

Behind The BADGE



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

FROM THE SHERIFF

The holiday season is now upon us and with that comes an opportunity to give back to our community. The 8th Annual Bryant Joseph Christmas in the Community event will allow us to partner with the Dallas Independent School District and friends of Bryant Joseph to give Dallas families a Merry Christmas. Boxes for toy donations are being placed at various locations throughout Lew Sterrett and Frank Crowley. There will also be toy collection drives in early December. Be sure to join us on Saturday, December 19, 2015 for the event at PC Cobb stadium.



Kids and Cops at 2015 State Fair of Texas

Sheriff Valdez and the Dallas County Sheriff's Department were on hand at the State Fair of Texas to promote the Kids and Cops trading card program. Numerous kids came by their booth and collected trading cards from the officers at the event. Lil' Tex was even on hand to help out at the booth. Started in 1994, the Kids and Cops program has sponsored and distributed some seven million trading cards to date. This year over 100 officers are featured on trading cards with service animals, equipment, and vehicles. The Dallas FBI office, Texas Rangers, and Dallas Independent School District School Police, will join the Dallas Sheriff, Police, and Fire Department on 80 different trading cards.

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Quarterly Awards Ceremony

The Sheriff's Department held their 2015 quarterly awards ceremony on October 16, 2015. Many officers received their Service Awards, Certificates of Merit, Perfect Attendance and Safe Driving Awards. Two officers received Life Saving Awards. Sheriff Valdez also received her 10 year service award that was presented by Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Elba Garcia and Dallas County Commissioner Dr. Theresa Daniel. The Dallas Sheriff's Department Warrant Execution Section received Certificates of Merit for the work they did during the Ebola crisis in Dallas in helping keep the affected family safe and quarantined.

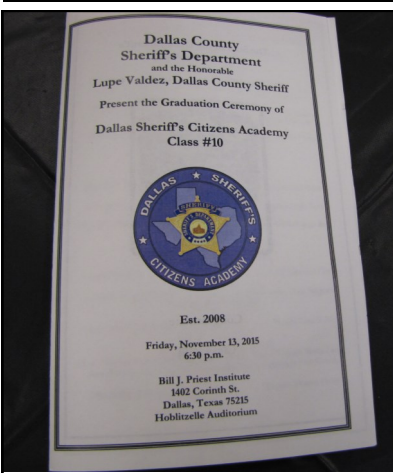
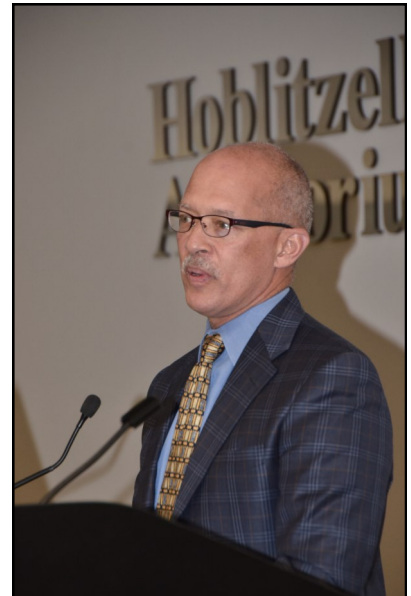
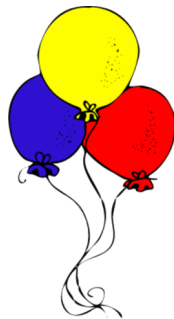
Sergeant Russell Jacks also received a Certificate of Merit for the work he has done in the town of Sunnyvale as their Public Safety Coordinator for many years. Deputy Manuel Steve Gomez was scheduled to receive his 20 year service award, but was unable to receive it since he was in the hospital. The Sheriff presented his award to the attendees and received a standing ovation in support of Deputy Gomez. The Sheriff spoke highly of Deputy Gomez's dedication and commitment to the Sheriff's Department and the community.



