



TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

Timothy A. Braaten
Executive Director

MINUTES – QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) was held on Thursday, March 4, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Texas State Capitol Extension Auditorium, Room E1.004, 1100 Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas.

Commissioners attending were: Constable Charles Hall, Presiding Officer; Mr. Steve Griffith, Assistant Presiding Officer; Ms. Melissa Goodwin; Dr. Johnny E. Lovejoy, II; Mr. Joe Pennington; Sheriff Joel Richardson; Ms. Patt Scheckel-Hollingsworth; Chief Ruben Villescas.

Also attending was Assistant Attorney General John Beauchamp and Raymond Winter. TCLEOSE staff attending included: Executive Director Timothy A. Braaten, Director Chris Davis, Director Brian Roth, Director Kim Vickers, Laurie Abernathy, Jason Ball, Jim Clifton, Darla Dixon, David Englert, Dennis Graffious, Richard Gutierrez, John Helenberg, Nicole Hendrickson, John Hunt, Kenny Merchant, Ivan Messer, James Oswald, Carnecia Penson, Dawn Sekel, Doug Staudt, Kaye Wilson, and Mary Kay Wright.

Agenda item #1 - Call to order

The Presiding Officer called the meeting to order. Director Vickers announced the line of duty death of Arlington police officer Craig Story who died in an accident when his department motorcycle collided with a school bus on January 13, 2010. Director Vickers offered the invocation.

The colors were presented by the Travis County Constable Precinct 5 Honor Guard. Honor Guard members included Chief Deputy Carlos Lopez, Sergeant Skip Blaylock, Senior Deputy Dale Multer, and Deputy Laurence Caldwell. Commissioner Griffith led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance. Kaye Wilson called roll and announced that all commissioners were present. Presiding Officer Hall invited all in attendance to remain for the Region 7 strategic planning meeting immediately following the adjournment of the quarterly meeting.

Agenda item #2 - Approval of the minutes of the December 3, 2009 Commission meeting at Austin, Texas

Commissioner Lovejoy made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2009 commission meeting. Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Agenda item # 3 - Election of Secretary, to comply with Chapter 1701.055(b), Texas Occupations Code.

Commissioner Griffith nominated Commissioner Lovejoy to be the secretary. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item #4 – Presiding Officer’s Report

This item was covered in the work session. No action taken.

Agenda item #5 – Executive Director’s Report

Commissioner Griffith made a motion to receive and file the report. Commissioner Lovejoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item # 6 - Take action to enroll officers in the Texas Peace Officers’ Memorial.

Staff member, Jason Ball, read the names to be enrolled in the Texas Peace Officers’ Memorial. Commissioner Hollingsworth made a motion to enroll the officers and Commissioner Griffith second the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote. A list of these officers is included with the minutes.

Agenda Item # 7 - Take action to induct officers into the Texas Peace Officers’ Memorial who were enrolled today by the action taken and waive the requirement to take action for induction at a separate Commission meeting.

Commissioner Griffith made a motion to induct the officers just enrolled and waive the requirement to take action for induction at another meeting. Commissioner Lovejoy seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Agenda item # 8 - Take action to approve the recommendations for the Law Enforcement Achievement Awards.

Commissioner Griffith made a motion to approve the recommendations for the Law Enforcement Achievement Awards and Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A list of Achievement Award winners is included with the minutes.

Agenda item # 9 - Take action on Items of Interest

- Rule 223.19, Revocation of License, addressing a revocation for a felony deferred adjudication not related to duties of a peace officer or jailer.

There was additional discussion on this rule and the commissioners are not ready for a recommendation. Commissioner Griffith made a motion that staff bring the number of current felony cases to the June meeting. Commissioner Lovejoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Reserve officer designation: full-time paid, part-time paid; non-paid.

This was for information only and a vote was not required.

- Acceptance of out of state training

Commissioner Griffith made a motion that staff return with a rule at the June meeting. Commissioner Lovejoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Frangible lead free bullets

This was for information only and a vote was not required.

- Rule 217.9 and credit for training submitted through the chief administrator

Commissioner Griffith made a motion that staff bring a draft rule to the next commission meeting. Commissioner Lovejoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Suggested rule changes reference ADA requirements and basic licensing courses
 - 215.3 Academy Licensing
 - 215.5 Contractual Training
 - 215.6 Academic Alternative Licensing
 - 215.15 Enrollment Standards

Commissioner Lovejoy made a motion that staff return to the next commission meeting with a draft rule. Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

- 215.7 Training Provider Advisory Boards

This was for information only and a vote was not required.

- Comments received from the public on the Firearms committee report

This was for information only and a vote was not required.

Agenda item # 10 - Take action on recommendations from the basic licensing exam results.

Commissioner Griffith made a motion to proceed with the revocation of the training providers that have not met the required pass rates as mentioned in the exam report (Collingsworth County Sheriff's Office and the Reeves County Sheriff's Office). Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item # 11 - Take action on the application of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) to be an approved Training Provider.

Commissioner Griffith made a motion to accept the application of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit to be an approved training provider. Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item #12 - Take action on the application of the Odessa Police Department to be an approved Training Academy.

Commissioner Lovejoy made a motion to approve the application of the Odessa Police Department to be an approved training academy. Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item # 13 - Take action on the Request for Waiver of TCLEOSE Rules 215.15 Enrollment Standards and 217.1 Minimum Standards for Initial Licensure for Richard J. Roberts and the Huntsville Police Department.

Commissioner Griffith made a motion to approve the waiver for Richard J. Roberts. Commissioner Lovejoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item # 14 - Take action on the Request for Waiver of TCLEOSE Rule 211.1(a)(3) by Kaplan College.

