



# Chaparral

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Dear fellow employee,

As I write this, the legislative session is still going strong. And if you're reading this on June 1, the session ends today. Many of you have been working long hours to assist legislators and their staffers on issues directly impacting DPS. I thank you for your dedication. We will have more information over the next few weeks about how various laws that were passed will affect us, including the outcome of the Sunset legislation. Rest assured that you will be hearing more about these soon.



I want you to know that I will be emphasizing communication between supervisors and employees over the next months. You may have noticed that we are sending out news about DPS to employees in the field. If you have co-workers who do not have access to e-mail or to the intranet site, DPSnet, I ask that you share that information with them. We will continue to send out e-mails with "breaking" DPS news, as well as links to information on the intranet.

To show you how important communication is, the division chiefs and I are planning to visit the regions over the next several weeks. We'll talk with employees about the legislative session, about our plans for the future of DPS and about any concerns you may have. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.



We have been through a lot as an agency over the past 10 months. I want to remind you that we are a family. When one of us hurts, we all hurt; and when one of us does well, we all succeed. I am asking each and every one of you to come together and support the management team, and our Agency.

I will need your help and support to ensure that we continue to be one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the nation. I look forward to working with you to make that happen. —

## Crime rate fell 3 percent in 2008

The major crime rate in Texas decreased nearly 3 percent in 2008, according to data compiled by the DPS Uniform Crime Reporting Program. Compared with 2007, the crime rate—the number of crimes per 100,000 population in Texas—decreased 2.9 percent in 2008. The violent crime rate decreased .6 percent in 2008 from 2007. The property crime rate decreased 3.2 percent in 2008.

"The reduction in our overall crime rate is a result of Texas' tough approach to law enforcement. I commend the brave men and women of local law enforcement who continue to work every day to keep our state and its citizens safe," said Col. **Lamar Beckworth**, interim director of the DPS.

The total number of major crimes committed was down 1.2 percent in 2008 compared with 2007. Of the seven index crimes, murder was down 3 percent; rape was down 5.1 percent.

The total number of arrests in Texas increased 1.6 percent last year.

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## Briefs

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### Speir Scholarship deadline

**Wilson E. Speir** Scholarship applications will be accepted through Aug. 15. Students must be classified as full-time criminal justice majors and enrolled in Texas universities. Two scholarships will be awarded for \$500 per semester for up to two semesters. Applicants should submit resumes and transcripts of completed college work to: Director's Office, c/o DPS, P.O. Box 4087, Austin TX 78773-0110.

### Hurricane season

June 1 marks the beginning of hurricane season. As Hurricane Ike and other 2008 storms illustrated, hurricane season should be taken seriously. Coastal residents especially should prepare hurricane kits and review evacuation routes and storm surge zones. Take a moment to make sure you and your families are prepared this storm season. Visit [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem) for more preparedness information.

### Texas Roundup

Congratulations to all 2,632 DPS employees who completed the six-week physical fitness activity program in conjunction with Texas Round-Up! DPS placed second to TxDOT among large agencies, and the Rangers won the DPS competition between Divisions. Administrative leave earned from participating must be used by June 30.

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## Mile Markers

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### Promotions

#### Director's Staff

**Alma Sonia Garcia**, Lt., BIA Austin-HQ to Inspector II, OAI Austin-HQ;

#### Rangers

**Robert J. Bullock**, Lt., Rangers Midland to Capt., Rangers Houston; **Chance L. Collins**, Sgt., Rangers Austin to Lt., Rangers Midland.

#### DL

**Martin Moore**, Tr. III, DL Houston to Sgt., DL Baytown.

#### HP

**Karen A. Duke**, Inspector II, OAI to Director I, HP Austin-HQ.

#### CLE

**Billy M. Fulton**, Capt., CIS Austin-HQ to Major, CLE Austin-HQ; **Philip Allen**, Capt., Narcotics Svc. Garland to Commander, Narcotics Svc. Austin-HQ; **Corwin N. Schalchlin**, Capt., BIA Austin-HQ to Asst. Commander, Narcotics Svc. Austin-HQ; **Terry L. Snyder**, Sgt., MVT Lubbock to Lt., MVT San Antonio.

### Retirements

**Robert Charles Gilbert**, Lt., HP Houston, 28 yrs., 10 mos., 19 days; **Joseph Richard Fedor**, Tr., CVE McKinney, 26 yrs., 10 mos., 21 days; **Armando Saenz**, Sgt., Narcotics Svc., 24 yrs., 3 mos., 21 days;

**Lowell Don Thurman**, Coordinator, General Svcs. Austin; **Patricia Ann Nusbaum**, Examiner, DL Bastrop, 15 yrs., 6 mos., 5 days; **Phillip Carson Herbst**, Supv., Bureau of Law Enforcement Comm.

and Tech. Garland, 33 yrs., 8 mos., 5 days;

**William Matthew Cawthon**, Sgt., Rangers Waco, 27 yrs., 1 mo., 20 days; **Carol Lynn Crowell**, Analyst, CIS Austin, 25 yrs., 8 mos., 15 days; **Robert Carlos Ynclan**, Sen., Tr., HP Austin, 25 yrs., 3 mos., 19 days; **Brian Keith Freeman**, Sen. Tr., CVE Seguin, 24 yrs., 10 mos., 17 days;

**Brian Lee Davis**, Lt., Narcotics Svc. Houston, 19 yrs., 7 mos., 18 days; **Jackie Harris Ditto**, Examiner, DL Wichita Falls, 19 yrs., 1 mo., 29 days; **Betty Jo Arnold**, Tr., HP Austin, 17 yrs., 7 mos., 29 days; **Calvin Ray Boyd**, Sen., Tr., CVE Burnet, 22 yrs., 9 mos., 20 days;

**Gerald Smith**, Developer, IMS Austin, 15 yrs., 8 mos., 5 days; **Francisco M. Reyes, Jr.**, Custodian, HP Corpus Christi, 9 yrs., 9 mos., 24 days; **Terry Lynn Calderera**, Analyst, BIA Houston, 16 yrs., 27 days.

### Deaths

**Gladys M. Allen-Kunkel**, ret. Secretary, HP Austin-HQ (February 1956 – November 1985) died April 29, 2009; **Gladys Johnson-Robinson**, ret. Clerk III, DL Austin-HQ (January 1961 - February 1984) died April 09, 2009. **Raymond E. Malmquist**, ret. Security Officer III, Austin Capitol (September 1991 – April 2008) died April 26 2009.



### On the mend...

Tr. **Orlando Barrera**, HP Hidalgo, injured while chasing a fleeing suspect.

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