

DPS Chaparral



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Dear fellow employee,

It is a great honor to have been named the interim director of this great agency. I appreciate the trust that the Public Safety Commission has placed in me, and I will do the absolute best job that I can do.

The very first thing I did as director of the agency was to appoint **Lamar Beckworth** as assistant director. His excellent people skills make him a valuable addition to my leadership team. There is a lot of work to be done, and Lt. Col. Beckworth is an important part of accomplishing that.

We have seen many changes over the past few months. Several key members of the management team have left DPS, and they will be greatly missed. One thing I have learned in more than 35 years at this agency is that DPS will move forward and adapt to change--as it already has--and I am proud to be part of the effort to make this Department the best it can be.

At the end of September, the Public Safety Commission will receive the management study they ordered earlier this year. I suspect there will be a number of changes that we will make over the next several months. In addition, the legislative session starts in January, and I know that we will all be busy responding to legislative inquiries.



Col. Stan Clark



Lt. Col. Lamar Beckworth

Communication is critical to the success of our agency, both from management to each of you in the field--and from each of you in the field to your managers and to me. I'm not just saying that without meaning it. I am serious. You should know that your opinion is important to me and to Lt. Col. Beckworth.

You probably have noticed the "AsktheColonel" e-mail address at the bottom of each page of the *Chaparral*. Please know that I do read those e-mails, and I respond as I am able. Lt. Col. Beckworth and I plan to spend time visiting the regions as well. Please take advantage of that opportunity to talk with us. We want to know how you think the agency could be better, and do better, for its employees and the

Texans we serve.



It's clear to me that this agency does an admirable job of serving Texas and Texans. That was obvious during the evacuation for Hurricane Gustav, which hit southwestern Louisiana at the end of August, and during our response to Hurricane Ike two weeks later. I am so proud of all of you. I have heard many compliments about the DPS response and each one of them was deserved--as were all the thank yous! Thank you for all your long hours away from your families and all that you continue to do. You are the embodiment of "Courtesy, Service, Protection." Keep up the good work.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stanley E. Clark".

DPS response to Hurricane



Left: A trooper looks at a partially submerged stop sign in Orange. Right: Troopers look at buildings in Orange that have several feet of water in them. Below: A pickup truck floating on a street in Orange. (Photos by Tr. Mike Cantu, HP Seguin)



More than 1,500 troopers and other DPS personnel from across the Lone Star state worked long hours before and after Hurricane Ike made landfall at Galveston and moved onshore and throughout East Texas. Search and rescue efforts, providing security, traffic management and damage assessment were priorities for DPS. Eight helicopters (each with a Dive Team member) and four airplanes took part in hurricane-related activities. DPS Disaster District operations centers helped coordinate state agency resources in their areas.



Above left: Houses on North Galveston Bay were inundated. Damage was widespread. Left: Air crews surveying Goat Island and Crystal Beach shortly after Ike passed found standing water and few structures where once there had been hundreds. (Photos taken by DPS Aircraft Flight Crew 108.)

Briefs

DVAP needs sponsors

The DPS Veteran's Assistance Program, or DVAP, is seeking individuals with prior active duty military experience to serve as sponsors for DPS employees deployed to active duty in the military.

Sponsors are assigned to DPS personnel who are called to active duty and make contact with the employee prior to and during deployment. Upon return to DPS, the sponsor is available to help the employee reintegrate into DPS life as smoothly as possible.

Interested individuals should have at least one year post-deployment prior to becoming a sponsor.

For further information on becoming a DVAP sponsor, please contact Capt. **Tim Ochsner** at 512-936-9226 or 512-567-7491; Lt. **David Franklin** at 512-997-4195; or Lt. **Ed Burris** at 956-605-0897.



In just one week in September, in two separate investigations, DPS Narcotics agents seized two tons of marijuana in the Hidalgo County city of Pharr. The two busts yielded nearly 8,200 pounds of marijuana worth \$3.4 million, 12 vehicles and 15 suspects. Above: Wooden crates filled with marijuana and sawdust, seized from an 18-wheeler.

Lend a helping hand!

The State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) is in the home stretch. Every year state employees are given an opportunity to donate to their favorite charities. It's as easy as a onetime donation or a monthly donation taken directly from your payroll check. If you are interested, please contact your local SECC coordinator. Hurry though; the campaign ends Oct. 31.

