Behind The BADGE

DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

FROM THE SHERIFF

The executive staff and I recently gathered for our annual executive retreat. We spent time drafting a strategic plan for the department. The chiefs gathered information from respective divisions to help lead the discussion on future plans. In an effort to best highlight those upcoming objectives, we will be recognizing these individual milestones through the newsletter, as we work together to accomplish them. No task is impossible, if we all work as a team. Thanks to everyone for their continue commitment and support to the Dallas County Sheriff’s Department.

—Sheriff Lupe Valdez

MADD Commitment Hero Department Recipient

Pictured left: Sheriff Lupe Valdez with MADD’s Cathy Quaid, Captain Don Rowe and Senior Sgt. Scott Evans from the Traffic Division

The Dallas County Sheriff’s Department Traffic Division recently was awarded a Commitment Hero Award at the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Dallas County "Take the Wheel" Law Enforcement Awards and Recognition banquet.

The deputies have dramatically increased their DWI arrest numbers. The increase is due to a multitude of reasons. First, Captain Don Rowe was assigned as new commander in August 2013. During that month, 30 impaired drivers were arrested. The following month, with the command change, the arrests increased to 54. Those numbers have remained the same throughout the rest of the year. Because of these efforts, deputies have made a total of 414 DWI arrests and 47 DUI-minor arrests.

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Senior Sergeant Evan Scott Evans is a 2014 Commitment Hero Award recipient. He is recognized for his inspiration and “take charge” attitude as First Watch supervisor in the Traffic Division. Deputy Christopher Loboda, Deputy Scott Selby, Deputy Roy Wallace and Deputy Mayo Loza are recognized as 2014 Enforcement Heroes.

Congratulations!

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The Traffic Division was created in January 2000. At the time, their area of responsibility was only for several small cities in the southern part of Dallas County. Since then, the section has grown to be responsible for I-35E, I-30, I-20, and U.S. 75 through the cities of Dallas and Duncanville.
Deputy Stacy Franklin is a warrant investigator currently assigned to the Violent Crimes Unit. He consistently goes above and beyond in any task. His attitude is always positive and enthusiastic with any given assignment. He also devotes his time to assisting with planning and instructing SWAT and warrant training. Franklin has been with the Dallas County Sheriff’s Department since 1993.

Detention Service Officer Pitney Gregg has distinguished himself by maintaining a very high professional attitude when performing his duties. During the month of April, he was assigned the task of ensuring the jail had a high standard of cleanliness, well to be prepared for the annual state jail inspection. DSO Gregg accomplished this task in an outstanding manner and with a very positive attitude. He is to be commended for a job well done. He started his career with the Dallas County Sheriff's Department in 2012.

Clerk VI Linda Romero has been a valuable employee since her arrival in the Vault/Release Section. She is responsible for inputting the inmates’ money on their resident account, as well as securing their belongings until their release from the Dallas County jail. Her ability to work in a timely manner is essential while escorting inmates. She has adapted well to the manual labor and always has a pleasant demeanor. She started her career with the Dallas County Sheriff’s Department in 2012.

Sheriff Lupe Valdez and the executive staff gathered for their annual retreat in Aurora, Texas. Stay tuned for the unveiling of a series of strategic plans and to learn more about how you can get involved. The executive staff is committed to the continued success of the department.

Pictured: Strategic planning instructor along with some of the staff reviewed some of their upcoming objectives. The time spent in Aurora also allowed some time to connect with some of the inhabitants at the venue.
Inmate Programs is delighted to announce the Grand Opening of the Texas Hope Literacy Re-Entry & Community Resource office located at 2121 W. Airport Frwy., Suite 480, Irving, TX 75062.

The Texas HOPE Literacy Reentry & Community Resource Office provides opportunities for former offenders to gain knowledge and access to the necessary resources that will help them successfully connect and become productive members of society. The re-entry initiative is a holistic and systematic approach that seeks to reduce the likelihood of additional criminal behavior.

Pictured: DSO Vanissa Matton, DSO Rosalind Reeves with Re-Entry Services

Detention Training Officer Coordinator Aimee Jordan Crockett placed third place in the Inaugural “Jailpardy” game at the 28th Annual Texas Jail Commission on Jail Standards Conference. Dallas County defeated Travis and Hale County in the first round. She then defeated Gregg and Hale County in the semi-finals. In the finals, Jordan Crockett finished behind two Travis County competitors.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Pictured: Deputy Mario Chavez entered the storm sewer to rescue baby ducks in Sunnyvale.

