

The Henderson

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A Tarrant County Sheriff's Office Community Publication



Please Join Us

At the Tarrant County Fallen Officer Memorial & Groundbreaking Ceremony on Monday, May 20th, at 2pm on the west lawn of the 1895 Courthouse.

Message from the Sheriff

As we continue to move forward in 2019, TCSO has made great strides to meet our goals. One of our biggest goals is to continue implementing servant leadership across our agency. We most recently held a course for our civilian staff. During this training, we were reminded that "All truly great leaders serve." Our philosophy at TCSO is to empower all of our team members and allow them to lead by serving others.

We also serve the community by valuing the relationships around us. TCSO regularly partners with local law enforcement. Our combined SWAT team is composed of Sheriff's deputies and deputies from multiple Tarrant County Constable Offices. Intelligence regularly exchanges reports with the Texas Department of Public Safety and local police departments. By working with Fort Worth PD and DPS, our Human Trafficking Unit regularly holds operations. By working together, TCSO brings results to the table.

Moving forward, TCSO will continue to grow these relationships, serve other agencies and serve the people of Tarrant County. We will also continue to expand servant leadership training throughout TCSO.

Always at your service,
Sheriff Bill E. Waybourn

The Tarrant County Sheriff's Office Mission Statement

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



Divisional Updates



The Detention Bureau has experienced some amazing successes in the last several months. We want to take a moment to note some of the recent accomplishments achieved in Detention. Executive Chief Cundiff graduated from the FBI National Academy. Chief Deputy Reyes, Captain Pedigo, and Lieutenant Glover all completed the National Jail Leadership Command Academy. Chief Reyes, Captain Pedigo, and Sergeant E. Garcia graduated from Tarrant County's Leadership Development Program; and a total of 17 officers from across Detention achieved national recognition through the American Correctional Association. Also, over 1,100 employees, contractors, and volunteers have completed PREA training.

Detention also welcomed a team of new supervisors who have risen to the challenge to help lead the division. Glen Richardson was promoted to Captain and will oversee our Lon Evans facility. We have had 8 additional promotions since January and expect to celebrate several more promotions this year. This year has also given us the opportunity to celebrate the careers of 12 longtime TCSO employees assigned to Detention before they retired. Combined they had a total of 218 years of experience at the TCSO.

Detention

Divisional Updates

In 2018, uniformed Patrol deputies answered 189,376 calls for service. The community was made safer by making 591 driving while intoxicated arrests. DUI enforcement is still a top priority in 2019. In the first quarter of 2019, the Patrol LEEP Unit retired two horses, Scooter and Chief, and welcomed two new horses, Goose and Preacher. The horses are valuable to LEEP, which handles loose livestock and participates in parades and formal events.

Patrol also welcomed five new deputies: Quesada, Holland, Rademaker, Gardner, and Coleman. In 2019, twelve new cadets were selected for Patrol and will attend the Regional Police Academy soon.

The Courtesy Patrol has completed the transition to a civilian staff. Previously, Courtesy Patrol was staffed with detention officers, but it is now comprised of civilian staff. Courtesy Patrol is a grant funded unit that helps stranded motorists and clears debris off the roadways.



Patrol



Our newest Patrol recruits: Goose and Preacher

Safety Talk: Identifying Child Abuse



The first step in helping abused children is learning to recognize the symptoms of child abuse. Child abuse is divided into the following categories: physical, sexual, emotional, and medical. It's not unusual for a child to be abused in multiple categories. A physically abused child for example is often also emotionally abused. Any child at any age may experience any type of abuse. By reading this report, we hope you will be better able to recognize the signs of child abuse and potentially help save a life.

If a child suffers from physical abuse you may notice bruising, broken bones, black eyes, burns or bites. The child may be absent from school or sporting events and upon their return they may show signs of bruising that has faded.

If a child is being sexually abused, they may have difficulty sitting or walking and refuse to change in front of their peers when participating in gym or other sporting activities. A child may demonstrate unusual sexual knowledge or behavior, or demonstrate sexual tendencies at an early age. Young females may become pregnant or the victim can contract a venereal disease. Also, a child who repeatedly runs away from home may be a victim of abuse.

All signs are important when suspecting child abuse and should be considered, however, none of these signs prove that child abuse is occurring. If these signs appear, one should look more closely, look for repeated abuse or a combination of the signs and symptoms.

If you suspect that a child is being abused, if possible try to obtain as much information as possible. Information such as the age of the victim, address, the names of the parents or guardians makes for a more complete and accurate police report. If possible, try to identify if the accused is living with the victim to determine if the child is in immediate danger.

If at any time you feel child abuse has occurred, you can report the abuse to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Hotline Number: **1-800-252-5400** or your local law enforcement agency.

Sheriff's Snapshots

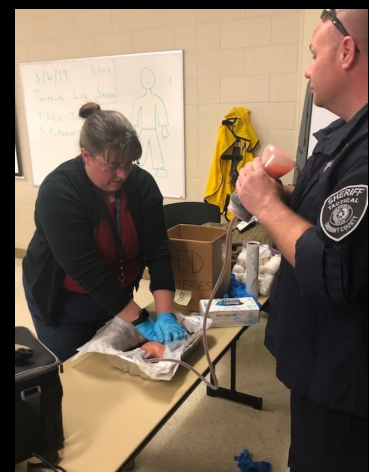
See What's Happening Around the Office!



Jail Academy Class Bravo's Victory Run



Celebration – 5 Detention Officers recently graduated from the Navarro Police Academy



A Tactical Lifesaving Course at the Training Academy

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