Mandatory comp time notice

State law requires that if an employee submits a written request (HR-11) for time off at least 90 days prior to the date accrued state equivalent compensatory time is set to lapse, the supervisor must (1) approve the requested leave time, or (2) provide the employee with an alternate date to use the compensatory time prior to the lapse date. For more information, refer to Chapter 7, 07.06.08, of the General Manual.

SWAT officers needed

SWAT will be conducting try-outs October 14, 15 and 16. All commissioned officers who work or reside within four contiguous counties of Travis or Williamson may apply. Applicants must submit a memo through their chain of command with endorsements through their major. Applicants should contact Lt. **David Franklin**, CIS Austin, at 512-997-4195 for additional information.

Arts and Crafts Fair

The DPS Arts and Crafts Fair takes place Thursday, November 6 starting at 8 a.m. at DPS Headquarters, Building A. Current and retired employees get first selection on booths, followed by extended family. For booth information, contact **Rosa** at 512-424-7075 or **Reba** at 512-424-2354 or 2395.

Awards

Police Officer Antonio Rojas received a Director's Award for his assistance in a narcotics investigation. While a deputy with the Mason County Sheriff's Office, Rojas helped DPS investigate methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana distribution in Mason, McCulloch and surrounding counties. As a result of the investigation, more than 50 alleged members of a drug trafficking organization are scheduled for indictment. Lt. **Brian Baxter**, Narcotics San Angelo, nominated Rojas for the award.

Mile Markers

Promotions**DL**

Robert J. Sells, Lt., DL Austin to Capt., DL Garland.

CLE

Enrique Muniz, Sgt., CIS Houston to Lt., CIS Houston.

THP

James Dale Reyer, Sgt., HP Webster to Lt., HP Del Rio; **Richard Corey Lain**, Cpl. II, HP Wichita Falls to Sgt., HP Wichita Falls; **Matthew Everett Dusek**, Tr. II, HP El Paso to Sgt., HP Garland; **Thomas William Moore, III**, Cpl. III, HP Big Spring to Sgt., HP Ozona;

Jason Wayne Bundy, Tr. III, HP Henderson to Sgt., HP Jacksonville; **Audrey Florence O'Leary**, Tr. II, HP Corsicana to Sgt., HP Uvalde; **Steven Randall Oliver**, Tr. III, HP Denton to Sgt., HP Trophy Club; **Michael Lee Johnson**, Tr. II, HP Canton to Sgt., HP Terrell;

Angela Cheri Fountain, Cpl. III, HP Magnolia to Sgt., HP Austin-Capitol; **Michael Lee Hodgson**; Cpl. II, HP Sierra Blanca to Sgt., HP Van Horn.

Retirements

Thomas Alson Davis, Jr., Colonel, Austin, 43 yrs., 9 mos., 13 days; **Henry Howard Brune, Jr.**, Sgt., MVT San Antonio, 41 yrs., 5 mos., 24 days; **Lawrence Thomas Cuny**, Major, DL Austin, 41 yrs., 5 mos.;

Lawrence Eugene Kocurek,

Sgt., MVT Austin, 39 yrs., 1 mo., 8 days; **James Robert Wheelless**, Supv., IMS Austin, 37 yrs., 11 mos., 5 days; **Patricia Ann Nunez**, Supv., BIA Austin, 36 yrs.; **Angela Lois Stabeno**, Supv., General Services Austin, 35 yrs., 3 mos.;

Alvin John Vaughan, Sen. Cpl., HP Hondo, 32 yrs., 10 mos., 2 days; **Jack Leroy Reichert**, Chief Pilot, Aircraft Section Austin, 32 yrs., 10 mos., 2 days;

Samuel LaWayne Culpepper, Sgt., Training Austin, 30 yrs., 3 mos., 7 days; **Jimmy Cardenas**, Sgt., HP Beeville, 29 yrs., 7 mos., 21 days; **Javier H. Cortinas**, Sgt., Narcotics Svc. San Antonio, 29 yrs., 7 mos., 21 days; **Carlos De La Rosa, III**, Sgt., CVE Eagle Pass, 29 yrs., 7 mos., 21 days;

Larry Alvin Martin, Sgt., Aircraft Section McAllen, 29 yrs., 6 days; **Marrie Reynolds Aldridge**, Sgt., Rangers, Floresville, 28 yrs., 8 mos., 22 days; **Felipe Escobedo, Jr.**, Sgt., HP Weslaco, 28 yrs., 7 mos., 22 days;