Commissioner Griffith made a motion to table this item for the June commission meeting. Commissioner Lovejoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item # 15 - Take action on the expense recovery on SOAH Hearings and Legal Services reference Cooper v. Dallas Police Department

This item was postponed until the commissioners voted on Agenda Item #20, Appeal of F-5 Report of Separation of License for Jay S. Cooper.

Agenda item # 16 - Take action on the change in meeting dates for 2010.

Commissioner Griffith made a motion to change the September meeting date to September 16 and 17, 2010. Commissioner Lovejoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Presiding Officer Hall stated we will not have the December meeting.

Agenda item # 17 - Take action on 2011 meeting dates.

Commissioner Griffith made a motion to set the 2011 meeting dates for January 13-14; March 3-4; June 2-3; September 8-9; and December 1-2, 2011. Commissioner Lovejoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item # 18 – Take action on the proposed orders of amendments to existing TCLEOSE rules.

- 10-25-211.19 Forms and Applications
- 10-26-215.9 Training Coordinator
- 10-27-217.7 Reporting Appointment and Termination of a Licensee
- 10-28-217.9 Continuing Education Credit for Licensees
- 10-29-221.5 Jailer Proficiency
- 10-30-221.21 Firearms Proficiency for Community Supervision Officers
- 10-31-221.35 Firearms Proficiency for Juvenile Probation Officers
- 10-32-223.17 Reinstatement of a License
- 10-33-225.1 Issuance of Jailer License through a Contract Jail Facility
- 10-34-225.3 Issuance of Peace Officer License through a Medical Corporation

Presiding Officer Hall suggested that Rule 217.9 be pulled and re-presented as a proposed rule change at the June 2010 meeting.

Commissioner Griffith made a motion to approve Rules 211.19, 215.9, 217.7, 221.5, 221.21, 221.35, 223.17, 225.1, and 225.3. Commissioner Hollingsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item # 19 - Take action on the final orders of amendments to existing TCLEOSE rules.

- 10-20-211.1 Definitions
- 10-21-217.19 Reactivation
- 10-22-217.20 Retired Peace Officer Reactivation
- 10-23-219.1 Examinations
- 10-24-223.13 Surrender

Dr. Messer noted that no comments were received on any of these rules.

Commissioner Griffith made a motion to adopt the final orders of Rules 211.1, 217.19, 217.20, 219.1, and 223.13. Commissioner Goodwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item #20 - Discussion of and take actions on proceedings for revocation, suspension, and other disciplinary actions.

APPEAL OF F-5 REPORT OF SEPARATION OF LICENSE

Jay S. Cooper

Dallas Police Department

Mr. Beauchamp reminded the commissioners that they can either approve the decision of the Administrative Law Judge or they can not approve it, but with the commissioners own recommendation. Both parties did agree that the reason for separation should not be Dishonorably Discharge.

Commissioner Griffith moved that the commission accept and adopt the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge in the proposal for decision to enter a final order that requires the Dallas Police Department to correct the F-5 report to reflect General Discharge-Terminated for administrative violation

suspension. Option C is to impose a probated suspension where they can probate part of the term of the suspension. Several commissioners asked questions of Mr. Winter and there was further discussion. Mr. Winter explained that the action taken by the commissioners can be appealed by the respondent. Mr. Winter asked that the record reflect that there has been considered deliberation of all the facts and circumstances before taking final action. Mr. Beauchamp notified the commissioners that there is no requirement to file exceptions to a PFD before the item comes before the commissioners. The commissioners continued to discuss and ask questions.

FINAL ORDER STATUTORY SUSPENSIONS

<u>NAME OF LICENSEE</u>	<u>DOCKET #</u>
Jeremy Ayala	07-08-0548LS
Jennifer Rutherford	07-03-0386LS
Dudley Seals III	08-11-1196LS
Michael Tipton	09-09-0022LS

LAST DEPARTMENT TO HOLD COMMISSION (I-INACTIVE)

I-Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office
 I-Jones County Sheriff's Office
 I-Fort Worth Police Department
 I-Hardin Simmons University Police Department

Commissioner Griffith made a motion that the Commission accept and adopt the recommendations of the Executive Director to enter a final order as required under the provisions of Chapter 1701, Texas Occupations Code, Section 1701.502(b) to suspend the licenses of Jeremy Ayala, Jennifer Rutherford, Dudley Seals, and Michael Tipton. Commissioner Villegas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DEFAULT FINAL ORDER SUSPENSIONS

<u>NAME OF LICENSEE</u>	<u>DOCKET #</u>
Edgardo Castaneda	09-01-0213LS

LAST DEPARTMENT TO HOLD COMMISSION (I-INACTIVE)

I-McAllen Police Department

Commissioner Griffith made a motion that the Commission accept and adopt the recommendations of the Executive Director to enter a default final order as authorized under the provisions of 37 Texas Administrative Code, Section 223.3(c), and as required under the provisions of Chapter 1701, Texas Occupations Code, Section 1701.501 to suspend the license of Edgardo Castaneda. Commissioner Lovejoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FINAL ORDER REVOCATIONS

<u>NAME OF LICENSEE</u>	<u>DOCKET#</u>
Richard Linn	09-11-0126LR
Cathy Saucedo	08-07-1568LS

LAST DEPARTMENT TO HOLD COMMISSION

Coryell County Sheriff's Office
 Haskell County Sheriff's Office

Assistant Attorney General John Beauchamp asked that the final order revocations for Richard Linn and Cathy Saucedo be tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Griffith moved to table action and Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CANCELLATIONS

