

DPS Chaparral

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Commission on Private Security joins DPS

The 78th Legislature approved adding the Texas Commission on Private Security to the DPS family.

Their job will remain the same--to regulate the security industry in Texas.

Investigators are currently stationed in Austin and San Antonio, with plans to move investigators to Hurst and Webster in the future. The staff of 14 includes six commissioned police officers. Some of the details of the integration are still being worked out.

"We would like to welcome our new staff members on board," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr. "They play a vital role in regulating a large and growing industry here in Texas."

The Commission on Private Security licenses—or registers—about 130,000 people.

Of that number, about 19,000 are armed guards and 60,000 are un-

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Dear Fellow Employee,

After eight years of dedicated service, Public Safety Commissioner James B. Francis Jr. has resigned from the Public Safety Commission. DPS has been privileged to have a commissioner who was so dedicated and passionate about our agency and the people of the state of Texas.

I would like to personally thank Commissioner Francis for his willingness to serve, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

We do not yet know who Gov. Perry will name to the commission, but we look forward to working with the next commissioner.

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As we approach the holidays, please remember the 34 members of our DPS family who are currently on active duty with the military—and remember those of us who also have family members who are serving. This will be a tough time of year for them. Let's do what we can to comfort them. Happy holidays.

Thomas A. Davis Jr.

Awards

Director's Citations

Troopers **Jose Duenez** and **Bobby White**, HP Del Rio, received Director's Citations for their life-saving actions that prevented a man from committing suicide. On June 25, White and Duenez were notified by Del Rio Communications of an attempted suicide on the San Pedro bridge. Upon arriving at the scene, the troopers found two women trying to hold on to a man over the guardrail. Tr. White was able to grab one of the man's legs and Tr. Duenez grabbed one of the man's arms. The man began to struggle to free himself and exclaimed that he wanted to die. Another citizen arrived on the scene and offered assistance. With his help, the troopers were finally

able to get to the man and pull him up over the rail. At several points during the struggle, White, Duenez and the citizen risked going over the rail themselves.

Tr. **John H. Henley**, HP Nacogdoches, received a Director's Citation for his quick thinking and response that saved the life of 84-year-old Eugene Lamb, who had suffered a massive seizure and heart attack. Henley was working uniformed security for a food company in Lufkin when he was informed of a possible deceased person in a vehicle in the parking lot. Tr. Henley found Lamb unconscious in his front seat and pulled him to the ground. He asked the store manager to call 911 and returned to his vehicle to retrieve a CPR face-mask. Rosa Lumpkin, a medi-

cal technician, approached the scene and informed Tr. Henley that she knew CPR. Together they proceeded to administer CPR for approximately five minutes before Lamb became responsive. The ambulance arrived to take Lamb to the hospital where he made a full recovery.

Short Shots

Interview boards changed

Effective immediately, oral interview boards for the level of group A15/B7 and above will consist of a five-member panel. Interview boards for positions below group A15/B7 will consist of a three-member panel. Previously, five-member boards were required for group levels A11/B3 and above.

CODIS Strikes Again

The DPS CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) database may have helped solve the mystery of a serial killer in Houston. The break in the case came when a new DNA profile, created from evidence at a Dallas lab, was sent to DPS Headquarters.

CODIS Lab Supervisor **Dennis Loockerman** ran the evidence profile through the system and an offender match implicated Anthony Allen Shore. Shore, a registered sex offender whose DNA profile was in the CODIS database, was on probation for sexual assault. The Houston police arrested Shore, who was charged with four counts of capital murder. The crimes took place from 1986 to 1995 and the victims were

DPS Graphics Department, Print Shop offer quality, inexpensive printing and design services

Though it seems few know it, DPS has an inhouse graphic arts department and print shop that offers professional printing and publication services statewide.

The Reproduction Department, housed under General Services and located at headquarters, contains a full-service print shop, a quick copy center and a graphic design office.

Whatever the job, Reproduction can build it from the ground up and duplicate it 100,000 times over.

The print shop's 10 presses produce one-sided and two-sided page printing, as well as printing on carbonless paper forms with as many four parts.

With services that include collating, page binding, perforating, cut-

ting, folding, padding and laminating, almost any size book, manual, card or brochure can be printed.