Douglas Neal Vance, Lt., Narcotics Svc. Austin, 28 yrs., 7 mos., 22 days; **Charles Perry Woods**, Sgt., MVT Del Rio, 28 yrs., 7 mos., 22 days; **Eugene De Los Santos**, Sen. Cpl., HP Corpus Christi, 28 yrs., 2 mos., 20 days;

Minerva Martinez Peña, Sgt., DL Harlingen, 28 yrs., 2 mos., 20 days; **Reymundo Guerrero**, Sgt., CIS Harlingen, 27 yrs., 7 mos., 17 days; **Rolando Albert Holguin, Jr.**, Sgt., Narcotics Svc. El Paso, 27 yrs., 7 mos., 17 days;

Jose Juvenal Grajeda, Sgt., Narcotics Svc. El Paso, 27 yrs., 2

mos., 21 days; **Johnney Wayne Whiteaker**, Sen. Tr., HP Uvalde, 26 yrs., 5 mos., 21 days; **Robert Zamorano**, Sgt., CIS Weslaco, 26 yrs., 5 mos., 21 days; **Raymond Leamon Hopson**, Sr. Tr., CVE Jasper, 26 yrs., 2 mos., 22 days;

Tommy Ray Cain, Sen., Tr., HP Weatherford, 23 yrs., 7 mos., 22 days; **Patrick John Williams**, Sen. Tr., DL Garland, 23 yrs., 7 mos., 22 days; **Erwin Mangona Ballarta**, Lt., Training Austin, 21 yrs., 7 mos., 11 days; **William Frank Cloud**, Sen. Tr., DL Cleburne, 21 yrs., 7 mos., 11 days;

Morgan Louis Miller, Sgt., Rangers Victoria, 40 yrs., 4 mos.; **Richard Keith Johnson**, Sgt., Rangers Wichita Falls, 36 yrs., 10 mos., 25 days; **Michael Wayne McClure**, Sgt., HP Brownfield, 36 yrs., 2 mos., 3 days; **Artemio Espinoza Garza**, Major, HP McAllen, 34 yrs., 2 mos., 19 days;

Roger Wayne Lough, Sgt., Rangers Paris, 34 yrs., 2 mos., 19 days; **James Robert Allen, Jr.**, Major, HP Houston, 33 yrs., 11 mos., 27 days; **James Louis Miller**, Asst. Chief, Rangers Austin, 33 yrs., 6 mos., 19 days; **Timothy Wayne Stewart**, Lt., MVT Garland, 33 yrs., 6 mos., 19 days; **Dwight Ray Deaton**, Sgt., HP Greenville, 32 yrs., 10 mos., 2 days;

Troy Alan Gayden, Sen. Tr., CVE Waco, 32 yrs., 10 mos., 2 days; **David Louis Jones**, Sgt., CIS San Angelo, 32 yrs., 10 mos., 2 days; **Thomas Earl Ratliff**, Sgt., Rangers San Marcos, 32 yrs., 10 mos., 2 days; **Monty Louis Dial**, Sen. Tr., CVE Garland, 31 yrs., 2

mos., 23 days;

Kent Weir Mawyer, Chief, CLE Austin, 31 yrs., 2 mos., 23 days; **Jose Luis Segundo**, Sgt., CIS McAllen, 31 yrs., 2 mos., 23 days; **Morris Allan Arnold**, Major, HP Midland, 30 yrs., 8 mos., 24 days; **Gerardo Benjamin Estrada**, Lt., MVT Garland, 30 yrs., 8 mos., 24 days; **Jerry Marshall Schwab**, Lt., Narcotics Svc. Amarillo, 30 yrs., 8 mos., 24 days;

Roy Dennis Bowden, Sen. Tr., CVE Brenham, 30 yrs., 3 mos., 7 days; **Dale Curtis St. John**, Capt., OAI Austin, 30 yrs., 3 mos., 7 days; **Cynthia Diane Reid**, Tech. III, Crime Records Svc. Austin, 30 yrs., 1 mo., 12 days; **Matt Lynn Andrews**, Sgt., Rangers Brady, 29 yrs., 7 mos., 21 days;

Cristoval Rodriguez, Capt., Narcotics Svc. El Paso, 29 yrs., 7 mos., 21 days; **Van Marvin Loggins**, Sen. Cpl., CVE Lufkin, 29 yrs., 2 mos., 18 days; **Lester Ray Mills**, Asst. Chief, Administration Austin, 29 yrs., 2 mos., 18 days; **Robert Clifton Floyd**, Lt., DL Garland, 28 yrs., 7 mos., 22 days;