<u>NAME OF LICENSEE</u>	<u>DOCKET#</u>	<u>LAST DEPARTMENT TO HOLD COMMISSION</u>
Raymond Alejandro, Jr.	10-10-0067CAN	Nueces County Sheriff's Office
Michael L. Aydelotte	09-08-0723CAN	Parker County Sheriff's Office
George T. Bogle, Sr.	10-10-0109CAN	Haskell County Sheriff's Office

Cesar J. Chavarria	10-09-0061CAN	Gonzales County Sheriff's Office
Juan O. Cortez	10-10-0063CAN	Willacy County Sheriff's Office
Wendy L. Crain	10-11-0166CAN	Wichita County Sheriff's Office
Derrell R. Ervin	10-10-0068CAN	Ector County Sheriff's Office
Michael V. Mann	09-02-0308CAN	Frio County Sheriff's Office
Raul Martinez	10-09-0024CAN	Cameron County Sheriff's Office
Cassandra P. McGee	10-11-0138CAN	Nueces County Sheriff's Office
Eunice J. Phinisee	09-08-0728CAN	Bexar County Sheriff's Office
Christopher O. Reyes	09-08-0783CAN	Parker County Sheriff's Office
Christopher L. Stovall	10-10-0086CAN	Ellis County Sheriff's Office
Chasity L. Withers	10-10-0066CAN	Falls County Detention Center

PERMANENT VOLUNTARY SURRENDERS

<u>NAME OF LICENSEE</u>	<u>DOCKET #</u>	<u>LAST DEPARTMENT TO HOLD COMMISSION</u>
Alvaro I. Adame, Jr.	10-12-0203PVS	Texas Department of Public Safety
Ernest J. Alford	10-11-0165PVS	Karnes County Correctional Center
Phillip R. Ensley	09-07-0700PVS	Harris County Sheriff's Office
Jeremy L. Hunt	09-08-0763PVS	Splendora Police Department
Dustin B. Kreger	10-10-0111PVS	Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
Robert H. Leroux	10-12-0200PVS	Jersey Village Police Department
Gregory V. Mickel	09-07-0663PVS	San Antonio Police Department
Charles C. Robertson	10-11-0157PVS	Houston Police Department
Jose M. Sanchez	10-11-0161PVS	Edgewood I.S.D. Police Department
Terry Schoeneberg, Jr.	09-07-0691PVS	Hubbard Police Department
Theron W. Thompson	10-10-0097PVS	Comanche County Sheriff's Office
Dennis D. Walker	10-10-0112PVS	Harris County Constable Pct. 7
John H. Wallace	08-07-1565PVS	Rains County Sheriff's Office
Michael R. Wilcox	09-01-0261PVS	Chandler Police Department

REPRIMANDS

<u>NAME OF LICENSEE</u>	<u>DOCKET #</u>	<u>LAST DEPARTMENT TO HOLD COMMISSION</u> <u>(I-INACTIVE)</u>
Willie B. Brackens	09-02-0287RP	McLennan County Detention Center
Charlotte P. Campbell-Wilson	09-07-0650RP	North Forest I.S.D. Police Department
Laurence B. Cole	07-07-0524RP	Cameron County Sheriff's Office
Jon K. Fitzgerald	09-01-0202RP	Baytown Police Department
Joseph C. Flores	07-10-0120RP	San Antonio Park Rangers
Steven Fuentes	09-02-0351RP	Tom Green County Sheriff's Office
Jerry D. Hall	10-12-0194RP	Fort Worth Police Department
Shelley A. Jepsen	08-03-1433RP	Johnson County Sheriff's Office
Lisa D. Kish	09-09-0017RP	Sanger Police Department
Gordon E. Morris	09-07-0687RP	Lampasas County Sheriff's Office
Olga M. Saburov	09-03-0404RP	Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
Jackie L. Thompson	09-06-0583RP	Ector County Sheriff's Office
Edmundo F. Vasquez-Sierra	07-11-0181RP	El Paso County Sheriff's Office

F-5 APPEALS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Beverly Ensey	Pelican Bay Police Department
Steven G. Hughes	Flower Mound Police Department
Mark Jackley	Live Oak Police Department
Miguel Johnson	Bartlett Police Department
Reginald Milton	Texas Southern Univ. Police Department
David Opaleye	Dallas County Hospital District Police Department
Gary O'Pry	Combine Police Department
Erik Rangel	Cameron County Sheriff's Office
William Rogers	Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
Donihue Sands	Hempstead Police Department
Joshua Sumpter	Williamson County Sheriff's Office

Assistant Attorney General Beauchamp reviewed the "For Your Information" items with the Commissioners.

Agenda item # 21 - Receive public comment on any topic, without discussion

There were no public comments.

Agenda item # 22 - Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues consistent with Section 551.074 and Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, Open Meetings Act.

At 2:47 p.m. the commissioners went into executive session.

Agenda item # 23 - Return from Executive Session to report and /or discuss further actions to be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

At 3:16 p.m. the commissioners returned from executive session. No action was taken.

