

DPS Chaparral



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New recruiting video makes debut

The DPS Recruiting Office has unveiled a new recruiting video and seven commercials to boost the Department's recruiting efforts.

Lt. **Renearl Bowie** worked with students from the University of Texas Radio, Television and Film degree program to develop the video.

"DPS personnel were very helpful and giving of their time," said Lt. Bowie. "Their efforts will help us get more people interested in a career with DPS."



The video shows the training that recruits go through, as well as video clips of troopers making traffic stops, going through SWAT exercises, issuing driver licenses, investigating crime scenes and arresting felons.

It's hoped that the video and public service announcements will eventually be available on the DPS web site. Regional commanders and recruiters have copies of the video, which is shown at various recruiting events.

DL, Crime Records lobbies on the move

The Driver License compliance lobby moved in mid-November from DPS Headquarters to the Denson location near Highland Mall. The Crime Records customer service lobby is expected to move to the Denson location on December 6.

Drivers from all over the state come to the compliance lobby to file paperwork (SR 22s, etc) and fees associated with reinstating suspended driver licenses. The office also sells driver records and accident records to the public. About 4,500 people a month use these services. The hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Crime Records unit that supplies fingerprinting services and criminal records to the public will be moved from Headquarters to the same location in early December. Combining the criminal record and driver license compliance functions in one building will be more convenient for the public.

Dear Fellow Employee,

Many of you are already hard at work preparing for the upcoming legislative session. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of this agency. The real work is just beginning. Many bills have already been filed, and many more will be. Chances are, a number of them will involve DPS in some way. Please remember to be as responsive as possible if you are contacted by a legislator or a legislative staff member. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact **Michael Kelley**, the DPS Legislative Liaison, at 512-424-7272.

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As I write this, there are 46 DPS employees who are on active duty with the military. Please be sure to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Let's help their families get through what will probably be a difficult holiday time.

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And, as the holidays approach, please be careful out on the road. Wear your seat belt and make sure everyone in your vehicle is, too. Happy holidays.

Thomas A. Davis Jr.

Awards

Tr. **Charles B. Howell**, HP Kerrville, and Tr. **Derome D. West**, HP Boerne, received Director's Citations for their attempts to save the life of Tr. **Kurt Knapp**, HP Kerrville.

Tr. Knapp was fatally injured in a duty-related traffic crash near Kerrville in May 2004. Both Tr.

West and Tr. Howell continued to perform rescue breathing and chest compressions on Tr. Knapp, refusing to stop until the Critical Air flight crew arrived on scene.

Also receiving awards for their attempts to assist Tr. Knapp and the others involved in the crash were Sheila A. Mays and her husband, Kevin Mays. Mr. and Mrs. Mays, of Kerrville, received Director's



Awards for their assistance to the man and woman injured in the crash, as well as to Tr. Knapp. Several of the troopers on the scene said that Mrs. Mays, an emergency room nurse, helped everyone on the scene to remain calm. Mr. Mays assisted the man and woman injured in the crash, keeping them calm until additional help could arrive.

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, refer to Chapter 7, 07.06.08 of the General Manual.

Retired?

Want your permanent record?

Anyone who retired from DPS in 1999 and would like to have their original personnel file should please call the following numbers: 512-424-2000, ext. 3327 or 3351.

Quarter Century Club Meeting

The next Quarter Century Club Annual Meeting will be held on April 8, 2005 at the Red Lion Hotel in



On the mend...

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

Tr. **Alfredo Barrera**, HP Weslaco, who was out because of glass and metal fragments embedded into his eyes and face when a suspect shot out the windshield of his DPS unit, is already back to work!

Tr. **Berwin Arceneaux**, HP Webster, fractured toe when pushing disabled vehicle off the roadway and the car rolled back.

Tr. **Kenneth Jones**, HP Jasper, strained back at accident scene.

Tr. **Jorge Vargas**, CVE El Paso, injured back.

Tr. **Adolph Villerreal**, HP Riviera, injured while assisting a motorist.

Tr. **Jason Busby**, HP Terrell, traffic wreck responding to call.

Lt. **Darryl Gelasco**, Narcotics El Paso, accidental gunshot wound.

Austin DPSers receive thanks

In early August, DPS mentors at Reilly Elementary School sponsored a school supply drive and collected a truckload of supplies.

There were enough donations that all children who needed supplies received them. Plus, there

Dear DPS Employees:

What a joy it was to receive the over \$6,000 worth of school supplies and backpacks for our Reilly students!! Your immense generosity and much-needed donation have helped us get the school year underway successfully! "Thank you" are small words compared to the overwhelming gratitude felt by both students and staff. We appreciate your kindness and are glad we have you as partners.

were enough supplies to take the school through the year.

