

DPS Chaparral



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Texas Fusion Center now open

The Texas Fusion Center, a new state-of-the-art facility housing federal, state, regional and local law enforcement agencies at DPS Headquarters, was dedicated last month during a ceremony by the Texas Public Safety Commission.

The Fusion Center's Watch Center is a 24/7 unit that works with federal, state, regional, and local law enforcement and serves as the state repository for homeland security information and incident reporting. The Watch Center provides real-time intelligence support to law enforcement and public safety authorities, and consolidates information and data on suspicious activities and threats from all jurisdictions and disciplines. During emergencies or periods of increased threat, the Center may ramp up to receive and process additional information.

"The Texas Fusion Center is a great example what can be accomplished when local, state and federal agencies work together," said Steven C. McCraw, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety. "Incidents such

as the plane flying into the office building in Austin in February and the shooter at UT in late September showed how effective our agencies can be when we work together," said Col. McCraw. "This new state-of-the-art facility will allow us to leverage technology even more."

Also included in the Fusion Center:

- The Intelligence Unit, which supports law enforcement and criminal justice communities by providing analytical case development, as well as strategic and tactical case support to officers regarding criminal organizations, including transnational gangs, drug trafficking organizations, and emerging threats.
- The Criminal Case Support Unit, which provides support to major crime investigations and special cases, including the Drivers License Fraud & Identity Theft section, which provides



analytical support for various types of document fraud investigations, with particular emphasis on cases involving driver license fraud and identity theft; and the Vehicle Theft section, which provides assistance for vehicle theft offenses, complex auto theft schemes, and other investigations in which a vehicle is linked to a suspect, victim, or witness (including homicide, sexual assault, bank robbery, burglary, missing persons, hit-and-run and narcotics). The Unit also supports the Criminal Investigation and Texas Ranger Division investigations.

- The Counterterrorism Unit, which works to reduce the threat of terrorism in Texas through information, analysis, and assessments in support of proac-

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Mile Markers

Promotions

Office of Inspector General

Louis A. Sanchez, Lt., OIG Austin to Capt., OIG Austin.

Rangers

Leslie B. Long, Lt., Rangers San Angelo to Capt., Rangers El Paso; **Dewayne A. Dockery**, Lt., Rangers Garland to Capt., Rangers Austin; **Roger W. Millican**, Sgt., Rangers Pearsall to Lt., Rangers San Antonio; **Rudolfo C. Jaramillo**, Sgt., Rangers Floresville to Lt., Rangers Garland; **Jesus J. Valdez**, Sgt., Rangers San Antonio to Lt., Rangers El Paso.

Highway Patrol

Jessie M. Mendez, Lt., CVE El Paso to Capt., CVE El Paso; **Bart A. Teeter**, Sgt., CVE Midland to Lt., CVE Waco; **Linal L. Pierce**, Tr. III, HP Snyder to Sgt., HP El Paso.

Law Enforcement Support

Gary W. Maltzberger, Operator IV, LES Midland to Supervisor, LES Waco.

Driver License

Rebekah J. Hibbs, Program Specialist IV, DL Austin to Manager III, DL Austin.

Retirements

Anita A. Luna, Examiner, DL San Antonio, 28 yrs., 7 mos., 22 days; **Andrew Lopez, Jr.**, Sgt., Rangers Beeville, 27 yrs., 5 mos., 24 days; **Lesla Gay Strickland**, Secretary, CVE Tyler, 27 yrs., 29 days; **Peggy Ann Vernon**, Receptionist, HP Beaumont, 21 yrs, 3

mos., 11 days; **Winifred Elaine Reagan**, Tech., DL Amarillo, 19 yrs., 7 mos., 29 days; **Maria Diana Miller**, Admin. Asst., CID McAllen, 17 yrs., 29 days; **Billy J. Williams**, Administrator, IT Austin, 16 yrs., 6 mos., 29 days; **Tamie Joan Weems**, Examiner, DL Terrell, 30 yrs., 10 mos., 24 days; **Cindy Krueger**, Secretary, OIG Austin, 24 yrs, 2 mos.; **Mildred Nora Gage**, Tech. II, Crime Records Austin, 19 yrs., 9 mos., 16 days.

Deaths

Shirley Etheridge, ret. Technician, DL Jacksonville (July 1970 – March 1995) died Sept. 22, 2010; **F.A. (Tony) Carlos**, ret. Program Administrator I, MVT El Paso (June 1968 – July 2002) died October 3, 2010; **W. G. (Bill) Bradberry Sr.**, ret. Tr. IV, HP Pineland (June 1967 – December 1992) died October 8, 2010.



On the mend...

Agent **Herbert City**, CID Drugs Midland, injured while arresting suspect.

Tr. **Jose L. Martinez**, HP McAllen, injured in a traffic crash.

Tr. **Billy Wallace**, HP Carthage, injured when vehicle struck by a passing motorist.

Tr. **Andrew Peavy**, CVE Houston, injured in a traffic crash.

Good news!

Tr. **Andre Crathers**, HP Killeen, and Tr. **Larry M. Vaughan**, HP Winnsboro, have returned to work!

Fitness Stars continue to shine

The Fitness Star program recognizes commissioned personnel for meeting certain standards on the physical readiness test.

Officers who score 300 points based on their sit up, push up and 1.5 mile run totals are rewarded with 32 hours of Administrative Leave and can wear the Fitness Star on their uniform. The following individuals met the Fitness Star standards:

Maj. **Shawn Palmer**, Texas Rangers McAllen

Texas Ranger **Gary Phillips**, McAllen

Tr. **Scott Jendrzey**, HP Lano
Sgt. **Joe H. Medrano**, HP Borger

Note: Please forward information on other fitness stars to the Public Information/Media Relations office.

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tive multi-agency efforts to prevent attacks. The Unit is a central point for all regional information regarding international and domestic terrorism-related issues from a variety of sources. The Unit supports the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its counterterrorism mission where needed in Texas, working with Joint Terrorism Task Forces to aid investigations.

