates headquarters recycling efforts and assists field offices with major repairs and utility cost monitoring. The Department owns 131 office buildings and leases 55 facilities throughout the state. BPB manages approximately 1,968,243 square feet of floor space at the headquarters complex and in the eight DPS regions. In fiscal year 2006, the bureau received and processed 7,095 work orders which included maintenance and telephone requests.

BPB staff completed 11 major renovation projects in 2006.

Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Office

The EEO Officer is respon-

During the 79th session, legislators approved funding for new DPS buildings in Bryan, Snyder and Waxahachie; and a new crime laboratory facility in Garland.

At press time:

The Snyder office was completed.

Schematics have been approved for the Garland crime lab, and the design development planning had begun.

Final acquisition of the property in Waxahachie had been delayed until early 2007.

Acquisition of the Bryan property from the Texas Department of Transportation had begun. Construction of the new building was expected to begin in late 2007.



The Region 2A State Trooper Applicant Test Team, shown in photos right and below, began administering the new DPS Physical Readiness Test on August 18 in Houston. The team administers the Texas DPS Physical Readiness Test and Comprehension Test to all new state trooper applicants in the Houston area. Shown are two of the seven required events: vertical jump (right) and bench press (below).



also coordinates this training for Department employees hired in field locations.

Fleet Operations Bureau

Fleet Operations is responsible for the acquisition, installation, maintenance and disposal of the Department's emergency equipment, two-way communications and vehicles.

This bureau manages a fleet of approximately 3,497 vehicles and consists of the Automotive Shop, the Communications Shop, the Parts Department and the Fleet Office. During 2006, Fleet Operations purchased 855 vehicles at a cost of \$18,278,455.

The Communications Shop continued to convert the Department's two-way analog radio system to a narrow-band digital system with a goal of completing the conversion in 2007. The Communication Shop was also involved in the THP in-

car project by installing the computers and related systems. Additional projects included replacing the communications towers in Beaumont and Corpus Christi.

General Services Bureau

The General Services Bureau provides support for department employees through the General Services office staff, Mail Operations, Reproduction, General Stores, Receiving Warehouse and Surplus Property sections.

Human Resources Bureau

The Human Resources Bureau is responsible for training and advising Department management staff and employees regarding human resources policies and procedures.

The staff ensures compliance with the Family Medical Leave Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the State Workers' Compensation Act and the State Classification Act. The staff also administers the Department's sick-leave pool, other extraordinary leave programs and the mandatory drug testing program. The bureau is the custodian for personnel records of 7,901 current employees and

3,608 former employees.

The Recruiting Office provides an ongoing recruiting effort to attract qualified applicants for Department commissioned and non-commissioned positions.

During 2006, the office tested 423 applicants to staff two recruit schools, ultimately calling 268 of those applicants to the schools. As of 2006, new recruits are required to meet physical readiness criteria set by the Department. The new standards are in response to an appropriations rider in the 79th Legislature requiring the Department to develop physical standards for law enforcement officers who are to receive a pay increase or promotion.

The Law Enforcement Promotional Section administered 1,187 separate promotional examinations for the positions of sergeant, lieutenant and captain in all divisions.

The Risk Management Section processed a total of 419 workers' compensation claims resulting in lost time from work or medical expenses and completed 23 work station ergonomic assessments to help employees prevent wrist, shoulder, hand, arm and back pain.

The Employment and Com-

The 79th Legislature approved funding for a feasibility study and cost analysis for a proposed emergency vehicle operations course. At right is a proposed schematic site plan for the course. If legislators approve construction of the course during the 80th session, it will be built at the DPS firing range near Florence.



Exceptional Items:
Where the rubber meets the road

In addition to classroom instruction, the course would incorporate the following training exercises:

