



# DPS Chaparral

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## A special message from the Colonel

An increase in the number of commissioned officers here at DPS and a large number of retirements have combined to form a need for additional recruit schools to fill those vacancies. We need--and we're counting on--each and every employee to do their part to bring quality applicants through our doors. There is no better recruiting tool than word of mouth advertising from satisfied employees. Your passion for your job and pride in the Department are powerful marketing tools that are not utilized enough.

*I have a special task for our commissioned employees: Recruiting needs to be a priority in your daily work. Seek out qualified candidates and encourage them to consider a career with the Department.*

We have at least two recruit schools scheduled for 2007, and we can't fill those slots without your help. Our easy to remember toll-free number, 1-866-TXTROOP (898-7667) rings directly into the recruiting office.

## New commissioner appointed

Texas Gov. Rick Perry has appointed **Louis E. Sturns** of Fort Worth to the Public Safety Commission, the three-member commission that oversees the Texas Department of Public Safety. He replaces former commissioner Colleen McHugh and his term will expire Dec. 31, 2011.

Sturns is a general practice attorney with Mallory and Sturns. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas and served on the Texas Racing Commission until his appointment to the Public Safety Commission. Sturns also served as judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals from 1990 to 1991 and is a former member of the Texas Juvenile Justice Advisory Board and the Texas Ethics Commission.

## Be a DEAR: Support organ donation

In an effort to increase the number of people interested in donating their organs when they die, the 79th Texas Legislature created the Donor Education, Awareness and Registry (DEAR) program and the Texas Organ, Tissue and Eye Donor Council.

As part of that program, DPS has begun offering driver license and identification card applicants the opportunity to register as an organ donor. Applicants can have **DONOR** indicated on their DL/ID, or they may consent in writing to be added to an Internet-based registry.

Currently, there are about 6,700 Texans on the waiting list to receive donor organs. Nationally, 93,000 people are awaiting a transplant; last year

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*"If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters..."*

Dear fellow employee,

The quote above sums it up: doing right, even when no one is looking, is the right thing to do.

As the state's law enforcement agency, the people of the state of Texas expect a lot of us.

Unfortunately, a number of incidents in recent months have made it clear that some of us have no idea how important—and how valuable—our integrity is.

Once your good reputation is gone, it's almost impossible to get back. It's also more difficult for the agency to recover.

Please keep that in mind.

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On a happier note, I want to take this opportunity to welcome **Louis Sturns** to the Public Safety Commission. I am sure his experience as a judge and on the Texas Ethics Commission will benefit this agency. I look forward to working closely with Mr. Sturns.

*Thomas A. Davis Jr.*

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## Short Shots

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### Dive Team looking for you

The DPS Dive Recovery Team is seeking applicants for tryouts. Any commissioned THP trooper wishing to apply for consideration should submit a memo through their chain of command, forwarding the original directly to Lt. **Ronnie Tacquard** in the THP Chief's office. You must also notify Lt. Tacquard of your intent to apply—either in person or by calling 512-424-2339.

### Promotional Exams announced

The competitive examination for **Lieutenant, Highway Patrol Service**, will be Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 8 a.m. at the CLE Auditorium in Austin.

The competitive examination for

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there were fewer than 7,000 donors in the United States. About 18 people die each day in the United States because not enough organs are available. One person can save up to eight lives by donating their organs.

DPS will electronically transfer donor applicant information to the Internet registry with the implementation of the new driver license system in 2007. **Greg Gloria**, assistant chief of the Driver License Division, is the DPS representative on the Texas Organ, Tissue and Eye Donor Council.

**Signing a donor card or an advanced directive is not enough. The most important thing you can do, if you want to be a donor, is to inform your family of your decision to donate, so they can carry out your wishes when the time comes.**

To register online, please visit [www.texasdear.org](http://www.texasdear.org).

**Captain, Criminal Intelligence Service, and Captain, Motor Vehicle Theft Service**, will be Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, at 8 a.m. at the DPS Academy. For more information on how to apply, please contact Capt. **Terry Preston** in the Human Resources Bureau in Austin.

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### Promotions

#### HP

**Matt Wayne Garrison**, Sgt., HP Midland to Lt., HP Garland; **Steven Wade Tuggle**, Tr. III, HP Granbury to Sgt., HP Brownwood; **Charles Booker, Jr.**, Tr. II, HP Bastrop to Sgt., HP Austin-Capitol.

#### Rangers

**Juan Enrique Lozano**, Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Del Rio to Sgt., Rangers Midland.

#### DL

**Oscar Villarreal**, Tr. II, HP Midland to Sgt., DL Midland; **Patrick Alan Heintz**, Tr. II, DL Plano to Sgt., DL Beaumont; **Paul Sinclair Sigman**, Tr. II, HP Texarkana to Sgt., DL Laredo.

### Retirements

**Wanda Sue Stephenson**, Admin. Asst. II, DL Brownwood, 36 yrs., 9 mos., 15 days; **Susan Cheryl Bass**, Admin. Asst. II, HP Houston, 20 yrs., 11 mos., 24 days; **Laura Lynn Stallings**, Admin. Asst. II, DL Lubbock, 7 yrs., 9 days; **Frankie L. Thornton**, Clerk III, SR Austin-HQ, 4 yrs., 9 mos., 29 days;

**Jamie Ray Duke**, Sen. Cpl., HP Abilene, 29 yrs., 2 mos., 23 days; **Steven Craig Powell**, Capt., Aircraft Section, 29 yrs., 2 mos., 23 days; **Gary Steven Patterson**, Program Supv. I, HP Waco, 28 yrs., 5 mos., 16 days; **Ben Lamar Bean, Jr.**, Sen.

Tr., CVE Baytown, 28 yrs., 3 mos., 7 days;

**Oscar Daniel Lopez**, Sen. Tr., CVE Falfurrias, 27 yrs., 7 mos., 21 days; **Dottie Ann Winters**, Admin. Asst. III, DL Crockett, 25 yrs., 9 mos., 16 days; **Richard Rodriguez**, Sen. Tr., DL Houston, 22 yrs., 7 mos., 11 days; **Rosemary Lee Loeve**, Admin. Asst. I, DL Austin, 21 yrs., 7 mos., 17 days;

**Edward Lynn Finegan**, Specialist II, IMS Austin, 18 yrs., 11 mos.; **Edward Charles Erle, Jr.**, Specialist II, Training Austin, 15 yrs., 25 days; **James Gary Franklin**, Supv. I, HP Plano, 14 yrs., 8 mos.; **Carla Sue Taylor**, Admin. Asst. III, DL Sherman, 11 yrs., 10 mos.;

**Patricia Jean Ferrell**, Admin. Asst. II, DL Hurst, 10 yrs., 19 days; **Starlene Marie Riddle**, Sgt., Training Austin, 24 yrs., 8 mos., 17 days.

### Deaths

**Harry DeFord**, Tr. II, MVI Garland (Sept. 1941 – May 1978) died October 2, 2006.



### On the mend...

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

Tr. **John Kopacz**, HP Bay City, injured while attempting to arrest a suspect.

Tr. **Lucian Ebron**, HP Jourdanton, injured during a struggle with suspect;

Tr. **Ralphell Watkins**, HP Plano, injured in a vehicle crash;

Tr. **Kevin James**, HP Llano, injured in a motor vehicle crash;

Good news! Tr. **John Rick Smith**, HP Waxahachie, returned to work; and Tr. **David Cordova**, HP Rockport, injured returned to work on light duty.