The following is the text of the thank you note we received from Dr. Elia Diaz-Ortiz, the principal at Reilly:

Gracias!

Elia Diaz-Ortiz, PhD

Austin. For more information, call **Jennifer Hall** at (512) 424-7297.

Vetter Scholarship awarded

Lauren Waite is the third recipient of the annual Randy Vetter scholarship at St. Edward's University in Austin. Waite, who was awarded \$1,452, is from McKinney. She is seeking a double major in Criminal Justice and Psychology. Waite plans on earning a doctoral degree in clinical psychology so she can become an advocate for criminal victims.

SECC

The State Employee Charitable Campaign here at DPS was a complete success, collecting at least \$47,612 for the state campaign. Thanks to everyone who participated in the campaign. Many bureaus at Headquarters conducted bake sales, silent auctions and other activities to help raise additional funds for the SECC.

Concealed Handgun Reciprocity

Texas has signed reciprocal agreements with Idaho, Utah and Mississippi, allowing citizens with concealed handgun licenses issued by those states to legally carry concealed handguns in Texas, and vice versa. With the addition of Idaho, Utah and Mississippi, Texas currently has reciprocity agreements with 12 states. (These agreements were made possible by 1997 changes to the Texas concealed handgun law.) Texas also has reciprocity agreements with Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Wyoming.

Shown in photo with Jeb and Barbara Bush, are (from left to right) Sgt. Sinderud, Tr. Edgar Gonzalez, Tr. Kevin Lam and Tr. Kevin Tucker, HP, Houston.



Sgt. **C. R. Sinderud**, HP Katy, received a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Secret Service in recognition of his efforts in planning and coordinating the 41 @ 80 Celebration, former President George H.W. Bush's 80th birthday celebration. The celebration covered multiple jurisdictions from Houston to College Station, and involved personnel from Highway Patrol districts 2A, 2C and 6C. Union Pacific Railroad ran a 30-car passenger train carrying 250 dignitaries from various countries behind a Challenger Steam Locomotive. DPS Aircraft provided an air platform for security for the event. Sgt. Sinderud also received a Service Commander's Award for his work.

Unidentified body matched to missing person's case

The Texas Missing Persons DNA Database has linked a missing North Richland Hills teenager with an unidentified body found in Johnson County, thanks to diligent work by two DPS Missing Persons analysts.

In August 1982, a 19-year-old woman disappeared in North Richland Hills; her truck was found abandoned at a Fort Worth motel. Eleven years later, the body of an unidentified homicide victim was found in Johnson County.

DPS analysts worked both cases—the missing person and the found body—and encouraged the submission of DNA from the body and the missing woman's family.

In October 2003, the missing woman's family submitted DNA samples to the DNA database. Later that same year, Johnson County investigators submitted DNA samples from their unidentified victim.

In April 2004, the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC) in Fort Worth, which houses the database, received new software that enabled the database to automatically compare its DNA samples. A month later, UNTHSC personnel determined that there was a 95 percent probability that the DNA from the unidentified body was a match to a DNA reference sample provided by the missing woman's family. Dental records subsequently were used to confirm the match.

Mile Markers

Promotions

Director's Staff

Michael Alan Bradberry, Lt., HP Tyler to Insp. II, OAI Austin; **Ronald Ray Snow**, Lt., HP Abilene to Insp. II, OAI Austin.

CLE

Jose Mario Morales, Lt., MVT San Antonio to Capt., MVT Corpus Christi; **Wynn Jay Reynolds**, Sgt., MVT Hurst to Lt., MVT San Antonio; **David Carlos Menchaca**, Sgt., Spec. Crimes Harlingen to Lt., Spec. Crimes McAllen;

George David Holleway III, Sgt., Spec. Crimes Houston to Lt., Spec. Crimes Austin-TSAAC; **Stacey Ward Schwab**, Sgt., Spec. Crimes San Antonio to Lt., Spec. Crimes Austin-TSAAC;

Erik Emile Peterson, Sgt., Spec. Crimes Texas City to Lt., Spec. Crimes Austin-TSAAC; **Ronald Joe Cunningham**, Sgt., Spec. Crimes Temple to Lt., Spec. Crimes Austin-TSAAC; **Robert James Hawkins**, Sgt., Spec. Crimes Garland to Lt., Spec. Crimes Austin-TSAAC.