Reproduction's Quick Copy Center can run as many as 120 impressions per minute on paper weights between 20 pound and 110 pound (index stock).

The Graphics department employs artists who create logos and images to your specifications for any purposes, including full-color posters, pamphlets and certificates.

Page designers work with text documents, such as books, forms or manuals, making revisions or constructing new documents altogether.

a 9, 15, 16 and 21-year-old females. All were strangled and three were sexually assaulted.

The DPS CODIS database, established in 1996, houses an ever-growing list of criminal offenders (160,000) who are required to submit DNA. This year alone, CODIS has been responsible for 80 offender matches in previously unsolved Texas cases.

Look for newsclippings on the DPS Intranet

The Public Information Office will be testing a new program on the DPS intranet: newsclippings online.

Each week, PIO mails out a clip pack that contains information in the news media about DPS or about law enforcement-related issues. We will test putting the clippings on the intranet for two months to evaluate the popularity of the intranet access.

To access the intranet, please go to <http://dpsnet/> and look for the link to DPS Clip Pack.



On the mend...

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

Paul Sigman, HP Texarkana, injured in June car wreck

Michael Reisen, HP Capitol, injured while tackling suspect in August

Gary Stiles, HP Killeen, injured while tackling suspect in September

Great news! Tr. II **James Jones**, HP Goldthwaite, has returned to full duty.

Special Crimes' Top Ten list helps collar dangerous Texas fugitives

Shortly after unveiling a re-vamped Special Crimes Top 10 Most Wanted Fugitives list, half of the dangerous criminals were back behind bars.

The new list debuted in mid-September after the High-Profile Fugitive Sex Offenders list (started in June 2001) and the Top Ten list were combined.

Within a month, publicity and investigative efforts led to the arrest of five of the suspects, including a 17-year-old girl in Trinity County and another wanted for a murder in Houston. More recently, a sixth and seventh fugitive also were arrested.

The featuring of wanted offenders by the Special Crimes Service has paid dividends over the years.

Since 1993, 203 suspects have been spotlighted—and 185 have been arrested.

Texas Crime Stoppers gives a \$1,000 cash reward to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of these fugitives.



Anyone with information is directed to call a 24-hour toll-free line, 1-800-252-TIPS (8477). Callers do not have to identify themselves.

You can find the list—with photos—on the DPS Web site at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted/>. As fugitives are apprehended, other dangerous fugitives will take their place on the list.

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armed guards. The Commission also regulates private investigators, armed couriers and personal protection officers.

In addition, there are 3,800 security-related companies that are licensed.

For example, companies that deal with burglar alarms, armored cars and video camera surveillance must be licensed.

By September 2004, locksmiths and electronic access control companies (who handle products like

hotel room key cards) will have to meet the same standards.

Registration requirements include a fingerprint card for an FBI criminal history check, continuing education and a 30-hour course for those approved to carry handguns.

You can contact the Commission on Private Security at 512-424-7710.

Their Web site remains www.tcps.state.tx.us, but it will be incorporated into the DPS Web site in the near future.

Mile Markers

Promotions

Administration

Curly Colquitt, Lt., Staff Support Svc. Austin to Asst. Cmdr., HR Austin.

THP

James Spencer, Lt., CVE Garland to Capt., Motor Carrier Austin; **Larry Campbell**, Tr. II, HP Lamesa to Sgt., HP Lamesa; **Jeffrey Lyde**, Tr. II, HP Waco to Sgt., HP Seguin; **Curtis Bunyard**, Tr. II, HP Humble to Sgt., HP Brenham;

Matt Garrison, Tr. II, HP Amarillo to Sgt., HP Odessa; **Shawn Younger**, Cpl. III, HP Decatur to Sgt., HP Temple; **Terry Truett**, Tr. II, HP Longview to Sgt., HP Odessa.

DLD

Bernadine Moore, Sen. Tr., HP Dallas to Sgt., DLD Conroe; **Jason Brewer**, Tr. II, HP Bastrop to Sgt., DLD Corpus Christi; **Sheri Gipson**, Asst. Manager, SR Austin to Manager, SR Austin; **Sherrie Zgabay**, Asst. Manager, Customer Svc. Austin to Manager, DIB Austin; **Mimzie Herklotz**, Supv., DIB Austin to Asst. Manager, Driver Records Austin; **Margaret Spinks**, Supv., LIB Austin to Asst. Manager, LIB Austin.