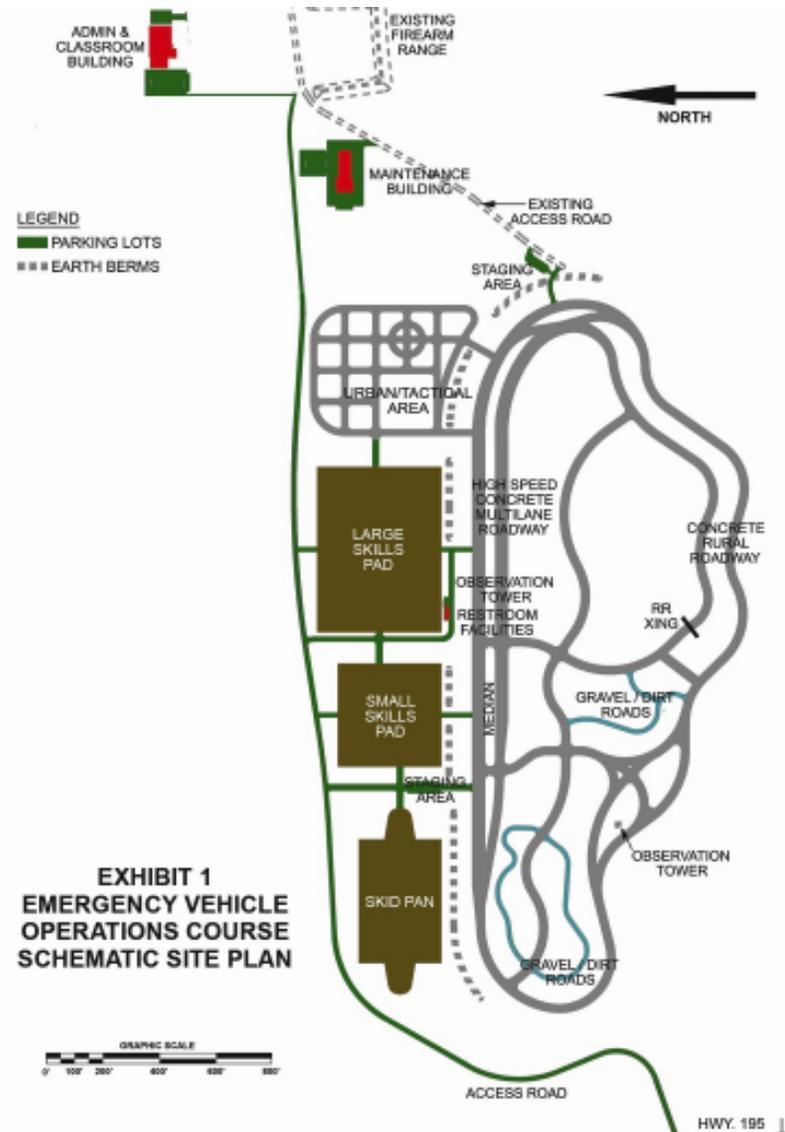
Highway Response Course. This driving course is a continuous long track that simulates rural driving conditions and allows for high-speed pursuit training. The course will consist of two-lane, four-lane and divided highway sections with improved and unimproved shoulders, probably with a variety of straight-aways, curves, hills, rural-type intersections and merge lanes commonly found on controlled access highways.

Precision Skills Pad. The Precision Skills Pad is a flat, paved surface used for vehicle awareness and space management training. Some of the objectives are to teach driver awareness of the vehicle dimensions, turning radius limitations, proper seating position, foot position and braking, hand placement on the steering wheel and use of mirrors.

Skid Control Pad. This area has a special surface for creating greatly reduced traction when wet. Exercises are aimed at teaching skid prevention, low traction vehicle control and recovery. The ability to wet down the area through a sprinkler system is necessary to keep tire damage and wear to a minimum.

Off-Road Response Course. Non-emergency, emergency and pursuit driving situations could be taught on various roadway surfaces such as dirt, sand and gravel that produce sight restrictions and vehicle handling problems for the driver.

Urban and Tactical Driving Area. This is a driving environment with urban type roads, intersections and sight restrictions. Driver training would include various traffic situations commonly found in an urban area that would benefit routine patrol, emergency and pursuit training.





The Dodge Charger, pictured above and right, is the newest addition to the DPS patrol fleet.

pensation Section completed job analyses and evaluations on 186 new and pre-existing positions throughout the agency and wrote or revised approximately 620 job descriptions as a result of analysis, division/service reorganizations and classification/title-related changes.

The section processed and posted 986 headquarters and field job announcements and transfers. It processed 16,378 applications; 12,863 applicant exams and 685 new hires. It responded to 62 salary surveys from federal, state and local entities.

Psychological Services Bureau

The Psychological Services Bureau provides a comprehensive program of psychological

services to DPS employees and family members, to victims of crimes and to affected communities.

The bureau consists of a staff psychologist, a victim services director, an administrative assistant and seven grant-funded victim service counselors stationed throughout the state. Programs within the bureau consist of specific services provided by the staff psychologist, Victim Services, Critical Incident Response Team and the Employee Assistance Program.

