

# DPS Chaparral



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## DPS news from around the state

February was a huge month for cash seizures, including the third and fifth largest traffic-stop cash seizures in DPS history. The latest took place Feb. 26 in Wharton County when Tr. **Scott Rosenberry**, HP Pierce, pulled over an 18-wheeler and discovered 12 bundles of cash totaling \$2.8 million dollars. The truck, which was south-bound on U.S. 59, was hauling containers of processed chicken parts. Two men were arrested. Just three weeks before the Wharton County bust, a trooper seized \$2.3 million during a traffic stop in Nacogdoches County. That truck also was headed south on U.S. 59.



One new building is up and running and another is on the way. The new Chambers County Wallisville area office is home to Driver License, Highway Patrol and Special Crimes personnel. The 5,000-square-foot facility replaces the Anahuac location. Meanwhile, Building I on the east side of Austin Headquarters near Guadalupe Street is getting a major make-over. The former Warehouse space in July will be a two-story 29,000-square-foot building. It will house the recently created Regulatory and Licensing Service comprised of Concealed Handgun and Private Security employees. Breath Alcohol Testing, the State Polygraph Board and a State Operations Center training classroom will all be located in the building.

George King, the former Chief of Traffic Law Enforcement, passed away on Feb. 27. He had joined DPS in November 1957 as a Highway Patrolman and retired from DPS after 39 years in August 1996 as Chief.

Among other things, Chief King championed the Highway Patrol's drug interdiction program, which encourages troopers to go beyond the traffic stop and look for any possible criminal activity that has occurred. He was responsible for implementation of the K-9 and the Dive Recovery teams and brought the Capitol Police into DPS. During his tenure as Chief, he advocated putting computers into the field offices and in the License & Weight (now Commercial Vehicle Enforcement) vehicles.

His many contributions helped create the excellent reputation that DPS enjoys across the United States and beyond.

Dear Fellow Employee,

The week of April 10-16 marks the 25th anniversary of National Crime Victims' Rights Week. This year's theme is "Justice Isn't Served Until Crime Victims Are." During that week, we will pay tribute to crime victims and all of those—including you—who dedicate their lives to helping them. Our shared challenge is to realize that justice isn't served until victims' rights and services are not just celebrated annually but practiced daily. For a listing of activities in your area, see the DPS Intranet or contact your regional DPS Victim Services counselor.

On April 15, another recruit school class will graduate, sending another generation of Highway Patrol Troopers out onto the highways. To those who graduate: Welcome to the best career you'll ever have. Make us proud.

Many of you have signed up to participate in the Governor's Texas Roundup and defend DPS's title as the best state agency. I hope you'll continue with the exercise program even after the 10K Race on April 30. The health benefits will pay big dividends.

*Thomas A. Davis Jr.*

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## Short Shots

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### Dive Team tryouts

The DPS Dive Recovery Team is seeking applicants for try-outs. Any commissioned THP trooper who is stationed within 100 miles of Austin is eligible to apply. Dive certification is not a prerequisite, as successful candidates will receive the appropriate training and certification.

Those wishing to apply for consideration should submit a memo through their chain of command, forwarding the original directly to Maj. **David G. Baker** in the THP Chief's office. They must also notify Maj. Baker of their intent to apply either in person or by calling 512-424-2115.

### Governor Protective Detail

The THP Division is now accepting applications for sergeant positions on the Governor Protective Detail. All commissioned Department personnel not currently on disciplinary probation and with at least **24 calendar months** service as a commissioned Texas peace officer are eligible to apply. Applicants must contact Capt. **Dale L. Avant** at 512-475-4820 for instructions on the application process.

### Quarter Century Club meeting

The Quarter Century Club banquet will be held on April 8 at the Red Lion Hotel in Austin. For more info, call **Jennifer Hall** at 512-424-7297.

### Keep in touch—sign up for retiree e-mail news list

The DPS Public Information Office sends occasional e-mails with DPS news to retirees. The e-mails usually contain information about funerals or other date-sensitive events. To get on the e-mail list, please send

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your name and e-mail address to [pio@txdps.state.tx.us](mailto:pio@txdps.state.tx.us).

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### Promotions

#### Director's Staff

**Bryan David Lane**, Project Mgr., DL Re-engineering Project Austin to Asst. Chief, IMS Austin.

### Retirements

**Melinda Sue Driskell**, Admin Asst. II, Regulatory Licensing Svc. Austin, 30 yrs., 3 mos., 11 days; **Howard Loel Brothers**, Sr. Tr., HP Gonzales, 26 yrs., 0 mos., 21 days; **Robert La-Voy Seaton**, Sr. Tr., CVE Temple, 22 yrs., 7 mos., 22 days; **Randall Gene Edwards**, Sgt., Spec. Crimes Waco, 20 yrs., 7 mos., 18 days; **Juan Juarez**, Cpl., DL Houston, 27 yrs., 7 mos., 23 days; **Raynaldo M. Perez**, Capt., OAI Austin, 26 yrs., 1 mo., 23 days; **Patricia Roberts**, Admin. Asst. III, DL Austin, 20 yrs., 2 mos., 24 days; **David Sykes**, Custodian III, Staff Support Svc. Austin, 10 yrs., 3 mos., 0 days;

**Peter Lindley Allen**, Programmer V, IMS Austin, 6 yrs., 7 mos., 0 days; **Fernando Garcia Arteaga**, Sr. Tr., DL Weslaco, 26 yrs., 9 mos., 4 days; **John Calvin Buchanan, Jr.**, Sr. Operator, Comms. Svc. Sherman, 25 yrs., 10 mos., 5 days; **John Harold Calaway**, Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Beaumont, 26 yrs., 1 mo., 18 days; **David Tillman Davis**, Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Richmond, 22 yrs., 8 mos., 19 days; **Cheryl Ann Clapper**, DL Tech., DLD Austin, 17 yrs., 9 mos., 10 days.

### Deaths

**George King**, ret. Chief, TLE

DPS "on the air": 512-424-7777

Austin (Nov. 1957 – Aug. 1996) died February 27, 2005; **Johnny Lee Dixon**, ret. Cpl., DL San Antonio (Feb. 1975 – Sep. 2003) died February 16, 2005; **Kenneth Owens Perry**, ret. Sgt., Narcotics Weatherford (Nov. 1964 – Aug. 1995) died December 21, 2004; **Lovis Chilton Harris**, ret. Patrolman II, L&W Palestine (Nov. 1941 – Aug. 1976) died January 29, 2005;

**James H. "Jim" Hinsley**, ret. Highway Patrolman II Tyler (Oct. 1952–Dec. 1982) died February 25, 2005; **Henry McCrary**, ret. Tr. III, HP Waco (Aug. 1948 – Aug. 1986) died March 11, 2005; **Litt Truitt Carpenter**, ret. Ranger, Co. D Seguin (Jan. 1947 – Jul. 1977) died March 7, 2005.



## On the mend...

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

Tr. **Robert Mendez**, shot in arm during traffic stop.

Tr. **Darrell C. Matthews**, CVE Hereford, injured in traffic crash;

Tr. **Kirk W. Washington**, HP Killeen, injured pursuing suspect;

Tr. **Wilton White**, HP Hempstead, struck by a drunk driver while directing traffic;

Tr. **Billy Horton**, HP Lubbock, injured during foot pursuit is back on light duty;

Tr. **David O'Neal**, HP Marshall, injured when his vehicle was broadsided is back on light duty; and

Tr. **James R. DeFrance**, HP Conroe, injured during struggle with suspect is back on the job.

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