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## Approved legislative budget brings pay raises

Mission accomplished: pay raises for non-commissioned and commissioned employees, which were the agency's top priority for the 79th session of the Texas Legislature, were approved.

The first "exceptional item" request was a salary increase and a law enforcement stipend for commissioned personnel and a 7 percent across the board salary increase for non-commissioned employees (4 percent in the 2006 biennium and an additional 3 percent in the 2007 biennium).

Exceptional items requested by DPS and approved by the Legislature included:

- 31 additional Special Crimes investigators and 20 additional staff members for counter-terrorism and homeland security;
- Continued funding for the DL Re-engineering project, the Driver Responsibility Program and the Fraud Unit;
- Image Verification Technology (facial recognition) to enhance the driver license system to combat identity theft and DL fraud;
- Additional personnel and funding for the Private Security Bureau, including restoring funds lost when Private Security was integrated into the Department last session.

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## Competitive exams for promotions announced

Competitive examinations for **Administration Division Lieutenant; Narcotics Service Sergeant; Special Crimes Service Sergeant; and Motor Vehicle Theft Service Sergeant** will be held at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19.

Examinations will be held at DPS Regional Headquarters Offices, except in Regions 6, 7 and 8. Region 6 examinations will be conducted at the Food Services/Culinary Arts Building Ballroom at Texas State Technical College, 401 Avenue D in Waco. Region 7 examinations will be conducted in the Robert E. Johnson Building, 1501 N. Congress in Austin. Region 8 examinations will be conducted at the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office, 715 East El Cibolo Road in Edinburg. *HR-106s for all examinations must be received no later than 5 p.m. on July 13.*

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Dear Fellow Employee,

On May 27, Recruit Jimmy Ray Carty Jr. died of injuries that he sustained during an arrest and control tactics drill at the Training Academy.

Recruit Carty was a member of the A-2005 recruit class that will graduate in August. He leaves behind a wife and three children.

We were saddened by his death, and our thoughts and prayers are with Recruit Carty's family, his fellow recruits and his recruit school counselors during this difficult time.

Donations to the family may be sent to:

Jimmy Ray Carty Jr. Fund  
Texas DPS Credit Union  
P.O. Box 15346  
Austin, TX 78761

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This legislative session went extremely well for DPS. If you were in contact with legislators about DPS's needs, please take the time to thank your local representative and senator for their support of DPS and our programs.

*Thomas A. Davis Jr.*

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## Awards

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### **TCLEOSE honors DPSers with achievement awards**

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education named several DPS troopers and investigators with law enforcement achievement awards.

Tr. **Joseph Hogue**, HP Mineola, received the award for professional achievement. Hogue was honored for his efforts to educate his peers by designing training materials and developing training skills. He travels around the state training fellow officers on interdiction techniques. The award cited several criminal interdictions, including a traffic stop that led to the dismantling of an international steroid smuggling ring.

Sgt. **Johnnie Jezierski**, Special Crimes Houston, received the award for public service. Jezierski has been working a campaign to stop the flow of money from organized crime to terrorism using stolen infant formula. During a two-year investigation into

stolen infant formula, he found that the formula was being stolen from grocery stores and then sold to middlemen. The middlemen then sometimes repackaged the formula to make it appear fresh or to make a cheaper brand appear to be a more expensive one. Jezierski shared information about his investigation with other investigators across the country, helping shut down numerous organized crime rings.

Sgt. **Carlton Scott**, Special Crimes Austin, received the award for public service. Scott is an expert on sex offender registration compliance and civil commitment enforcement. He was instrumental in forming the Civilly Committed Sexually Violent Predator program and has educated prosecutors and judges on the serious nature of sex offenses. Scott also has instructed DPS crime analysts, investigators and supervisors on how to most effectively prepare sex offender case files, search warrants and probable cause affidavits to secure convictions.

actions in assisting the public. Del Toro helped a Camp Wood, Texas, woman get medical assistance for her father, a truck driver who was experiencing what he thought was a heart attack at a Portland, Ore. truck stop. Her father was unable to get the attention of anyone outside his truck at the truck stop. Del Toro contacted EMTs in the area, and they transported him to a hospital, where it was discovered that he had suffered an aneurism near his heart.

### **DPS receives award for musical public safety commercial**

DPS recently received an award during the Combined Accident Reduction Enforcement (CARE) conference held in Birmingham, Ala.

DPS received first place in the Professional Production category for the public safety announcement "Roadside Warning." The PSA is also known as the "singing cops" commercial. DPS has received several awards over the past few years for the PSAs co-sponsored by the Texas Dept. of Transportation.



### ***On the mend...***

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

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

Tr. **Darrell C. Matthews**, CVE Hereford, injured in traffic crash, is back on light duty;

Tr. **Robert Mendez**, shot in arm during traffic stop, is back on light duty;

Good news! Tr. **Billy Horton**, HP Lubbock, injured during foot pursuit, has returned to work full-duty.

