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@dallas_sheriff www.dallas-sheriff.com The Sheriff's Department takes great pride being able to announce that the Dallas County Jail Medical Modification Project is almost complete and should open this month. This project marks an important moment in the progressive changes that have and continue to improve the Dallas County jail. The facility promises to change the nature of medical treatment at the jail. However, this project could not have been done without the tremendous teamwork from everyone involved. I am definitely looking forward to the opening of this new state of the art medical facility with in the jail.

The 2015 Great Texas Warrant Round Up

Kicks Off March 7, 2015



The 2015 Great Texas Warrant Roundup is about to begin! The official starting date of the 2015 Great Texas Warrant Roundup is March 7, 2015. During the 2015 Great Texas Warrant Roundup, a combined effort involving numerous jurisdictions throughout the State of Texas is unleashed. Police officers, county sheriffs, constables and sheriffs deputies work together, going to great lengths to serve outstanding arrest warrants. If you have an arrest warrant issued in your name, you are at risk and are subject to arrest. A law enforcement officer may come to your home, school, or office and take you into custody. (Continued on Page 8)

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Dallas County Sheriff's Civil Service Commission News

Dallas County Sheriff's Civil Service Commissioners Sworn In



On Thursday, February 19, 2015, the Dallas County Sheriff's Civil Service Commission was sworn in by Dallas County Probate Court Judge Brenda Hull Thompson. The Sheriff's Civil Service Commission helps ensure employment decisions in the Dallas County Sheriff's Office are consistent with civil service rules. The commission hears appeals from disciplinary actions such as the removal, suspension, demotion, or discharge of classified employees. The Commission then affirms, reverses, or modifies these actions during commission meetings. The Commission has the authority to uphold or affirm, reverse, or modify the County's employment action. The Commission consists of three (3) individuals. The Sheriff, District Attorney and Commissioners' Court are authorized to make one appointment each to the Sheriff's Department Civil Service Commission.

GET TO KNOW YOUR DALLAS SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION Commissioner Steve Hanna

Steve Hanna is the District Attorney's appointed Commissioner to the Dallas County Sheriff's Department Civil Service Commission. He is the Chief Executive Officer and owner of Protective Packaging Corporation. A Carrollton based company that make heat-sealed packaging products that keep just about anything safe from impact, mold, mildew, static electricity and corrosion, whether items are in transit or being stored. Over the last 25 years the company has become a globally recognized provider of expert packaging solutions serving a client base that includes some of the largest corporations in the world.

They are one of the largest manufacturers and providers of MIL-SPEC packaging products in the United States, and the largest converter and manufacturer of flexible packaging supplies in the Southwest. They are a registered United States General Services Administration (GSA) contractor and designated as a small, veteran owned, business by the Small Business Administration.

GET TO KNOW YOUR DALLAS SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Commission Chairperson / Commissioner Juanita Nañez

Juanita Nañez is the Sheriff's Department appointed Commission Chairperson to the Dallas County Sheriff's Department Civil Service Commission. She is a human resources and diversity consultant with The Hopkins Group. She has a distinguished executive leadership career in the banking, energy, and hospitality industries. She has held the positions of Corporate Recruiter; Manager of Employee Relations; Executive Director of Corporate Human Resources and Employee Relations; and Vice President of Diversity. She is an active member of the Dallas community engaged in organizations with missions focused on diversity-based developmental and educational initiatives. Nañez is fluent in Spanish and English.

Nañez attended Dallas Baptist University; holds an advanced level accreditation, SPHR, from the national Society of Human Resources Management; earned a Certificate of Employee Relations from the Institute for Applied Management and Law, Houston; completed the Executive Development Program at the University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Business; has received numerous awards and recognition for her performance in human resources and diversity, and was nominated a top-five finalist by the inaugural Dallas Arboretum's Celebration of Diversity Award for her impact on diversity in the community. She has also been recognized for her outstanding contributions to Dallas Diversity Training by the Texas Diversity Council, and referenced and featured in hospitality textbooks for her notable leadership in human resources. She also serves as a guest speaker and panelist for local, state and national human resources and diversity symposiums and conferences.

