

# Behind The BADGE



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

## DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

### FROM THE SHERIFF

2015 ended in a way that no one expected. The December 26th tornadoes that hit Collin, Dallas, and Ellis counties directly affected our department. Employees lost their homes and one family lost a loved one in the storm. After the storm, we all pulled together to help the citizens affected as well as our Dallas County Sheriff Family. Thank you to all of the personnel who worked at the various command centers and assisted the police departments of Garland, Glenn Heights, and Rowlett. A special thank you to all of our police associations that stepped in to offer immediate aid to our employees. We remain committed to helping our employees and the communities in Dallas County as they continue to recover from this natural disaster.

### Christmas Celebrations

Various Christmas celebrations took place in the Sheriff's Department. From White Elephant gift exchanges to potluck lunches. Everyone in the Department got into the holiday spirit. We hope that all Sheriff's Department employees enjoyed the holiday season.

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## 8th Annual Bryant Joseph Christmas in the Community

The Sheriff's Department participated in the 8th Annual Bryant Joseph Christmas in the Community event on December 18th. Volunteers helped wrap and prepare gifts days before the event. They also helped on the day of the event serving food, interacting with the families, and distributing gifts. Attendees at the event listened to motivational speeches, danced, enjoyed musical performances, and were treated to a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.





## Tornado Recovery

Tornadoes struck the Dallas County cities of Garland, Glenn Heights, Rowlett, and Sunnyvale on December 26th. Not only was our community impacted, but also Dallas County Sheriff employees. Some of their homes were either severely damaged or completely destroyed in the storm.

Four employees also suffered the loss of a family member, former Dallas County Sheriff employee Lashondra Whitaker. We offer our condolences to Felton Whitaker Sr., Felton Whitaker Jr., Lashedra Whitaker, and Donovan Davis on the loss of their loved one.

Special thanks to the police associations for stepping in and helping all the employees affected by the storm. They were able to provide immediate financial assistance to all of those in need.

The Sheriff's Department didn't just help its employees, but also the communities affected by the storm. Deputies were on special assignments in Garland, Glenn Heights, Rowlett, and Sunnyvale assisting police units. Deputies provided extra man power to help patrol neighborhoods and offered support wherever they were needed. Everyone's tireless dedication is appreciated and the clean up process has begun.

The Sheriff's Department thanks everyone that worked a special assignment and who aided their own co-workers through this difficult time.



## Dallas County Sheriff Chaplain Unit

The Dallas County Sheriff Chaplain Unit always answer a call whether it's for late night traffic accident, notifying next of kin or most recently a deadly tornado. The Chaplain Unit was established in October 2009. It was developed to provide spiritual, emotional, and mental support to employees of the Dallas County Sheriff's Department.

This all-volunteer unit consists of eight volunteers. The members of the unit are Reserve Deputy Joe Chapman, Chaplain Paul Garcia, Chaplain Harold Edwards, Chaplain Mike Allcorn, Chaplain Sonny Canaster, Chaplain Dennis Farley, Chaplain Mary Wesley, Chaplain Ivery Bradley, and Chaplain Glenn King. The Chaplain's Unit has provided a ministry of presence, support, and counsel to the personnel of the Sheriff's Department, as well as the unfortunate victims of crime. All counseling and consultations are private and confidential.

Two members of the Chaplain Unit were extremely active after the tornadoes ravaged the cities of Garland, Glenn Heights, Rowlett, and Sunnyvale. They were out in the affected areas the same night of the storms and have returned numerous times during the recovery effort. The Sheriff's Department would like to thank Chaplains Dennis Farley and Paul Garcia for aiding storm victims and our employees during this difficult time.





### Russ Martin Community Event

Officers from the Freeway Management Section took part in a special presentation at iHeart Radio's 97.1 studio. A 6-year-old girl named Jenna, stricken with Spina Bifida, was presented a specially modified "Hello Kitty" car. She received this car because of her commitment to Russ Martin's Listener Foundation, which provides families of fallen officers and firefighters immediate cash relief. Jenna has shown her commitment by regularly contributing \$2 from her allowance to this fund.