In 2006, the staff psychologist had 226 individual psychotherapy sessions. The victim services director and regional counselors assisted 3,748 crime victims. They are providing assistance to 1,565 victims on an

ongoing basis. The volunteer chaplains contributed 1,602.5 hours to victim services from March through December. The Critical Incident Response Team had 88 contacts with the Employee Assistance Program, reporting 32 requests for assistance from employees and family members.

Radio Frequency Unit

In 2006, the Radio Frequency Unit continued its work to facilitate interoperable radio communications throughout the state by providing guidance and assistance to local, regional, state and federal public safety entities.

Training Bureau

Training is comprised of 15 commissioned officers and 25 non-commissioned personnel and provides an array of training courses to the Department's commissioned and non-commissioned employees and officers

from other law enforcement agencies at local, state and federal levels of government. The bureau also includes the Administrative Training Unit, the Motorcycle Safety Training Unit, the School Bus Transportation Unit and the Bicycle Safety Program.

In 2006, Training taught more than 249 different courses in the three major programs resulting in 400,560 student contact hours.

City, county and federal agencies frequently use the Florence firing range. The Florence staff regularly tests equipment, such as protective vests and weapons and has facilitated the transition to a new rifle, as a result of testing and recommendations.

The **Administrative Training Unit** provides the resources to encourage individual values, growth and opportunity by providing instruction on a variety of topics spanning management and supervisory issues, employee communications issues, professional development, safety, wellness and motivation. During 2006, the unit provided 4,832 student contact hours.

The **Motorcycle Safety Unit** administers the Texas Motor-



Students in the motorcycle safety courses learn how to ride properly.

cycle Operator Training and Safety program and the ATV Education and Certification program.

Contracted basic and advanced motorcycle operator training courses are offered in more than 80 locations across Texas. The courses include 15 hours of instruction consisting of five hours of classroom and ten hours of range activities.

More than 31,850 Texans attended motorcycle training in 2006.

The **School Bus Transportation Unit** has two non-commissioned employees in Waco. The unit oversees the School Bus Driver Safety Education Program. In 2006, the program certified 8,225 school bus drivers and re-certified 12,516 school

bus drivers.

On April 28th, the School Bus Transportation Unit co-hosted the fourth annual Speech Contest for School Bus Safety for high school students.

Rachael Wolfe of Lampasas ISD was the state winner and received a \$1,000 college scholarship.

Rachel represented Texas in the National Association of Public Transportation (NAPT) speech contest in November 2006, winning first place



Above and right: In June, school bus personnel from across Texas attended a training class on the proper installation and use of child restraint systems on school buses.



Troopers presented several elementary school students with bicycles.

and a \$1,500 college scholarship.

In 2006, the unit conducted 11 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration classes on child passenger safety training for

school buses. The course instructs school bus drivers and school bus monitors on the proper use of child restraint systems in school buses.

The Training Academy oversees the **Bicycle Safety Program**. In 2006, two teachers were trained in the Super Cyclist program.



Emergency Management Division

The Emergency Management Division (EMD) is charged with carrying out a comprehensive all-hazards emergency management program for the state and with assisting cities, counties and state agencies in implementing their own emergency management programs. The Division, led by Chief Jack Colley, has 119 employees.

A comprehensive emergency management program includes pre- and post-disaster mitigation of known hazards to reduce their impact; preparedness activities, such as emergency planning, training and exercises; provisions for effective response to emergency situations; and recovery programs for major disasters. EMD is also responsible for supporting development and implementation of the Governor's homeland security strategy and administering homeland security grant programs in the state.

Preparedness

EMD maintains the *State of Texas Emergency Management Plan* and other specialized state emergency plans, such as the *State Hurricane Evacuation &*



Heavy rains fell in El Paso every day for more than a week starting July 27 and produced more than 15 inches of rain in a city that typically receives less than 10 inches of rain per year. Hundreds of residents were forced to evacuate low-lying areas after flash floods and rock slides flooded homes and washed out roads throughout the area. Border Patrol agents brought three airboats and a riverboat to use in rescuing people and three emergency shelters were opened. Highway Patrol troopers assisted with evacuations, provided security in the evacuated areas and provided traffic control in the clean-up areas. The EMD coordinated the state response to the flooding.

Sheltering Plan. EMD promulgates state standards for local emergency management plans, assists cities and counties in developing emergency plans and reviews those plans for compliance with state planning standards. During 2006, the EMD Plans Unit reviewed more than 4,900 local planning documents from jurisdictions

throughout Texas.