Agenda item # 24 - Adjourn

Commissioner Hollingsworth made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Griffith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. Johnny E. Lovejoy, II, Secretary
JL/kw

Names to be Enrolled and Inducted into the
Texas Peace Officer Memorial
March 2010

- Stuart Jay Alexander 3/11/2009
Struck and killed by a suspect's vehicle while attempting to deploy stop sticks.
- Cesar Arreola 1/18/2009
Died after becoming ill while participating in tryouts for his agency's Special Reaction Team.
- Joe Binnion 4/14/1897
Shot and killed by a young man whose mother had requested that the officer speak with him.
- Francis David Blake 10/3/2009
Killed in a collision while responding to a major accident.
- W. Clarence Brooks 7/4/1884
Shot and killed by a man whom he had previously arrested for disturbing the peace.
- Charles Grandison Bryant 1/12/1850
Killed in a skirmish between Texas Rangers and a group of Apache Indians.
- James T. "Jim" Burch 10/10/1897
Shot and killed when ambushed by one of his former prisoners.
- James P. Burk 4/25/1907
Shot and killed while acting as a deputized citizen in a house raid.
- Dionicio Camacho 10/23/2009
Suffered a fatal heart attack while conducting defensive tactics training.
- John B. Campbell 1/23/1841
Shot and killed by the brother of a man whom his posse had previously killed in an arrest attempt.
- Henry Canales 6/23/2009
Shot and killed while conducting an undercover investigation.
- Edward Carter 5/31/1976
Died from injuries resulting from falling through a trap-door hole in his guard tower.
- Henry Isom Chandler 1/11/1932
Shot and killed after responding to a disturbance call.
- Robert R. Coleman 11/4/1896
Died from gunshot wounds in a dispute in which an old enemy questioned his authority to make arrests.

George W. Cook 5/29/1895
Shot and killed by a county official whom he was going to testify against regarding embezzlement.

T.C. Craig 4/27/1875
Shot and killed when ambushed by a suspect whom he had been searching for.

Shane Thomas Detwiler 7/13/2009
Shot and killed after responding to the scene of a shooting.

Dewitt Clinton Early 12/4/1946
Shot and killed by a suspect whom he wanted to question on a forgery case.

Jimmie Don Ellison 3/10/1971
Shot and killed when ambushed by a suspect outside the officer's home.

John Luckie Elsberry 8/16/1895
Shot and killed while attempting to stop the robbery of a general store.

William E. Fletcher 1/15/1883
Shot and killed while acting as a deputized citizen in an arrest attempt.

Willam T. Flint 11/11/1876
Shot and killed by a man whom he was attempting to arrest.

Robert Lee Franklin 9/9/1933
Killed in a automobile accident while en route to a call from a woman who had been assaulted.

Joseph Robert Free 10/18/1912
Shot and killed after conducting an investigation on an aggressor.

Hugh Sevier Fuller 10/22/1927
Killed in a motorcycle accident while en route to a vehicle accident.

James Frederick Green 7/5/1892
Shot and killed by a man whose family member the officer had previously arrested.

Roy Neil Griffin 8/18/1941
Shot and killed in an ambush by a man whose alcohol-making equipment he was confiscating.

George Bingham Grissom 7/5/1892
Shot and killed when he and a fellow officer were attacked as the result of a vendetta.

Joseph A. Hall 8/16/1898
Shot and killed while attempting to arrest a man for creating a disturbance.

George T. Hammonds 12/18/1868
Shot and killed by bandits during their attack on a customs house.

D. Robert Martin Harvey 4/26/2009
Killed in an automobile accident while responding to a fight-in-progress call.

James W. Lathrop 1/9/1884
Shot and killed by a suspect while entering a house as a member of a sheriff's posse.

Douglas John Morris 1/28/1990
Killed when his department vehicle was struck by a train at an unprotected crossing.

Jourdan Alexander Morris 10/8/1881
Died from gunshot wounds and blows to the head while attempting to stop a disturbance.

Marion D. Norton 7/18/1882
Accidentally shot and killed when his pistol dropped to the floor and discharged.

David Thomas "Tom" Nowlin 9/26/1896
Shot and killed when confronting a man who had previously lured him into a prank mock gunfight.

Dewitt Frisby Oliver 9/17/1921
Died from a stab wound and falling injuries after being attacked and held hostage by inmates.

Levi E. Oliver 3/5/1930
Shot and killed by a young man in an argument resulting from a disturbance in the young man's family.

Timothy Olsovsky 10/7/2009
Suffered a fatal heart attack during shooting-range qualifications.

Green Paramore 10/6/1871
Shot and killed as he attempted to arrest an outlaw at a general store.

William H. Phelps 12/18/1868
Shot and killed by bandits during their attack on a customs house.

Thomas Shaw 12/10/1877
Stabbed and killed after making an arrest on a warrant regarding the selling of stolen hides.

John Spaldt 11/6/1898
Shot and killed by a rival officer while arresting smugglers during a period of political conflict.

Robert Steen 4/27/1871
Shot and killed as he attempted to stop a man from firing a gun inside a saloon.

Craig Story 1/13/2010
Died in a motorcycle accident responding to a call.

Probert Peolia Story 5/15/1893

Died from an accidental-gunshot wound received while attempting to make an arrest.

David Ike Sutton 2/19/1894

Shot and killed by a man whom he had previously arrested.

Frank Walters 9/25/1889

Shot and killed while attempting to arrest a man for cattle theft.

Randy Dewayne White 4/2/2009

Killed when his patrol car was struck from behind by a vehicle that was being pursued by other officers.

Duff G. Williams 8/26/1869

Shot and killed when he was attacked by two men.

