

DPS Chaparral



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DPS honors law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty

Eleven Texas law officers who lost their lives while on duty during the past two years will be honored May 11 during the annual DPS Memorial Service at the DPS Training Academy in Austin.

The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. in front of the Homer Garrison Training Academy at DPS Headquarters.

“Each year, we take time to remember our fallen brothers and sisters in law enforcement. I want their families to know that we honor and respect their sacrifices, and will never forget the price their loved ones paid to keep us safe,” said **Steven McCraw**, director of the DPS. “I urge all DPS employees across the state to take a moment on May 11 to remember those who came before us.”

Officers killed accidentally while performing their duties in 2010:

Officer **Craig Story** of Arlington PD died in a traffic crash on



Jan. 13, 2010.

Officer **Timothy Zurovetz** of Forest Hill PD died in a traffic crash on March 24, 2010.

Deputy Sheriff **Jacob Rene Rayos** of Reeves County SO died in a traffic crash on April 11, 2010.

Officers killed feloniously while performing their duties in 2009:

Senior Corporal **Norman Smith** of Dallas PD was killed on Jan. 6, 2009, while serving an arrest warrant.

Lieutenant **Stuart Alexander** of Corpus Christi PD was killed on March 11, 2009, during a police chase after a disturbance

call.

Sergeant **Randy White** of Bridgeport PD was killed on April 2, 2009, during a vehicle pursuit after a hit-and-run crash.

Officer **Henry Canales** of Houston PD was killed on June 23, 2009, during an undercover investigation of stolen televisions.

Deputy Sheriff **Shane Thomas Detwiler** of Chambers County SO was killed

on July 13, 2009, after responding to the scene of a shooting.

Officer **Jesse Hamilton** of Pasadena PD was killed on Aug. 21, 2009, while responding to a disturbance call.

Officers killed accidentally while performing their duties in 2009:

Deputy Sheriff **D. Robert Harvey** of Lubbock County SO died on April 26, 2009, in a traffic crash.

Deputy Sheriff **Francis David Blake** of Burnet County SO died on Oct. 3, 2009, in a traffic crash.

Awards



It was a milestone to remember. On March 12, DPS honored the first person to serve the agency for 50 consecutive years. **Nancy Kelly**, who started in 1960, has worked in the Driver License Driver Improvement Bureau in Austin her entire DPS career. In honor of her historic achievement, Director **Steven McCraw** presented her with the Medal of Merit, the highest award for a non-commissioned employee. Kelly continues to work in the Driver License Division with no plans to retire at this point.

At the 100 Club of Central Texas' 27th Annual Awards Banquet, Crime Analyst **Becky McNiel**, ICT Lubbock, was honored for her role in Operation Flatland, a multi-agency effort that targeted a drug-trafficking organization responsible for the sale and distribution of methamphetamine from California to the Texas Panhandle. In addition to working with law enforcement, McNiel

provided extensive assistance to the Assistant U.S. Attorney involved in the case. Ultimately, 28 defendants, including two peace officers, were indicted.

Roberto Perez and Jose Morin received Director's Awards for coming to the aid of a trooper in a roadside altercation. In July 2009, Tr. **Manuel Aranda**, HP Rio Grande City, was confronted by a driver after a short pursuit. The driver punched the trooper seven times to the temple area. During the altercation, one of the Good Samaritans tackled the suspect from behind and the other helped the trooper subdue the man. Perez and Morin were working their normal duties with the Hidalgo County Drainage District when they witnessed the pursuit and altercation and came to the assistance of the trooper. Both men were nominated by Sgt. **Martin Arteaga Jr.**, HP McAllen.

In August 2009, two customers helped save the life of a heart attack victim at the Waco Driver License office. For their efforts, Rebecca Otto and Penny Wood earned Director's Awards. Both women were registered nurses and started CPR after another customer collapsed. Several shocks with the automated external defibrillator did not revive the man. CPR continued with assistance from DPS employees until the man regained consciousness and the ambulance

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Mile Markers

Promotions

Director's Staff

Timothy T. Ochsner, Capt., Aircraft Section Austin to Assist. Chief Pilot, Aircraft Section Austin.

Criminal Investigations

Alma Sonia Garcia, Capt., CID Austin to Major, CID Austin; **Jose Portillo**, Lt., CID Austin to Capt., CID Austin.

Highway Patrol

Stanley J. Waters, Sgt., HP Eastland to Lt., HP San Angelo;



On the mend...

Tr. **Larry M. Vaughan**, HP Winnsboro, shot during fugitive arrest.

Tr. **Charlie P. Potter**, HP San Marcos, injured when unit struck by alleged drunk driver.

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

Good news! Sgt. Inv. **Armando Lopez**, CID Hurst, and Tr. **Michael Box**, HP Magnolia, have returned to work!

Mile Markers, contd.

Frank T. Lopez, Sgt., CVE Laredo to Lt., MCB Austin; **Stephen A. Jones**, Tr. III, HP San Angelo to Sgt., HP Victoria; **Jesse L. DeLeon**, Tr. IV, HP Austin to Sgt., HP Eagle Pass.

Rangers

Kenneth D. Wadsworth, Agent, CID Midland to Sgt., Texas Rangers Ozona; **Philip J. Breeding**, Sgt., HP Odessa to Sgt., Texas Rangers Monahans; **James W. Burson, Jr.**, Agent, CID San Angelo to Sgt., Texas Rangers Ft. Stockton;

Keith J. Pauska, Agent, CID Corpus Christi to Sgt., Texas Rangers Kingsville; **Kevin D. Wright**, Agent, CID Del Rio to Sgt., Texas Rangers El Paso; **Jim D. Hatfield, Jr.**, Agent CID Laredo to Sgt., Texas Rangers Waco;

Matthew B. Sigur, Agent CID Corpus Christi to Sgt., Texas Rangers Laredo; **James W. Jones**, Agent, CID Austin to Sgt., Texas Rangers Laredo; **Pete G. Luna**, Agent, CID Rosenberg to Sgt., Texas Rangers Zapata.

