



DPS Chaparral

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Competitive process set for commissioned posts in Administration Division

Headquarters sergeant, lieutenant and captain vacancies in the Administration Division will be filled through the DPS competitive promotional process. Participation in the promotional process is open to commissioned personnel throughout the Department who meet the requirements for promotion to the equivalent rank in their respective division or currently are assigned to headquarters and meet minimum eligibility requirements.

Successful candidates will hold the new permanent rank in the division from which they are promoted. After completing one year of service in the Administration position, they will be eligible to request transfer to another position of equivalent rank in the original division. For example, a Highway Patrol trooper who is successful in the process would be eligible to transfer back to Highway Patrol as a sergeant after serving one year at headquarters.

Commissioned personnel who are planning to compete in service promotional examinations are urged to compete in the Administration exam process as well.

“The personal satisfaction derived from competing should be even greater knowing that you were successful among your peers in a Department-wide promotional process,” said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., DPS director.

A competitive examination for Sergeant, Headquarters is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 8 a.m. The deadline for applying for the examination is 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22. Those who meet the qualifications should submit application form HR-106 directly to the Human Resources Bureau and also send a copy of the form to their service commander through proper channels.

Dear fellow employees:

In the next few weeks, you'll begin receiving information about how to order the new DPS 65th Anniversary book and in a few months, you'll receive scheduling information for your photo. Although participation in the 65th Anniversary book is optional, I hope you will choose to participate. The new book will be available for \$45 or \$69 for a leather collector's edition. The ordering deadline is Feb. 15, 2001. Look in your January pay envelope for more information.

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In January, the Texas Legislature will convene once again. DPSers from all services will be working hard during the session to answer any questions or address concerns by legislators and their staffers. Please be sure to assist them as promptly as possible. Legislative Liaison Michael Kelley and his assistant Janie Smith in Austin can give you guidance if requested.

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Lastly, please remember to slow down, buckle up everyone in your vehicle and drive sober during this holiday season. Don't wreck your life^{3/4} or someone else's—because of a bad choice. Happy holidays!

Thomas A. Davis Jr.

Awards

Tr. **Gordon Scott Rountree**, HP Granbury, earned a Director's Citation for saving the life of a man thrown from his pickup last June. The vehicle skidded into a ditch and overturned several times before leaving the victim face down on the road. With the help of two other citizens, Tr. Rountree administered CPR and resuscitated the unconscious driver.

Tr. **Eliseo Lee Coronado**, HP Waxahachie, earned a Director's Citation for outstanding performance in the criminal interdiction program. During a two-year time span, Tr. Coronado seized 5.7 pounds of cocaine, 1,255 pounds of marijuana and \$179,300 in cash. He also arrested 51 suspects.

On June 11, Tr. **Alfred Bee Jr.**, HP Rosenberg, was issuing a citation when an SUV soared through the air nearby. As the flame-engulfed vehicle came to rest, Tr. Bee grabbed his fire extinguisher, subdued the blaze and removed two people before the rekindled fire destroyed the vehicle's interior. Tr. Bee's efforts saved the life of one of the occupants and earned him a Director's Citation.

Mary E. Geil (DL Customer Service Manager Austin) has evoked smiles across the Lone Star state and kudos from satisfied Texans through the creation and implementation of a customer relations training program. Nearly 1,350 Driver License Division employees all over the state received the training, which focused on improving interaction with customers while reducing worker stress.

Short Shots

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, call Human Resources, (512) 424-2392.

Mile Markers

Promotions

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William Linton Ginn, Asst. Mgr., Field Labs Austin to Mgr., HQ Crime Labs Austin; **James Patrick O'Burke**, Lt., Narc. Corpus Christi to Capt., Narc. Midland; **Roger Allen Kopycinski**, Sgt./Inv., Narc. Alpine to Lt., Narc. Corpus Christi; **James Matthew Mull**, Tr. II, HP San Angelo to Sgt./Inv., Spec. Crimes Garland.

Administration

Michael Charles Lesko, Systems Analyst III, Info. Management Serv. Austin to Deputy Admin. for Automation, Crime Rec. Svc. Austin; **John P. Maxwell**, Lt., HR Austin to Capt., HR Austin.

Retirements

Barbara W. Tiedt, Data Entry Supv., Driv. Rec. Austin, 31 yrs., 3 mos., 23 days; **Gary D. Ratliff**, Sgt./Inv., Nar. HQ Austin, 30 yrs., 8 mos., 21 days; **Claude Mike Johnston**, Mgr., Crime Lab Austin, 30 yrs., 4

mos., 24 days; **Terry W. Lankford**, Asst. Svc. Cmdr., Spec. Crimes Austin, 27 yrs., 4 mos., 5 days; **Linda J. Bell**, DL Examiner Stephenville, 24 yrs., 3 mos., 19 days; **Gustavo G. Fuentes**, Tr. V, L&W San Antonio, 22 yrs., 5 mos., 8 days; **Clydeine Kimbrough**, DL Examiner Hurst, 22 yrs., 1 mo., 21 days; **Dorothy Watson**, Microfilm Clerk, Accident Rec. Austin, 19 yrs., 27 days; **James M. Joslin**, Capitol Police Off., Capitol Police Dist. Austin, 9 yrs., 2 mos.

Deaths

R. D. Cox Jr., ret. HP Cpl. V (Dec. 1968-Sept. 1998) died Oct. 10; **Joe P. Callan Jr.**, ret. Staff Svc. Off. I, Personnel/Staff Svc. Austin (Jan. 1952-Dec. 1979) died Oct. 19. **Norman Victor Suarez**, ret. Gen. Counsel (July 1964-Aug. 1981) died Nov. 6.



On the mend...

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

Tr. Lonnie Davis, HP Houston, was struck by a traffic suspect's vehicle Oct. 20.

Tr. Brian Acker, HP San Marcos, injured while struggling with a DWI suspect Oct. 28.

Tr. Gary Jason Graham, HP Abilene, injured Oct. 17 when his patrol car was hit by a hydroplaning 18-wheeler.

Tr. Sam Orta, HP Houston

Tr. Kenneth Rushing, L&W Conroe

Linda Swails, DL Examiner Carrollton

Tr. Leslie Grace, HP DeLeon

Tr. Wayne Whiteaker, HP Uvalde