The EMD Training and Exercise Unit provides a diverse curriculum of emergency management and hazardous materials training for state and local emergency responders, state, local and regional officials and volunteer groups that assist during disasters. Training is conducted at facilities in Austin

and at other locations around the state by the EMD staff and instructors from other state agencies. During 2006, EMD training programs delivered more than 62,000 student hours of instruction.

The Unit also assisted local governments in planning and conducting emergency exercises to test plans and procedures, training and equipment and monitored local emergency exercises. Cities and counties reported conducting more than 85 emergency exercises during the year. EMD also sponsors an extensive emergency exercise

program of state, local and regional emergency exercises funded by homeland security grants. Exercises are planned, conducted and evaluated by a contractor with input from EMD and the exercise participants. Thirty-three exercises, involving more than 6,500 participants, were conducted in 2006. EMD activated the State Operations

Center (SOC) to participate in a major hurricane evacuation exercise and a nuclear power plant exercise during the year.

EMD conducted annual homeland security and hurricane preparedness conferences during 2006. These conferences provided an opportunity for county judges, mayors, local fire and police officials, state troopers, public health workers, emergency management professionals and representatives of volunteer groups and industry to obtain information on new programs and changes in existing emergency management and homeland security programs. More than 2,300 people attended the 2006 Homeland Security Conference in San Antonio and more than 1,300 people attended the 2006 Texas Hurricane Conference in Beaumont in May.

The EMD Preparedness



Section administers an Emergency Management Performance Grant, which supports local emergency management programs, and contracts for operation of a statewide mutual aid system, state and local radiological emergency preparedness and emergency shelter and mass care support.

Threat monitoring and emergency response

EMD manages and staffs the State Operations Center, which serves as the state warning point and primary state direction and control facility. It operates around the clock to monitor threats, make notification of

threats and provide information on emergency incidents to local, state and federal officials. The SOC staff coordinates state assistance to local governments when the capabilities and resources available to those governments are insufficient to deal with emergency situations. During major emergencies, the state agencies and volunteer groups that comprise the state Emergency Management Council convene at the SOC to identify, mobilize and deploy state and volunteer group resources to respond to emergencies.

The SOC is co-located with the Intelligence Center and the Fusion Center, staffed around

the clock by Criminal Intelligence Service personnel. The Fusion Center collects, analyzes and disseminates information on suspicious incidents and potential security threats to local, state and federal agencies and officials. (See page 13 for more information.)

EMD's Regional Liaison Officers (RLOs) are the division's eyes and ears around the state. They assist local officials in conducting emergency preparedness programs, teach a variety of emergency management courses, identify needs, advise local officials during incidents and disasters and help coordinate state emergency resource support.

During 2006, the SOC and the EMD Field Response staff coordinated more than 6,900 emergency incidents, ranging from hurricanes, tornadoes, fires and floods to hazardous materials incidents, aircraft crashes and explosions.

Border Security Operations

EMD has been assigned the responsi-



More than 10 inches of rain submerged the Houston area during morning rush hour on June 19. Major roadways including Interstate 10 were flooded and vehicles were stalled across the city. Several schools closed and Hobby Airport was shut down for more than two hours because employees could not get to work. Gov. Rick Perry ordered the Texas Army National Guard to send trucks, helicopter and rescue teams to the flooded area. The Houston Disaster District Committee was activated to coordinate the numerous organizations involved in monitoring and responding to problems as they arose (above, right).



Chief Jack Colley (left) and Gov. Rick Perry answer questions during the state Homeland Security conference in November.

bility of coordinating state border security operations with federal agencies, other state agencies and local government. A Border Security Operations Center (BSOC) has been activated to plan, coordinate, monitor and evaluate border security operations. Representatives of state, local and federal agencies and contractors staff the facility. The BSOC also receives reports

on border incidents, analyzes those reports and disseminates information to government agencies. An extensive set of joint border security operations, supported by homeland security and criminal justice grants, were conducted along the border in June through September. A new set of joint operations was slated to take place in early 2007. The BSOC staff also evaluated vari-



DPS helicopters gather for a border security operation to test cameras being used along the border to monitor activities in the area.

ous border surveillance cameras and related systems as a prelude to fielding an operational surveillance system. A 30-day test of 13 videocameras was conducted during November in "high crime" areas in two border counties to test cameras and system architecture designs to

ensure functionality. A temporary website called "Texas Border Watch" was activated to allow the public to access feeds from the surveillance cameras. The test site received more than 27 million hits during the test period. More than 220,000 people registered as users. They generated more than 14,800 e-mails to the site controllers. More than 2,700 of those e-mails reported suspicious activity. The test ended on November 30. Data gathered from this test project will be used to develop a future request for proposal for a permanent border video surveillance program.

