

DPS Chaparral



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Interim chiefs named permanent

Seven managers, including two division chiefs, were appointed by DPS Director Col. **Stanley E. Clark**—thereby removing the interim designation they had carried since their initial appointment last year. In addition, there is a new Ranger assistant chief.

“This is an excellent team of men and women, who have shown they are up to the tasks at hand,” said Clark. “Their leadership is vital to our goals and the success of our Department.”

The appointments included Assistant Director Lt. Col. **Lamar Beckworth**, a Vietnam veteran who has been with the agency nearly 31 years. The Tatum, Texas, native had many stops in his Highway Patrol career, including regional commander in Lubbock and assistant chief of Highway Patrol before his appointment to assistant director.

New Highway Patrol Chief **David Baker** started with DPS in 1978 in the same class as Lt. Col. Beckworth. Baker logged assignments in Lubbock, Perryton, McAllen, Midland and Austin, climbing to the rank of major prior to his appointment to chief. He was born and raised in Perryton, Texas.

Highway Patrol Assistant Chief **Luis Gonzalez**, began his career

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Chief Valerie Fulmer



Chief David Baker

Dear fellow employee:

Please join me in congratulating the trooper-trainees who graduated on March 27. You have an interesting and fulfilling career in front of you. And, please join me in welcoming the recruits who began their school on March 29. Welcome aboard!

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The legislative session continues, and many of you have been devoting long hours to making sure lawmakers and their staffs have the information they need. Sunset legislation continues to make its way through the process; we'll keep you informed.

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As I write this, we still have 38 employees who are deployed to the military, serving here in the states and overseas. To them, I say thank you for your service. To those of us at home, I say, please keep these employees and their families in your thoughts.

Stanley E. Clark

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with DPS nearly 22 years ago in 1987. He had multiple duty assignments in Highway Patrol and spent nearly three years in Human Resources. He then moved back to Highway Patrol as a major before his elevation to assistant chief.

Valerie Fulmer is the new chief of the Administration Division. She has been with DPS since 1994. Prior to her latest promotion, she worked in the General Counsel's office, Crime Records and served as assistant chief of Administration, Regulatory Li-

censing Service. Fulmer, grew up in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and holds a law degree from UT Austin.

Sandra Fulenwider started with DPS in 2005, serving as adjutant for Region I in Garland before her recent appointment as assistant chief of Administration, Staff Support Services, in Austin. She holds a master's degree in Business Administration.

Clark also appointed **Billy Nabors** as chief of the Aircraft Section and **John Brannon** as

assistant chief. Both men started as troopers prior to joining Aircraft. Nabors has been with DPS since 1989 and Brannon started in 1980.

And finally, Texas Rangers Assistant Chief **L.C. Wilson** was appointed to his position by Col. Clark on Feb. 1. Wilson started with DPS in 1979. He served as a DL and HP trooper before becoming a Ranger in 1988. From there, he climbed to the rank of captain, and now assistant chief.

Mile Markers

Promotions HP

Omar A'Lee Villarreal, Lt., CVE McAllen to Capt., CVE McAllen; **William Dana Cothren**, Cpl., CVE Wallisville to Sgt., THP Wallisville.

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Rhonda L. Perry, Sgt., HR Austin-HQ to Lt., Narcotics Svc. Eagle Pass.

Retirements

Donald Keith Clendennen, Sgt., CIS Austin-HQ, 30 yrs., 4 mos., 27 days; **Robert Antonio Mena**, Sgt., HP Texas City, 20 yrs., 3 mos., 18 days; **Rose Marie Fullerton**, Clerk, DL Austin-HQ, 18 yrs., 6 mos., 27 days;

Henry Paul Sawyer, Jr., Security Officer, HP Austin-HQ, 10 yrs., 4 mos., 22 days; **Magdalena Garza Franco-Lazo**, Admin. Asst., Narcotics Svc. Corpus

Christi, 29 yrs., 8 mos., 13 days;

David Blane Luedke, Sen. Tr., HP Hurst, 28 yrs., 8 mos., 17 days; **Paula Dianne Maness**, Supv., Communications Svc. Ozona, 28 yrs., 6 mos., 12 days; **Curtis Clay Banks**, Sen. Tr., HP Hurst, 24 yrs., 8 mos., 15 days;

Tammy Leigh Koonce, Tech., MVI Abilene, 22 yrs., 8 mos., 17 days; **Benjamin Gonzales Macias**, Tr., DL Waco, 19 yrs., 5 mos., 16 days; **Janet Christine Allen**, Tech., DL Tyler, 18 yrs., 11 mos., 27 days;


Lawrence Douglas Pierce, Security Officer III, HP Austin-HQ, 15 yrs., 1 mo., 16 days; **Aristeo Elizondo, Jr.**, Tech., MVT Austin-HQ, 30 yrs., 8 mos., 8 days; **Darrell Wayne Estes**, Sgt., CVE Mount Pleasant, 30 yrs., 21 days; **Lauro Lopez**, Tech., MVI McAllen, 27 yrs.

Deaths

Antonio "Tony" Arredondo, Security Officer, HP Austin (July

2004 - February 2009) died February 10, 2009; **Paul Walter Aalund**, ret. Cpl., HP Liberty (January 1962 - September 1993) died February 24, 2009;

John Harold Hanna, ret. Sgt., HP Paris (August 1959 - June 1992) died February 18, 2009; **Hector Rodriguez**, ret. Cpl, DL-Laredo (February 1974 - May 2002) died February 15, 2009; **Rube Dorrace Newton**, ret. Clerk II, VI Records (Nov. 1962 - Oct. 1980) died Feb. 24, 2009.



On the mend...

Sgt. **William John Murphy**, CLE Garland, injured executing an arrest warrant;

Tr. **Steven Hoppas**, HP San Marcos, injured when vehicle struck by alleged drunk driver.