GET TO KNOW YOUR DALLAS SHERIFF'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Commissioner Dwayne Bishop

Dwayne Bishop is the Commissioner's Court appointed Commissioner to the Dallas County Sheriff's Department Civil Service Commission. Bishop began his law enforcement career in 1982 when he joined the Dallas Police Department. In 1985, he was transferred to the Criminal Intelligence Division for a temporary undercover position. In 1987, Bishop was assigned to a federal task force that included working with agents from ATF, FBI, IRS, DEA, and the Dallas County Sheriff Department. In 1988, he was assigned to a Jamaican Federal Task Force Unit where he was able to use his undercover techniques in arresting many suspected drug dealers. He was recognized for his heroic actions, which he performed with courage and with great risk and danger. He was awarded the Department's Meritorious Conduct Award for his ability to blend in with and apprehend members of the Jamaican Drug Cartel. In 1991, Dwayne Bishop transferred to the Protective Services Section of the Criminal Investigation Bureau where he remained until his retirement. Bishop's responsibilities included Dignitary Protection Assignments, Monitoring Protests, Criminal Investigations, and working as a community liaison. He has also assisted the U.S. Secret Service with every Presidential and Head of State visit since President Gerald Ford. In 1992 presidential candidate Ross Perot declined the assistance of the U.S. Secret Service and hired Bishop to assist with his protection doing his campaign period.

Bishop received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Upon his retirement, Bishop began his own international security company called, "Congregational Security Inc." He is presently a consultant to the NBA, the Dallas Mavericks and the Dallas Housing Authority where he oversees a 1.2 million dollar security budget.

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD FOR WISE COUNTY K9 KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY

A memorial service with full honors was held on February 4, 2015 for the Wise County Sheriff's Department canine "Pepper" who was killed in the line of duty. "Pepper", a Dutch Shepherd, was shot by a suspect on January 28, 2015 after "Pepper" found the suspect hiding under a pile of leaves.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said it all started around 2:30 p.m. on that Wednesday afternoon, when Montague County deputies attempted to arrest a



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man on an outstanding warrant. The suspect displayed a gun and drove away, with the deputies in pursuit. DPS said the suspect abandoned his vehicle and fled into a wooded area along a dirt road near the town of Sunset, just north of the Wise County line and about 55 miles northwest of Fort Worth. Pepper and his handler had been called to assist the officers and when they arrived "Pepper" was released to flush out the suspect. But when the Dutch Shepherd located the man under a pile of leaves, the suspect opened fire on the officers and killed "Pepper". Officers returned fire, killing the suspect. Pepper was one of the department's newest canines and had been on the force for only a few months. The suspect identified as Alverson had been arrested 23 times since 1990 and was being sought on a probation violation and an outstanding arrest warrant from Tarrant County. Past arrests included escape, carrying a prohibited weapon and drug possession. Condolences poured in for "Pepper" and expressions of sympathy were also posted on the Officer Down Memorial Page website, which remembers officers and dogs killed in the line of duty.

The Dallas County Sheriff's Department has two drug detecting Dutch Shepards imported from Holland named "Lewis" and "Ali". They are the Sheriff Department's latest weapon against the war on drugs. Funded with federal seizure money, this unit is self supporting at no cost to the tax payers of Dallas County. Trained in South Louisiana at US-K9 Unlimited's Dog Training Academy, each canine and their handler go through several weeks of training. These well trained canines have "hit" on everything from a truck load of marijuana to small amounts of cocaine residue.

Many local law enforcement agencies have called on their drug sniffing abilities. Arlington, Dallas, Grand Prairie, Red Oak, Ferris, Desoto, Glen Heights, Lancaster, Wilmer, Hutchins, Mesquite, Forney, Seagoville, the Department of Public Safety, Immigration & Customs Enforcement, the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the Federal Bureau of Prisons have all utilized the Dallas Sheriff's Department canine unit with a high degree of success. Deputy J. Payton and Deputy L. Jones, who are the canine handlers, have over 30 years of law enforcement experience. The partnership with their canines make them a team that will have an enormous impact on the nations drug traffic trade.

