

# Behind The BADGE



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

## DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

### FROM THE SHERIFF

The people in the community have always been very important to me. I love to see the officers from the Sheriff's Department interacting and helping Dallas County citizens. As a dog lover, I was touched by what one of the deputies did when he helped a family and their pets through a hard time after they had been involved in an accident as they traveled from Ohio to Dallas. The deputy went above and beyond what was required and the family was extremely grateful. It is this type of officer that makes me proud of the Sheriff's Department and the community we serve. Job well done.

### "OPERATION CHILL"

The Sheriff's Department has teamed up with 7-Eleven to provide free Slurpees to good kids.

Each year since 1995, Operation Chill has allowed law enforcement officers to "ticket" youngsters they observe doing good deeds or exhibiting positive behavior. The "ticket" is actually a coupon good for a free, small Slurpee semi-frozen, carbonated beverage at any participating 7-Eleven store.



Some examples of kids doing good deeds: wearing their bicycle helmets while riding their bikes, participating in school safety programs, community activities and organizations, picking up trash, deterring crime or observing school crossing rules.

Sheriff Valdez is excited to be a part of the program and said "Our deputies have told us they love having a positive reason to approach kids and surprise them with a Slurpee coupon, just for being good citizens. It puts a big smile on their faces."

The Sheriff's Department is in the process of getting these coupons out to their patrol and traffic officers. If these officers see kids doing a good deed they may just have to make them part of Operation Chill and give them a coupon for a free Slurpee.

If your child receives one of these coupons, take a picture and email it to Sheriffmedia@dallascounty.org and we'll post it on our Facebook page with a description of the good deed.



- MADD "Take The Wheel" Awards
- Deputy Helps Family After Accident
- SeaWorld San Antonio Complimentary Passes for Peace Officers
- Dallas Police Certificates of Appreciation
- Deputy James Wise Memorial Service
- Food Truck Round Up Success
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**MADD “TAKE THE WHEEL” LAW ENFORCEMENT HERO AWARDS**

The Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD), North Texas, 2015 Dallas County “Take the Wheel” Law Enforcement Awards and Recognition event was held on June 26, 2015 at 12:00 Noon at the **Park City Club** in Dallas, Texas. The keynote speaker was the Honorable Jason Villalba, Texas State Representative (Dallas).

Mothers Against Drunk Driving “Take the Wheel” Campaign is funded by the Texas Department of Transportation and is designed to raise awareness of the community commitment needed to stop drunk driving. Through this campaign, MADD aims to enlist the support of city officials, law enforcement, schools, businesses and other community members to work together collaboratively to eliminate drunk driving in our state. As we are reminded daily in our work, it takes a community to stop a drunk driver.



(DSO) ENFORCEMENT HERO AWARDS RECIPIENTS: (For the officers from each police department with the most DWI arrests in 2014)

Deputy Lakeisha Collie  
Deputy Scott Shelby

Deputy Mayo Loza  
Deputy Vanique Perry

**Sheriff’s Academy Hosted Advanced Instructor School**

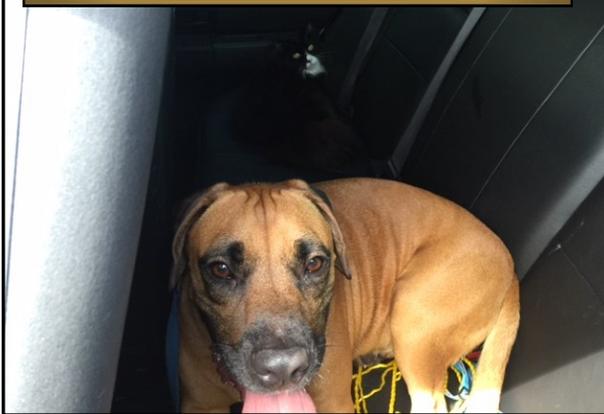


The Sheriff’s Academy recently hosted a TCOLE Advanced Instructor Certification Course. Assistant Chief Deputy M. Garza and Sr. Sgt. K. McAffrey attended the school and stated it was a great class.

