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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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As we say good-bye to Summer and hello to Fall, let us look back on the last quarter. We are excited to showcase all of the events and initiatives occurring throughout our department. In June, we welcomed a new class of deputies and have graduated two new detention service officer classes as well. We have said farewell over the last quarter to employees that have retired after years of dedicated service to the department. Our gun range renovations were completed in August. The new classrooms and range are already in use by the Sheriff's Department and the FBI. Our Inmate Programs division had a great milestone. The first repurposed bike from its bike program was given to a returning citizen in September. October has seen the Dallas County Jail pass it's eighth consecutive inspection and community events such as National Night Out and Kids and Cops. We look forward to the events to come in the next quarter that will allow us to continue interacting with the community and highlighting the exceptional employees that work for this department.

Back to School

The Dallas County Sheriff's Department greeted students at various DISD schools as they returned to school. In the photo below, DSO/SRT Karraz Dansby (2nd Watch/North Tower Jail), represented the Sheriff's Department at H.I. Holland Elementary School at Lisbon. DSO Dansby oftentimes is asked to speak with children in schools about his work. Thank you to DSO Dansby for being a great example of how the officers within our department reach out to the public.

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Graduation of Deputy Class

Academy Class 133 graduated a total of 28 deputies on June 9, 2016. The badge pinning and graduation ceremony took place at Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas. Friends and Family gathered before graduation to watch their loved ones receive their badge during the pinning ceremony. Sheriff Valdez swore in the 28 deputies and congratulated them on their achievement. The Sheriff's Department welcomes our new employees and looks forward to the contributions they will make in the years to come.



DSO Graduations

The Dallas Sheriff's Department held two Detention Service Officer graduations this past quarter. Approximately 45 new detention service officers were welcomed into the department. Thank you to Lt. Charles Kleppid and Captain Debra Williams for speaking at the graduations.



Deputy William Dittman Funeral

Deputy William Dittman, a bailiff and 23-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department, was laid to rest on September 8th in Sunnyvale. He passed away on Friday, September 2nd as a result of a traffic accident on his way home from work. The Sheriff and her executive staff as well as officers from various divisions attended the funeral service and burial. Deputy Dittman started his career with the Sheriff's Department in 1993 as a Detention Service Officer and eventually became a deputy sheriff. He was later assigned to the Traffic Division and was currently serving as a bailiff in the Court Services Division at the George Allen Courthouse. Deputy Dittman is survived by his wife and two children.



New Personnel Office

The Dallas County Records Building is currently undergoing an intensive renovation. As a result, all of the county offices have been moved to temporary locations. Our Personnel Office is now in Founders Square off of Jackson Street in Downtown. Personnel staff are enjoying their new temporary office space. They recently showcased their space to a few visitors from the Sheriff's Executive staff.



Unveiling of New Gill-Hernandez Medical Facility

The Dallas County Jail's Med Ops facility was rededicated as the Gill-Hernandez Medical Facility on June 13, 2016. Commissioners John Wiley Price and Dr. Elba Garcia, Sheriff Valdez, and Parkland Hospital staff were featured speakers at the event. The families of Jesse Everett Gill and Dr. Onesimo Hernandez were on hand for the special ceremony that unveiled the new name. Jesse Everett Gill was the first African-American deputy in the Sheriff's Department and Dr. Onesimo Hernandez was the first Hispanic to attend UT Southwestern Medical School and be employed by Parkland Hospital. The Sheriff's Department is proud to have this facility bear the name of two respected individuals that contributed greatly to the Dallas community.



DPD and Baton Rouge Funerals

On July 7th and July 16th the Dallas and Baton Rouge police departments lost officers in the line of duty. These horrific events affected law enforcement agencies across the county including the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department made sure to support these police departments by attending the funerals of their fallen officers. Members of the Honor Guard, Sheriff Valdez and the Sheriff's executive staff attended the funerals in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Baton Rouge.



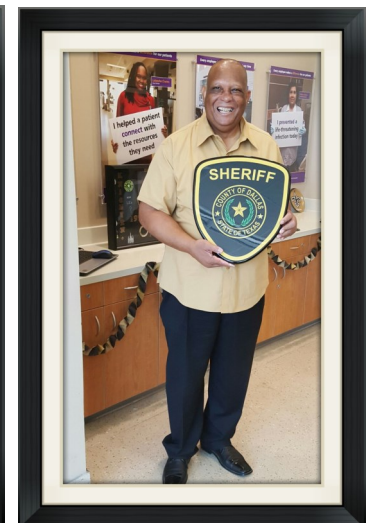
Welcoming New K-9 Officer

The Dallas County Sheriff's Department is happy to welcome our newest K-9 officer. Hawk is the newest member of the Interdiction Unit and is partnered with Deputy Latorrez Jones. Hawk visited the executive office on August 5th to meet Sheriff Valdez.