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Jessie Mendez, Sgt., Spec. Crimes El Paso to Sgt., MVT El Paso; **James Wharton**, Tr., HP Texas City to Sgt., MVT Laredo; **Lloyd Allison**, Tr., HP Corsicana to Sgt., MVT Laredo; **Darrell Nichols**, Tr. II, HP Liberty to Sgt.,

Narcotics Svc. Lufkin;

Ruben Morin, Tr. II, HP McAllen to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. McAllen; **Richard Rieger**, Tr. II, HP Waco to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Lufkin; **Pete Luna, Jr.**, Tr. II, HP Houston to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Houston; **Shane Staley**, Tr. II, HP Seguin to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Mount Pleasant;

Jon Ybarra, Tr. II, HP Sweetwater to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Lubbock; **Darren Lubbe**, Tr. II, HP McKinney to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. McAllen; **Garry Walsmith**, Cpl. II, HP Vega to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Amarillo; **Felix Sarabia**, Sgt., DLD McAllen to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. McAllen;

Rodney Mahan, Tr. IV, HP Nacogdoches to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Nacogdoches; **Wende Wakeman**, Tr. II, HP New Caney to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. McAllen; **Jennifer Crandall**, Tr. II, HP McKinney to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Harlingen; **Damon Samford**, Tr. II, HP Amarillo to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Harlingen;

Brian Frick, Tr. II, HP Dumas to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Brownsville; **Eduardo Garza**, Tr. II, Narcotics Svc El Paso to Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Alpine; **Michael Stanford**, Sgt., HP Temple to Sgt., Spec. Crimes Austin; **Azhar Raja**, Sgt., Spec. Crimes San Antonio to Sgt., Spec. Crimes Pearsall;

Kavin Miller, Tr. II, HP Fredericksburg to Sgt., Spec. Crimes San Antonio; **Chad Pernicka**, Tr. III, HP Lampasas to Sgt., Spec. Crimes Garland; **Charles Hicks**, Tr. II, HP Austin to Sgt., Spec. Crimes Austin; **Brian**

Vajdos, Tr. II, HP New Braunfels to Sgt., Spec. Crimes Corpus Christi;

Jeffrey Ellison, Tr. II, HP Bryan to Sgt., Spec. Crimes Garland; **Matthew Sigur**, Tr. II, HP Goliad to Sgt., Spec. Crimes Midland; **Steven Crowell**, Tr. IV, HP Beaumont to Sgt., Spec. Crimes El Paso; **Mark Gerik**, Tr. II, HP Fairfield to Sgt., Spec. Crimes El Paso.

Retirements

Sherri Lynn Hoefling, Admin. Tech. IV, Crime Records Austin, 30 yrs., 8 mos., 21 days; **Joseph Randall Dillard**, Lt., Narcotics Svc. Austin, 28 yrs., 8 mos., 19 days; **Annabelle Torres**, Supv., Central Cash Receiving Austin, 27 yrs., 6 mos., 19 days; **Willie Jo Patterson**, Admin. Tech. IV, Training Austin, 30 yrs., 3 mos.;

Jackie Lynn Burns, Sen. Tr., CVE Texarkana, 29 yrs., 4 mos., 19 days; **Dixie Watlington**, Tech., DLD Sweetwater, 21 yrs., 9 mos., 6 days; **Rosalio Padron Zapata**, Sgt., Spec. Crimes Garland, 21 yrs., 7 mos., 21 days; **Tenner Edward Stork**, Utility Mail Clerk, Mail Oper. Austin, 4 yrs., 11 mos.;

Joseph Patrick Hamilton, Capt., HP San Antonio, 28 yrs., 27 days; **Connie S. Broussard**, Examiner, DLD Port Arthur, 19 yrs., 2 mos., 24 days.

Deaths

Stanley Frank Smith, Reg. Supv., Veh. Insp. Midland (Aug. 1968-Oct. 2003) died October 26, 2003; **Bobby Ray Chaffin**, ret. Captain, MVI Midland (Aug. 1958-March 1992) died October 14, 2003.