The TCOLE Advanced Instructor Certification course is designed to advance instructor knowledge and understanding of student motivations and generational values as well as advance the development of instructor skills in preparation, presentation, and overall competency in training. This course was developed by a committee of subject matter experts and delivered for presentation by TCOLE for certification.

## DALLAS COUNTY DEPUTY HELPS FAMILY AFTER ACCIDENT

Charlie, the dog and Sylvester the cat



On June 22, 2015, Jennifer and Paul Bischoff's move to Dallas took an unexpected turn. The couple, along with Jennifer's mother, their four children and two pets, were traveling from Ohio to Dallas on Interstate 20 when the back tires of their van blew out. Jennifer Bischoff said she lost control of the steering wheel, and the van hit the concrete median with tremendous force. They were all transported to local hospitals. The only two with nowhere to go were the family's dog and cat, Charlie and Sylvester. That's when Dallas County Deputy Jorge Vargas stepped in and assured the family that the pets would be taken care of. Deputy Vargas took them to the Dallas Animal Services, where the pets would receive care until the Bischoffs were able to retrieve them. However, Vargas later learned the family had nowhere to go. The camping gear they had planned to use for a few days while Paul Bischoff worked to save enough money for a rental home was lost in the crash. So Vargas, going above and beyond what was expected, then paid for the family's first night in a motel.

"If it wouldn't have been for him we would have been in a lot worse off positions," said Jennifer Bischoff. "We could have ended up in a shelter that night, separated. There's no telling where we could have gone."

Deputy Vargas wasn't finished and in addition to paying for the first night at a motel, he paid for the animal shelter fees and retrieved the pets so that they could be reunited with the family at the motel.



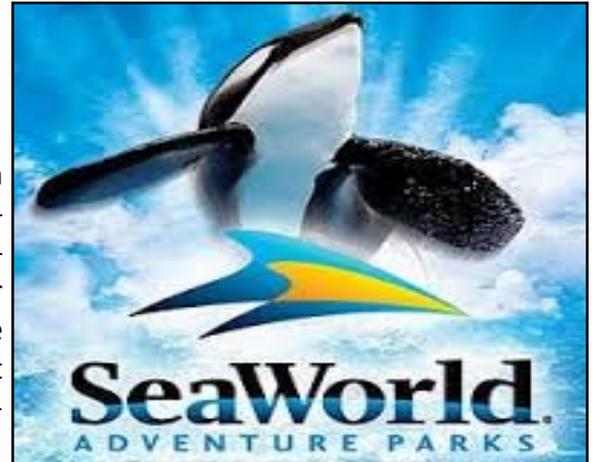
Deputy Vargas picks up the pets for the Bischoff family.

Photo courtesy of DAS

"Seeing the kids and the way the family was very concerned about the animals, it touched me," said Deputy Vargas. KXAS Channel 5 in Dallas featured the story on their evening newscast and interviewed the family. "That was really hard and emotional, because there's so much bad stuff going on with the officers these days that people don't put out when there's good ones," said Jennifer Bischoff. "It's just awesome to know that there's still people like [Vargas]."

Hats off to a job well done by Deputy Vargas!! Here is the link to story on KXAS website: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Dallas-County-Deputy-Helps-Family-After-Accident-314795491.html>

## SeaWorld Welcomes Law Enforcement Officers with Complimentary Admission



In a letter sent to the Dallas County Sheriff's Department from Daniel Decker, Park President SeaWorld San Antonio, Mr. Decker wrote that SeaWorld San Antonio would like to extend a special thanks to the men and women who protect and serve our community through law enforcement. As a way to recognize these officers who serve the citizens of all counties throughout Texas and all its municipalities, they wanted to offer the following:

**One complimentary single-day admission to SeaWorld San Antonio for police officers and up to three (3) accompanying guests through Monday, September 7, 2015.**

To redeem this complimentary single-day visit this summer, officers simply need to show their department-issued identification card to any cashier at the park's entrance. Parking and admission to the [Aquatica waterpark](#) will be separate. **This program is restricted to peace officers only, not civilians.**

Mr. Decker and SeaWorld Antonio extend their gratitude to the officers and their service.



