

DPS Chaparral



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DL Reengineering moves forward

Anticipation builds as DPS moves forward with the Driver License Reengineering (DLR) project, which will provide much needed updates to the current 30-year-old driver license system.

The project's focus is to improve efficiency of the issuance system and to strengthen homeland security by providing a more secure driver license and identification card.

"The new system is being designed by field and headquarters personnel, along with technical assistance from IMS," said **Judy Brown**, chief of the Driver License Division (DLD). "The DLR project will benefit all users of driver license information by providing a reliable system that includes inherent security programs to protect our customers' privacy and identity."

DLR will replace issuance equipment throughout driver license offices statewide, resolving current system failures. Reengineering will enhance driver licenses and ID cards with new security features to reduce fraud and counterfeiting. Our customers will benefit from these changes with no increase in driver license or identification card costs.

In 2003, the 78th Legislative Session passed HB 3588, authorizing the Department to reengineer the driver license system. Funding for this project was appropriated during the third special session with the passage of HB 2, authorizing a \$1 fee increase on motor vehicle registrations.

DLD has invested months of planning to develop the DLR project. Five project teams will lead the complex project. The Division's new Project Management Office, consisting of the project manager, Office of General Counsel, budget analyst, IMS technical architecture team, and the Office of Audit and Inspection will provide support and oversight to the project teams.

To date, a project manager has been hired, and project teams have been assigned to prepare specification documentation. Team members recently visited Florida and Maryland to view their reengineered driver license systems.

"The Department is now poised to begin development of driver license reengineering in Texas," said Col. **Thomas A. Davis Jr.**, DPS director. "The end result will be a system that has the flexibility to take advantage of future technology changes, as well as consumer or legislative needs."

Dear Fellow Employee,

On April 23, the trooper-trainees in the C-2003 class will walk across the stage.

I know each of you will welcome these new troopers into our DPS family when they arrive at their new duty stations in early May.

To our new troopers, I would say this: What you do makes a difference in the lives of citizens across Texas. You have chosen an honorable profession, and you represent a proud tradition of excellence in law enforcement. Make us proud.

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Many of you—2,174 at last count—chose to participate in the Texas Round-Up, the Governor's health and fitness program. Most of you committed to exercising at least 30 minutes a day, five days per week. Some of you even committed to running or walking in the 10K race that ends the program. I hope that you will continue exercising even after the program officially ends. The benefits of regular exercise cannot be underestimated.



Short Shots

Dive Team members needed

The Dive Recovery Team is taking applications for divers. The applicant must be a commissioned officer with the Department and have a basic diving certificate. Applicants must contact Maj. **David Baker** at 512-424-2115 and they must send their applications through their chain of command to the THP Chief's office.

Crime Victims' Rights Week

2004 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is scheduled for April 18-24. The theme for this year's observance is "Victims' Rights: America's Values." To locate Crime Victims' Rights activities in your community, please contact your regional DPS Victim Services counselor or the DPS intranet.

Communicate your appreciation

April 11-17 is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Take a moment during the week to thank the DPS police communications officers for the work they do for the agency.

On the road again...

The DPS Roadrunners, a group of DPS retirees with RVs, is staging their Roadrunner Rally in Kerrville

I would like to thank all of the employees of DPS who expressed sympathy in the loss of my best friend, Laura. The caring and generosity you showed made this real life experience a little bit more bearable for all of our family. Words cannot express my thanks, so this simple note will have to suffice.

Gary L. Schoenfeldt

April 12-14 at the Guadalupe River RV Resort. For more information, please call **Sherman Collins** at 936-875-3337 or send an e-mail to lufkinanne@yahoo.com.

Mile Markers

Promotions Administration

Valerie Fulmer, Deputy Admin., Crime Records Austin to Asst. Chief, Regulatory Lic. Svc. Austin.

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Lawrence Cuny, Capt., DL Hurst to Major, DL Austin; **Steve Carlborg**, Lt., DL Plano to Capt., DL Hurst; **Richard Lynn Crosby**, Tr. II, DL Houston to Sgt., DL Houston; **James Lucky**, Tr. IV, DL Houston to Sgt., DL Hurst.

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Deanna Cheri Thurmond, Tr. II, HP Jourdanton to Sgt., Spec. Crimes Garland; **Lancer Morrow**, Cpl. II, HP Eastland to Sgt., Spec. Crimes Garland; **Caroline Ybarra Knauth**, Tr. V, CVE Georgetown to Sgt., Spec. Crimes El Paso; **Manuel Sanchez, Jr.**, Tr. II, HP Weatherford to Sgt., Spec. Crimes El Paso; **Toby Shanne Torisk**, Tr. II, HP Dumas to Sgt., Spec. Crimes El Paso.

THP

Charles Michael Havard, Jr., Cpl. II, HP Jasper to Sgt., HP Coldspring; **Martin Arteaga, Jr.**, Cpl. II, HP Weslaco to Sgt., HP McAllen; **Abel Anthony Martinez**, Tr. II, CVE Kingsville to Sgt., CVE Harlingen.

Retirements

James Sim Lucas, Lt., Narcotics Svc. Bryan, 32 yrs., 4 mos., 23 days; **Barbara Carmen Carter**, Stat. Clerk, HR Austin, 25 yrs., 11 mos.,



On the mend...

Best wishes for a speedy recovery from line-of-duty injuries go to:

Tr. Zachery Nichols, HP Levelland, injured leg during fall.
Tr. Paul Whitmire, HP Navasota, injured elbow.
Tr. Paul S. Sigman, HP Texarkana, is on light duty due to a traffic crash.

28 days; **Jesus Eduardo Alatorre**, Sen. Tr., DL Harlingen, 25 yrs., 9 mos., 5 days; **Kenneth Boyd West, Jr.**, Lt., CVE Lubbock, 29 yrs., 8 mos., 17 days;

Gerald Warren Hildebrand, Insp. II, OAI Austin, 25 yrs., 9 mos., 21 days; **Francis M. Jackson**, Svc. Clerk, HP Houston, 22 yrs., 10 mos; **Deitraa C. Musslewhite**, Evaluator, SR Austin; 21 yrs., 11 mos., 7 days; **Jesse Lee Wilburn**, Sgt., MVT Texarkana, 21 yrs., 8 mos., 20 days; **Jesse Joaquin Mendoza**, Sen. Tr., CVE Plainview, 21 yrs., 8 mos., 20 days; **Patsy R. Welton**, Receptionist, Narcotics Svc. Austin, 9 yrs., 11 mos., 22 days; **Barbara A. Goerdel**, Microfilm Clerk, Accident Records Austin, 8 yrs., 1 mo., 27 days.

Deaths

Laura J. Schoenfeldt, Admin. Asst. IV, DR Austin (Aug. 1994 – Feb. 2004) died February 22, 2004; **Dwight Kern McDaniel**, ret. Sgt., Exec. Security Detail Austin (April 1949 – July 1977) died February 18, 2004; **Clayton Weldon Bednar**, ret. Ranger, Co. E Ozona (Jan. 1950 – Oct. 1981) died January 17, 2004. **Charles Wayne "Bo" Vaughn**, ret. Cpl. IV, HP Dallas (Feb. 1963 - May 2002) died February 23, 2004.