Captain Raymond Williams #395, Deputy Clinton Edwards #958 , and Deputy Juacim Juarez #1015 attended the presentation and provided an escort around the facility parking lot at 14001 Dallas Parkway. Jenna expressed that "This was one of the best days of my life".



### Senator Royce West Certificate Presentation

Senator Royce West presented machine shop completion certificates to inmates in the Kays Tower. The inmates completed the course through Mountain View College. The Sheriff, Senator West, and representatives from the District Attorney's Office, Senator Cornyn's Office, Mountain View College, and Dallas County Community College District attended the presentation.



## Pepper Spray Training

Detention service officers participated in a defensive tactics class on December 11th. The class included a training where the participants were exposed to pepper spray.



## Chief Deputy Herrera and Lt. Herrera

Dallas Police Basic Class #346 graduated Friday, February 12, 2016 at Mountain View College. They started June 8th, 2015 and 25 out of 30 finished the class. Amongst the graduates was Scott Herrera, son of Chief Deputy Jesse Herrera and nephew of Lieutenant Eddy Herrera. Congratulations to Scott, Chief Herrera, and Lt. Herrera on this achievement!





## LEPP Intern Program

The Dallas County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Preparation Program (LEPP) acquaints young people with the nature and complexity of law enforcement. It also encourages them to seek a career in law enforcement. Ten students from Sunset High School are participating this year. They will develop leadership abilities and build an appreciation for community services and citizenship. The Sheriff, chiefs, and other staff visited the students to talk about their role in the department. The students have also had visits from officers so that they can learn more about the different departments and roles in the Sheriff's office.



## Vin Etching

### Free Vin Etching

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

10:00am - 2:00pm

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601 S. Plano Road

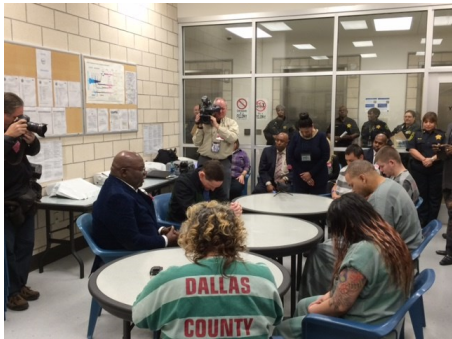
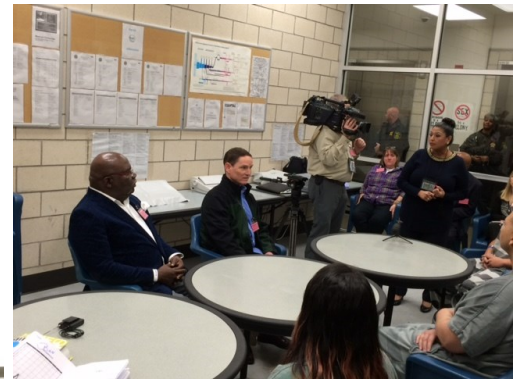
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Any questions please contact the North Texas Auto Theft Task Force

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## Bishop T.D. Jakes and Clay Jenkins Visit Kays Tower

Bishop T.D. Jakes of The Potter House and Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins visited the Kays Tower on January 27. Bishop Jakes and Judge Jenkins had the opportunity to meet with five inmates during a round table discussion. They learned more about their backgrounds and the inmate programs at Dallas County Jail. Bishop Jakes took the time to listen to the inmates' stories and offered advice. Bishop Jakes and Judge Jenkins' visit also included a meeting with representatives from Parkland Hospital. The purpose of this special visit was to discuss how to reduce recidivism and help former inmates as they reintegrate into society. Special thank you to Yolanda Lara, Director of Inmate Programs, for organizing the round table discussion and aiding with the logistics of the visit.





## Assist the Officer Foundation

On Friday, Chief Teddy Jones and Captain Charlie Tyner presented a check for \$500.00 to Dallas Police Association President Ron Pinkston for the Assist The Officer (ATO) Foundation from the Reserve Division 501(c)3. Captain Tyner is Board President of the Reserve Division 501(c)3 Corporation. The monies will be used for those Officers who lost their homes during the December Tornadoes.