Disaster Recovery

Two major federal declarations were issued for Texas during 2006. The first was for severe wildfires that affected much of the state during the first four months of the year and the second was for severe flooding in the El Paso area in August. EMD Recovery personnel deployed to activate recovery programs for these two disasters and continued to administer recovery programs for previous disasters involving more than \$2.3 billion in grants from the federal government. These

grants provide assistance to individuals and families to recover from the impact of disasters. They also go to local governments, state agencies, school districts, public hospitals and other eligible public entities to repair or reconstruct facilities that have been damaged or destroyed and to replace equipment rendered unusable by disasters. Most federal disaster recovery grants require a state or local cost share.

Hazard Mitigation

The EMD Mitigation Section administered several post-disaster federal mitigation grant programs for local governments and state agencies authorized for new and previous disasters. It also administered many pre-disaster mitigation grant programs designed to reduce the impact of future disasters. The mitigation grant programs involve more than \$600 million in federal grant funds and generally require a state or local cost share. The mitigation section also provides training and technical assistance on mitigation programs to local officials.

Director's Staff

Accounting and Budget Control

Accounting and Budget Control prepares and supervises the Department's budget. Accounting's duties include administering employee insurance programs, processing the payroll and maintaining all financial records and capital property inventory. In addition, this area handles purchasing of supplies, services, equipment and construction. Other responsibilities include the processing of receipts and disbursing funds, accounting for federal grants, travel reimbursement and revenue processing.

The section, led by Chief Oscar Ybarra, has 128 full-time employees.

Aircraft

The Aircraft Section is based at Austin Bergstrom International Airport. The DPS fleet across the state has nine helicopters, seven single-engine airplanes and one twin-engine turboprop airplane that support DPS and local law enforcement agencies' police operations. Each helicopter is equipped with an infrared unit and a 30-million-candlepower searchlight for



Water-rescue training using the Austin-based helicopter.

night-time operations.

The Aircraft Section participates in a variety of investigations, including providing support for criminal interdiction, performing rescue missions and assisting local law enforcement agencies with theft investigations. DPS pilots often

carry tactical flight officers (TFOs) with them on missions. TFOs assist the flying pilot by operating the police radio, the infrared systems and spotlights and performing other duties such as spotting items or people on the ground. They also assist in safely loading and unloading passengers. Pilots flying alone cannot safely perform those duties and fly the aircraft at the same time.

In 2006, the Aircraft Section's pilots flew 2,638 missions for 6,267 hours. Their support of criminal investigations resulted in 714 felony arrests.

Some notable missions in 2006 include:

- On September 22 and 24, Capt. Billy Nabors, Lt. John

Brannon and two TFOs flew the Austin and Waco helicopters a total of 12 hours as they assisted the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Texas Rangers with the search for a lost two-year-old child in the Cleburne area. The child had wandered from his rural home on the afternoon of September 21 and a three-day search for the child began.

The search involved more than 100 law enforcement officers, volunteer firemen, employees sent by area businesses and others—searching on foot, with all-terrain vehicles, horses and tracking canines. Divers searched numerous stock tanks in the area.

The sheriff's office and Rangers, while coordinating the search, also investigated the possibility that the child was abducted.

On September 24, Lt. Brannon and the TFO returned in the Waco helicopter and continued the search, concentrating on stock tanks in the area. The TFO spotted the child laying face-down and motionless, near the edge of a tank about a mile from the residence.

The helicopter landed and

picked up the child and then flew him to Cleburne's Walls Regional Hospital, where he was treated and released to his parents in good condition.

- In October, Sgt. Arlyn Heathington and a Garland Police Department TFO assisted the Kaufman County Sheriff's Office with a search for a father and three children stranded on the Trinity River near Rosser.

The father had used his cellular telephone to call for help. The four were on a sandbar about five miles below the bridge where they had put their boat into the water. A norther had blown in and the family, which was wet and not dressed appropriately for cold weather, was unable to navigate the river in the darkness.

The Waco helicopter's FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared) camera and search light were used to locate the group. The location was not accessible by ground vehicle, so the family was loaded on the helicopter and transported to the waiting Kaufman County deputies.



(Left): Initial FLIR view of family stranded on river and (right) family huddled together.