Deputies were dispatched to a location in Sunnyvale where it was reported that baby ducks had fallen into the storm sewer and were trapped.

Upon arrival, deputies confirmed that ten baby ducks had indeed fallen into the storm sewer, with no way to escape.

In order to try and save the baby ducks the only deputy that was small enough to fit into the storm sewer through the manhole cover was Deputy Mario Chavez.

Deputy Chavez entered the storm sewer and retrieved all the ducks who were returned to their mother at the pond.
The Dallas County Sheriff's Department interns got a glimpse of what it takes to become a deputy during a recent visit to the Kenneth Mitchum Gun Range. They had an opportunity to join the current academy class, as cadets wrapped up their training for the day to help assist with the interns' visit for the afternoon. The two interns serving with the public information office also got an opportunity to showcase their on-camera skills with a Telemundo interview. Thank you to everyone who made this memorable experience possible for the students!
After nearly 36 years of service with the Dallas County Sheriff’s Department, Chief Gary Lindsey will soon start a new chapter in his life as he joins Dallas Baptist University as the new police chief.

Throughout his tenure with the department, he has developed the skills and experiences that have enabled him to perform a variety of pivotal roles to protect the public. Some of these projects were the development of the department’s Freeway Management Unit, which has reduced injuries and congestion on area freeways; assisting in the development of contra flow strategies to evacuate the Gulf Coast in the event of a hurricane; involvement in the Federal Highway Administration’s National Traffic Incident Management Coalition as well as the Peer to Peer Program designed to develop national standards for incident management to reduce injuries to first responders; and working with the Injury Prevention Center at Parkland Hospital to reduce pedestrian fatalities in Dallas County.

His involvement in planning and security led to the success of historic events such as the President John F. Kennedy 50th Anniversary Memorial Commemoration, Super Bowl XLV, the 2011 Dallas Mavericks Championship Parade and the 2014 NCAA Final Four Tournament festivities.
To all AJA Conference volunteers,

On behalf of the Host AJA Committee, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the detention service officers, deputies, sergeants, lieutenants, captains and chiefs who made the Dallas 2014 American Jail Association Conference an overwhelming success. The numerous hours dedicated to this conference were greatly appreciated.

Robert J. Kasabian Executive Director of the American Jail Association stated that the 2014 AJA Conference was the best conference the AJA organization has hosted. The success of the conference could not have happened without the teamwork of every member of the Dallas County Sheriff’s Department.

Special thanks to retired Chief Deputy Terry Baker and Captain D. Mitchell for the Old Jail Tours; Captain D. Pressnell for the Jail Tours; the Sheriff’s Posse; Fleet Management; Dallas County Sheriff’s Association; Latino Police Officers Association; F.O.P.; D.C.P.O.A.; Honor Guard; Cook Chill and DSO Ted Brewer with the Print Shop.

Thank you to the Host AJA Committee members for their hard work and dedication:
Asst. Chief Deputy Jesse Herrera
Captain Darren Hodge
Sgt. Fonda Boyd
Sgt. Lashonda Lacy
DTC Aimee Jordan
PIO Carmen Castro
Reserve D1 Ramiro Rendon

Also, special thanks to Zap and Bob Barker for their monetary donations, as well as Securus for funding the Rangers Game and Keefy for funding the bus transportation. This conference would not have been successful without the generosity of these companies.

Thank you all,
Captain Earnestine Sanders
AJA Host Agency Coordinator

Sheriff Valdez:
Just a word of thanks for your organization's help in hosting a great conference.

Pictured below is one of your "ambassadors" whose friendliness we were so impressed with. Folks like him seldom get enough credit.

Ryan Solberg
Announcements

BIRTHS
April 2, 2014:
Detention Training Officer Aubrey David is the proud grandfather of Thomas James. He weighed 7 lbs. and 11 oz. Baby Thomas James was born with degenerate heart disease and will have to have surgery. Please keep DTO David and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

DEATHS
April 2, 2014: Louis Logan, cousin of DSO Traci Smith, Kays Tower; and also Detective Alfred Hutchins of the Criminal Investigation Division, passed away.