Sheriff's Citizens Academy Graduation

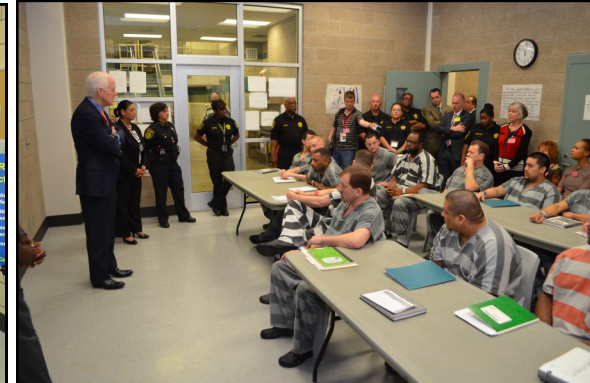
The Sheriff's Citizens Academy held a graduation on November 13, 2015 at the Bill J. Priest Institute. Class #10 had 18 graduates. The first Citizens' Academy was held in 2008 and each year since has provided citizens with an opportunity to get involved as well as gain valuable insight and knowledge of the Sheriff's Department. The graduates will have an opportunity to go on to join the Sheriff's Citizens Support Team where they volunteer their skills and time as they work side by side with Sheriff's Law Enforcement Personnel, Community Leaders, and Dallas County Citizens.

Graduation guests included the Sheriff and her staff along with Commissioner John Wiley Price. The keynote speaker at the event was Retired Judge John Cruzot of The Cruzot Law Firm. Congratulations to the graduates!



Senator Cornyn Visits Dallas County Jail

Senator John Cornyn visited the Suzanne Lee Kays Detention Facility on October 15, 2015. He participated in a roundtable discussion and toured the Inmate Programs Division. Senator Cornyn's visit was aimed at learning more from former inmates and religious leaders about local, innovative efforts to help prepare prisoners for release from jail through job training and faith-based programming.



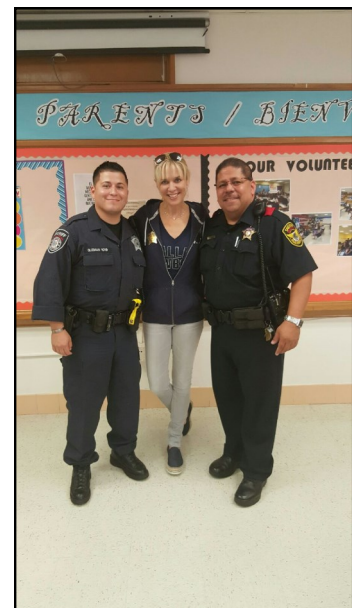
Dickey's Family and Friend Event

Former Commissioner Maurine Dickey and Roland Dickey hosted a grand reopening of the Dickey's Barbecue location on Wycliff Avenue. This newly remodeled store features a new concept. Sheriff Valdez and her staff were able to view the new concept and enjoy lunch. Mrs. Dickey was also promoting Dickey's new charitable foundation, Barbecue Boots & Badges, that assists first responders and their families.



Veteran's Day at Gabe P. Allen Elementary

Deputies Rene Guzman, Miguel Hernandez, and Mateo Martin were invited to a Veteran's Day celebration at Gabe P. Allen Elementary in Dallas. Deputies Guzman, Hernandez, and Martin had the opportunity to interact with students and also met the wives of Dallas Cowboys staff that included Brill Garrett and Candace Romo.



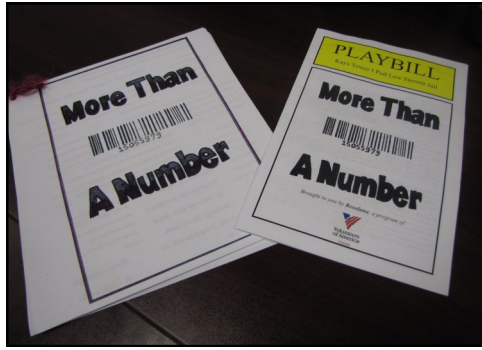
DWI Task Force Press Conference

On November 18, 2015, the Dallas County Sheriff's Office attended the 5th Annual DWI Task Force press conference at The Summit in Grand Prairie. This was a joint event with Dallas, Tarrant, and Denton Counties along with many other organizations and law enforcement agencies. The event was held to promote the task force's initiative to head off drinking and driving over the holidays.



More Than A Number Play at Kays Tower

The Kays Tower I Pod staged a spoken word play, entitled More Than a Number, on November 20, 2015. A group of ladies performed original poetry and songs detailing their journey of healing. This play was organized by Resolana, a program of the Volunteers of America. It was directed by Dallas County's Chief Public Defender, Lynn Richardson, and Nakish Greer. All of the performers are currently in the Resolana program. Resolana has delivered gender sensitive, trauma-informed, holistic, and rehabilitative programming inside of the Dallas County jail since 2006. The program's goal is to empower women to break the cycle of incarceration. The Sheriff and her staff, Commissioner Daniel, and Kays Tower staff were in attendance at the event.