The Assist The Officer Foundation provides financial assistance to officers who are facing the loss of income due to a serious injury, life-threatening illness or other catastrophic event. Immediate assistance is also available to an officer's family in the event of the death of an active officer.

Since its creation in 1999, the foundation has provided assistance to hundreds of officers and their families who were faced with any number of different life-altering situations.



## Happy 70th Birthday to Carmen Clark

On Sunday, January 31st, Carmen Clark who works in the Vault turned 70 years young. To celebrate her birthday, DSO Nicole Craig, DSO Dede Paige, Retired DSO Sharon Lancaster, Lobby Clerk Tyshon Broden and Vault Clerks, Umeka Ward and Glenda Lunceford gave Ms. Clark a surprise birthday party at Nagoya's Japanese Hibachi Restaurant in Arlington. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed having their dinner of shrimp, steak, chopped beef, salmon, fried rice, and stir fried vegetables cooked in front of them. Happy Birthday Carmen!



### Auto Theft Prevention Tips

On Tuesday, November 17th, the Auto Theft Task Force arrested a prolific violator. The Task Force was conducting a bait operation on State Highway 183 in Dallas. During the course of the operation, a subject attempted to steal our bait. When the Task Force members attempted to arrest him he bailed out of his vehicle and attempted to flee on foot. In so doing he left his vehicle in gear causing it strike one of our Detective's vehicles. He was quickly apprehended because he was highly intoxicated.

At the time he was driving a stolen Toyota Tacoma pick-up, which he stated he had purchased earlier in the day by exchanging crack cocaine for the vehicle. He told us he had been smoking crack all day, and was highly impaired. The Task Force found crack rocks in the vehicle. He had no valid drivers license.

The suspect was indicated by the Dallas County Grand Jury on December 11, on our charges of UUMV and Felony Theft. The drug charge is pending. He had four previous convictions for UUMV, two previous convictions for theft, and was currently on parole for UUMV. This arrest allowed the Task Force to continue the fight against auto theft and auto burglary, but more importantly to remove a very dangerous driver from our streets.

### Goodson Retirement

Congratulations to DSO Beverly Goodson on retiring after 29 years of service with the Dallas County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff and her staff as well as Beverly's family and co-workers were on hand to celebrate her service to the Dallas County Sheriff's Department.





## Honoring K-9 Lewis

Deputy Latorrez Jones of the Sheriff's Department Interdiction / K9 Unit and his K9 partner Lewis, have been working together for over three years now. Unfortunately Lewis, a six-year-old German Shepherd, has been experiencing some major medical issues.

Lewis has been diagnosed with insulinoma and also had spondylitis in his back. Insulinoma is a tumor (cancerous cells) in the pancreas causing a dog's blood sugar level to drop below normal and causes weakness or neurological problems. According to the doctors the tumor is located on the pancreas, and after surgery Lewis will forever be on medication just to stay alive. He will not be able to return to working status.

The Dallas County Sheriff's Department is proud of K9 Lewis's accomplishments over the last three years. He has been involved in hundreds of thousands of dollars of illegal drug money and narcotics seizures. Lewis also took home two awards in 2015 at the NNDDA (National Narcotic Detector Dog Association) competition in Tennessee. The awards included first place in dogs over 5-years-old narcotic detector, and third place in overall narcotic detection. K9 Lewis has served his duties well as a Deputy Sheriff, and will be retiring due to his medical conditions. Thank you K9 Lewis for your service to the Dallas County Sheriff's Department!



## Correctional Officer Memorial Fund

In an effort to support the Corrections industry, Securus Technologies has launched the nationwide Correctional Officer Memorial Fund. This fund will provide financial assistance to grieving families of non-administrative correctional officers who have fallen in the line of duty at any of our customer facilities.

Securus will provide financial support to the families of fallen officers by paying one year's salary for the sacrifice they made protecting us and our communities. In no way can this assistance ever replace the loved ones loss rather the desire is to offer a token of gratitude honoring the sacrifice made and lessen the financial burden placed upon the families.