### DALLAS POLICE AWARD CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

On July 8, 2015, Captain Troy McClain of the Dallas Police Department Detentions Services Section, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Sgt. Eric Watson, Lt. Bryan Sherman, and Asst. Chief Earnestine Sanders for their outstanding support and assistance to Dallas Police Department Jail Operations and Personnel.



Sgt. E. Watson



Asst. Chief E. Sanders



Lt. B. Sherman

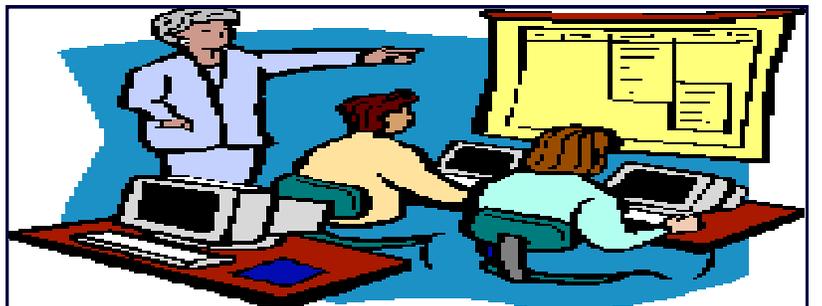
### TRAINING CYCLE ENDS AUGUST 31, 2015

### MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE REQUIRED TRAINING COURSES

The 2 year training cycle for all Detention Service Officers, Deputies and Supervisors will end August 31, 2015. The quarterly training schedule is available at [www.dallascounty.org](http://www.dallascounty.org) under the Departments tab and then Sheriff tab.



The State and Federal Law Update course is available online at your MYTCOLE account at <https://my.tcole.texas.gov/mytcleoseaccount/index.cfm>. It is each officer's responsibility to complete the required training by the specific date.



# IN MEMORY OF DEPUTY JAMES WISE



Detective James Wise, Badge #558 from the Physical Evidence Section passed away on May 23, 2015. He battled cancer for more than six (6) years. He never let his illness interfere with his work at the Sheriff's Department. Detective Wise was a twenty-two (22) year veteran of the Department and was a dedicated employee.

A memorial service was held for Detective Wise on Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 10:00AM at Founder's Plaza, 600 Elm St., Dallas, Texas 75207.



# FOOD TRUCK ROUND UP A SUCCESS!



For the folks who don't normally get to go out to eat because of time, the Sheriff's Department decided to bring some food vendors to them. On July 27 and 29, 2015, the Sheriff's Department held the first Food Truck Round Up and it was a great success. Folks from all the jails and the DA's office at the Frank Crowley Court building took advantage of it and enjoyed some great food that included everything from snow cones to chicken and waffles. Thank you to Ruby Gray for organizing the event.



## HEALTH CORNER

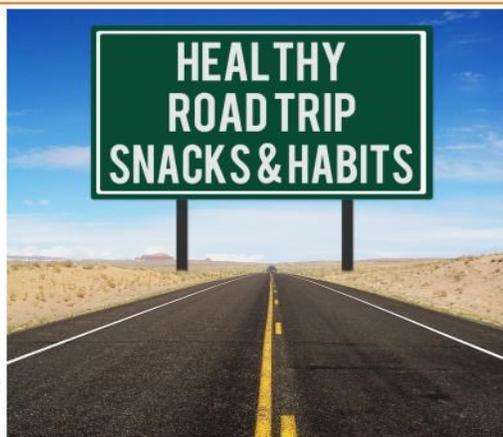
With their overwhelming number of health-supportive phytonutrients, it is not surprising that grapes have been shown to provide many of our body systems with predictable benefits. Areas of benefit in grape research include the cardiovascular system, respiratory system, immune system, inflammatory system, blood sugar regulating system, and nervous system. Another area of special benefit is cancer prevention, with risk of breast, prostate, and colon cancer emerging as the most likely areas of grape anti-cancer benefits.