- One August night was possibly the busiest and most effective patrol night for a DPS helicopter. When the night was over, more than 10 people had been arrested and at least two stolen vehicles had been recovered through the efforts of the helicopter crew.

The first mission was an aerial surveillance of a capital murder suspect on IH-45 in Ellis County. The suspect alerted to the ground surveillance and attempted to escape. The helicopter joined the pursuit with FLIR and search light. The vehicle was spiked by the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, but the chase continued into Dallas before the vehicle ground to a halt and a short standoff ensued. The suspect and passenger gave up without further incident and

were arrested.

Then, Garland PD requested help with two separate calls. The helicopter helped locate one of three suspects in a suspicious persons report. That suspect told officers on the ground where the other two suspects were, and they were all arrested.

In the second Garland case, the police department was pursuing four female gang members in a 1994 Honda they had car-jacked. The four ended up fleeing on foot, and the helicopter's FLIR and search light worked in advance of the canine that was tracking them. The four were located. One was arrested for robbery and the remaining three for felony theft. The Honda was recovered.

Highway Patrol requested assistance with a vehicle pursuit

that began in Kaufman County and continued west on IH-20 into Dallas County. The helicopter followed the vehicle after Dallas County Sheriff's officers set out spikes to deflate its tires. The pursuit reached IH-635 and then continued toward Dallas on US-175. The suspect exited the highway, struck another vehicle and then abandoned the car, fleeing on foot to a fast food restaurant, where he appeared to try to enter a car. Officers were close behind, so he was not able to get inside the car. He continued to flee on foot but was brought down by officers and arrested.

While enroute for fuel, the helicopter's LoJack receiver alerted to the broadcast signal from a stolen 2004 Chevrolet Avalanche in Dallas. The helicopter tracked the signal to the stolen vehicle and Dallas Police Department officers were called to the location. Dallas officers recovered the vehicle but made no arrests.

Led by Chief Jack Reichert, the section has 29 commissioned officers trained as pilots and two non-commissioned employees.

Employee Relations Office

The Employee Relations Office (ERO) manages two

Department programs. The *Conflict Management and Dispute Resolution Program* provides training, one-on-one conflict resolution coaching, interest-based problem solving, workplace facilitations and mediation to all employees and managers.

In 2006, two Interest-Based Problem Solving (IBPS) schools for supervisors were held in Austin and one in Tyler. The IBPS School was also made a formal part of the Texas Highway Patrol First Line Supervisor's Schools. Thirteen new Volunteer Department mediators were trained. A total of 21 mediation referrals or requests were made, of which 13 were mediated.

The *Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Complaint Investigations Program* reviews all complaints and investigations involving unprofessional conduct, discrimination, sexual harassment and related retaliation. During 2006, 82 reports of possible violation of policy were made. Of those, 21 policy violations were found as of the date of this publication. This program also provides training in the prevention and investigation of discrimination and sexual harassment.

This two-person office is



Participants in the employee relations office's mediation class work on a problem together.

headed by Employee Relations Officer Kevin S. Casey, J.D.

Information Management Service

The Information Management Service (IMS) provides information technology services to DPS and other law enforcement agencies on a statewide and nationwide basis. The service provides access to critical systems and data 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The section is led by Chief Ed Kelly, with 221 full time employees.

The IMS organization significantly contributes to the day-to-day success of the agency by providing protection and management of technology assets,

monitoring and managing networks and systems, creating customized programming for business applications and providing consultation to internal agency divisions and external criminal justice entities. Addi-

tionally, IMS supports the Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (TLETS) by conducting technical security reviews, providing specialized TLETS training and monitoring and issue resolution of satellite and terrestrial network interruptions. TLETS customers depend on the agency to provide life-critical information to officers on the streets so they can perform their jobs in an efficient manner.

In 2006, IMS participated in and completed several initiatives including:

- Support of the Driver License Reengineering project, including preparing and conversion of existing data for the new system and participating in the business process reengineering

phase of the project.

- Installed a new IBM Z9 mainframe, which provided a more than 50 percent increase in processing capacity to support critical business applications.
- Initiated a network upgrade project to provide a faster, more secure and efficient infrastructure for the agency.
- Provided an operating system network for the agency at a 99.9 percent uptime level.

Information Resource Management

Information Resource Management formulates policies and procedures to ensure effective use of agency information systems and automation technologies. Responsibilities include data security, contingency planning, quality assurance, long-range planning and information resources procurement and planning. Information Resource Management guides strategic planning for information systems.