**The State of Texas and the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
Officer Standards and Education
2009 Law Enforcement Achievement Awards Recipients**

Professional Achievement

Officer Bryon D. Vecera

Houston Police Department

In July 1999, the Houston Police Department mandated that a Truck Enforcement Unit be created to address numerous Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) fatality accidents that were occurring on Houston area freeways. Officer Bryon D. Vecera, a 19-year veteran peace officer, was one of the 40 original officers recruited to this new unit; and he worked faithfully for over 10 years to promote truck safety. In 2008, Officer Vecera seized the opportunity to investigate the application process with various tracking and reporting elements required to apply for a federal motor carrier safety grant. This grant provided the Houston Police Department with the extra resources for a proposed 10% reduction in commercial motor vehicle fatalities. Officer Vecera's dedicated and untiring efforts to overcome many obstacles that surfaced from local, state, and national levels were rewarded. The results of Officer Vecera's committed efforts for this initiative were far exceeded, and yielded a 75% reduction in commercial motor vehicle fatality accidents. The improved roadway safety and decrease in loss of life and property has earned Officer Bryon Vecera the 2009 Professional Achievement award.

Public Service

Officer Mark W. Calvert

Grand Prairie Police Department

Officer Mark Calvert is a 2009 recipient for Public Service. Mark began his career with the Grand Prairie Police Department in May 1982, and has served for over 27 years. He excelled as a patrol officer, specialized in traffic accident investigations, and is certified as an accident reconstructionist with nearly 2,200 hours of technical and specialized training. Officer Calvert also holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of North Texas and numerous TCLEOSE proficiency certificates. What has set apart Officer Calvert is his exceptional care and compassion for the community he serves. One of Officer Calvert's personal satisfactions is his work with the Santa Cop organization, which served thousands of families. Officer Calvert's fine organizational skills come into play when he is working to identify those in need, putting together toys and food for each family, making deliveries, and working with the many volunteers. Officer Calvert does not stop there: throughout the year, he helps to ease the pain when families are struck by a tragedy such as fire or weather-related damages by supplying food and new toys for the children. Officer Calvert has continuously lived by the motto "to protect and serve," and it is for this reason he is given the Public Service award.

Officer Guadalupe N. Duron, Jr.
Officer Jason M. Turrentine

Houston Police Department
Houston Police Department

Officers Guadalupe Duron and Jason Turrentine completed the same Houston Police Department 178th academy class and were assigned to the Northeast Division duty station, where they quickly entered into a partnership and became best of friends. Both Officers Duron and Turrentine have Master's Degrees in Criminology from the University of Houston - Clear Lake. From the moment these two officers hit the streets nine years ago, their impact was felt by the community they served. Both officers took an aggressive and proactive approach to reducing crime through a systematic line of attack: searching abandoned buildings - most of them near schools and churches - that had been converted into crack-cocaine dens. In 2009, Officer Duron and Turrentine together filed an overwhelming number of felony and misdemeanor charges. Additionally, these two officers removed firearms from the streets, including an FN Herstal semi-automatic pistol, which fires a cartridge that can pierce the body armor worn by police. These dynamic officers were able to raise the quality of life for the citizens by reducing "dope activity" in this high-crime area. Both Duron and Turrentine have shared the title of Police Officer of the Year for two consecutive years. It is for their dedication that Officers Guadalupe Duron and Jason Turrentine are being honored together for the Public Service award.

Officer Norberto "Bert" A. Preciado

Houston Police Department

Officer Norberto Preciado is a 26-year veteran peace officer and has been with the Houston Police Department for the past 17 years. In 1986, Officer Preciado, just three years into his law enforcement career, felt the need to help the sick children in Houston and the surrounding areas. Officer Preciado founded C.O.P.S. (Cops Offering Pediatric Support). Officer Preciado with other law enforcement officers and civilians solicits toys and donations from area business to give to sick children and their families. Four times a year, Officer Preciado and members of C.O.P.S. go in uniform or dressed up as cartoon characters or superheroes, to visit sick children in hospitals such as MD Anderson, Texas Children's Hospital and UTMB Hospital in Galveston to lift their spirits. 2009 was no different. Officer Preciado received no remuneration for his efforts, other than the fact that he knows he has made the world a better place. It is for this reason that Officer Norbert Preciado is honored with the Public Service award as an excellent Houston peace officer and a superhero to children with cancer.

Officer Stephen W. Burres, III

Irving Police Department

Officer Stephen Burres is peace officer with 18 years of experience, ten of which have been served with the Irving Police Department. Stephen is a 1993 graduated from Texas Tech University. Officer Burres is assigned to the DWI Unit and has filed 21 intoxication-manslaughter investigations with a 99% conviction rate and numerous intoxication assault cases. Officer Burres has given countless presentations, including DWI enforcement, traffic enforcement, blood draws, report-writing, courtroom demeanor, and mobile video courses at police academies, the U.S. Department of Labor, DPS, hospitals, and other police agencies. Stephen also routinely does "Safety Standown" an annual safety lecture for up to 600 military members for the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth. Stephen has organized and participated in Child Passenger Safety Week, Seat Belt Enforcement Mobilization, and Shattered Dreams programs at high schools. He has also served as the team captain for the past 6 years for the annual 5K Walk Like MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) walks, and \$35,000 dollars was donated from shirts sales in the memory of Officer Glenn Homs who was killed in the line of duty by a drunk driver in 1993. Officer Burres' caring and professional integrity make him a valuable asset to the Irving Police Department and the community. It

is because of his exemplarily enthusiastic attitude and positive approach to police work in DWI enforcement that the award of Public Service is given to Officer Stephen Burres.

Officer John C. McDonald

New Braunfels Police Dept.