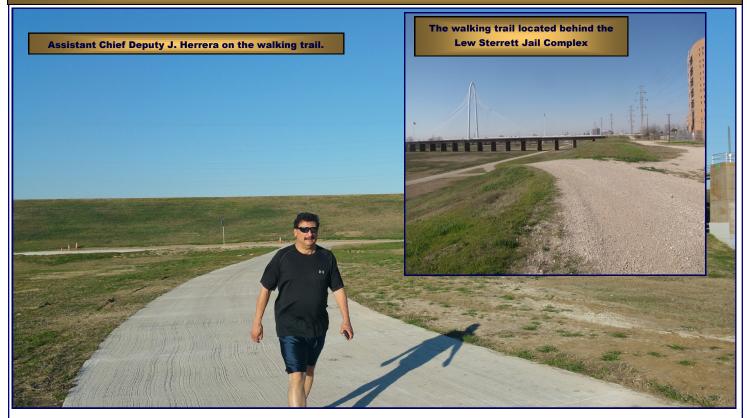


service with their K9s

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MAKE FITNESS FUN AND GET STARTED TODAY!

Walking To Fitness / Walking Trail Behind Lew Sterrett Building



For staff members wanting to get in shape by walking, there is a walking trail located behind the Lew Sterrett Jail Complex. Several officers and even some chiefs have been spotted walking the trail on some of the beautiful days we've experienced early this year. The trail goes along the Trinity River and extends all the way to the Anatole Hotel. There are no lights on the trail so if you decide to walk make sure you have plenty of daylight. Have fun and get in shape today!!!!



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WIN A NEW TRUCK!!!!!



The Sheriff's Association of Texas is an organization dedicated to supporting local law enforcement in Texas. Through the support of all of their members, the Sheriff's Association of Texas is able to provide training, legal assistance, and other critical resources to Peace Officers across Texas at no cost. Membership dues also allow the Sheriff's Association of Texas to honor Fallen Officers with their Lost Lawman Memorial and offer scholarships to the children of Peace Officers and to those officers who wish to continue their education. To raise money for these items, the Sheriff's Association is holding a raffle. They have coordinated with Benny Boyd Auto Group and are bringing you a chance to win a 2015 RAM 1500 quad cab truck. Raffle tickets are \$100.00 each. Sheriff Valdez will have raffle tickets in the administration office or you can go online to the Sheriff's Association of Texas website at the following link : http://www.txsheriffs.org/

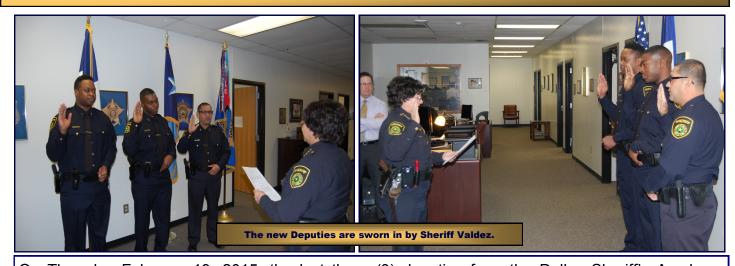
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New Deputies Sworn In



On Thursday February 19, 2015, the last three (3) deputies from the Dallas Sheriff's Academy Basic Peace Officer's Course # 132 were sworn in by Sheriff Valdez. The three (3) new deputies are looking forward to starting their law enforcement career and will be assigned to the Sheriff's Traffic Division during their probationary period. The small ceremony was attended by friends and family of the new deputies who were extremely proud of them.



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2015 Great Texas Warrant Round Up (continued from page 1)

Pay in person at the Justice of the Peace Precinct where the citation was issued:

JP 1-1, Judge Thomas G. Jones - 7201 S. Polk St., Dallas TX 75232

JP 1-2, Judge Valencia Nash - 107 Texas St., Lancaster, TX 75146

JP 2-1, Judge Gerry Cooper - 140 N. Garland Ave., Garland, TX 75040

JP 2-2, Judge Bill Metzger - 823 N. Galloway Ave., Mesquite, TX 75149

JP 3-1, Judge Al Cercone - 10056 Marsh Lane, Dallas, TX 75229

JP 3-2, Judge Steven L. Seider - 1411 W. Beltline Rd., Richardson, TX 75080

JP 4-1, Judge N. "Stretch" Rideaux - 106 W. Church St, Ste. 205, Grand Prairie, TX 75050