### **100 Club names HP trooper their Rookie of the Year**

The 100 Club of Houston has named Tr. 1 **Ralph Ohland**, HP Anderson, the Rookie of the Year for 2004. Ohland was nominated for his work production, work ethic and professionalism.

### **DPS Communications Operator named top Telecommunicator**

Kerrville PCO **Mark Del Toro** was named Telecommunicator of the Year for 2004 by the Texas Association of Public Safety Communications Officials for his

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## ***Short Shots***

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### **SWAT Team tryouts set**

The SWAT Team will be conducting SWAT tryouts from July 25 to 27. All interested troopers must contact Lt. Tacquard at 512-424-2339 by July 8 for application details. Troopers who live or work within two contiguous counties of Travis or Williamson are eligible.

### **Governor's office seeks Star of Texas awards nominees**

Sept. 11 is Texas First Respond-

ers Day, and the Governor's Office is seeking nominations for the 2005 Star of Texas Award for peace officers, firefighters and emergency medical first responders who were killed or seriously injured in the line of duty between May 1, 2004 and April 30, 2005. Nominations must be submitted no later than July 7. For more information, please see [www.governor.state.tx.us/divisions/cjd/awards/TexasStarAward/](http://www.governor.state.tx.us/divisions/cjd/awards/TexasStarAward/).

### **FBI Academy graduate**

**Lt. Levy Carl Wilson**, Texas Rangers Co. A Houston, has graduated from the FBI Academy.

### **TPEA seeks "Unsung Heroes"**

The Texas Public Employees Association is seeking nominees for their annual "Unsung Heroes" award. All state employees are eligible to win an award, whether they are members of TPEA or not. All nominees will receive a letter of recognition. Any two state employees may nominate another employee for recognition. Nomination forms must be received by TPEA by July 15. For more information and for nomination forms, see the TPEA website at [www.tpea.org](http://www.tpea.org).

### **Speir Scholarship deadline**

Wilson E. Speir Scholarship applications will be accepted through August 15. Students must be classified as full-time criminal justice majors and enrolled in Texas universities. Two scholarships will be awarded for \$500 per semester for up to two semesters.

Applicants should submit resumes and transcripts of completed

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## **Commissioned officers must verify education**

The Legislature has passed a salary stipend package for Commissioned Peace Officers on Schedule C effective September 1, 2005. Human Resources is attempting to verify college degrees and TCLEOSE certificates on file.

The following are instructions for officers to look at the information on file with Human Resources:

In Outlook go to: Folder List/Public Folders/All Public Folders/Human Resources. Open the Stipend spreadsheet and verify your college degree and TCLEOSE certificate.

This is the information on file with Human Resources as of June 17, 2005. If you determine the information is correct, no further action on your part is necessary. However, if your information is incorrect, please call one of the following HR employees:

Jennifer Hall (512) 424-7297

Wesley Green (512) 424-2716

Pat Parrish (512) 424-2000 Ext. 3350

Officers should be aware that any changes in education degrees will have to be documented by providing a certified copy of any transcripts. HR can verify TCLEOSE certificates online.

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college work to: Director's Office, c/o DPS, P.O. Box 4087, Austin TX 78773-0110.

### **Mark those calendars now-- 50 Big Ones for the Quarter Century Club!**

The 50th anniversary of the Quarter Century Club meeting and banquet will be held on Friday, April 7, 2006 in Waco at the Knox Hall.

Be sure to mark this date on your calendar and make plans to attend!

If you've been with the Department for 25 years or longer, this is the perfect opportunity to get together and enjoy fellowship with a group of people who share many of the same memories. For more information, please call Chief Coffman at (512) 424-2160 or Jennifer Hall at (512) 424-7297.

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## ***Pay raises, etc. approved, continued from page 1***

- Although a state-of-the-art driver training facility near the firing range on the Florence property in Williamson County was not approved, legislators did approve a feasibility study for the proposed project;

- Additional Crime Lab personnel and expenditures to keep up with the ever-increasing demand for case work;

- Funding for new buildings in Bryan, Snyder and Waxahachie and a new crime lab facility in Garland; and

- A computer equipment replacement schedule was partially funded, as well as a new helicopter in San Antonio.