Officer John McDonald, a peace officer with the New Braunfels Police Department for 14 years, had the foresight and vision to enlist others to create and implement Operation Intervention to address underage drinking in his city. After repeatedly being dispatched to underage drinking parties, several officers discussed the situation and sought solutions, recalling the horrific death of a UT student who was killed by a drunk teenage driver on Interstate Highway 35. Operation Intervention uses in-school and community based programs aimed at teaching young people the dangers of underage drinking. Officer McDonald's use of the tragic incident, technology, and sting operations has resulted in a significant reduction in alcohol-related offenses and injuries by minors. In 2009 a large seminar for local retailers and on-site visits provided a better understanding of the laws regarding alcohol sales and the detection of fake ID cards. The positive feedback of Operation Intervention has led to requests for presentations in neighboring communities. Due to Officer John McDonald's tenacity and relentless efforts, a dramatic reduction of more than 50% in the number of minor-in-possession and consumption-of-alcohol-by-minor cases resulted in earning him the Public Service award.

Officer Daniel Zamora

San Antonio Police Department

Officer Daniel Zamora of the San Antonio Police Department, who is Director of the San Antonio PAL chapter, can tell you what a "knockout" impact was made at the 2009 National Police Athletic League Boxing tournament on over 600 amateur youth boxers. PAL is a national youth-based athletic organization that offers sport activities to keep kids ages 7 to 18 off of the streets and feeling good about themselves. PAL also exposes young people to law enforcement. The boxing tournament was so successful that the national PAL organization wants to make San Antonio the future home of PAL boxing tournaments. Officer Zamora, who has over 28 years in law enforcement and nearly 18 years with the San Antonio Police Department, has displayed great leadership, as well as outstanding diligence and commitment. He worked long hours meeting with organizers, city leaders, and police command staff without compensation for this week-long event. This event not only provided tremendous opportunities for the local athletes, but made a significant economic contribution to the community, thanks to the public-service efforts of Officer Daniel Zamora.

Valor

Officer Kenneth J. Simmons

Fort Worth Police Department

In July of 2009, Officer Kenneth Simmons, who had been with the Fort Worth Police Department for four years, responded to a cutting in progress at a local apartment complex. A man armed with a large knife was attacking a UPS driver during a package delivery, stabbing her multiple times. The suspect continued to chase the woman, cutting her on the back as she ran for her life to her delivery van. Officer Simmons was the first on the scene, and confronted the man at gunpoint as Officers Reese and Merck arrived. The suspect refused to comply with any verbal commands, and Officer Reese deployed her Taser. The suspect was affected momentarily, but he managed to pull the prongs loose and charge Officer Reese with the knife. Officer Simmons' quick reaction, coupled with his tactical position, allowed him to shoot the suspect several times before the man could injure Officer Reese, who had fallen to the ground. It was later learned

that the suspect was a refugee from Sudan who had a history of mental health problems. Thanks to Officer Kenneth Simmons' act of valor, Officer Reese, the UPS employee, and others were spared further injuries.

Officer Erik L. Grasse

Georgetown Police Department

Officer Erik Grasse, who had served as a peace officer in Arizona for 10 years, came to the Georgetown Police Department in October 2006. On the evening in March 2009, Officer Grasse responded to a report of an accident, and found a car submerged in a large pond with only the trunk visible. A driver who had witnessed the accident reported that an elderly woman's car had left the road and plunged into the pond, and that no one had gotten out of the vehicle. Placing his own life in jeopardy, Erik entered the water, dove down and opened the passenger door, unbuckled the woman from her seat, and pulled her to safety. Thanks to Officer Grasse's heroism in the face of personal danger, 73-year old elderly woman was treated and released at the scene. Officer Erik Grasse is given the award of Valor.

Officer James G. Putman, II

Graham Police Department

Officer James Putman, who has served for three years with the Graham Police Department, was assisting the Young County Sheriff's Office of reported suspicious activity in September 2009. Witnesses had reported that a suspect was pointing a weapon at a female passenger. Officer Putman pursued a vehicle that matched the description. During the pursuit, the driver pulled into a grassy ditch, and while the car was still moving, opened the door and attempted to exit the vehicle. Officer Putman exited his patrol unit, ordering the suspect to put his hands in plain view. The suspect fired on Officer Putman multiple times with a revolver. Officer Putman fell to ground wounded as the suspect approached and fired additional rounds. Mindful of the safety of the passenger, the public, and himself, Officer Putman returned fire, fatally wounding the suspect. Officer Putman then stood up and proceeded to secure the scene despite his injuries. The Award of Valor goes to Officer James Putman for his quick actions and brave self-sacrifice.

Officer Nathan S. McDonald
Arson Investigator Charles "Randy" R. Willis

Grand Prairie Police Department
Grand Prairie Fire Department

In July 2009, Officer Nathan McDonald, a 2-year peace officer with the Grand Prairie Police Department, was dispatched to assist the Grand Prairie Fire Department in responding to a residential fire. When Officer McDonald arrived on the scene, he saw the house fully engulfed in fire, with visible flames shooting through the roof. Officer Charles "Randy" Willis, a firefighter and 10-year peace officer arson investigator soon arrived, but before the responding fire engine. Officer McDonald and Lt. Willis were advised by neighbors that an elderly man was trapped in the house. They rushed around the side of the house to the bedroom area and saw the man still in bed and physically unable to exit the home. The officers determined that if the man was to escape alive, they needed to act immediately. They broke a window, quickly entered the home, and extracted the incapacitated man. Within a few of minutes of the man's rescue, the ceiling collapsed, and the room was engulfed in flames. The house was a total loss. Thanks to Officers McDonald and Willis' act of valor, the elderly man was transported to the hospital conscious and very thankful for the lifesaving actions of these two heroes. The Award of Valor is given to Officers Nathan McDonald and Charles "Randy" Willis, who acted without fear for their own safety to save another person's life.

