

DPS Chaparral



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DPS!



(DPS Troopers wearing vintage [pre1950] uniforms.)

DPS offices across the state celebrated 75 years of service to the state with regional events and a memorial motorcycle ride that covered 2,521 miles of Texas

roadways in late July and early August.

The statewide celebration in Austin on August 6 attracted an estimated 3,000 people—many

of them not associated with DPS. They enjoyed the numerous displays and demonstrations, as well as the activities in the kids' area. It was hot—but fun!

First female DPS Deputy Director named

The Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, **Steven McCraw**, with advice and consent of the Public Safety Commission, has named **Cheryl MacBride** as Deputy Director of Services for the Department of Public Safety. She becomes the first female to serve DPS at the deputy director level.

MacBride, who will take over as Deputy Director for Services on Aug. 28, replaces **Brad Rable**, who is leaving DPS to return to the private sector.

As Deputy Director for Services, MacBride will oversee the Driver License Division, Regulatory Services Division, Adminis-

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tration Division, Law Enforcement Support Division, Finance Division and the Information Technology Division.

"Serving DPS as Chief Financial Officer over the past ten months has been a wonderful experience," MacBride said. "I look forward to expanding my responsibilities for the agency."

MacBride currently is the DPS Chief Financial Officer. She has previously served as deputy commissioner for administration at the Texas General Land Office and Veterans Land Board before joining DPS and has worked for the State of Texas for 24 years. MacBride is a certified fraud examiner and a certified government financial manager. She has been a trustee of the Employees' Retirement System since November 2009.

Mile Markers

Promotions

Law Enforcement Support

Michael J. Chernivec, Operator, LES Austin to Supervisor, LES Austin.

Criminal Investigations Division

Donald J. Druessedow, Agent, CID Corpus Christi to Lt., CID Corpus Christi; **David V. Martinez**, Agent, CID San Angelo to Lt., CID Del Rio; **Sergio Villarreal**, Agent, CID Austin to Lt., Capitol District Austin.

Highway Patrol Division

Mario Lopez, Capt., HP Laredo to Major HP McAllen; **Orlando Alanis**, Lt., HP Laredo to Capt., HP

Laredo; **Steven E. McQuagge**, Lt., CVE Laredo to Capt., CVE Laredo; **Norberto Gonzalez, Jr.**, Cpl III, CVE Rio Grande City to Sgt., CVE Laredo.

Retirements

Betty Faye Williams, Clerk, HR Austin, 33 yrs., 4 mos.; **Connie Sue Troupe**, Tech., Finance Austin, 30 yrs., 8 mos.; **Kent D. Kinkade**, Sen. Forensic Specialist, Crime Lab Austin, 29 yrs., 4 mos., 10 days;

Jerry Dee Hatley, Supervisor, Communications Amarillo, 29 yrs., 1 mo., 27 days; **Douglas Charles Kunkel**, Major, CID Austin, 29 yrs., 1 mo., 21 days; **Michael Jay Holle**, Sen., Forensic Specialist, Crime Lab Austin, 27 yrs., 7 mos., 18 days; **Carol Sue Boll**, Tech., Finance Austin, 17 yrs., 11 mos., 19 days;

Alvin Lee Schmidt, Ranger, Texas Rangers, 39 yrs., 10 mos., 8 days; **Terry Erwin Siegmund**, Analyst, IT Austin, 31 yrs., 8 mos.; **Deborah Ann Bammert**, Clerk, Regulatory Svc. Austin, 24 yrs., 2 mos.; **Jose Ruben Castro**, Agent, CID Texas City, 24 yrs., 1 mo., 20 days;

Susan J. McDougal, Negotiator, MCB Austin, 22 yrs., 3 mos., 20 days; **Kim Thi Dease**, Tech., DL Houston 18 yrs., 1 mo., 16 days; **Nora Saldana**, Tech. II, LES Austin, 14 yrs., 10 mos.; **Cora Lee Gorbet**, Officer III, Capitol Austin, 12 yrs., 1 mo., 29 days; **Sandra Kelly Wilson**, Officer III, Capitol Austin, 8 yrs., 2 mos., 14 days; **Irma Tamez Chapa**, Tech., DL Harlingen, 28 yrs., 1 mo., 17 days; **Michael E. Freeman**, Food Svc. Manager, Education, Training & Research Austin, 10 yrs., 2 mos., 29 days.