JP 4-2, Judge Katy Hubener - 841 W. Irving Blvd., Irving, TX 75060

JP 5-1, Judge Sara Martinez - 3443 St. Francis Ave., Dallas, TX 75228

JP 5-2, Judge Juan Jasso - 410 S. Beckley Ave., Dallas, TX 75203

Pay Online at: www.dallascounty.org

OR CALL 1-877-268-6128 Se Habla Español This year the Dallas Sheriff's Department is joining more than 300 Texas law enforcement agencies for the warrant round-up. That makes the annual initiative the largest to date.

Each year around this time the warrant round-up targets those who have outstanding fines from traffic, parking or city ordinance tickets. Sheriff Valdez urged people to take care of their responsibilities.

"I'm sure no one wants to undergo the embarrassment of being arrested in front of your friends, family, co-workers, strangers."

Don't wait to be arrested! If you have outstanding traffic ticket warrants, a lawyer can post an attorney bond and remove the warrants without your having to go to jail. Even if your arrest warrant is for a more serious misdemeanor, or even a felony, an attorney may be able to post a personal recognizance bond or an attorney bail bond on your behalf, and work with you to seek a favorable resolution to your criminal case.



Correctional Management Institute of Texas Recognizes Dallas County Assistant Chief Deputies for their Leadership Qualities



The Dallas County Sheriff's Department received a letter from Carmella Jones, Program Specialist with the Sam Houston State University Correctional Management Institute of Texas in which she praised Assistant Chief Deputy Maria "Lupe" Garza and Assistant Chief Earnestine Sanders. Mrs. Jones stated it was with great honor that the Correctional Management Institute of Texas recognized Assistant Chief Deputy Garza and Assistant Chief Sanders for their Leadership Qualities during the 16th Jail Administration Management and Operations Training, conducted February 15 – 20, 2015 in Huntsville, TX. The two Assistant Chiefs received this esteemed acknowledgement from the class during dinner on the last evening of their training. The class was attended by 36 jail administration personnel from around the state. Mrs. Jones congratulated the Sheriff and all of her staff for this recognition. She stated how she was honored to know the two exceptional representatives from the Sheriff's Department.

DID YOU KNOW?

The "**Old Jail"** is found across from Dealy Plaza and located in the upper floors of the Criminal Courts Building on the corner of Main Street and Houston Street across from the 1890 Dallas County Courthouse known today as "Old Red."

It was originally thought to be an escape-proof jail since it was in a high-rise building, but several escapes took place when it was open, including some members of Clyde Barrow's notorious gang.



Jack Ruby became a so called "guest" of the "Old Jail," when he was caught on film shooting Lee Harvey Oswald. Lee Harvey Oswald was detained by the City of Dallas Police Department until he was charged with felony murder, for the murder of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963. Oswald was being transferred into the County's custody when he was shot by Jack Ruby. Ruby was immediately taken into custody. When the "Old Jail" was constructed, Dallas County still participated in hangings. Executions on gallows were conducted outside until the "Old Jail" was complete. "Death Row" prisoners were then hanged inside the "Old Jail" until the mid-1920's.

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- Step 1 Pass a vehicle inspection and retain your vehicle inspection report.
- Step 2 Renew your annual registration by mail, online or in person, and your inspection status will be verified electronically. A passing inspection is required for registration.

You'll be issued one sticker as proof of inspection and registration.

www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com

TWO STEP TIPS

Single Expiration Date: Transitioning to "Two Steps, One Sticker" will require every vehicle's inspection and registration dates to expire at the same time. In order to do this, during the first year you will be allowed to register your vehicle as long as your vehicle inspection is valid the day you register.

90 Days to Inspect: Beginning March 1, 2016, you will have a convenient 90 day window to complete the Two Steps. In order to register on time, you must have your vehicle inspected within 90 days before your sticker expires.

Inspection Verification: If your vehicle passed inspection but the system is unable to electronically verify it, simply present your valid, passing vehicle inspection report (VIR), and you will be able to register.