The section, led by Rick Kautz, has eight full-time employees.

Internal Affairs

Internal Affairs conducts investigations of personnel complaints and administrative

inquiries, which are a type of complaint investigation, as assigned by the Director, Assistant Director or Public Safety Commission. All employee firearm discharges resulting in injury or death are investigated by Internal Affairs. All investigations and inquiries not conducted by Internal Affairs are given a detailed review for completeness, investigative thoroughness and sufficiency of evidence.

Internal Affairs also provides investigative assistance to the Office of General Counsel, the

Employee Relations Office and the office of Health and Safety.

The section, headed by Capt. David Outon, has eight full-time employees.

Legislative Liaison

The Legislative Liaison Office serves as an ombudsman between the Department and Texas public officials.

Michael Kelley and Janie Smith coordinate the Department's efforts to receive the budgetary and statutory authority needed to accomplish its mission by maintaining

positive relations with state and federal officials.

The Legislative Liaison Office serves as the DPS point of contact for state public officials and works with Department officials to monitor legislative meetings and provide Texas lawmakers with input regarding current and proposed DPS-related state policies.

In 2006, the Legislative Liaison Office responded to 1,674 Texas public official inquiries.

Office of General Counsel

The Office of General Counsel (OGC) advises the Director and management in legal areas affecting the Department. Areas of legal practice include employment and personnel, criminal law, traffic law, litigation, tort claims, administrative law, property and contracts.

During 2006, OGC oversaw 136 active lawsuits; processed 2,940 open records requests; reviewed 292 contracts and grants; assisted in handling 109 subpoenas; processed 124 claims against the agency; reviewed 65 firearms discharges; reviewed 129 personnel matters and processed 109 contested cases.

Chief MaryAnn Courter heads the Office of General

Counsel which has 25 employees.

Public Information Office

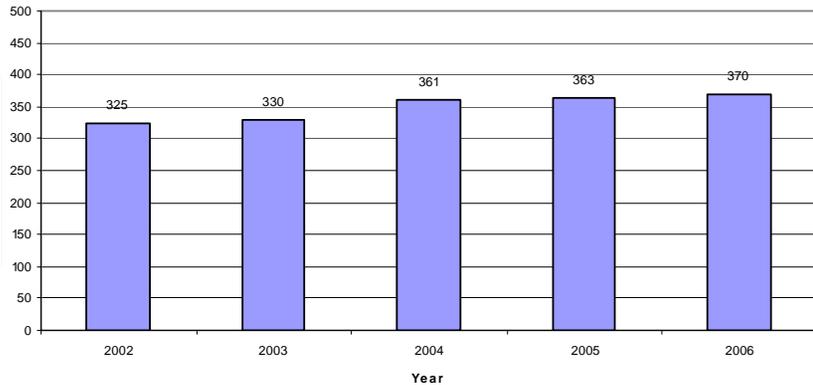
The Public Information Office (PIO) represents the DPS in the media. Staff members serve as media liaisons and provide internal communication venues for agency employees. Public Information Officers also provide training in media relations and effective communication. The occupant safety coordinator oversees traffic safety programs concerning airbags, car seats and safety belts.

During 2006, PIO coordinated the agency's media responses to numerous traffic fatalities across the state, three trooper fatalities and severe injuries to troopers. The office also handled media questions about sex offender registration, several Amber Alerts and numerous questions on other DPS-related matters.

PIO handled more than 68,000 calls from the news media and the public in 2006.

The occupant safety programs coordinator worked with the governor's office and representatives from 21st Century Insurance to create a partnership for child safety seat events in

Total Personnel Investigations*



*includes Personnel Complaints, Administrative Inquiries and Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Inquiries/Investigations



Tr. Shawn Baxter, HP San Angelo, explains the proper placement of car seat shoulder straps to a parent during a car seat clinic.

Texas. DPS employees who are certified child passenger safety technicians worked at three events around the state to provide one-on-one education for parents and caregivers about car seat safety. During the three events, 246 children/safety seats were evaluated; 172 new seats were distributed; and 100 unsafe seats were destroyed.

The Public Information Office, headed by Chief Tela Mange, has five full-time employees.



The Public Information Office also coordinates advertising for the Texas Online driver license renewal program (left) and trooper availabilities for the Texas Dept. of Transportation public safety awareness campaigns (above). Safety awareness campaigns include billboards, radio and television campaigns.