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### **Promotions**

#### **Director's Staff**

**Rolando Rivas**, Lt., DL Corpus Christi to Inspector II, OAI Austin HQ.

#### **THP**

**Dana Clark Moore**, Staff Sgt., MCB Georgetown to Sgt., MCB Georgetown; **Kenneth Roy Sellers**, Staff Sgt., MCB Georgetown to Sgt., MCB Georgetown; **Duane Joseph Maldonado**, Sen. Cpl., CVE Del Rio to Sgt., CVE Eagle Pass; **Jerrod Wayne Lucas**, Tr. II, CVE Odessa to Sgt., CVE Huntsville;

**Adolph Villarreal**, Tr. II, CVE Riviera to Sgt., CVE Laredo; **Lloyd Gilbert McKinney, Jr.**, Tr. II, HP Marshall to Sgt., HP Decatur; **Calvin Wayne Buxton**, Tr. II, HP Plainview to Sgt., HP Childress; **Richard Daniel Howard**, Tr. III, HP Orange to Sgt., HP Austin Capitol;

**Daniel Gregory Terronez**, Sen. Tr., HP Pierce to Sgt., HP Del Rio; **Joseph Phillip Evans, II**, Tr. II, HP Seguin to Sgt., HP Midland; **Clair Herman Barnes, Jr.**, Tr. II, HP Plano to Sgt., HP McAllen; **Gregory James Schroeder**, Tr. II, HP Nacogdoches to Sgt., HP Brownsville;

**Jeffrey Todd Cummins**, Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Amarillo to Sgt., HP Laredo; **Brandon Christopher Calvin**, Tr. II, CVE Raymondville to Sgt., CVE Eagle Pass.

#### **DL**

**Mimzie Herklotz**, Asst. Mgr.,

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DL Austin to Mgr. DL Austin; **Michael Augustus Stoner**, Sen. Tr., DL Weatherford to Sgt., DL Longview; **Jordan Matlock Melson**, Tr. II, Odessa to Sgt., DL Midland.

#### **Retirements**

**David Russell Votaw**, Comm. Tech. Supervisor, Austin HQ, 24 yrs., 8 mos., 28 days; **Deborah Lee Hollon-Smith**, Examiner, DL San Antonio, 25 yrs., 9 mos., 28 days; **James Von Debrow, III**, Sgt., DL Austin, 24 yrs., 4 mos., 17 days; **Dorothy Cannon**, Rev. Processing Clerk, Accounting Austin HQ, 9 yrs., 7 mos., 8 days;

**Daniel Wayne Wainscott**, Sen. Tr., CVE Haskell, 29 yrs., 7 mos., 2 days; **Beatrice Soto**, Sen. Operator, Comm. Svc. McAllen, 27 yrs., 7 mos., 7 days; **Gary Wayne Rudd**, Sen. Tr., CVE San Marcos 27 yrs., 5 mos., 24 days; **Neta Paulette Slaughter**, Field Secretary, DL Waco, 26 yrs., 4 mos., 21 days;

**Michael Everett Holmes**, Sgt., CVE San Marcos, 22 yrs., 11 mos., 11 days; **Doris Louis Smith**, Examiner, DL Lake Worth, 18 yrs., 7 mos., 0 days; **Joseph Francis Miller**, Examiner, DL Amarillo, 18

yrs., 3 mos., 0 days; **Ricky Joe Thigpen**, Sen., Tr., CVE Livingston; **Velma Osejo**, Field Secretary, Harlingen, 11 yrs., 6 mos., 12 days; **Patty R. Ramirez**, Examiner, DL Lake Worth, 9 yrs., 11 mos., 29 days; **Joe N. Del Bosque**, Custodian III, HP Big Spring, 7 yrs., 3 mos., 17 days; **Robert C. Peebles**, Programmer V, IMS Austin HQ, 9 yrs., 5 mos., 19 days.

#### **Deaths**

**David Scott Fisher**, ret. Inspector III, MVI Garland (April 1959 – Dec. 1995) died May 18, 2005; **Jimmy Ray Carty, Jr.**, Tr. Trainee, Training Academy Austin HQ (Jan. 2005 – May 2005) died May 27, 2005; **Youndley Quay Tillery**, Tr. IV, HP Sherman (Feb. 1967 – May 1992) died June 3, 2005; **Jo Paul Archer**, Attorney, DL Lubbock (Jan. 2004 – June 2005) died June 8, 2005;

**Jack Harrell Straley**, ret. Sgt., HP Van Horn (March 1956 – May 1987) died May 15, 2005; **Robert F. Robert F. Standley**, ret. Admin. Asst., ERS Austin HQ (Feb. 1994 – July 2004) died May 23, 2005; **Rae Nell Witter**, Admin. Tech., DL Austin HQ (April 1970 – March 1996) died May 14, 2005.

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## *Promotional examinations, from page 1*

The competitive examinations for **Texas Ranger Division Captain and Lieutenant** will be conducted at the DPS Academy on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 8 a.m. The competitive examinations for **Aircraft Section Sergeant** will be conducted at the DPS Academy on Wednesday, Oct. 5. *HR-106s must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Aug. 31 for the Ranger examinations and no later than 5 p.m. on Sept. 26 for the Aircraft examination.*

See announcements for interview board dates and details, or call 512-424-3816. DPS "on the air": 512-424-7777

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