Texas Open Carry and Law Enforcement Training

Please join our complimentary training on the new Texas Open Carry Law. The class is mandatory for all sworn personnel and voluntary for detention personnel. The training will be held at the **Bill J. Priest Institute located at 1402 Corinth St, Dallas, TX 75215**. The dates and times for the training are listed below:

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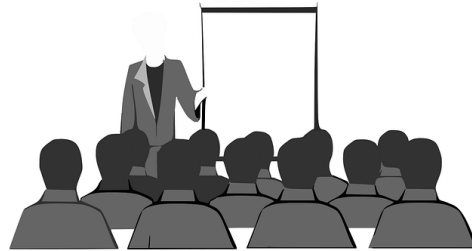
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Non-Reflective

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HEALTHY HABITS



- **Enjoy your food, but eat less, and avoid oversized portions.** MyPlate reminds Americans to help reduce their calorie intake through portion control -- mega portions can turn into mega pounds. Most adults should eat less, and some kids may need to reduce serving sizes, too.
- **Make half of your plate fruits and vegetables.** Produce provides the nutrients that often go missing in the typical American diet, including potassium and fiber. In addition, fruits and vegetables are more filling, and nearly all are relatively low in calories.
- **Make at least half your grains whole grains.** Whole grains have more fiber and other nutrients than highly refined grains, such as white bread. Aim for at a minimum of three servings of whole grains, including whole grain cereal and bread, every day, for you and your children.
- **Switch to fat-free or low-fat (1%) milk.** Fat-free and low-fat (1%) milk have the same amount of protein, vitamins, calcium, and other minerals as higher-fat milks, but with fewer calories and less saturated fat. Milk is a major source of calcium and vitamin D, two nutrients that are often in short supply in our diets.
- **Check the sodium in prepared foods, and choose the foods with lower numbers.** Excess sodium in the diet is linked to high blood pressure. No adult or child should eat more than 2,300 milligrams of sodium a day, and many adults need far less.
- Drink water or milk instead of sugary drinks. Soda, energy drinks, and sports drinks are major sources of added sugar and calories in our diets, and they offer nothing in the way of nutrition. Sugary beverages often contribute calories that kids and adults don't need.
- Buy nutrient-rich foods, such as fat-free and low-fat (1%) milk and yogurt, fruit, vegetables, whole grains, and lean sources of protein, like 95% lean ground beef, skinless chicken, pork tenderloin, and legumes. Nutrient-rich foods tend to offer the most nutrition for the least calories.
- Keep convenient lower-fat protein foods on hand, such as canned light tuna and salmon, eggs, and canned, reduced-sodium beans, such as black beans for quick meals.
- When purchasing convenience items, focus on fresh and lightly processed foods. Examples include pre-cut fruits and vegetables; frozen fruits and vegetables without added sodium; dried fruit; and fruits canned in water or 100% juice.
- Slash your family's sodium intake by choosing lower-sodium versions of packaged foods with the terms "low sodium," "reduced sodium," and "no salt added."
- Buy an array of brightly colored fruits and vegetables for a variety of beneficial vitamins and minerals, as well as phytonutrients, the plant compounds that promote good health.
- Opt for 100% whole grain breads, cereals, rice, pasta, and crackers at meals and snacks. If you're feeling adventurous, serve your family whole grains such as farro, wild rice, and quinoa.
- Purchase popcorn for snacks instead of chips or pretzels. Popcorn is a whole grain.

Excited Delirium Training

What:

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Where:

Bill Priest, El Centro Campus

Sheriff's Academy

1402 Corinth St Dallas, TX. 75215

Who:

Dr. Jeffery Metzger

When:

2 classes - **Wednesday, 12/9/15** - 9 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 2nd Floor, Room # 202 A&B
1 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. 2nd Floor, Room # 202 A&B

2 classes - **Friday, 1/15/16** - 9 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 1st Floor, Room # 1530
12 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. 1st Floor, Room # 1530



Bilingual Job Fair

Dallas County is hosting a bilingual job fair on Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 9am to noon. There are job openings in several departments.

Where: Henry Wade Juvenile Justice Center

2600 Lone Star Dr., Dallas, Texas 75212

Share this job fair information with your network. Remember to bring resumes!!