THP

Kenneth Loyd Havins, Sgt., CVE Midland to Lt., CVE Midland; **Eric Charles Gilbert**, Sgt., HP Austin to Lt. HP Austin-Capitol; **Felipe Escobedo, Jr.**, Sgt., HP Weslaco to Lt., HP Laredo; **Christopher Andrew Stephens**, Tr. IV, CVE Dalhart to Sgt., CVE Laredo; **Jay Brian Hardin**, Tr. III, CVE Childress to Sgt., CVE Eagle Pass; **Manuel Quilantan**, Cpl. II, CVE Brownsville to Sgt., CVE El Paso; **Johnny Mack Cowan, Jr.**, Asst. Mgr., Breath Alcohol Test Austin to

Mgr., Breath Alcohol Test Austin;

James Carter Tedder IV, Criminalist V, Breath Alcohol Test Ft. Stockton to Asst. Mgr., Breath Alcohol Test Austin; **Craig Lane Fisher**, Training Specialist, Veh. Insp. Irving to Field Supv., Veh. Insp. Garland.

DL

Robert Clifton Floyd, Sgt., DL Longview to Lt., DL El Paso; **Kirby Ray Lambert**, Tr. III, CVE Childress to Sgt., DL Childress; **Toby Joe Schaefer**, Tr. III, HP Amarillo to Sgt., DL Amarillo; **Robert Christopher Hayes**, Tr. III, DL Austin to Sgt., DL Longview.

Rangers

Ronn Trampas Gooding, Cpl. II, HP San Marcos to Sgt., Rangers El Paso.

Admin.

Clarence James Klekar, Tr. III, HR Austin to Sgt., Training Austin.

Retirements

James Perez Colunga, Sen. Tr., DL Waxahachie, 27 yrs., 4 mos., 23 days; **Jesus V. Hernandez, Jr.**, Sgt., Narcotics Svc. Austin, 24 yrs., 3 mos., 19 days; **Yolanda Garza Clanton**, Admin. Asst. II, Gov. Prot. Detail Austin, 23 yrs., 4 mos.; **David Bradley Tullis**, Operator, Comm. Tyler, 30 yrs.;

Jeffrey Dale Sones, Sen. Tr., CVE San Marcos, 29 yrs., 8 mos., 19 days; **James Marshall Walker**, Capt., Narcotics Svc., Corpus Christi, 27 yrs., 4 mos., 23 days; **Timothy Owen Ray**, Sen. Tr., HP Paris, 24 yrs., 9 mos., 22 days; **George Elizondo**, Sen. Cpl., CVE McAllen, 22 yrs., 4 mos., 22 days;

Thurman Lee Roberson, Sen. Tr., HP Seguin, 22 yrs., 4 mos., 22 days; **Penny June Schild**, Admin. Asst. II, HP Houston, 21 yrs., 9 mos.; **Christine A. Nix**, Sgt., Rangers Waco, 20 yrs., 9 mos., 20 days; **Randy Joe Ratzlaff**, Sen. Tr., CVE Pampa, 20 yrs., 9 mos., 20 days;

Patsy Ann Lockwood, Examiner, DL Austin, 27 yrs., 4 mos., 29 days; **John William Allen**, Sgt., Rangers Del Rio, 26 yrs., 4 mos., 6 days; **Daniel Jackson Hundley**, Sen. Tr., DL Texarkana, 20 yrs., 3 mos., 17 days; **Richard Leon Treece**, Sen. Tr., HP San Angelo, 20 yrs., 3 mos., 17 days; **David Michael Boatright**, Attorney, CLE Austin, 15 yrs., 7 mos., 29 days.

Deaths

Roque Rodriguez, Custodian, HP Temple (July 1999 – Oct. 2004) died Oct. 18; **Gary Lynn Schoenfeldt**, Motorcycle Safety Training Officer, Administration Austin (Dec. 1993 – Nov. 2004) died Nov. 16;

James Otis Ratliff, ret. Major, HP Austin (July 1963 – Jan. 1999) died October 25; **Erma Jeanne Foster**, ret. Stenographer II, HP Dallas (June 1969 – Dec. 1983) died October 9; **Gladney Lee Frame**, ret. Tr. III, HP Jasper (Sept. 1951 – Jan. 1984) died October 29;

Marion Terry Key, Public Safety Commission member (June 1968 to Dec. 1973, died Nov. 8; Betty Berger Korczinski, ret. Admin. Tech. IV, Crim. Intel. Austin (July 1949 – May 1987) died Nov. 13.