Deputy Diane M. Medina

Harris County Sheriff's Office

Officer Diane Medina, a peace officer of 9 years, was in field training in June 2009 after being newly appointed with the Harris County Sheriff's Office. Officer Medina and Ronnie Bunch, the deputy whom she was riding with, were dispatched to a reported discharge of a firearm in a drive-by shooting. While the officers were talking to the complainant, they observed the juvenile suspect driving down the street. After a short pursuit, the suspect crashed; and as he exited his vehicle, he fired on the officers several times with a shotgun. During the initial encounter, Officer Ronnie Bunch was stuck, and unable to return fire. Officer Medina immediately returned fire on the suspect, which allowed Officer Bunch to move out of the line of fire. Officer Diane Medina's quick and decisive actions under fire are a testament to her professionalism and courage, and have earned her the State of Texas Achievement Award for Valor.

Officer Cory J. Frank
Officer James "Kyle" K. Engelhardt

Houston Police Department
Houston Police Department

In February 2009, both Tactical Flights Officers Cory Frank, who had 26 years with the Houston Police Department, and James "Kyle" Engelhardt, with 14 years at HPD, were patrolling in a helicopter when they received a call regarding a missing two-year-old boy in the area of a bayou park. Well aware of a toddler's attraction to water and of the dangers involved, the officers focused their search on the bayou. They soon observed the toddler floating face-up in the middle of the water, moving with the flow of the current. The police ground units that responded to the scene were far upstream from the location. Realizing the urgency of the situation, the pilots agreed that they needed to take immediate action. Officer Engelhardt landed the helicopter in a confined space next to the bayou. Officer Frank jumped into the bayou and swam to the floating toddler, who was still drifting downstream closer to the opposite bank. Officer Frank pulled the toddler out of the water, up a steep concrete-lined embankment, and onto the grass, where he began CPR. Officer Engelhardt lifted off in the helicopter and moved to the opposite site near Officer Frank and airlifted the child to where EMS personnel were arriving. Despite the best efforts of all of the responders, the toddler did not survive. Officers Cory Frank and James "Kyle" Engelhardt went beyond the call of duty to risk their lives for the boy, and are honored with the award of Valor.

Officer Matthew J. Marin

Houston Police Department

Houston Police Officer, Matthew Marin started his law enforcement career two years ago. In October 2009, following a traffic stop, Officer Marin was assisted by Officer K. Hayes, who received an emergency call involving an assault with a deadly weapon in progress at a nearby apartment. Officers Marin and Hayes immediately responded and saw a group of people on the second floor landing. They observed a man stabbing his wife, and were told that the subject's father was trying to stop the man with a sledgehammer. After the father had struck the suspect with the sledgehammer, the head of the hammer had come off, leaving this "Good Samaritan" with only the handle. The suspect then stabbed him with a large butcher knife. Officer Marin shot the suspect twice in the chest, whereupon the suspect lunged toward the officers with the knife raised in an attack mode. Officer Marin brought down the suspect with a third shot to the neck, ending his rampage within a foot of the officers. Officer Marin, a 4-year Navy veteran who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, used his extensive combat-first-aid training immediately assisted the two victims. The father had sustained grievous abdominal wounds, and despite all Officer Marin's efforts, died at the scene. The wife of the suspect had sustained several deep wounds to her back and other parts of her

body, but survived after being transported to the hospital and undergoing surgery. The Award for Valor is given to Officer Matthew Marin.

Officer Chudy P. Onwuka

Houston Police Department

In April 2009, Officer Chudy Onwuka, a 2-year peace officer with the Houston Police Department, and backup Officer Duy Pham were dispatched to a suspicious person/crisis intervention team call regarding a male possibly unstable and harassing citizens. Officer Onwuka arrived first, and followed the subject to a concession stand in a park area where there were numerous children and adults. Officer Onwuka had the presence of mind to direct the unsuspecting concession attendants to exit the area as he attempted to establish a dialogue with the subject. As Officer Onwuka was placing the subject in handcuffs, the subject struck Officer Onwuka in the face, knocking him backward. He then grabbed Officer Pham by his throat, shook him violently, and dragged him by the throat, gasping for air, into the concession area as a large crowd of adults and children gathered. Officer Onwuka, despite having been struck violently in the face, considered the situation and took action. He drew his CED device as the subject used Officer Pham's body to shield himself. The subject grabbed a large butcher knife and viciously pressed it to Officer Pham's chin yelling "I'm going to kill him." Fearing for Officer Pham's life and the safety of the nearby citizens, Officer Onwuka placed his own life in peril by approaching the subject. When the subject exposed a small part of his chest, and Officer Onwuka deployed his CED device. It was through Officer Chudy Onwuka's courage, self-control, and situational awareness in a dynamic situation that the subject was taken into custody. The award for Valor is given to Officer Chudy Onwuka for risking his life to protect the lives of his fellow officer, the subject, and the public.

Officer Roberto Barrionuevo

Pasadena Police Department

Pasadena Police Department, Officer Roberto Barrionuevo, responded to an officer needs assistance call on August 21, 2009. Fellow officer Jessie Hamilton had responded to a domestic disturbance, and as he stood on the porch of a trailer to interview the mother of the suspect, who had called for help, learned that the male suspect inside was armed. With only enough time to call for assistance the male suspect emerged and shot Officer Hamilton. Upon arrival, Officer Barrionuevo witnessed the suspect standing over Officer Hamilton's body. Officer Barrionuevo placed his own life in jeopardy to defend his fellow officer and to protect the safety of the woman, exited his vehicle as the suspect pointed his weapon at Officer Barrionuevo. Officer Barrionuevo fired his weapon once, striking the suspect in the head, wounding him, and ending the attack on Officer Hamilton. Officer Hamilton, 29 years old and a 4-year veteran with the Pasadena Police Department, was transported to the hospital, where he succumbed to his wounds. Officer Roberto Barrionuevo is presented the Award for Valor for facing great danger valiantly and performing his duties without hesitation.