Confirm your attendance by sending an email to:

careerfair@dallascounty.org

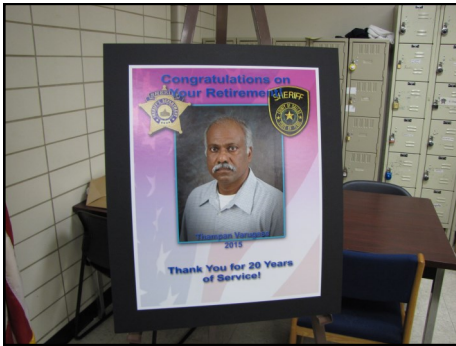
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Thampan Varughese Retirement

Thampan Varughese-Pazhoor retired from the Sheriff's Department after 20 years of service. Thampan celebrated his retirement from the Data Management Unit on November 12, 2015. The Sheriff and his colleagues were present to thank him for his service and wish him well.



8th Annual Bryant Joseph Christmas in the Community

Once again it is time to give families in our community a helping hand for Christmas. For the past seven years, the Dallas County Sheriff's Department has participated in the Bryant Joseph Christmas in the Community Event. The program provides clothing, toys, and food to approximately 300 disadvantaged families in the Dallas area. These families are often forgotten and would not have the ability to enjoy many of the things at Christmas that most of us take for granted.

This year's event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at PC Cobb Athletic Complex. Donation boxes have been placed at various spots throughout Lew Sterrett and Frank Crowley. There will be more boxes placed at other Departments in Dallas County. Stay tuned for emails with more information as we get closer to the event.

If you are able to volunteer, would like to make a donation, or have any questions, please contact:

Captain S. Carter-Bass, Intake Division 214-712-5061 Sheila.Carter-Bass@dallascounty.org



In Memoriam Deputy Sheriff Manuel Steve Gomez

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The Dallas County Sheriff's Department is deeply saddened at the passing of Deputy Sheriff Manuel Steve Gomez. Deputy Gomez was laid to rest on October 23, 2015 at Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery.

Steve was an incredible family man, a great friend, and most importantly, an honorable and valued Law Enforcement Officer who truly loved to serve as a Deputy Sheriff with our agency. He served honorably as a Deputy Sheriff for Dallas County for over 20 years. Steve was a jokester and would always try to make people laugh. He loved helping people and there was not a person he ran into that he wouldn't try to help. Steve was the guy people went to when they were in need for anything. If Steve couldn't help, he would find someone that could. He touched so many lives and made a huge impact in most of them. His loss will be profoundly felt by everyone at the Dallas Sheriff's Department.

The family would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, positive thoughts and support through these tough times. The Sheriff's Office would also like to thank everyone for the thousands of prayers and well wishes for our deputy. Our hearts and prayers are with his family during this very difficult and sad time. We ask for continued prayers of healing and comfort for friends and family left behind and for the Sheriff's Office family as well.



Announcements

DEATHS

October 8, 2015 - Anthony Conley, the husband of DSO Holly Conley (Release / 2nd Watch) passed away on Thursday, October 8, 2015 due to a heart attack.

October 20, 2015 - Deputy Manuel "Steve" Gomez #596 (Judicial Services Division) passed away. He had suffered a stroke on September 27, 2015 and was admitted to Baylor Hospital. Deputy Gomez never recovered and passed away on Tuesday, October 20, 2015. He was 46 years old.

October 21, 2015 - Abraham Hall, the father of Deputy Floyd Kincaide (Traffic 3rd Watch) passed away on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at the age of 67.

October 24, 2015 - Rodriguez, Ignacio Sandoval, the father of DSO A. Rodriguez (2nd Watch, Kays Tower) passed away on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the age of 88 years old.

October 24, 2015 - Betsy McNulthy, aunt of DSO T. Green (1st Watch Intake), passed away on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the age of 87.

October 31, 2015 - Norman Wilson Jones, the father of Norma Chandler (DMU Clerk/2nd Watch) passed away on Saturday, October 31, 2015.

November 8, 2015 - Melvin Jefferson, the brother of Yvonne Maxie (Fiscal Bond Desk Clerk) passed away at the age of 52.

Happy

Anniversary

Ed Clark and his wife Carmen celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary on November 18, 2015. Ed and Carmen met in Honolulu while they were both working for Eastman Kodak Hawaii. They have two children, Steve and Sherilyn, and four grandchildren. In 2008, Ed and Carmen returned to Hawaii to renew their wedding vows and plan to return to celebrate their 50th anniversary.



Special Discount

Dillard's is offering a 20% discount to police officers and firefighters at all area stores on December 2nd and 3rd. Save your sales receipts and take them to the customer service area during those two days. Show your I.D. and they will deduct the discount from your total purchases in the same form of payment you used for your purchases. This discount does not apply to UGG Australia products, online purchases, or service departments. Small electric products will receive a 10% discount.

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