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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, this will be my last letter to the Association as President. On Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference banquet I will pass the torch to my friend and brother 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President **Steve Fisher**. I look forward to watching Steve lead the Association into the next year.

Steve has great plans for the upcoming year and I think it will be a banner year for the Association

Your Board held a meeting in Huntsville on February 18, 2013. Since this meeting was held during CMIT's Jail Management and Operations course, we were able to meet some of the state's newest Jail Administrators.

We finalized the details for our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. I give praise to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President **Kim Howell** and her Training Committee for all the hard work to make this conference the best yet. We have new training topics and instructors coming in to pass on their knowledge to our membership.

Also at the meeting, we heard from Sheriff **Dennis Wilson** on what the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is doing in reference to mental health inmates in the county jails and he asked for TJA's support. The Board voted to pass a new Legislative Policy and Procedure and wrote out a Resolution in support of the SAT.

We also talked about our new T-shirts the Sales Committee will reveal at the TJA sales table headed up by **Jennifer Stephens**. In looking over all the new products, I believe it will be another sell out year.

Also new this year, the President will be on Facebook

posting on the TJA facebook page during the conference. So, if you have not "liked" our page, please go to Facebook and find the Texas Jail Association to keep up with what I am doing at the conference. I will be giving TJA items away to the 1<sup>st</sup> person who finds and shows me they read the post. I will do this all week during the conference. The Board looks forward to meeting the new members and reminiscing with the old members.

For a long time now, the exhibitors have been requesting exclusive hours. This year, we will host the President's Apron Lunch to open the Exhibition Hall Tuesday after the opening ceremony.

After lunch, please come join my class, Maintenance of Small Jails, in the Pecos room. If it's full, no worries, I will repeat it again at 3:30pm. I had to put just a small plug in for my class because I would like to see a full room during both classes.

Again, I would like to say, thank you for the honor of being your President. I have learned more during this year than I ever expected. In addition, I met so many good people that I now call friends. I look forward to what my Past President year has in store. Also, thank you to a very close friend who during this year as President I would have been lost at times if not for her. **Sharese Hurst**, thank you for being patient, caring, helpful but most of all my friend.

Please remember, always speak your mind, but have a fast horse ready! God Bless and safe travels my friends. I will see you in Austin.

Scott Simonton  
President Texas Jail Association

## KEY ISSUES DEADLINES

June 1, 2013 for July 2013 Publication  
September 1, 2013 for October 2013 Publication  
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March 1, 2014 for April 2014 Publication

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# Jail Management & Operations for Newly Elected Sheriffs

By: Sharese Hurst

The Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT) hosted 20 of Texas' newly elected sheriffs for the Jail Management and Operations course, March 25-28, 2013. The sheriffs represented counties from all parts of Texas. The jail capacities ranged from 7 beds up to 1,100 beds. Their law enforcement career experience varied and they were all ready to learn about their newly inherited jail.

The training began with a welcome from CMIT Executive Director **Doug Dretke**. He explained how this course was developed five years ago to educate new sheriffs on the critical jail issues and liabilities. Sheriff **Chris Kirk** of Brazos County shared the jail's impact on county government. He also briefed participants on issues the Sheriffs' Association is trying to tackle through the Legislature.

Sheriff **Kelly Rowe** of Lubbock County and Chief **Carla Stone** of Kaufman County instructed on jail operations. Dr. **Randy Garner** presented a criminal justice leadership piece on behalf of Sam Houston State University. **Brandon Wood** and **Shannon Herklotz** from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards provided participants with crucial information on jail inspections. **James MacMillan** covered several important topics relating to running a jail. In addition, he was joined by **Mary Ann Saenz-Thompson** to instruct the topic of human resources. With the sponsorship of the Texas Association of Counties, **Robert Davis** contributed expertise on legal issues. A special thanks to **James MacMillan**, **Thomas Kerss**, Sheriff Greg **Hamilton**, and Retired Jail Administrator **Bob Patterson** for being present the entire week to provide support and valuable knowledge to the new sheriffs. The Institute is grateful to have **Carmella Jones** as an instructor for both con games and wellness. Carmella offered voluntary, daily wellness activities for the group, in addition to moderating the panel, taking photos, and leading table changes. Thank you to all of the speakers that donated their time and shared their knowledge.

CMIT would like to extend a big thank you to the Walker County Sheriff **Clint McRae** and his staff for being great hosts throughout the training. The delicious dinner cooked by Sergeant **K.C. Chitwood** was a topic of conversation throughout the week.