Administration

Guillermo B. Mora, III, Cpl. II, HP Beeville to Sgt., Education, Training and Research Austin.

Law Enforcement Support

Sonya Y. Willis, Manager, Communications Waco to Coordinator, Communications Austin; **Rita L. Mooney**, Manager, Communications Austin to Coordinator Communications Austin; **Benja-**

min Eddie Wilson, Supervisor, Communications Waco to Manager, Communications McAllen.

Catherine M. McLean, Supv., Communications Lufkin to Manager, Communications Garland; **Brantly E. Robertson**, Supv., Communications Austin to Manager, Communications Austin.

Retirements

Dan Gene Webb, Lt., Drug Section Houston, 28 yrs., 21 days; **Ruby F. Griffin**, Tech., Regulatory Licensing Austin, 24 yrs., 10 mos.; **Mark Andrew Moorhead**, Agent CID Houston, 27 yrs., 9 mos., 22 days;

David Alan Criner, Agent, CID Midland, 26 yrs., 2 mos., 5 days; **Greg David Bourland**, Lt., Aviation Austin, 25 yrs., 9 mos., 18 days; **Arnaldo Ramos**, Lt., CID Del Rio, 25 yrs., 9 mos., 18 days; **Pamela Kaye Davis**, Forensic Scientist IV, Crime Lab Garland, 31 yrs., 5 mos., 7 days;

Jose Eligio Munoz, Sen. Tr., Intelligence/Counter Terrorism Austin, 29 yrs., 8 mos., 17 days; **Esther Herrera**, Tech., DL El Paso, 27 yrs., 9 mos., 27 days; **Gary Steve Turner**, Sen. Tr., CVE Bryan, 25 yrs., 8 mos., 14 days;

Mary Suzanne Eubanks, Tech., DL Humble, 15 yrs., 5 mos., 27 days; **Patricia Ann Schneider**, Clerk, MCB Austin, 10 yrs., 8 mos., 1 day; **Janet M. Bruckler**, Secretary, Vehicle Service Houston, 6 yrs., 8 mos., 25 days.

Deaths

Michael R. Heitkamp, ret Tr., CVE San Marco (January 1980

– March 2008) died March 15, 2010; **Gilberto E. Benitez Sr.**, ret. Custodian III, HP Harlingen (June 1977 – Nov. 1999) died March 15, 2010;

Jerry E. Tolbert, ret. Sgt., CIS El Paso (February 1963 – August 1995) died March 21, 2010; **Marvin Dietz**, ret. Inspector, I&P Austin (May 1950 – August 1985) died March 31, 2010. **Charles G. Cosgrove**, ret. Tr. III, MVI Amarillo (December 1960 – June 1986) died March 30, 2010.

Mario Ramirez Sr., ret. Sgt., CIS Del Rio (July 1987 – May 2009) died April 4, 2010; **Odilia Martinez**, ret. Tech., DL Del Rio (July 1969 – July 1994) died April 5, 2010.

CHLs go online

Starting May 1, 2010, all applicants for concealed handguns will be able to complete the entire application form--as well as schedule their digital fingerprint appointments--online.

At this time, although supplemental materials (such as citizenship documents and criminal history) are still required to be mailed in, completing the application form online and submitting digital scanned fingerprints will alleviate much of the application processing delays.

Also starting on May 1, applicants for CHL renewals will no longer have to submit fingerprints, and applicants with a valid Texas ID or Driver License will no longer have to provide photos for renewal.

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arrived. Otto and Wood were nominated by Lt. Tyler Harpole, HP Waco.

Briefs

FBI graduates

Capt. **Michael Bradberry**, HP Waco, and Lt. **Mark Carder**, HP Lubbock, graduated from the 238th Session of the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

New Forms Repository

This summer, the new TxDPS Forms Repository will come online. It will provide one centralized location for all TxDPS numbered forms (electronic and hard copy), and will be accessible through the DPS Intranet and Internet websites. This will take the place of “DPS Forms” folders located in the Outlook Public Folders and the “P” drives. Employees should work with their area’s designated Forms Subject Matter Expert (SME) on what to do with any forms they use. Please contact Angie.Stabeno@txdps.state.tx.us if you are unsure who your SME is or if you have other questions.

Badges for retirees

If 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 for a mailed form.



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

75th Anniversary merchandise

You can find some special 75th Anniversary merchandise

online—including two types of lapel pins—at the DPSOA website (<http://shop.dpsoa.com/main.sc>). One of the lapel pins is a smaller replica of the special 75th anniversary badge, and the other is the 75th Jubilee logo.

Also available are a mug and a challenge coin, honoring the anniversary and DPS officers who have died in the line of duty. The back of the challenge coin was designed by the outgoing recruit class!

The Skinny On Healthy Eating

The American Dietetic Association offers the following tips for adults:

Start with a Plan

Start with two or three specific, small changes at a time.

Track your progress by keeping a food and activity log.

Get a personalized eating plan at www.mypyramid.gov.

Healthy Eating Tips

Change from a large plate to a smaller one.

Balance your plate with the right portions: ½ vegetables, ¼

lean meat, and ¼ grains.

Start your meal with fruits, vegetables, soups or salads.

Slow down. It takes 20 minutes for your brain to get the message that you’re full.

Physical Activity

Check with your doctor before beginning any exercise plan.

60 minutes a day—it’s OK to break up your physical activity into 10-minute sessions

Hungry for more? Call DPS Psychological Services at 512-424-2211.