Officer Joshua L. Ridings
Officer Dustin R. Shechter

Pasadena Police Department
Pasadena Police Department

Officer Joshua Ridings had been a peace officer for less than two years when in late November of 2009, he and Officer Dustin Shechter received a tip from the U.S. Marshals of a wanted fugitive considered to be armed and dangerous who was in a nearby restaurant. The fugitive had been featured on the popular television show "American's Most Wanted" for eight sexual offenses against children, and had eluded law enforcement for weeks. As Officers Ridings and Shechter arrived at the scene, Officer Shechter, a 4-year peace officer, remained outside the restaurant to secure the parking lot. As Officer Riding approached the suspect, the fugitive produced a weapon and fired multiple times, wounding him. Officer Riding returned fire as he backed away, and collapsed on the ground from his injuries just outside the restaurant. Officer Shechter immediately raised his weapon, but did not fire as he watched the suspect turn his own weapon on himself causing a mortal wound. Officer Shechter ran to the aid his partner, providing lifesaving aid until emergency medical responders arrived. It is through loyalty to the duty to serve and protect, clear thinking, quick actions, and placing the lives of others before their own that Officers Joshua Riding and Dustin Shechter of the Pasadena Police Department are honored with the State of Texas Achievement Award for Valor.

Trooper John D. Cox

Texas Department of Public Safety

On December 31, 2008, Trooper John Cox, a peace officer for 12 years, with seven of those years with the Texas Department of Public Safety stopped a murder suspect motor vehicle on the outskirts of Eden. The San Angelo Police Department had earlier received a 911 call reporting the shooting of two women. One of the women had been pronounced dead at the hospital, but the other woman, although seriously wounded, was able to identify the shooter as a former boyfriend. Using the suspect's cell phone to track his location, the Eden Police Department positioned their patrol vehicles in attempt to spot the suspect, who was believed to be fleeing to Mexico. Trooper Cox observed a suspicious vehicle, and with activated lights pulled him over, but the driver did not fit the photo description. Trooper Cox also checked the vehicle's passenger, who fit the description, and Trooper Cox ordered him out of the vehicle. The suspect then retrieved a sawed-off shotgun and shot Trooper Cox, wounding him in the lower abdomen and knocking him down from the blast. Trooper Cox immediately returned fire and retreated to cover. After he had secured the driver, and the back-up officers had arrived, Trooper Cox approached and shot the passenger, who still was manipulating the shotgun. The suspect died en route to the hospital. After being shot, Trooper John Cox had not only returned fire and kept control of the situation, but bravely put himself back in harm's way to ensure the apprehension of a dangerous criminal who had already taken a life. By doing so, Trooper John Cox reduced the risk of harm to his fellow officers and the public, and is given the Award for Valor for his actions.

Deputy Craig T. Davis

Waller County Sheriff's Office

On October 1, 2009, Chief Deputy Craig Davis was dining with his family at a local fast-food restaurant. Deputy Davis, who had spent 11 years in law enforcement and had been with the Waller County Sheriff's Office for nine months, was off duty when two armed men walked inside the restaurant and held a gun to a female employee's head demanding money. Customers and employees ran and hid inside a bathroom or dropped to the floor; but not Deputy Davis, who had seen the robbery attempt unfold. Deputy Davis, without any fear for his personal safety, confronted the suspects and fired his weapon. The suspect who had been holding the female hostage at gunpoint was injured, and later died at a local hospital. The other

suspect escaped, but was later captured. Deputy Craig Davis was able to protect the safety of the hostage, the restaurant patrons, and his own family by heroically placing their lives before his own. His actions were exemplary, and have earned him the Award for Valor.

Deputy William "Joey" J. Briggs

Williamson Co. Sheriff's Office

For 25 years, Deputy William "Joey" Briggs has served in law enforcement, and he was appointed at the Williamson County Sheriff's Office in January 2005. One early afternoon in July 2009, a North Austin bank was robbed by an individual armed with a handgun. The Austin Police Department and the Travis County Sheriff's Office began a vehicle pursuit that entered neighboring Williamson County. Williamson County Constable Precincts One and Three joined the pursuit, along with Deputy Briggs of the Williams County Sheriff's Office. The vehicle pursuit entered the Georgetown city limits, where the suspect's vehicle was wrecked on Interstate Highway 35. The officers in the pursuit ordered the suspect to surrender, but he refused, pulling a woman out of the vehicle and holding a pistol to her head. Deputy Briggs was in front of the flanking officers on the side of the embankment as the suspect and his hostage began walking up the embankment toward a service road and a shopping center. Officer Briggs ordered the suspect to surrender, but the suspect ignored the order, continuing to move toward the shopping center. Deputy Briggs was faced with the decision to stop the suspect or let him continue to the shopping center occupied by civilians. Deputy Briggs also had to consider the suspect's hostage. Without any cover or concealment, Deputy Briggs ended the situation by positioning himself within a few feet of the suspect and shooting him. Deputy William "Joey" Briggs put his own life in imminent danger to protect others, and has earned the Award for Valor.