The following sheriffs were in attendance: **Albert Auxier**, Kendall County; **Willis Blackwell**, Shelby County; **Terry Braly**, Dickens County; **Jason Bridges**, Nacogdoches County; **Dan Butts**, Bandera County; **Scott Cass**, Lamar County; **R.C. Cheek**, Hockley County; **Michael Cox**, Hill County; **Clint Hammonds**, Mills County; **Brian Hawthorne**, Chambers County; **Don. L. Johnson**, Hutchinson County; **Ricky Jones**, Franklin County; **David Jones**, Tom Green County; **Melvin**

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If you are a newly elected sheriff, or a new chief deputy, or know of one in your surrounding area, we will host a similar class January 27-31, 2014. More information can be found at [www.cmitonline.org](http://www.cmitonline.org). Any questions can be directed to **Sharese Hurst** at the Correctional Management Institute of Texas, 936-294-1687 or [sharese@shsu.edu](mailto:sharese@shsu.edu).

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# Jail Administration: Management & Operations Training

By Jason Schwarz

The twelfth offering of the Jail Administration: Management & Operations training kicked off on Sunday, February 17, 2013. The 28 participants were chosen from all over the state. The jail capacities of the agencies represented ranged from 7 beds up to 3,095 beds. Once again, the career experience and longevity of the attendees varied, but they all played a significant role in the operation of his or her respective facility.

The training began with participants receiving a nice welcome from Sheriff Dennis Wilson of Limestone County. Sheriff Wilson shared a few words about the importance of the attendees' jobs and their impact on the counties they serve. He also filled everybody in on some of the issues the Sheriffs' Association is trying to tackle through the Legislature. Sheriff Wilson serves on CMIT's County Corrections Advisory Council, as well as the Legislative Committee for the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.



**Wayne Dicky**, Certified Jail Manager and Administrator of the Brazos County Jail, led the team of trainers focused on jail operations. The teaching team also included **Carla Stone**, Jail Administrator, Kaufman County; **Gary Pinkerton**, retired Chief Deputy, Smith County; and **David Drosche**, Lieutenant, Brazos County. **Dr. Randy Garner** presented a criminal justice leadership piece on behalf of Sam Houston State University. **Shannon Herklotz** from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards provided participants with crucial information on jail inspections. **James MacMillan**, **Thomas Keress**, **Mark Warren**, and **Robert Davis**, all from the Texas Association of Counties, contributed their instructional expertise on various topics. Thanks so much to James and Thomas for being here the entire week and providing such great support. The Institute would also like to extend a special thanks to **Carmella Jones** for instruction throughout the entire week. Carmella also hosted voluntary, daily wellness activities for the group.

When the final evaluations were received, it was determined once again that the classes were educational, and all the attendees learned invaluable information concerning jail administration. The interaction between the various agencies was beneficial and the format allowed for participation at will. Thank you so much to all of the speakers that donated their time and shared their knowledge.

The following individuals graduated from the twelfth Jail Administration: Management & Operations training: **Ashley Borgstedte**, Martin County; **Donna Brott**, Lee County; **Nanci Carpenter**, Freestone County; **Armando Castro**, Hill County; **Ken Cobb**, Young County; **Michael Copeland**, Garza County;

**William Cox**, Shelby County; **Sam Davee**, Burleson County; **Connie Dupree**, Cass County; **David Flores**, Hidalgo County; **Martin Gonzales**, Atascosa County; **Michael Gottner**, Travis County; **Lonnie Griffey**, Chambers County; **Mary Johnson**, Galveston County; **Rey Lujan**, Kendall County; **Sabrina Mangum**, Hardin County; **Rachel Martinez**, Calhoun County; **Amy McDonald**, Montague County; **Richard McLaughlin**, Lamar County; **Doug Morgan**, Gregg County; **Brian Peterson**, Johnson County; **Tia Pierson**, Anderson County; **Scott Sartain**, Franklin County; **Lisa Smith**, Archer County; **Becky Starr**, San Saba County; **Stevan Sturrock**, Tyler County; **Rita Thomas**, Coryell County; and **Pam Torrez**, Mills County. Insert Picture



If you are a new jail administrator, or know of one in your surrounding area, look for the nomination form for the September 2013 class at [www.cmitonline.org](http://www.cmitonline.org). Any questions about this class can be directed to **Jason Schwarz** at the Correctional Management Institute of Texas, 936-294-1668 or [jschwarz@shsu.edu](mailto:jschwarz@shsu.edu).

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AS THE NEW YEAR IS IN FULL SWING, THE BOARD IS BUSY PLANNING AN AWESOME 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN AUSTIN TEXAS. I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO TRY AND ATTEND, I KNOW WITH BUDGET ISSUES THAT IS NOT FEASIBLE FOR EVERYONE BUT IT WOULD BE NICE. IF YOU ATTEND YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED. WE HAVE A FEW NEW CLASSES LINED UP AND AS ALWAYS THE JAIL COMMISSION WILL BE PUTTING ON THE COURT ROOM CHALLENGE, WHICH IS VERY FUN AND KNOWLEDGEABLE WHETHER YOU ARE COMPETING OR JUST WATCHING. I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE AND HOPE TO SEE A LOT OF FAMILIAR FACES AND NEW ONES. CURRENTLY WE HAVE 1241 MEMBERS AND WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR MEMBERSHIP CONTEST THAT WE HAVE, DETAILS LISTED BELOW:

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- The individual with the most out of county memberships receives: Cash prize at annual awards banquet.