Inspection Fees: The inspection fees have not changed but where you pay them has. You will now pay the inspection station its portion of the fee at the time of inspection and the state's portion of the fee will now be collected at the time of registration.

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Announcements

DEATHS

February 3, 2015: Theresa Gillard, sister of Deputy Traci Price, 1st watch, Central Intake.

<u>February 6, 2015:</u> George W. Smith passed away at the age of 85. He was the father of DSO Bobby McGee on 2nd watch, North Tower.

DALLAS COUNTY JAIL MEDICAL MODIFICATION PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION



The Dallas County Medical Modification Project is a collaboration between the Sheriff's Office. Parkland Hospital, and the Commissioners Court that broke ground in the beginning of FY2013. The facility housed in the North Tower is a unique medical health care facility within Lew Sterrett that will allow for the treatment of inmates onsite, thus significantly reducing the need to transport individual inmates to Parkland as well as increasing the expediency in which inmates receive proper care. The plan for the Medical Modification Project was developed with consideration given to the new area designated for inmates within the New Parkland Hospital. More serious, complicated cases will continue to emerge that will require specialized services that will be delivered at the Parkland Hospital Campus.

HAPPY RETIREMENT CAPTAIN JASON VALENTINE!

North Texas Auto Theft Task Force Captain Jason Valentine is saying goodbye to the Sheriff's Department after a long and storied career of 34 years at Dallas County. Happy Retirement!



DALLAS COUNTY JAIL MEDICAL MODIFICATION UNIT (continued)

The Medical Modification Unit is comprised of several floors that allow for inmate housing, mental health treatment, medical infirmary for acute care, jail clinic and radiology and dental clinics including future provisions for a CT imaging machine. The Medical Services Floor has a capacity of 137 bunks and the Mental Health floor has a capacity of 146 for a total of 283 bunks for inmates who require enhanced medical/mental health attention. The Medical Modification Unit is nearly completed with a ribbon cutting and open house slated for mid-March 2015 and full operations beginning April 2015.

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Dallas Sheriff's Citizens Academy Items for Sale



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Dallas Sheriff's Citizens Academy Items for Sale



Black or Natural Canvas Tote Bags ~ \$8.00



Medium and Large Nylon Duffle Bags

Large Bag is 11"Hx23"Wx10"D with Two Outside Pockets (One to Store Activity Shoes) Small Inside Zipper Pocket, Side Carrying Handles, Color is Black with Silver Trim. Medium Bag is 11"Hx18"Wx12"D with Three Outside Pockets (One to Store Activity Shoes). Color is All Black. Both have Shoulder Straps.

> Large \$40.00 Medium \$30.00



Black Canvas Tote Bag Single Badge ~ \$8.00



Lunch/6 Pack Nylon Cooler Black, Three Badge Roomy Cooler with Plastic \$22.00 Water-Proof Removable Liner. Large Front Pockets and Two Side Mesh Pockets. Adjustable Shoulder Strap.



Zippered Nylon Tote Bag Color Black, Single Badge with Zippered Outside Pocket \$20.00



3 Outside Pockets with Cell Phone Pocket. Fully Padded Accordion File Pockets Shoulder Strap Rugged 600 Denier Poly Canvas

of Storage.



Laptop Briefcase \$25.00!



3 Badge T-Shirts \$11.00 Gildan Ultra Cotton Sizes M. L & XL **Pre-Shrunk** \$15.00 **Colors: Navy Blue or Black** Sizes: M - L - XL - 2XL - 3XL Sizes 2XL & 3XL



Black with

White Piping

Medium size,

compartment,

yoke style straps,

with organizer panel.

drop-in audio pocket with

headphones exit, dual side mesh

water bottle pockets, front panel

Single main

Embroidered Blanket 50"x60" 100% Polyester Colors: Navy Blue, Pink, Black, **Purple or Gray** \$32.00



Knit Watch Cap Black, Three Badge One size Fits Most Extra warm knit for those cold days. \$12.00



Cap, Black, 3 Badge Winter Style: Cotton Leather Adjustable Strap. Summer Style: Nylon Mesh Velcro Adjustable Strap. \$15.00

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