No body system is better situated to reap the benefit of antioxidants and anti-inflammatory molecules in grapes than the cardiovascular system. All cells in our blood need protection from potential oxygen damage (especially in our arteries where oxygen concentration in our blood is especially high). Our blood vessel linings also need strong antioxidant support. Chronic inflammation in our cardiovascular system is also a primary concern for many types of cardiovascular disease, and optimal regulation of inflammatory system activity is especially important in lowering our risk of atherosclerosis and other conditions.

#### 5 Quick Tips: Choosing Foods with Healthy Fats

**1. Use liquid plant oils for cooking and baking.** Olive, canola, and other plant-based oils are rich in heart-healthy unsaturated fats. Try dressing up a salad or roasted vegetables with an olive oil-based vinaigrette, such as this recipe for oregano-garlic vinaigrette, or savory almond-based pesto.

**2. Ditch the trans fat.** In the supermarket, read the label to find foods that are trans free. The label should say "0" (zero) on the line for trans



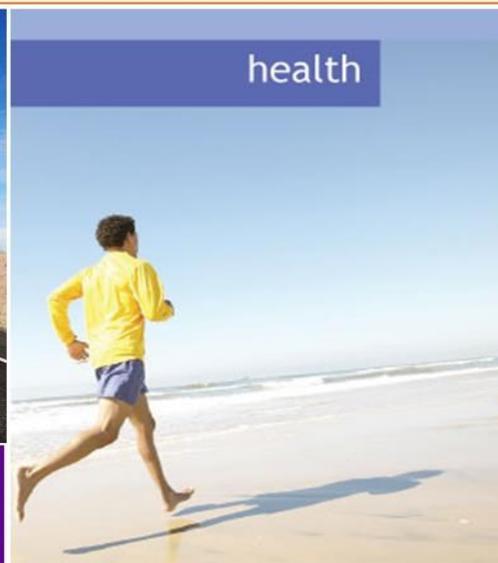
## Go Purple



# SMART CHOICES

fat; you should also scan the ingredient list to make sure it does not contain partially hydrogenated oils. In restaurants that don't have nutrition information readily available, steer clear of fried foods, biscuits, and other baked goods, unless you know that the restaurant has eliminated trans fat—many already have.

**3. Switch from butter to soft tub margarine.** Choose a product that has zero grams of trans fat, and scan the ingredient list to make sure it does not contain partially hydrogenated oils. Even better, use a liquid plant oil whenever possible; refrigerated extra



virgin olive oil makes a great spread for toast.

**4. Eat at least one good source of omega-3 fats each day.** Fatty fish (such as salmon and tuna), walnuts, and canola oil all provide omega-3 fatty acids, essential fats that our bodies cannot make. Omega-3 fats, especially those from fish, are very beneficial for the heart. Read more about omega-3 fatty acids and why they are so important to good health.

**5. Cut back on red meat, cheese, milk, and ice cream.** Red meat (beef, pork, lamb) and dairy products are high in saturated fat. So eat less red meat (especially red processed meat, such as bacon), and choose fish, chicken, nuts, or beans instead. If you do eat red meat, choose lean cuts and keep the amounts low.

## RETIREMENTS

Betty Hooker retired after 13 years of service at Sheriff's Department on June 30, 2015. Betty was a member of the DMU Document Imaging 3rd Watch Team and will be missed. Betty will be planning to start a new chapter in her life.



Sheriff Valdez and friends from DMU say goodbye to Betty.

