

# DPS Chaparral



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## New Driver License System roll-out underway across state

Driver License Division (DLD) offices across the state are sporting a new look these days.

Not only is the DPS leadership working to improve the appearance and operations of each driver license office, they are also equipping each office with the new Driver License System (DLS) computers and equipment.

The new DLS will replace the 25-year old mainframe-based DLD computer system with a state-of-the-art, web-based system.

The benefits of utilizing DLS in the 307 driver license offices across Texas are: data will be more quickly and efficiently collected, stored and retrieved; applicants' identity and documents will be more easily verified; driver license data will be updated in near real-time and programming upgrades and updates will be made more quickly and efficiently.

The DLS is operational in more than 88 driver license offices around the state. All 307 DLD offices are scheduled to be operating on the DLS by May 2010, with about 12 offices per week transitioning to the new network until then. The office staff receives

16 hours of training over two days on the new equipment and DLS processes by fellow DLD employees who have been trained at DPS Headquarters in Austin or at regional DLD training sites.

Other DLS features--that have been available since the roll-out last April include:

- A new camera at each station that has the ability to automatically locate and center an applicants' face and reduce shadows on photographs.
- At the counter, staff are able to compare the image on file with the person standing in front of them.
- An image verification feature that retrieves and compares previous facial images of applicants to verify the applicant's identity and protect the integrity of those already holding a driver



license or identification card.

- An upgraded thumbprint scanner that uses software to verify a quality thumbprint capture.
- A signature scanner that allows for the capture of the applicant's digital signature with a preview option to verify legibility.
- A document scanner at each station that allows real-time capture of application and identification records, eliminating the need to copy and send to these records to DPS Austin Headquarters identification records for scanning.
- A printer at each station that produces temporary receipts that include an applicant's photograph.

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## Awards

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Tr. **Winson Pham**, HP Houston, received the Asian Officer of the Year award from the Asian Chamber of Commerce in Houston in January. Pham received the award for his efforts to promote and enforce Texas seat belt laws in the Harris County area after he had worked a fatality crash involving a child that was not wearing a safety belt.

Tr. Pham was nominated by Sgt. **Mark S. Phillips**, HP Houston. Sgt. Phillips said in the nomination that Tr. Pham's commitment to safety belt enforcement has influenced other law enforcement officers in the Houston area.

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## Briefs

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### Badges for retirees

If you're interested in ordering a 75th Anniversary badge but you don't have access to the Internet, you can call the Media Relations office at 512-424-2080 and ask us to mail you a form.

### Quarter Century Club meets

The next Quarter Century Club ladies luncheon and banquet will be held at the Georgetown Community Center on Friday, March 26. Call **Jennifer Hall** at 512-424-7297 for more details.

### 75th Anniversary book orders

Part of the DPS 75th celebration will include an Anniversary Yearbook. The book costs \$39.47 for a hardcover book or \$61.12 for a leather-bound book. The pre-sale deadline for ordering

books is May 1, 2010; prices will increase by \$5 after that date. Retirees are welcome to purchase a copy of this special book.

If you have a photo that you would like to be considered for publication, submit a copy to **Lula Schuler**, General Services, 5805 N. Lamar, Austin, Texas 78752.

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### Promotions

**Paula K. Logan**, Director, HR Austin to Dep. Asst. Director of Enterprise Risk Management, Finance Division, Austin.

### HP

**Pedro Amador, Jr.**, Sgt., HP Victoria to Lt., HP Del Rio; **David R. Cramer**, Tr., CVE Denton to Sgt., CVE El Paso.

### Regulatory Licensing

**Tommy L. Hunt**, Sgt., Regulatory Licensing Garland to Lt., Regulatory Licensing Austin; **Jeffrey R. Carroll**, Tr. II, HP Rockwall to Sgt., Regulatory Licensing Garland; **Leonard R. Hinojosa**, Sen. Tr., CVE Seguin to Sgt., Regulatory Licensing El Paso.

### Retirements

**Walter Paul Mezynski**, Sen. Tr., HP Temple, 27 yrs., 6 mos., 22 days; **Larry Thomas Pitts**, Sen., Tr., CVE Livingston, 28 yrs., 11 mos., 17 days; **John Arthur Schlinger**, Sgt., Gang Section Victoria, 26 yrs., 8 mos., 25 days; **Weldon Russell Jones**, Sen.

Tr., CVE Big Spring, 25 yrs., 11 mos., 20 mos.; **Eugenia Lynn Parks**, Examiner, DL San Angelo, 23 yrs., 1 mo.; **Oscar Cruz**, Tr., CVE Brownsville, 20 yrs., 3 mos., 19 days;

**Robert Ivan Wilson**, Manager, Crime Lab Austin, 17 yrs., 1 mo.; **Karon Gale Joiner**, Examiner, DL Lufkin, 15 yrs., 5 mos., 16 days; **Edda Carol Rosprim**, Tech., DL Houston, 10 yrs., 3 mos., 4 days;

**Kathleen Yvonne Keeton**, Field Admin. Asst., Narcotics Garland, 9 yrs., 5 mos., 14 days; **Jason Allen Johnson**, Sen. Tr., CVE Hurst, 25 yrs., 5 mos., 17 days; **Arturo Perez**, Tr., HP Plano, 3 yrs., 7 mos., 25 days.

### Deaths

**Terri Elizabeth Thompson**, Operator, Administration Austin (Jan. 1986 – Feb. 2010) died Feb. 10, 2010.



*On the mend...*

Tr. **Ruben R. Soliz**, HP Alice, injured during a struggle with a suspect.

Tr. **Bobby Bowlin**, HP Crockett, injured while working a traffic crash.

Tr. **Michael Box**, HP Magnolia, injured in a traffic crash.

Tr. **Richard Black**, DL Dallas, injured during a fugitive felony arrest.

Sgt. Inv. **Armando Lopez**, CID Hurst, shot during fugitive arrest.