### Requests:

This fund will be supported wholly by Securus Technologies who will make these funds available as needed. We ask that all requests be made by Sheriff, Jail Administrators or Department of Corrections officials.

## Swearing In of Reserve Deputies

Sheriff Valdez swore in Henry Rios, Daniel Robertson, and Ricardo Salas as reserve deputies on January 14th. Welcome Henry, Daniel, and Ricardo!



## Swearing In for New Bailiff

Melissa Bates was sworn in as a bailiff on December 30th. She is a retired, Dallas County Sheriff's Department employee. Welcome back Melissa!





### Reserve Deputy Awards

Three reserve deputies were honored at a special awards ceremony on January 25th. The awards were as follows:

**Chaplain of the Year**

Bishop Harold Edwards

**Citizen Support Team Member of the Year**

Kerry Jones

**Reserve Deputy of the Year**

Captain Steve Johnson



### Maria Arredondo Retirement

Maria Arredondo, the Head Cook at Cook Chill, retired on January 31st . Maria's two sisters, Dora and Rosa, also work for the Sheriff's Department. They were on hand with the Sheriff's executive staff, Maria's husband, and the Cook Chill staff to celebrate Maria's 29 years of service to the Sheriff's Department.



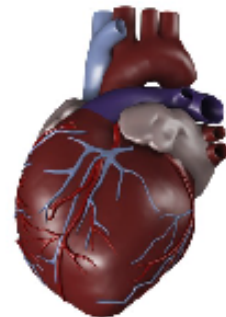
## Healthy Living

# Healthy Living



**Health** is the level of functional or metabolic efficiency of a living organism. In humans, it is the general condition of a person's mind and body, usually meaning to be free from illness, injury or pain (as in "*good health*" or "*healthy*"). The World Health Organization (WHO) defined health in its broader sense in 1946 as "a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." Although this definition has been subject to controversy, in particular as lacking operational value and because of the problem created by use of the word "complete," it remains the most enduring.

The heart is a hollow muscle that pumps blood throughout the blood vessels by repeated, rhythmic contractions. The average human heart, beating at 72 beats per minute, will beat approximately 2.5 billion times during an average 66 year lifespan. It weighs approximately 250 to 300 grams (9 to 11 oz) in females and 300 to 350 grams (11 to 12 oz) in males.



### Healthy Heart Tips

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| 1. Stop smoking               | 6. Shun the salt      | 11. Cut the fat     |
| 2. Lose weight (stomach area) | 7. Exercise           | 12. Eat breakfast   |
| 3. Eat fish                   | 8. Know your numbers  | 13. Drink green tea |
| 4. Laugh                      | 9. Eat dark chocolate | 14. Walk it off     |
| 5. Do Yoga                    | 10. Eat nuts          | 15. Pump iron       |

Last but not least : Find your Happy Place, a sunny outlook is good for your HEART!



## Chick-fil-A Race for the Community



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Moo've it with your friends and family at the Chick-fil-A Connect Race Series of Dallas, TX on March 26, 2016. Proceeds from the race will benefit the mission of Operation Blue Shield.