## Betty Hooker and Lalitha Joshi Retirements

Mrs. Lalitha Joshi retired on July 14th, 2015. Lalitha worked for the Data Management Unit on 3rd Watch in the Central Intake Area of the Sheriff's Department as a clerk 5.



Chief Deputy Flores and Asst. Chief Deputy Bonner wishes her a happy retirement.



Sheriff Valdez congratulates Lalitha on retirement.



Ruby Gray says goodbye to Lalitha

# THE SINGING BAILIFF RETIRES

Deputy James Monson, known at one time as the Singing Bailiff, finally turned in his paperwork to retire after 33 years at the Sheriff's Department. On his last work day, Deputy Monson wore his old brown retro Sheriff's Department uniform to show everyone that it still fit him. Deputy Monson will continue to sing with his band and if you ever go get an opportunity to see perform on stage, you will enjoy it. Good luck in your future endeavors and will miss the Singing Bailiff!!

Sheriff Valdez congratulates Deputy Monson on Retirement.



Deputy Monson in his "throwback" uniform!



Deputy Monson performs at the Bryant Joseph Christmas Event

Several friends say goodbye to Deputy Monson



Monson performs at the Christmas event.



# VICKI DURON RETIREMENT

After 24 years at the Sheriff's Department, Deputy Vicki Duron celebrated her retirement on July 30, 2015 at the Frank Crowley Court Building. Friends and Family gathered to say goodbye and wish her well.



**Vicky Duron and her family**



**Captain Sparks started the ceremony**



**Captain Rowe presents Vicki a plaque**



**Sheriff Valdez congratulates Vicki**



**BPSC Class #98 Reunion**

### LATINO PEACE OFFICER ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION PICNIC

The Latino Peace Officer's Association held their second annual Membership Appreciation Picnic on Saturday July 11, 2015 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Hella Shrine on Rowlett Rd in Garland, Texas. The picnic was open to everyone from the Sheriff's Department and was a way to say thank you to the members and their families. Several families attended the event and got to enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers. Along with the food, the event featured a basketball toss, bounce houses, a climbing wet/dry slide for the kids along with a petting zoo and pony rides. Everyone who attended had a great time.



### KIDS AND COPS EVENT AT KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON CONVENTION CENTER

Deputies and Detention Service Officers attended the “Let’s Talk” event hosted by Dallas Police on August 4, 2015. The event brought youths ages 10—15 to the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center downtown. Officers talked to the kids about how to deal with the officers, how to report misconduct and what to do if they witness a crime. The Sheriff’s Department had several officers featured on the Kid’s and Cops Trading Cards at the event. The officers spoke with the kids and handed out trading cards. The kids also got to check out the Dallas Sheriff’s Department vehicles. The kids really enjoyed the event and we look forward to being a part of more events.



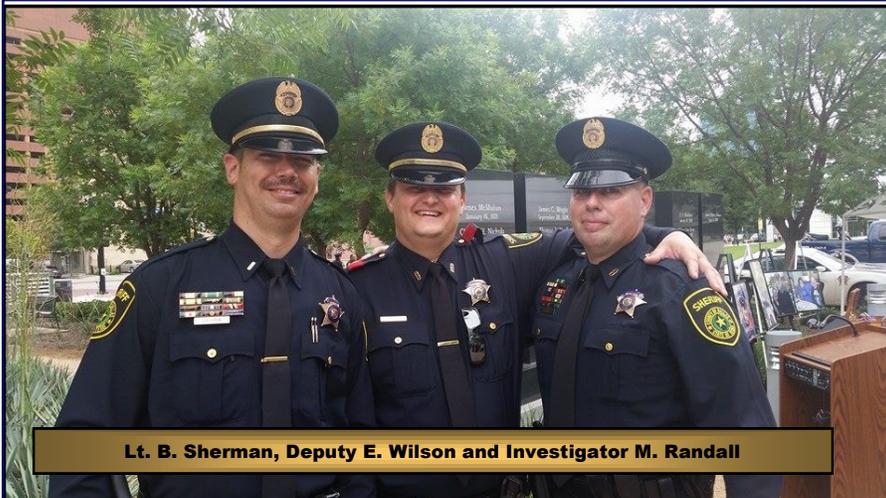
Lt. Sherman

Fire Safety

Ready To Fight Crime!

