

# Texas Private Security Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

11:00 am

## Agenda

### 1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Texas Private Security Advisory Committee was called to order at 11:07 a.m. on October 9, 2024, via conference call as well as in person at 5806 Guadalupe St., Building I, Austin, Tx 78752.

### 2. Roll Call

<b>Patti James</b>	<b>Chairwoman</b>	<b>Private Investigator Representative</b>
<b>Wade Hayden</b>	Member	Public Representative
<b>DJ Seeger</b>	Member	Public Representative
<b>Debi Ulmer</b>	Member	Alarm Systems, Elec Access Control
<b>Ron Joy</b>	Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Vanessa Mayo</b>	Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Mark Berry</b>	Captain	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Robert Hawkins</b>	Spec Assign Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Christopher Lyons</b>	RSD Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Ryan Garcia</b>	Program Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Lawrence Cortez</b>	Program Supervisor	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Linsey Silva</b>	Program Supervisor	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Amalia Sanchez</b>	Program Supervisor	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Steve Moninger</b>	Senior Policy Analyst	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Patricia Herrera</b>	Comp and Enforcement Spec	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Haydee Saenz</b>	Comp and Enforcement Spec	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Leslie Stevens</b>	Personnel Admin Specialist	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Renee Davis</b>	Personnel Admin Specialist	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Carlos Romero</b>	Admin Operations Specialist	Texas Department of Public Safety

### 3. Approval of meeting notes from July 10, 2024

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

### 4. Quarterly Reports from Regulatory Services Division

#### a. Executive Office Report

Service Director Ron Joy stated the reason statistics were the same as the previous quarter were due to the transition DPS has done from a different reporting software to a new Kaseware reporting system. These statistics did not have the previous several months therefore making the stats essentially the same as the previous quarter.

Service Director Ron Joy stated he had DPS Training division do an analysis on the logistics of adding patrol rifle training to the curriculum. After the analysis was conducted, a problem with adding this training is that the limited amount of training they are already required, would be twice the amount. Another concern is that DPS's active shooter training for its police officers is not available to the public and the patrol rifle training is very similar. He stated the reason this training is not available is because it reveals tactics that should not be shared with those who could use the information to do harm to others and the more this training would be put out there the more chance there could be of it being used for the wrong purposes. Service Director Ron Joy stated the stance DPS is taking on this topic is allowing the session to go through and will wait to reevaluate at the end of the session based on any Legislative changes that may come about as a result of the session.

Chairwoman Patti James asked if DPS's stance on patrol rifles was that they didn't have a stance. Service Director Ron Joy answered that an administrative rule was passed earlier this year that said honorably retired Texas Peace Officers, who hold a Private Security Commission license, can have a patrol rifle accessible. Patti James then asked if a church's security team wanted to carry long rifles if that would be permitted. Steve Moninger answered that while RSD doesn't regulate churches there are some qualifications for those security teams. They can't wear a uniform or badge that contains the word security or that gives people the impression that they are a peace officer. They must do this as a voluntary service and cannot be paid for that service. Ron Joy added that some churches hire peace officers who can be in uniform and are paid, and that these qualifications would be for anyone who does not hold a Commissioned Security Guard license or is not a peace officer.

#### **b. Complaints/Investigations**

Service Director Ron Joy addressed the committee regarding several successful operations surrounding locksmiths. Two charges were filed in the South Texas area and one charge was filed in West Texas area. He further stated DPS has additional investigative operations for unlicensed locksmith scheduled in the near future.

Service Director Ron Joy informed the committee of a guard check operation that had recently happened. The operation took place on the first day of Austin City Limits Festival and checked 624 private security guards. Of the 624 private security guards a very low percentage of those were found to be out of compliance. Ron Joy stated this operation had a much better result compared to the guard check at the Circuit of The Americas in the spring. Service Director Ron stated this was due to Mark Berry and Ryan Garcia's teams who did a lot of work to prep for these events. The largest issue found at the event was the inability to tell the difference between security guards and event staff. Ron stated those uniform violations were addressed that same day and would be addressed in the future as well.

Lastly, Service Director Ron Joy mentioned DPS received a complaint in reference to administration of a Private Security Business Representative exam that was passed along by Committee member Wade Hayden. Ron stated DPS has started an investigation and is under review as of now.

**c. Disciplinary Actions**

Ryan Garcia addressed the committee regarding the disciplinary action section of the quarterly report. Committee member DJ Seeger asked if Flock Safety had filed their application. He stated that the cease-and-desist order Flock Security had received was in the news and was wondering if the company was working toward compliance as a result of the order. Service Director Ron Joy answered, once a business gets in the application phase, information is not revealed. Once the business is fully licensed, information can be viewed and is available through TOPS.

**d. Licensing statistics**

Ryan Garcia addressed the committee regarding the licensing section of the quarterly report. There were no questions.

**5. Industry Reports**

**a. Security Officers**

No report at this time.

**b. Investigators**

Patti James stated she had nothing to report.

**c. Alarm systems and Electronic Access Control**

Debi Ulmber stated she had nothing to report.

**d. Locksmiths**

No report at this time.

**e. Public Report**

Wade Hayden stated he had nothing to report at this time.

Committee member DJ Seeger informed the committee that a friend of his is licensed in Oregon and wants to know who he should contact for licensing in Texas. Ryan Garcia stated the number to call is 512-424-7293 and anyone should be able to assist them. Mr. Garcia also gave his phone number for assistance, if needed: 512-424-2517. Mr. Garcia stated that Texas does not have a reciprocity agreement with any other state, but the individual's experience can transfer over. The individual would need to go through the application process.

Committee member DJ Seeger asked if there was a requirement for large scale events to coordinate with local law enforcement. Ron Joy answered that while it is good practice for that to occur, there is no requirement.

6. **Discussion and Possible Recommendation Items**

There was no discussion or recommendation items at this time.

7. **Future agenda items**

Steve Moninger stated that there were no future agenda items currently.

8. **Date of next meeting**

Date of the next meeting will be held January 8, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

9. **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.