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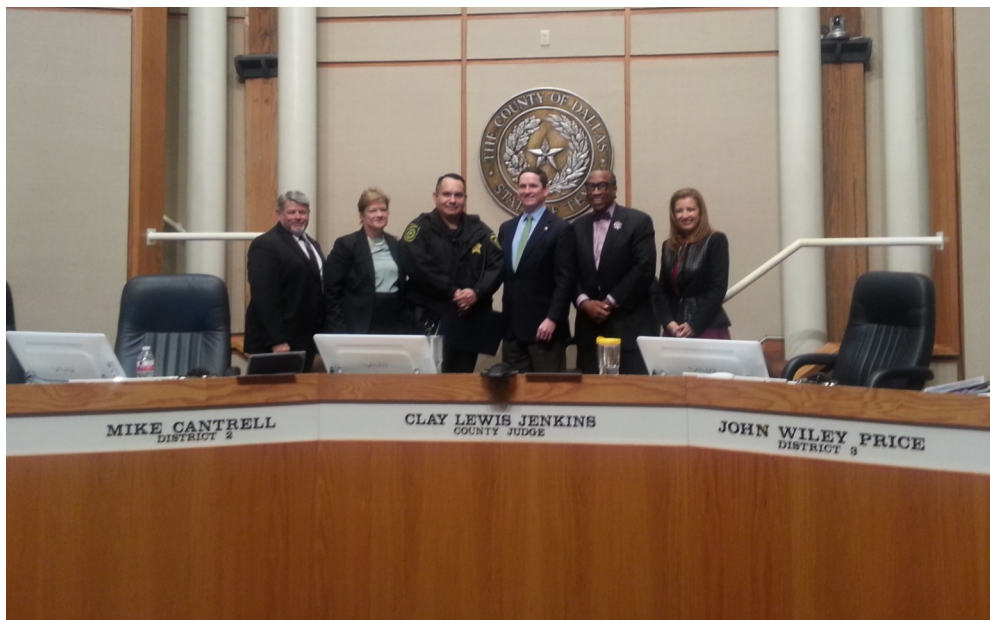
### Awards–Bailiff

Deputy Danny Starrett received a Best of Crowley award on December 9th. The Dallas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association chose Deputy Starrett as the Best Bailiff of 2015. Congratulations to Deputy Starrett!



### Awards–Deputy Vargas

Deputy Jorge Vargas #1011, 3rd Watch Traffic Section, received the Certificate of Excellence Award during the December 15th meeting of the Commissioners Court. Congratulations to Deputy Vargas!





## Announcements

### DEATHS

**December 10, 2015** - Arvella Eldridge, the mother of DSO Fredrick Eldridge (Central Intake/3rd Watch) passed away at the age of 82.

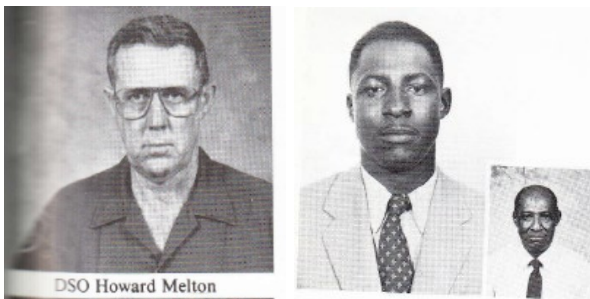
**December 24, 2015** - Carlos Brown, the brother of Wileene Allen (Vault Clerk, Release/1st Watch) passed away.

**December 26, 2015** - Lashondra Whitaker, daughter of Felton Whitaker (Bailiff/Judicial Services) and sister of Felton Whitaker Jr. (Deputy/Freeway Management 3rd Watch), Donovan Davis (Deputy/ Central Intake 1st Watch) and Lashedra Whitaker (DSO/South Tower), passed away at the age of 32 .

**January 18, 2016**- Floyd Neally, the brother of DSO Jacqueline Neally-Nelson and Deputy Toni Mulkey, passed away at the age Of 62.

**January 22, 2016**- Sergeant Howard Melton, a Retired Detention Service Supervisor, has passed away at the age of 79.

**January 25, 2016**- Jesse Everett Gill, 1st African American Deputy, passed away at the age of 85.



DSO Howard Melton

**January 28, 2016**- Carol Ann Birdsong, the step-mother of Deputy Keith Birdsong, has passed away at the age of 75 due to cancer.

**January 29, 2016**- Brenda Lee Kelly, the mother of DSO Amanda Kelly (2nd Watch/Release) passed away.

**Please remember to keep these families in your prayers.**

### Hospitalized

**DSO Justin Tarusan (North Tower)** was admitted to the hospital on December 31 and underwent surgery on January 21.

**Deputy Joe Martinez, Jr.** (Court Services) was admitted to the hospital and has been undergoing tests. He is in the ICU at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth.

### BIRTHS

On Saturday, January 23, 2016, Sgt. Evan Scott Evans (HOV Enforcement/Grant Coordinator) and his wife, Luna Evans, became the proud parents of a 6 lb., 3 oz. baby girl named Kylie Luna Evans. Congratulations to the Evans on their joyous event.



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