DSO Jason Nunn, 2nd Watch-Court Desk, recently shaved his head for a good cause at the Kids Cancer Buzz Off event hosted at AT&T Stadium on May 4th. Participants raised money in exchange for their promise to shave their heads in support of kid’s with cancer.

The production team for “On the Case With Paula Zahn” will feature Lt. Howard Sparks, Detective Robert Bjorklund and Retired Executive Chief Deputy Larry Forsyth on an upcoming episode this summer. They followed the 1981 murder case of Roxanne Jeeves and her 5-year-old son Kirstopher Korper. The case went cold until a DNA match was found in 2001.

In 2007, the defendant, George Washington Hicks, was tried for the murder of Roxanne Jeeves, found guilty, and sentenced to life in prison. However due to 1981 sentencing guidelines, Hicks was about to become eligible for parole. As a result, Hicks was tried in March of this year for the murder of the 5-year-old boy. He was found guilty, and again, sentenced to life in prison.

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Items for Sale

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

**Coffee Cup**
Large White, Three Badge
**$12.00**

**Executive Portfolio**
Black Leatherette with Sheriff Badge
8-1/2”x11” Notepad Included
Space for memos, pen and Business Cards
**$15.00**

**Older Silver or Gold Sheriff Badge**
Mini-Sized, Wear as Ear Rings, on a Charm Bracelet or with a Necklace.
Highly Collectible and Custom Made!
Wear this One-of-a-Kind Nostalgia!
Sizes: 7/8” x 7/8” – Includes Ear Ring Wire Holders When Bought in Pairs.
**$12.00 Each Silver**
**$15.00 Each Gold**

**$20.00 Pair of Silver**
**$25.00 Pair of Gold**

**Insulated Tumbler**
Three Badge, 16oz, with straw,
Twist lock cover. No condensation, for hot or cold drinks.
Do Not Microwave.
**$10.00**

**$8.00**
**Wrist Bands**
Made of parachute nylon cord.
Show your support for Law Enforcement by wearing this symbol.
Various wrist sizes available.

**$4.00**
**Personal Sanitizer Pen**
6" Long, Refillable
Pump Sprayer, Place in pocket or attach with clip eyelet.

**$25.00**
**Pocket or Purse Key Holder with Sheriff Badge**
Can also be used as a money clip.
Highly Collectible and Custom Made!
Show your Pride with this One-of-a-Kind!
Sizes: 1-3/4” x 2-1/2” – Brass Ring Included.

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5 Brightness Levels
45 Hour Charge Time
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Special Buy - Limited Quantities
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If you need a new light or just one - don’t wait – get it now!

**Windshield Stickers**
Size: 2-3/4”
Inside or Outside Use
Self Adhesive Application
**$5.00 Each**

**Dallas County Sheriff’s Challenge Coin!**
1.75” Diameter with Plastic Pouch and History of the Challenge Coin.
Included in Beautiful Cherry Wood Presentation Case. 3-3/8” by 1-3/8” Square by 1-3/8” High Closed. Black Velvet Lined.
Magnetic Closure.
**$30.00 each**

**NOTE:** Coin and Case Sold Together

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Black or Natural Canvas Tote Bags ~ $8.00
Black Canvas Tote Bag Single Badge ~ $8.00

Water Tight Zip-Lock Holder ~ OR ~ Slip-In Lock - Horizontal or Vertical
ID Badge Holder
Your Choice with 3 ft retractable reel.

$3.00

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

$20.00

Special Buy - Special Price! While Quantities Last
Medium and Large Nylon Duffle Bags
Large Bag is 11”x22”x10”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”x18”x12”D with Three Outside Pockets (One to Store Activity Shoes), Color is All Black. Both have Shoulder Straps.

Large $40.00 Medium $30.00

Special Buy - Special Price! While Quantities Last
Lunch/6 Pack Nylon Cooler

$22.00

Laptop Briefcase
Extra Roomy with Lots of Storage. 3 Outside Pockets with Cell Phone Pocket. Fully Padded Accordion File Pockets Shoulder Strap Rugged 600 Denier Poly Canvas

$25.00!

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

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50”x60” 100% Polyester Colors: Navy Blue, Pink, Black, Purple or Gray

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$28.00

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