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Check out new DPS sex offender website

The DPS has unveiled a complete redesign of the state's sex offender registry. With enhancements to the public website, users will be able to access additional information about specific offenders, including their reported workplace. Later this year, users will be able to subscribe to e-mail notifications about database changes in a specific zip code or to a specific offender's record.

The website can be found at: https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/DPS_WEB/Portal/index.aspx.

Enhanced mapping allows users to search by name, address, zip

code and county. Lists of names include the proximity of each registered sex offender to the address provided by the user.

New information about registered sex offenders that is now available to the public:

- The offender's complete work address
- Whether the offender attends an institution of higher education
- The offender's occupational license information
- Texas and out-of-state sex offenses

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Sunset Commission sends DPS recommendations to Legislature

After a thorough, months-long study of the DPS, the Sunset Commission has sent its report to the Texas Legislature, along with recommendations on how the agency can more efficiently do its work.

The Commission made several recommendations, including:

--Studying the Department's management and organization (DPS will return to the Commission in December to explain the recommendations made in the study); studying the Department's promotional policy; implementing civilian-managed driver license offices and reorganizing the Vehicle Inspection Program.

The Legislature will evaluate the Commission's recommendations in the session that begins in January.

The Sunset Commission report on DPS can be found on the web at http://www.sunset.texas.gov/81streports/dps/dps_dec.pdf.

Dear fellow employee,

We've had a busy two months since I was appointed as the interim director of our agency, and I know that things are about to get a lot busier.

I have spent a great deal of time learning more about all aspects of DPS, and I am continually impressed with the wide range of activities for which our agency has responsibility. I appreciate your hard work each day on behalf of the people of the state of Texas. Keep it up!

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On Tuesday, Nov. 4, voters will go to the polls to select a new President, as well as numerous other state and local positions. Please be sure to take advantage of your right to vote. Remember, it's one of our General Orders.

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Finally, I want to take a moment to thank Public Safety Commissioner **Beth Anderson** for her work during her tenure with the Commission. Ms. Anderson announced her resignation from the Commission in late September so that she could devote more time to her business.

Stanley E. Clark

Remember to go through chain of command to offer legislative advice

Please remember that any suggestions you have for new legislation must be submitted to and approved by your chain of command before these potential changes in law can be submitted to lawmakers by DPS.

“We appreciate and encourage the initiative of our employees to inform their leaders about possible legislative changes,” said Col. **Stan Clark**, DPS Director.

“This allows us to coordinate these suggestions and to ensure we are abiding by the state law mandating that no state resources can be used to influence the lawmaking process.”

Employees are reminded that the General Appropriations Act prohibits state resources, including DPS computers and letterhead, from being used to try to support or oppose actions of the Texas Legislature.

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The bulk of the rewrite made changes to behind-the-scenes processes, including automating some processes and streamlining others. With the changes, DPS sex offender registry personnel will more easily reconcile the sex offender database with the Texas Crime Information Center (TCIC) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC), as well as automate many necessary reporting functions and enhance the system's notification capabilities.

Awards

Police Officer Antonio Rojas received a Director's Award for his assistance in a DPS Narcotics investigation. While a deputy with the Mason County Sheriff's Office, Rojas helped DPS investigate methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana distribution in Mason, McCulloch and surrounding counties. As a result of the investigation, more than 50 alleged members of a drug trafficking organization are scheduled for indictment. Lt. **Brian Baxter**, Narcotics San Angelo, nominated

submit a memo through their chain of command, forwarding the original directly to Major **Ron Joy**. Dive certification is not required. For further information, please call 512-424-2115.

Attention 2003 retirees!

Retired? Want your permanent record? If you retired in 2003,* and would like your original personnel file sent to you, please call (512) 424-7084 before Feb. 1, 2009. (*If you retired in 2003 and rehired, you must wait five years from your LAST day of re-employment.)

Physical Readiness Tests scheduled

The Department's Physical Readiness (PRT) and Job Task Scenarios (JTS) testing will be conducted on the following dates at Austin Headquarters: Nov. 7

and Nov. 13, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12.

All commissioned personnel are required to obtain a passing score to participate in the promotional process, obtain a career-pay progression, or receive a legislative salary increase.

Starting Sept. 1, 2008, all PRT and JTS testing has been and will continue to be conducted at the 100 percent standard. Successful test results will be valid for the subsequent 12-month period.

Employees requesting to participate in the Job Task Scenarios must first have attempted the Physical Readiness Test and have retested on any failed event(s) or have a note from their physician indicating a medical excuse from regular testing.

Personnel should contact the Austin Testing Coordinator's office via Department e-mail or at the phone number indicated below

Briefs

Dive team looking for you

The DPS Dive Recovery Team is seeking applicants. Any commissioned THP trooper wishing to apply for consideration should

to schedule testing.