2006 Awards

Medal of Valor

The Medal of Valor is the highest award presented by the Department. It may be issued to any member of the Department who intelligently distinguishes himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his own life. The deed performed must have been by voluntary act and of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to distinguish clearly the individual for gallantry and intrepidity above his comrades, and must have involved risk of life, known to the member before performing the act.

Terry Eaton, Texas Highway Patrol

Vance Griffin, Texas Highway Patrol

John Richard Smith, Texas Highway Patrol

William Werkmeister, Texas Highway Patrol

Memorial Cross

The Memorial Cross shall be awarded to the immediate family of any member of the Department who loses his life in performance of duty or in the act of performing a law enforcement capacity while off duty under honorable circumstances.

Eduardo Chavez, Texas Highway Patrol

Matthew D. Myrick, Texas Highway Patrol

Billy Zachary, Texas Highway Patrol

Purple Heart

The Purple Heart Award was given for the first time in 2005. The award may be given to commissioned officers of the Department who are seriously injured in the line of duty. The guiding philosophy in issuing this award is to recognize the individual's sacrifice incurred while in the immediate and direct performance of a law enforcement action.

George Correa, Jr., Texas Highway Patrol

Claude H. Davis, Jr., Texas Highway Patrol

James Kain, Texas Highway Patrol

Thomas M. McGinnis, Texas Highway Patrol

John Richard Smith, Texas Highway Patrol

Medal of Merit

The Medal of Merit is awarded to any member of the Department who has rendered a service beyond the normal course of duty, performed an act that clearly exceeds what is normally required or expected, or makes an important contribution to achievement of the goals of the Department or the law enforcement profession. It may be issued for acts or accomplishments of a nonrecurring nature.

Jack W. Colley, Emergency Management Division

Director's Citation

The Director's Citation is given to any member of the Department who has rendered a service beyond the normal course of duty, because of his or her timely observation, diligence, perseverance and judgment in the performance of a difficult task that has resulted in the protection of life or property; the prevention of a major crime; the apprehension of a dangerous criminal; or for performing an act that clearly exceeds what is normally required or expected.

James R. Allen, Texas Highway Patrol

Donald Clendennen, Criminal Intelligence Service

David Crawford, Texas Highway Patrol

Thomas M. Harris, Texas Highway Patrol

Robert Ray Morris, Narcotics Service

Enrique Muniz, Criminal Intelligence Service

Andrew J. Peavy, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

Cynthia Sparks, Texas Highway Patrol

Ronald E. Stanfield, Texas Highway Patrol

Allen Stanton, Texas Highway Patrol

Robert Willoughby, Texas Highway Patrol



Photo courtesy Erich Schlegel and the Dallas Morning News

DPS Regional Honor Guard

The DPS Regional Honor Guard provides appropriate military honors during the funeral services of DPS officers killed in the line of duty, as well as current and former DPS employees who die under other circumstances.

One of the most visible services the Honor Guard performs is representing the Department during ceremonies for dignitaries, other police agencies and other public functions as requested.

In September, the Honor Guard provided funeral honors for former Gov. Ann Richards. The Guard (left) escorted Gov. Richards' casket into the State Capitol, stood guard over the casket while she lay in state and then performed a 21-gun salute during the funeral service at the State Cemetery.



Photos courtesy Sheri Henrick

The Honor Guard also serves at funeral services for troopers who have died, either in the line of duty or from other causes. Above and right, the Honor Guard at the funeral of Jimmy Giles, a trooper who died of natural causes in 2006.



In Memory



Tr. Billy J. Zachary died Jan. 1, 2006, when he was struck by a pickup truck while conducting a traffic stop on IH-20 near Monahans. He had been with the DPS since February 2004. Tr. Zachary, 32, was stationed in Monahans. Tr. Zachary is survived by his wife, Tara, and their daughter, Zoe, who was three months old when he died.



Tr. Matthew D. Myrick died Jan. 20, 2006, in a one-vehicle crash while he was responding to an accident south of Hereford. He had been with the DPS since October 2003. Tr. Myrick, 36, was stationed in Hereford. He is survived by his wife, Christy, and four children: Matily, who was seven; Tate, who was five; Luke, who was two; and Embry, who was three months old when Tr. Myrick died.



Tr. Eduardo Chavez died May 2, 2006, in a one-vehicle crash near the Hidalgo/Starr county line. He was responding to a call for assistance from a fellow trooper, his brother Enrique Chavez of Rio Grande City. Tr. Chavez had been with the DPS since 2003. He is survived by his wife, Iliana, who was expecting their son, Eduardo Chavez Jr, when he died.