Randolph Knighten's Retirement Party

DSO Randolph Knighten (Release/S.H.O.T) retired from the Sheriff's Department after 21 years of service. A retirement party was hosted for DSO Knighten on July 30th at Parkland Hospital. Chiefs Garza and Sanders along with Lt. Sefton Burke attended the celebration. Thank you DSO Knighten for your service to the Sheriff's Department and enjoy your retirement!



Chantal Kirby's Retirement Party

Deputy Chantal Kirby retired from the Sheriff's Department on September 15th after 35 years of service. Deputy Kirby began her career with the Sheriff's Department as a clerk and eventually became a secretary. Deputy Kirby then made the decision to enter the Sheriff's Academy and the rest is history. Her last assignment was as a Bailiff in Frank Crowley. Current and former Sheriff's Department employees gathered at a party on her last day to wish her well in retirement. Attendees shared memories of their time working with Deputy Kirby and Marian Ogletree (Senior Secretary to Chief Brown) sang a special song for her. Deputy Kirby received a special shadow box and a Sheriff's star plaque from Chief Garza. On June 6th, Deputy Kirby was also presented a Seiko watch for her 35 years of service. Thank you Deputy Kirby for your service and you will be missed!



Gun Range Renovation

The Dallas County Sheriff's Department and the FBI's Dallas field office came together on August 25th to unveil the completed renovations at the Kenneth Mitchum Gun Range. A new building was constructed with classrooms and offices. A new firing range was also added. This was a joint project between the Sheriff's Department and the FBI.



National Night Out

The Sheriff's Department joined with other law enforcement agencies on October 4th and 5th to celebrate National Night Out. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign celebrated in thousands of communities across the nation. It promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Sheriff's Department employees attended events throughout Dallas County to interact with citizens and our counterparts in surrounding law enforcement agencies.



Bailiff Swearing-In

Retired DPS officer Joe Applewhite was sworn in as a bailiff on August 15th by Sheriff Valdez. Chief Lupe Garza, a fellow DPS retiree, was also present to welcome Mr. Applewhite to the Sheriff's Department.



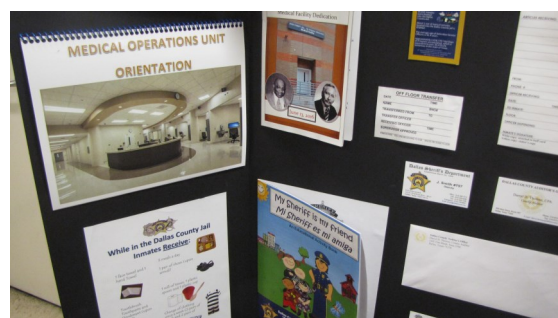
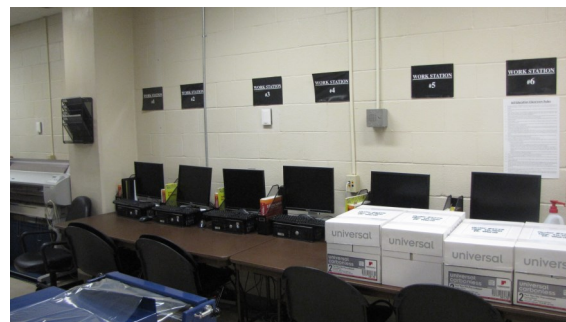
Scorpion Trucks

The Sheriff's Department recently obtained two Scorpion Trucks through a Texas Department of Transportation grant. The Traffic division will deploy these two trucks to the scenes of major accidents. Scorpion Trucks are designed to effectively absorb the impact of any vehicle that crashes into it. Our traffic deputies will now be protected from serious injury as they work accidents on all the major highways.



Sheriff's Digital Print Shop

The Sheriff's Digital Print Shop is housed in the Dallas County Jail and staffed by our employees and inmates, but it serves the entire county and outside non-profit and government agencies. The Print Shop has been in existence now for four years. It provides vocational skills for Dallas County inmates and meets the digital print needs of the Sheriff's office. Inmates who participate in the program learn real-life vocational skills for the digital imaging and print industry. They earn college credit through El Centro while producing exceptional print products for actual customers under the supervision of certified instructors and Dallas County detention officers. Detention Service Officers Andrew Simmons and Sandra Alexander oversee the production of items such as large form stationary, business cards, pamphlets, posters, envelopes, Intake forms, Miranda warning cards, and brochures. The quality of these items rivals the items produced by businesses like FedEx Office and Minuteman Press. The key difference is these products are cost effective and easy to obtain without a purchase order. The convenient location also makes them a better option for the departments in Dallas County since they can complete and deliver the order faster than an external vendor. If you are interested in obtaining any items from the Print Shop, go to http://www.dallascounty.org/departments/printshop/printshop_index.php. You will be not disappointed in your purchase and will receive great customer service from DSO Simmons and DSO Alexander.