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Arts and Crafts Fair

The DPS Arts and Crafts Fair takes place Thursday, November 6 starting at 8 a.m. at DPS Headquarters, Building A. For more information, contact **Rosa** at 512 424-7075 or **Reba** at 512-424-2354 or 2395.

Mile Markers

Promotions

Rangers

Gerardo Javier De Los Santos, Capt., Rangers San Antonio to Asst. Chief Rangers Austin; **Alvin Alexis**, Lt., Rangers Austin to Capt., Rangers Garland; **Henry Lee Whitman**, Lt., Rangers San Antonio to Capt., Rangers San Antonio;

Leslie Brooks Long, Sgt., Rangers Ozona to Lt., Rangers Laredo; **Rolando Castaneda**, Sgt., Rangers Brownsville to Lt., Rangers McAllen; **Lance Shane Morrow**, Sgt., CIS Abilene to Sgt., Rangers Eastland.

THP

Jose Cesar Rodriguez, III, Capt., CVE McAllen to Cmdr. HP McAllen; **Carey Dean Matthews**, Capt., HP Corpus Christi to Major, HP Austin; **John Reney, Jr.**, Capt., HP Austin to Major, HP Austin; **Jackie Glen Webster**,

Capt., HP San Antonio to Major, HP Austin; **Paul Terrel Davis**, Capt., HP Beaumont to Major HP Austin; **Ronald Clayton Joy, Jr.**, Capt., HP Midland to Major, HP Austin;

William Marvis Diggs, Capt., HP Austin to Major HP Austin; **Kennis Miles, Jr.**, Lt., CVE Garland to Capt., MCB Austin; **Rhonda Lashawn Lawson**, Lt., HP Corpus Christi to Capt., Corpus Christi; **Cody Allen Mitcham**, Sgt., HP Tyler to Lt., Hp Garland;

Jason DeWayne Hester, Sgt., Hp Big Spring to Lt., HP Del Rio; **Roberto Rodriguez**, Cpl. II, CVE Huntsville to Sgt., CVE Kingsville. **James Richard Jackson**, Sgt., HP Tyler to Lt., HP McAllen;

Steven J. Rundell, Sgt., CVE Austin to Lt., MCB Austin; **David Verastegui**, Sgt., CVE Lufkin to Lt., CVE Houston; **Kevin Bruce James**, Tr. II, CVE Ozona to Sgt., CVE Austin; **Christopher McGuairt**, Tr. II, CVE Midland to Sgt., CVE Laredo;

Barry Means Detlefsen, Sen. Cpl., HP Austin to Sgt., CVE Rio Grande City; **Abundio Jesus Medina**, Sen. Tr., CVE Laredo to Sgt., CVE Laredo-World Trade POE; **Jerry Dee Hatley**, Sen. Operator, Communications Svc. Amarillo to Supv., Communications Svc. Amarillo.

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Toby Joe Schaeff, Sgt., DL Amarillo to Sgt., MVT El Paso, **Michael D. Smith**, Tr. II, HP Panhandle to Sgt., Narcotics Svc.

El Paso; **Reuben Travis Mankin**, Tr. II, Georgetown to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. McAllen; **Ryan Cory Droddy**, Tr. II, HP Houston to Sgt., Narcotics Svc., Houston;

Louis Jeffrey Owles, Tr. II, HP Hempstead to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Houston; **Mark Vincent Martinez**, Tr. II, CVE Eagle Pass to Sgt., Narcotics Svc., Eagle Pass; **Dial Jay King**, Tr. III, HP Angleton to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Laredo; **Jim Dean Hatfield, Jr.**, Tr. II, HP Grandbury to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Laredo;

Christopher Ryan Bienert, Tr. II, HP Cleburne to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Laredo; **Jason Eric Brewer**, Sgt., Academy Austin to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Laredo; **Ramey Saenz**, Tr. II, CVE Kingsville to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Laredo; **Christopher M. Bowen**, Tr. II, HP New Braunfels to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Laredo;

Ismael Escobar, Tr. II, HP Alice to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Laredo; **Donato Eduardo Vela**, Tr., II, Hp McAllen to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Laredo; **Kevin Gregg McNeill**, Cpl. II, HP Houston to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Alpine; **Randy Garcia**, Tr. IV, CVE Devine to Sgt., MVE Laredo; **Steve Mathew West**, Tr. III, HP Corpus Christi to Sgt., MVT Beeville; **Higinio Ibarra**, Tr. II, CVE Laredo to Sgt., MVE Laredo;