On the mend...

Tr. **Andre Crathers**, HP Killeen, injured running after a fleeing suspect.

Tr. **Teresa Vargas**, HP Laredo, injured in a traffic crash during a vehicle pursuit.

Tr. **Brett Whellis**, HP Helotes, injured attempting to arrest suspect.

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.

Deaths

Debbie Denise Sims, Tech. II, CID Austin (August 2001 – July 2010) died July 14, 2010; **Roy Sherrod**, ret. PCO IV, HP Lubbock (February 1957 – October 1997) died August 10, 2012; **Kevin Lynn Massey**, Agent, CID Abilene (March 1990 – August 4, 2010) died August 4, 2010; **C.C. Benson**, Sgt., HP Ft. Worth (August 1937 – June 1946) died August 5, 2010.

Briefs

History-making recruit class

Twenty-nine recruits graduated from the DPS Training Academy Aug. 13. They were the first to graduate from the Department's Advanced Recruit School. All 29 were already police officers when they entered the eight-week school, and all had guaranteed duty stations before they started the course. Know anyone who wants to be a trooper? Guide them to the DPS website: www.join dps.com.

HOUSTON

Hundreds of people joined the festivities at the Houston regional office. The day was hot and muggy, but spirits were high.



Right: This SWAT vehicle was one of several current and vintage vehicles that were on display.



Above: Some guests beat the heat by looking at exhibits inside the building.

Left: Two DPS employees "demonstrate" arrest and control techniques from back in the day next to a vintage patrol vehicle.

GARLAND

Commissioner Tom Clowe shows off his custom 75th anniversary boots, made by Justin Boots.



Micah Burns gets her face painted in the kids' area.



Above: the Region 1 Honor Guard presented the colors at the beginning of the event.



Left: The Lawmen Country Band, with several former DPSers as members, provided the entertainment.

LUBBOCK



*Above: A wreath was laid at the base of three memorials honoring three DPS officers who died in the line of duty in the Lubbock area: **Jerry Don Davis, Felix A. Murphy and David A. McGonagill.***



Left: Lunch, and lots of cold drinks, were served to guests at the Lubbock celebration. Cloud cover helped keep the day pleasant.



*Above: Guests enjoyed a display of DPS vehicles from the past and present--plus a small four-wheeler painted to look like a patrol car.
Left: Buglers from the Region 5 Honor Guard.*

EL PASO



Left: A giant American flag welcomed guests to the El Paso celebration, held at the DPS facility at the Ysleta Port of Entry.



The DPS helicopter was on display for guests.



DPS canine officers demonstrated training techniques for drug and currency detection.



*Participants in the statewide motorcycle ride stopped at the DPS office in Van Horn, which was Patrolman **Hardy Matthews**' first duty station. **Rex Akin** is holding Hardy's badge.*

MCALLEN

Right: Dignitaries joined hundreds of DPS friends and family members at the McAllen Convention Center.



Above: The Region 3 Honor Guard prepares the 21-gun salute.

Left: 4-wheeler used by DPS SWAT team.



Left: DPS Aviator, Texas Ranger and a Highway Patrol Trooper visit with Sheriff's deputies. Right: DPS patrol vehicles on display outside the convention center.



SAN ANTONIO



Tr. Jason Reyes listened to Tr. Glen Scales play “Amazing Grace” on the bagpipes.



Lt. Col. Lamar Beckworth tries to break a pinata.



A Mariachi band provided entertainment at the celebration.



The kids’ area provided face painting and other activities.

AUSTIN

Thousands of people braved the heat to enjoy the festivities in Austin. Dozens of activities were available, including hands-on crime solving, polygraph demonstrations and plenty of kids' activities.





The Aviation section transported the SWAT team to Building E on the DPS HQ campus. The SWAT team fast-roped from the helicopter to the roof of the building, then entered the building as two other members rappelled from the roof to the second floor to provide cover for the team members inside the building. Members inside the building then brought out a “victim” and entered their armored vehicle and left the scene.