Joey Dale Gordon, Sgt., Rangers Llano, 28 yrs. 7 mos., 22 days; **John Robert Perdue, Jr.**, Sen. Tr., CVE Tyler, 28 yrs., 7 mos., 17 days; **Donald Roy Bender**, Sen. Tr., Regulatory Licensing Humble, 28 yrs., 2 mos., 20 days; **Derald Glenn Rogers**, Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Conroe, 28 yrs., 2 mos., 20 days;

Ronnie Dale Smallwood, Lt., CVE Houston, 28 yrs., 2 mos., 20 days; **Roger Dale Hermes**, Sgt., Narcotics Svc. San Antonio, 27

yrs., 7 mos., 17 days; **John Norman Pellizzari**, Sen. Cpl., CVE Decatur, 27 yrs., 7 mos., 17 days; **Miguel Angel Rodriguez**, Sen. Cpl., HP Cotulla, 27 yrs., 7 mos., 17 days;

Juan Manuel Sandoval, Sen. Tr., CVE Laredo, 27 yrs., 7 mos., 17 days; **Granville Douglas Triplett**, Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Lubbock, 27 yrs., 7 mos., 17 days; **Michael James Dawson**, Sen. Tr., CVE Big Spring, 27 yrs., 2 mos., 21 days; **Larry Wayne Cosby**, Sgt., CIS Lufkin, 26 yrs., 8 mos., 28 days;

Richard Rodriguez Fernandez, Lt., Narcotics Svc. Del Rio, 26 yrs., 5 mos., 21 days; **Mark Dale Reinhardt**, Sgt., Rangers Cleburne, 26 yrs., 5 mos., 21 days; **Charles Randall Loftin**, Sen. Tr., CVE Tyler, 26 yrs., 2 mos., 22 days; **Alex Ochoa**, Sgt., Narcotics Svc. McAllen, 26 yrs., 2 mos., 22 days;

Antonio Rico, Jr., Sen. Cpl., HP San Antonio, 26 yrs., 2 mos., 22 days; **Bertha Fonseca**, Admin. Asst., Narcotics Svc. Harlingen, 24 yrs., 11 mos., 25 days; **Baldemar Sandoval**, Lt., CVE McAllen, 24 yrs., 2 mos., 18 days; **Frank Harrison Ellis, III**, Sen. Cpl. HP Friona, 24 yrs., 2 mos., 2 days;

William Vaughan Robinson, Examiner, DL San Angelo, 23 yrs., 9 mos.; **Gilberto Rivas Capuchina**, Sgt., CIS McAllen, 23 yrs., 7 mos., 22 days; **Bennie Howell English**, Sen. Tr., HP Ozona, 22 yrs., 2 mos., 20 days; **Randy Eugene Barnes**, Sgt., CIS Tyler, 21 yrs., 7 mos., 11 days;

Gary Lee Myles, Lt., HP Waco, 19 yrs., 10 mos., 13 days;

Robert Perry Slusser, Sgt., MVT Midland, 19 yrs., 10 mos., 13 days; **Waylon Leon Campbell**, Tr., HP Austin, 17 yrs.; **Michel LaHood**, Sen. Tr., HP Austin, 17 yrs.; **Rex Delbert Smith**, Sgt., Governor's Protective Detail Austin, 17 yrs.;

Ronald Wayne Woods, Lt., HP Austin, 17 days; **Amelia Jane Taylor**, Examiner, DL Hereford, 29 yrs., 1 mo., 6 days; **John David Ross**, Tech., HP Bonham, 17 yrs., 2 mos.; **Shirley Ann Jennings**, Examiner, DL Humble, 8 yrs., 1 mo.

Deaths

Charles R. Vines, ret. Capt., L&W Corpus Christi (September 1947 - August 1984) died August 10, 2008; **Robert L. Banister**, ret. Lt., DL Garland (November 1955 - August 1992) died August 23, 2008; **James Ashwood**, ret. Patrolman II, HP Midland (August 1958 - December 1979) died August 28, 2008;

Bob G. Joseph, ret. Capt., Narcotics Svc. Midland (November 1957 - August 1992) died August 30, 2008; **Eddie Keese**, ret. Tr., MVI Garland (January - March 2006) died September 7, 2008; **Vick Atwood**, ret. Patrolman, HP Big Lake (Dec. 1947 - Dec. 1979) died September 13, 2008; **Larry A. Martin**, ret. Pilot, Aircraft Section McAllen (Aug. 1979 - August 2008) died September 16, 2008.