Kids and Cops

Sheriff Valdez and Sheriff's Department personnel joined other law enforcement agencies for Kids and Cops Day at the State Fair of Texas on October 10th. The Kids and Cops trading card program is a youth outreach program that seeks to create positive interaction between law enforcement and children. The trading cards feature photographs of Police Officers, Sheriff Deputies, FBI Agents, Texas Rangers and Crime Prevention Specialists. Each card includes biographical information and words of advice to children. The Sheriff and all of the officers signed trading cards and took pictures with children that attended the event.



Retirement of DSO Cearley

Detention Service Officer Dwain Cearley (DSO Kays Tower) retired from the Sheriff's Department on July 21st after 29 years of service to the Sheriff's Department. Thank you DSO Cearley for your service and we hope you enjoy your retirement!



Posse Swearing-In

Retired Sheriff's Deputy Shelby Vess was sworn in as the newest Posse member on August 29 by Sheriff Valdez. Congratulations and welcome back to the Sheriff's Department Deputy Vess!



Bicycle Repair Program

Inmate Programs is pleased to announce its first recycled bicycle donated to a returning citizen! The recipient pictured below also shows off his project created in the wood shop program operated by Officer Love.

The Dallas County Sheriff Department wishes to thank Richardson Bike Mart Manager, Woody Smith for being a champion community partner for donating bikes to our bicycle repair program. The program allows bike instructor, Sgt. DeLeon to teach a marketable skill to our returning citizens.

The Sheriff Department salutes Richardson Bike Mart, Sgt. DeLeon and Officer Love for their team effort in making history!



Saving the County Money

Dallas County is very fortunate to have creative and talented employees with technical and functional knowledge focused on great quality outcomes. Officer Roy Love and Welder Johnny Austin had a clear vision of implementation and set forth the criteria to make it happen. The Sheriff's Department was faced with a dilemma on finding a correct bracket for the West Tower TV's from transitioning from the old box TV to flat screens. After brainstorming with several expensive options they decided to uniquely design their own bracket. Their design saved the county over \$60,000! A cost saving solution from our experts and a huge savings in processing costs! Applause and hats off to a great team!



Dallas County Jail Passes 8th Consecutive Inspection

The Dallas County Jail passed its eighth consecutive inspection on October 7th. Fred St. Amant, inspector with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, thanked Sheriff Valdez, the executive chiefs, and all of the jail staff for their assistance during the inspection. "Even though this was an unannounced visit, the inspection went well, the facilities were very clean, and the North Tower Jail looked the best it has ever been," said St. Amant. The Texas Commission on Jail Standard's calendar begins at the start of each fiscal year in September. This means there were two inspections in the 2016 calendar year, which makes it an even greater accomplishment for the Dallas County Jail to pass again. Executive Chief Deputy Jesse Flores and Commissioner John Wiley Price thanked Sheriff's Department employees, Parkland Hospital, and Dallas County Facilities for a successful inspection.



Courtesy Patrol Resolution

Commissioners Court recognized on October 4th deceased Courtesy Patroller Albert Robinson in a resolution for his service to the Dallas County Sheriff's Department. Albert Robinson's mother, sister, and young nephew were on hand to hear and accept the recognition. The Court also thanked the Courtesy Patrol for their hard work and service to the citizens of Dallas County. Each year, the Courtesy Patrol helps thousands of stranded motorists in Dallas County. We join the Commissioners Court in recognizing these outstanding individuals.



Graduate Executive Leadership

Lt. Brian Sherman and Lt. Eric Williams completed and graduated from the Institute of Law Enforcement Administration's (ILEA) School of Executive Leadership program on June 17th in Plano. Members of the Sheriff's Department Honor Guard and Executive Staff including Captain Christol Turner, Chief Patrick Bonner, Chief Earnestine Sanders, Chief Jesse Herrera and Captain Chris Smith were in attendance for Lt. Williams's graduation ceremony. Lt. Sherman was unable to attend the graduation and received his certificate the following week.



School of Police Supervision

Sgt. Shyrica Wesley completed and graduated from the Institute of Law Enforcement Administration's (ILEA) School of Police Supervision on June 28th in Plano. Members of the Sheriff's Department Honor Guard and Executive Staff including Captain Christol Turner, Chief Earnestine Sanders, Lt. Bryan Sherman, and Lt. Eric Williams were in attendance for the graduation. Congratulations Sgt. Wesley!



