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Letter from the Sheriff

PROTECT AND SERVE

Our mission is to **PROTECT** by courageously standing between evil and good with honor while we strive to **SERVE** with respect, always putting others before self.

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Our 5 Core Values

H- Honorable Character:

Doing what is right, even when nobody is looking

E- Empowerment: Everything begins with mutual trust and respect

L- Lead: We all must lead and serve with competency, consistency, and transparency

O- Our Team is Our Priority

S- Strive for Excellence: We must strive for excellence, honor, and integrity in everything we do



A good friend of mine, Clint Bruce, came and spoke to members of our team a few months ago. He is a retired Navy SEAL team leader and while he was here he shared a story about a mission his team planned and executed. He described it as a magical moment when all the training and planning came together in harmony. Everyone performed as they should. The helicopter pilots hit their marks, the SEALs each hit their marks and together they took down the enemy.

In Clint Bruce's words, "The only thing that would have made it better was if Chuck Norris walked out on the deck with me after it was over!" As Clint was talking to his Senior Chief, he complimented his team and said they were satisfied and the team performed excellent.

His Chief's reply was simple- "Sir, we don't want excellent, we want elite. If anyone settles for excellent they need to get off our team."

The reason I mention this is because we have many reasons to be proud of our Office and all we've accomplished since 2017. It is one thing for a law enforcement agency to strive for excellence and succeed at it. We recently passed jail inspections with the cleanest jail facilities in the state and we've begun to gain recognition nationally for departments such as our Intelligence Unit. I'm extremely proud knowing that our agency has hit those high marks and is still making a conscious effort to keep going. I know we are on our way to becoming the best Sheriff's Office in the entire country. I challenge everyone here to strive for being elite in everything we do, together as a team.

Always at your service,
Sheriff Bill E. Waybourn

Above the Minimum

The Tarrant County Sheriff's Office passed its annual jail inspection! Members of the Texas Commission of Jail Standards visited our facilities from April 16th-18th to ensure that our jail facilities met state requirements. Every year, TCSO expects a surprise visit from this Commission. Our Detention Bureau staff works hard year-round to ensure that when these random visits occur, it's just like any other day on the job. This is because on a daily basis we don't just strive to meet the state requirements to run a jail, we want to go above and beyond with a smooth intake process and outstanding Inmate Services Programs.



National Correctional Officers Week

May 6th-12th is National Correctional Officers Week. Our Detention Bureau staff works hard year-round, but on this week we like to show them extra care! Thursday, May 10th, all Detention Bureau staff members were treated to pizza. It was just a small token of our appreciation for their dedication.



Fallen Officer's Memorial

All across the Nation, Fallen Officers have been honored during the month of May, especially during National Police Officer's Week from May 13th-18th. The Tarrant County Sheriff's Office will be holding a Fallen Officer's Memorial on May 21st, at 10am on the west side of the 1895 Courthouse in Downtown Fort Worth.

Our line of work often brings us face to face with the evils of the world. It is essential that we honor those that faced that evil and made the ultimate sacrifice to protect others.



Employee Appreciation Day!

TCSO participated in Tarrant County's Annual Employee Appreciation Day on May 2nd! TCSO Chiefs manned the popcorn station while employees from all over the county were celebrated.

Special Report: Emissions Enforcement Task Force

The Tarrant County Emissions Enforcement Task Force (referred to as ETF around the Office) is a grant-funded unit whose goal is to reduce mobile-source emissions in Tarrant County and North Texas. This is done by decreasing the number of vehicles operating without legitimately issued vehicle inspection reports. The Emissions Enforcement Task Force enforces state laws concerning fraudulent, counterfeit and improperly issued vehicle inspection reports. This fraudulent activity allows vehicle owners to circumvent the emissions testing requirements and operate vehicles with faulty emissions systems—resulting in negative air quality in the DFW area. Additionally, this criminal activity is utilized to generate undocumented revenue for organizations that fund local gangs, illegal narcotics, and in some cases, terrorism.



ETF investigates Auto shops that sell fake vehicle inspection reports

ETF works directly with other task forces within Tarrant County and adjacent counties to suppress

criminal activity, including Tarrant County's Auto Theft Task Force (ATTF). Great success has occurred when these two specialized units work side-by-side investigating car dealerships that actively defraud citizens in Tarrant County, by advertising and selling vehicles that are not safe for the road and then advising customers that a vehicle has no issues.

Recently, ETF paved the way in combating temporary tag abuse and motor vehicle registration fraud. ETF also works with and trains other Tarrant County agencies to help suppress this abuse. Emissions and registration fraud is an "under-the-table" multi-million dollar business that affects everyone within our county. Prior to the inception of the Emissions Task Force, the Texas Commission on Environment Equality estimated over \$30,000,000 was profited from fraudulent inspections within Tarrant County alone.

Investigators assigned to ETF specialize in identifying and investigating vehicle inspection stations within Tarrant County that commit these fraudulent inspections. Using covert surveillance methods, our investigators continue working to eliminate criminal activity and pursue charges against the involved inspectors. ETF has also developed new methods for conducting surveillance that has never occurred within the Tarrant County Sher-

iff's Office before. These methods have demanded numerous hours of training and an extensive knowledge of advanced technology systems that are not available to the public. These systems have successfully aided investigations within TCSO's Criminal Investigations Division, Human Trafficking Division, Warrants Division, and S.W.A.T. operations.



An ASM Analyzer can tell if a car has acceptable levels of emissions. Car emissions directly effect the environment.

With the leadership of the ETF Commander and the professionalism of the assigned investigators, this unit has developed positive relationships with all divisions of the Sheriff's Office as well as several other local, state and federal agencies. ETF strives for excellence in all aspects of their duties making sure our county is healthier and safer.

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