Manuel Quilantan, Sgt., CVE Pharr to Sgt., MVE McAllen; **Toby Joe Schaeff**, Sgt., DL Amarillo to Sgt., MVE El Paso; **Juan C. Torrez**, Sgt., HP El Paso to Sgt., MVT El Paso; **Rolando Jose Torres**, Tr. II, Hp El Paso to

Sgt., MVT El Paso; **Pedro Martin Fuentes, Jr.**, Tr. II, CVE Laredo to Sgt., MVT Laredo;

Christopher Robert Barker, Tr. II, Hp Texarkana to Sgt., MVT Garland; **James Albert Graham**, Tr. II, HP New Braunfels to Sgt., MVT Austin; **Kenneth Joseph Richbourg**, Tr. III, HP Tyler to Sgt., MVT Laredo; **Juan Gabriel Duran**, Tr. II, CVE Eagle Pass to Sgt., MVT Eagle Pass; **Guillermo H. Rodriguez**, Sgt., HP McAllen to Sgt., MVT McAllen;

Juan Antonio Ferman, Cpl. II, HP El Paso to Sgt., CIS El Paso; **William R. Brimer**, Tr. II, Hp Denton to Sgt., CIS El Paso; **Joshua Clark Burson**, Tr. II, HP

Colorado City to Sgt., CIS El Paso; **David Lee Dickie**, Cpl. II, HP Sweetwater to Sgt., CIS McAllen; **John R. Bradley**, Tr. II, HP Refugio to Sgt., CIS Weslaco;

Craig Ronald Bickers, Cpl. III, HP Denton to Sgt., CIS Harlingen; **Colby David Langford**, Cpl. II, HP Weatherford to Sgt., CIS McAllen; **Christopher David Earnest**, Tr. III, Hp Dallas to Sgt., CIS Laredo; **David James McMurren**, Cpl. II, HP Terrell to Sgt., CIS Laredo;

DL

Carolina M. Mata, Tr. II, Hp Laredo to Sgt., DL Laredo; **Cory Lance Outland**, Tr. II, Hp San

Angelo to Sgt., DL Conroe; **Alease M. Wilson**, Tr. IV, DL Katy to Sgt., DL Houston.

Retirements

David Gene McEathron, Lt. Col., Director's Staff Austin, 31 yrs., 2 mos., 23 days; **Julie Cochran Burton**, Secretary, Director's Staff Austin, 38 yrs., 12 days; **Richard Harrison Sweaney**, Capt., Rangers Garland, 33 yrs., 6 mos., 19 days;

Randall Kyle Elliston, Chief, HP Austin, 30 yrs., 8 mos., 24 days; **Clinton Jerome Pirtle**, Sen. Tr., HP Canton, 23 yrs., 7 mos., 22 days; **Sabino Martinez, Jr.**, Sgt., CIS San Antonio, 19 yrs., 10 mos., 13 days; **Joe Gilbert Loreda, III**, Security Officer, HP Austin, 10 yrs., 11 mos., 8 days;

Urbino Bernave Martinez, Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Falfurrias, 29 yrs., 3 mos., 17 days; **Scott Ray Haag**, Sen. Cpl., CVE San Marcos, 28 yrs., 8 mos., 21 days; **Maria Teresa Sigur**, Sen. Tr., DL Corpus Christi, 26 yrs., 8 mos., 17 days; **Randal Wade McGee**, Sen. Cpl., CVE Tyler, 24 yrs., 8 mos., 19 days; **Anthony Scorcio**, Sgt., CIS Garland, 19 yrs., 11 mos., 12 days.

Insurance database rolls out statewide

TexasSure, the vehicle insurance verification database designed to reduce the number of uninsured motorists, is now available to law enforcement statewide through TLETS (Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System).

TexasSure is a secure database that matches the records of registered passenger vehicles with personal auto insurance policy information. The project was mandated by the Texas Legislature and is a collaborative effort of DPS, the Texas Department of Insurance, the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Department of Information Resources. Visit www.TexasSure.com for more information.

It is DPS' interpretation that the database cannot be used for

probable cause to stop a vehicle. So, after a vehicle has been pulled over for a separate violation, officers may use the license plate and/or VIN of a vehicle to submit a query to the new database through TLETS.

Some agencies will need to customize their software in order to obtain information from the database. Texas police agencies can e-mail tlets@txdps.state.tx.us for additional information.

DPS strongly recommends that law enforcement agencies verify insurance coverage through existing methods before impounding a vehicle for no insurance. DPS does not impound vehicles solely for no insurance, but other police departments may have their own policies.



On the mend...

Tr. **Justin Stoler**, HP Bryan, motor vehicle crash;

Tr. **Ronald R. Ramirez**, HP Alice, injured during a struggle; and

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