Father's Day Spread at Gill-Hernandez

Gill-Hernandez's 2nd Watch female detention service officers hosted a Father's Day spread on June 16th for their male counterparts. DSO Thelma Butler-Jones dressed up as "Madea" for the occasion. The female officers cooked and served lunch to the attendees. Each male officer received a special gift box. The gift boxes were presented to them as they arrived for their Father's Day lunch. Lt. Michelle Washington made and raffled off a gift basket that was won by DSO A. Desta.



Theresa Norman Retirement Party

The Data Management Unit (DMU) hosted a retirement party on August 10, 2016 for Ms. Theresa Norman. Ms. Norman retires as a Clerk V in DMU after 21 years of service. Thank you Ms. Norman for your service to the Sheriff's Department.



Christopher Kidd

Sheriff Valdez presented Christopher Kidd with a certificate for his 30 years of service on June 15th. Deputy Kidd is currently assigned to the Traffic Division.



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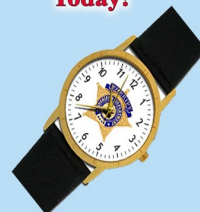
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Hotel Association Scholarship Luncheon

Chief Earnestine Sanders and Lt. Michelle Washington attended the Hotel Association of North Texas's scholarship luncheon on July 21st at the Dallas/Plano Marriott at Legacy Town Center. The luncheon honored the hospitality students who are current HANTX scholarship recipients.



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Announcements

DEATHS

June 3, 2016 - Gladys M. Hudson, the grandmother of Sr. Sgt. Deborah Bell (Traffic Division/3rd Watch) passed away at the age of 98.

June 8, 2016 - Brenda Perry, the sister of DSO Wanda Grigsby (3rd Watch/Gill-Hernandez Med Ops) has passed away.

June 30, 2016 - Retired Deputy Sheriff Bob Polley passed away at the age of 68.

July 5, 2016 - Dock Weatherston, the father of DSO Chris Weatherston (North Tower), passed away at the age of 75.

July 15, 2016 - Martha Bowles, wife of former Dallas County Sheriff Jim Bowles, passed away at the age of 85.

August 15, 2016 - Theresa "Terrie" Hays Harris, the aunt of DSO David Johnson (West Tower/3rd Watch) has passed away. Terrie was a Dallas County Sheriff communications dispatcher in the 1980s. Her father, Jess Hays, was a Dallas County Deputy Sergeant. Her son Clint Harris is a former DSO.

August 15, 2016 - Davie McDowell, Jr., the brother of DSO Winnie Reed (Inmate Programs) has passed away.

August 22, 2016 - Terry Falls, the father of DSO Terrell Gardner (South Tower/2nd Watch), has passed away from a long term illness.

August 23, 2016 - Retired Deputy Preston Snoga passed away at the age of 77. Deputy Snoga was a Bailiff in Court Services.

August 29, 2016 - Carlos David Zavala, the husband of Holly Pena (Civil/Writ Enforcement) passed away at the age of 35.

September 1, 2016 - Charles Senter, the father-in-law of Deputy Robert Vaughan (Livestock) passed away at the age of 86.

September 2, 2016 - Deputy William Dittman (Bailiff/Court Services) passed away at the age of 51.

September 10, 2016 - Bobby Hughes, the father of Pearl Hughes (Bonds and Warrants/1st Watch) passed away after a lengthy battle of cancer.

September 18, 2016 - Courtesy Patroller Albert Robinson passed away unexpectedly at the age of 25.

September 19, 2016 - Mildred Pete, the mother-in-law of Brenda Pete (Vault/3rd Watch) passed away.

September 21, 2016 - Johnnie Lee Jones, the father of DSO Tommye Jones (West Tower Jail/1st Watch) passed away at the age of 83.

September 26, 2016 - Joan Butler, the mother-in-law of Clerk LaShon Butler (Civil/Writ Section) passed away.

September 30, 2016 - John Rich, the father-in-law of Deputy Michael Livigni (Court Services), passed away after a long battle with cancer.

September 30, 2016 - William Potts, the brother of DSO LaShun Sellars (Central Intake) and the brother-in-law of Sgt. Darryl Sellars (PMH SHOT) passed away.

September 30, 2016 - Llisha Thomas, the niece of DSO Ruby Mayweather, passed away at the age of 37.

October 5, 2016 - Willie Thompson, the grandfather of DSO DeCharles Thompson (Central Intake/2nd Watch), has passed away.

Please remember to keep these families in your prayers.

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