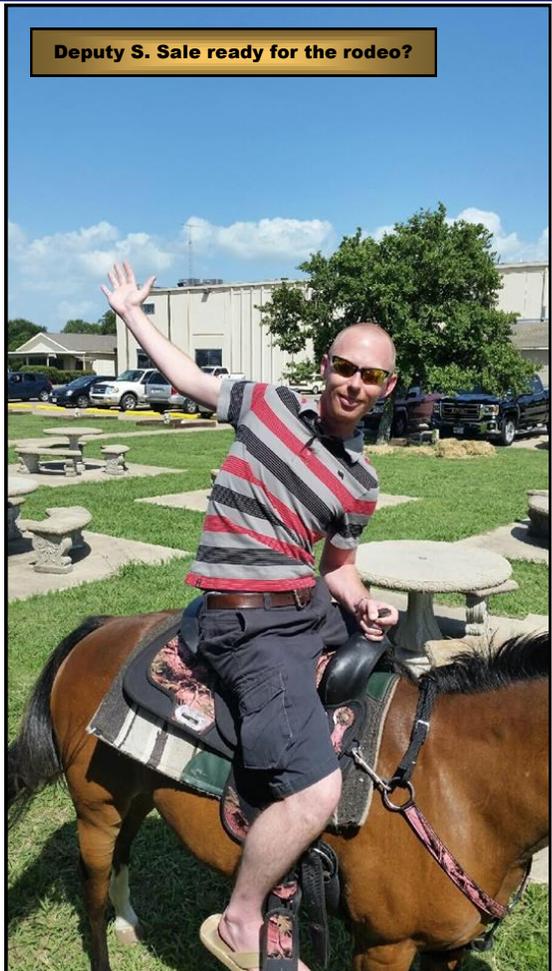
Sgt. M. Washington takes a selfie with the kids.

### FUN WITH PICTURES SHOWCASING SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

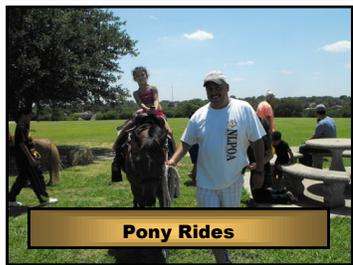


**Lt. B. Sherman, Deputy E. Wilson and Investigator M. Randall**

Each month we want to feature Dallas County Sheriff's Department members having fun and enjoying the wonderful summer days. If you have a photo you would like to submit, send it to [Sheriffmedia@dallascounty.org](mailto:Sheriffmedia@dallascounty.org).