*On the
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Tr. Justin Stohler, HP
Bryan, motor vehicle crash

Promotional tests, oral interview boards scheduled

The competitive examinations for the following positions will be conducted at the DPS Regional Headquarters Offices unless otherwise noted.

Candidates who do not submit a HR-106 by the deadline to the Human Resources Bureau will not be eligible to participate in the written examinations. No walk-ins will be allowed.

Region 1 examinations will be conducted at the Garland Police Department located at 1891 Forest Lane, Garland, 75042. Candidates need to enter the door marked "Garland Police Department" and check in with the Desk Officer.

Region 6 examinations will be conducted at TSTC, 401 Avenue D, Waco (Food Services/Culinary Arts Building Ballroom).

Region 7 examinations will be conducted at the Legislative Conference Center, State Capitol Extension, 1400 North Congress Avenue, (Room E2.002) Austin. Parking is available on the top level of State Parking Garage A, 1401 San Jacinto in Austin.

Region 8 examinations will be conducted at the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office, 715 East El Cibolo Road, Edinburg) as follows:

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 8 a.m.

Captain, Highway Patrol
Lieutenant, Highway Patrol
Lieutenant, Administration
Lieutenant, Texas Rangers
Sergeant, Highway Patrol
Sergeant, Texas Rangers

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1:30 p.m.

Captain, CVE
Lieutenant, CVE
Lieutenant, Motor Vehicle Theft
Sergeant, CVE
Sergeant, Motor Vehicle Theft

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 8 a.m.

Lieutenant, Narcotics
Sergeant, Aircraft

Sergeant, Narcotics
Sergeant, Criminal Intelligence
Supervisor, Police Communications Facility
Supervisor, Vehicle Inspection

The Oral Examining Board will convene at the Texas Highway Patrol Division Conference Room beginning at 1 p.m. as follows: (The interview board starting time for this board may be adjusted due to schedule conflicts. Candidates will be notified of any changes.)

Captain, CVE, Wednesday, Nov. 19

The Oral Examining Board will convene at the Texas Highway Patrol Division Conference Room beginning at 8 a.m. as follows: (The interview board starting time for this board may be adjusted due to schedule conflicts. Candidates will be notified of any changes.)

Captain, Highway Patrol, Thursday, Nov. 20

The Oral Examining Board will convene at the Texas Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Promotional System Conference Room beginning at 8 a.m. as follows:

Lieutenant, Highway Patrol, Wednesday, Oct. 29

Lieutenant, Texas Rangers, Wednesday, Oct. 29

Lieutenant, CVE, Thursday, Oct. 30

Lieutenant, Administration, Friday, Oct. 31

Lieutenant, Motor Vehicle Theft, Monday, Nov. 3

Lieutenant, Narcotics, Monday, Nov. 10

Sergeant, CVE, Wednesday, Nov. 12

Sergeant, Aircraft, Monday, Nov. 17

Sergeant, Texas Rangers, Wednesday, Nov. 19

Sergeant, Criminal Intelligence, Monday, Dec. 8

Sergeant, Narcotics, Monday, Dec. 15

Supervisor, Police Communications Facility, as needed

Supervisor, Vehicle Inspection, as needed

The Oral Examining Board will convene at the Texas Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Promotional System Conference Room beginning at 1 p.m. as follows:

Sergeant, Highway Patrol, Tuesday, Nov. 4

Sergeant, Motor Vehicle Theft, Tuesday, Dec. 2

The application form HR-106 should be submitted directly to the Human Resources Bureau. Applicants must also submit a copy of form HR-106 to their Service Commander through proper channels. Only those candidates who are qualified will be able to compete in the written examinations.

Applications should be addressed to the Human Resources Bureau, MSC 0251, Texas Department of Public Safety, Box 4087, Austin, Texas 78773, faxed to 512-424-5627, or emailed through DPS e-mail system to "Jennica Sorrells" and should be received no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 13. Candidates who do not submit a HR-106 by the deadline to the Human Resources Bureau will not be eligible to participate in the written examinations. No walk-ins will be allowed.

Announcements can be found in Outlook at Public Folders/All Public Folders/Law Enforcement Promotions. Application form HR-106 can be found in Outlook.