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TCSO's Academy Trains the Finest

The Tarrant County Sheriff's Training Academy always strives to provide the highest quality training to the maximum number of people possible. This is done with a staff of 12, consisting of 4 background investigators, 3 instructors, 2 training sergeants, 2 administrative assistants and a captain. The Academy isn't limited to internal training, it also provides training and classrooms for numerous local, state and federal agencies. The 2017-2019 training cycle recently ended, and the 2019-2021 cycle has begun. This year, the Academy has implemented the new BCC curriculum and graduated several BCC Academy classes, two of them achieving 100 percent pass rates. Echo class 2019 is scheduled to graduate on the 22nd of November adding nearly 40 new detention officers to the Sheriff's Office. The Academy has held or coordinated over 200 in service and basic classes with over 91,500 training hours submitted for the year.

Our staff has developed and implemented TASER certification courses that have led to the fielding of the TASER CEW to Operations as well as rifle training to facilitate the issue of the new TRIARC patrol rifles. In 2019, the Academy held over 50 new hire briefings with over 500 attendees and maintained a staffing level not seen in years due to the hard work of the background investigators and staff. Recently, our training staff has been busy updating core course curriculum and planning the 2020 course schedule. Our Academy team is in the process of updating all of the audio-visual equipment in the classrooms as well as training equipment for force on force as well as less lethal training.



By the end of 2019, our Training Academy will have held 6 jailer academies

Christmas for Children

TCSO is excited to announce our Christmas for Children of the Incarcerated. We are partnering with the Potter's House Fort Worth to provide Christmas presents and a joyful Christmas for young children whose parents are currently incarcerated.

Christmas For Children
OF THE INCARCERATED

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 14 | 10:00AM - 6:00PM

LOCATION
1270 WOODHAVEN FT. WORTH, TX, 76112
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Divisional Updates

Criminal Investigations



2019 has been a productive year for the Criminal Investigations Division. Since January, detectives have been assigned 2,626 cases. 920 of those cases have resulted in an arrest. This year the Texas Legislature made several changes to state law which effected law enforcement. One of those changes included legalizing hemp and products derived from hemp. This changed the way marijuana cases had to be handled by our detectives.



Detectives continued their investigations of illegal gaming operations this year. One of those investigations led to the simultaneous execution of search and arrest warrants at four locations across Tarrant County. This operation required every sworn employee from CID, Human Trafficking Unit, Crime Scene, Warrant, SWAT, and TCSO personnel from the Combined Narcotics Enforcement Team and the Property and Evidence Division, as well as several Labor Detail and Patrol deputies to be on hand. The operation concluded with nine arrests, more than \$36,000 seized, and the closure of three gambling establishments.

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SEED

Deputies Opdahl, Allen and Womack serve as investigators in our special patrol unit SEED. The Sheriff's Environmental Enforcement Division investigates environmental cases and is responsible for Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and most importantly for filing all DWI arrests that TCSO Deputies conduct. This includes converting LEADRS DWI reports to our records management system, downloading all related videos, jail paperwork, callsheet, and the subject's CCH. Once they receive the toxicology results from the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office, the SEED investigators can upload all the files and videos online into Tech Share and submit the case to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.



In addition to DWI's, SEED also investigates and prosecutes all Hit and Runs that occur in unincorporated Tarrant County and environmental cases. Environmental cases include tall grass, illegal dumping, and properties that have rubbish present or are visible from the roadway, in violation of State Law. SEED also responds to fatality crash scenes. They are responsible for conducting the accident reconstruction, including composing a computer diagram of the crash scene, interviewing witnesses and drivers when possible, and filing charges if applicable.

SEED is also in charge of the TCSO Mobile Command Vehicle (MCV). They perform the routine maintenance on the MCV and drive it when it needs to be deployed. The MCV is often taken to major scenes, as well as community events and National Night Out.