**Deputy S. Sale ready for the rodeo?**



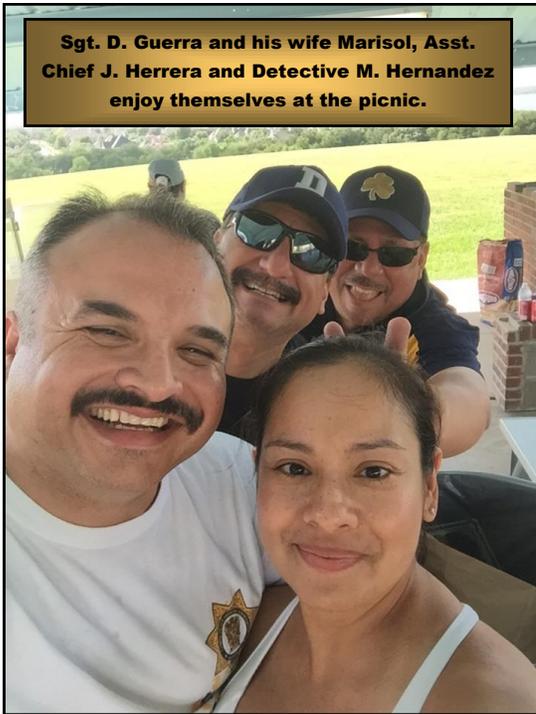
**Pony Rides**



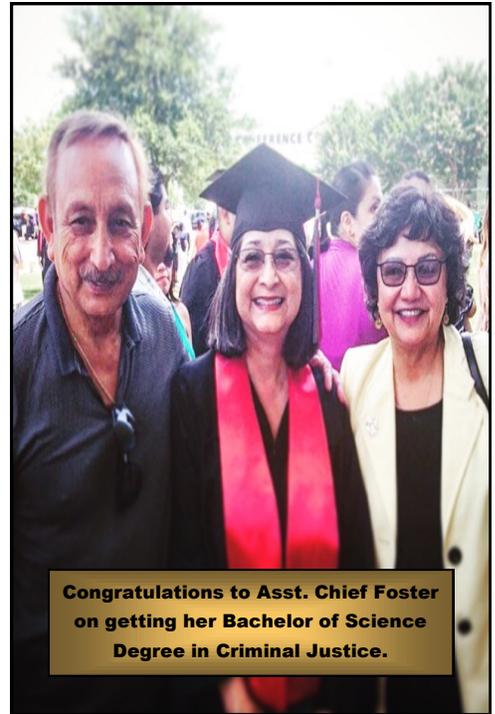
**Saying Goodbye To Deputy Monson**



**Commander Teddy Jones, Reserve Division**



**Sgt. D. Guerra and his wife Marisol, Asst. Chief J. Herrera and Detective M. Hernandez enjoy themselves at the picnic.**



**Congratulations to Asst. Chief Foster on getting her Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice.**

## Announcements

### DEATHS

**June 19, 2015:** Artealous Carl Christian Jr. passed away. He was the twin brother of Deputy Artie Christian (Pool Bailiff) and father-in-law of Deputy Denise Christian (Bailiff Section).

**July 4, 2015:** Retired Deputy Raymond De Los Santos passed away.

**July 7, 2015:** Shirlene Coates Burks, the sister of DSO Lucille Bryant (Central Intake Section) passed away.

**July 9, 2015:** Donna McCreary passed away quietly at the age of 94 years. She was the mother of Shell Davis (Fugitive Section) and retired Sheriff's Deputy June Gunn (Bailiff Section, George Allen)

**July 21, 2015:** Charleszetta Bradford, grandmother of DSO Jerrica Bradford, 1st Watch, Kays South Tower. Mrs. Bradford passed away at the age of 72.

**July 24, 2015:** DSO Darryl Reedy passed away from a short illness. He served the Sheriff's Department for over 7 years.

**Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during their time of sorrow.**

### DEATHS

**July 31, 2015:** Former Reserve Deputy Diane Heard passed away after a battle with cancer. Diane retired in 2003 after serving 14 years in the Reserve Division.

### BIRTHS

**June 27, 2015:** DTO/FW Michell Coleman, 2nd Watch, Kays South Tower, gave birth to a 7lb. 9oz. baby boy. Congratulations to DTO Coleman and the addition of little Norman Giddings to the family.

### RETIRED DEPUTY RAYMOND DE LOS SANTOS



### DSO DARRYL REEDY



The Sheriff's Department recently received some bad news. Detention Service Officer Darryl Reedy passed away Friday July 24, 2015 after fighting an illness.

DSO Reedy had been employed with the Sheriff's Department for over seven (7) years and had been assigned to the Cook-Chill Facility. The funeral was held on Friday July 31, 2015 at Laurel Land Funeral Home. Please keep the family in your prayers during their time of sorrow.

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