



# Texas Department of Public Safety

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### **Public Safety Commission commends Purple Heart award recipient**

During today's Public Safety Commission meeting, Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven C. McCraw presented a Purple Heart award to former Trooper Daniel Shown, who was shot while responding to a disturbance call.

"The men and women of the Department of Public Safety risk their lives every day to protect and serve Texas, and some sacrifice much," said McCraw. "Trooper Shown demonstrated incredible bravery and courage, and it is my honor to recognize him for his tremendous service to the State."

On December 16, 1988, Trooper Shown responded along with the McLennan County Sheriff's Office to a report that a man had threatened his daughter and infant granddaughter with a shotgun. Shortly after their arrival, the man began shooting at the responding officers. Trooper Shown was struck in the forehead, resulting in the loss of his right eye and permanent paralysis of the left side of his body. Trooper Shown was joined at the Commission meeting by his close friends and family.

The Public Safety Commissioners thanked Trooper Shown and his family for their sacrifice. Commissioner Carin Barth stated: "Trooper Shown's heroism will never be forgotten."

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