If you should have any questions or ideas about membership please feel free to contact me at [jmullins@angelinacounty.net](mailto:jmullins@angelinacounty.net),

Office 936-639-8774, or Cell 936-676-9988.

Thanks,

Joey Mullins, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

### ***IF I KNEW THEN, WHAT I KNOW NOW***

***We all have things in our careers in corrections that make us stop and say, "I wish I would have known that when I started." I would like to put a book together to give to new officers to help them in their new adventure in the field of corrections. If you would like to participate,***



***please email your contribution to [texasjailassociation@gmail.com](mailto:texasjailassociation@gmail.com).***

***Thanks for your time,  
Joey Mullins, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President***

## NEW EXHIBIT FORMAT AND HOURS!

We would like to personally thank each exhibitor for their continued support and participation in TJA's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference to be held, once again, at the Renaissance Hotel Arboretum in Austin, Texas.

Great News! What we all have been waiting for, Exclusive Exhibitor Hours. Read your exhibitor packet to find out details about the exclusive hours on both days the exhibit hall is open.

We have more booth space than ever and expect 110 vendor participants to be present showing off their goods and services.

### Exclusive Exhibit Hours

- **7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: Set-Up Time - EXCLUSIVE access to vendors and board members ONLY;**
- **11.30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: President's Apron Lunch - Opening of exhibits with a box lunch provided (11.30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. EXCLUSIVE Hours). There will be random TJA door prize drawings; and,**
- **7:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>: Continental Breakfast (EXCLUSIVE time 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.) in the exhibit area.**

Please feel free to call your vendor representatives or any board member if you have any questions or need additional information on the conference. We look forward to seeing all of you in Austin.

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# 27th Annual TJA Spring Conference

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# Nominations & By-Laws Committee Report

**By: Steve Fisher, 1st Vice President**

Greetings to all my friends and law enforcement family!

We continue planning for the upcoming 27<sup>th</sup> Annual TJA Conference in Austin. The year has gone by extremely fast and we are looking forward to seeing everyone. It will be another great opportunity for training and networking.

There is no new information or any changes being made to the By-Laws at this time.

By the time that you receive this **Key Issues** publication, the deadline for nominations to serve on the TJA Board of Directors will have expired. However, we want to encourage all members to consider serving on various committees throughout the year. We value any assistance you can provide TJA.

I challenge each of you to continue promoting our Association and consider serving on the Board of this great organization. I also want to thank all the sheriffs in this great state for their continued support of TJA.

We will have our annual elections in Austin, May 2013. Please learn about the candidates and most importantly, VOTE!!

The following is your Nominating committee for the 2012-2013 year:

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Sheriff **Dennis Wilson**/Limestone County Sheriff's Office  
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The following is your By-Laws Committee for the 2012-2013 year:

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If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please let us know. We look forward to working with, and for the members of the Texas Jail Association. We hope to see all of you at the regional trainings around the state, and in Austin at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. I hope and pray that everyone has a successful year and safe travels. Take care and God Bless!



# From His Chaplain

I hope everyone is well and that you're seeing blessings from God the Father. It's a pleasure to once again get to bring you a word that I hope lifts you up and gives you reassurance that Jesus is Lord and our complete and total trust is in Him.

Several weeks ago I was blessed by a sermon from my Pastor, Dennis Ivey, in which he talked about repentance. He brought out the scripture in Acts 2:38 where the Apostle Peter spoke to the crowd present on the Day of Pentecost when they asked in verse 37 "Brothers, what should we do?" Now bear in mind Jesus had left the tomb and told the disciples not to leave Jerusalem until the Father sends what he had promised, which was the Holy Spirit. After the Holy Spirit fell on the disciples Peter began to boldly preach the Gospel to the crowd. They had all heard the 120 people in the upper room speaking and proclaiming Jesus Christ in different languages. All the languages of all the people who were in Jerusalem at that moment were being heard. This is when Peter stepped forth and told the people present, who thought all of the disciples were drunk with wine, were in fact proclaiming Jesus under the power of the Holy Spirit. That's when Peter was asked what they should do because what Peter had told them really dealt with their hearts. Peter said, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of and release from your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

## AMPLIFIED VERSION

I can remember as I began my walk as a Christian hearing the word "repent" and not really understanding it until I begin studying the Word of God from the Amplified Version of the Bible. I was always told that "to repent" meant "to turn away from." So through my walk I'm carrying this burden in my heart because I'm finding myself stumbling over the same issues that I've always stumbled over even before I gave my heart to Jesus. It was when I finally came to understand that in the mentioned text from the Bible in Acts 2:38 "repent" means according to the Amplified Version, "change your views and purpose to accept the will of God in your inner selves instead of rejecting it." Now I began to realize how simple God has made a relationship with Him. I know God does not want us to kick ourselves around and worry about the steps we take in life. When we trust Him and rely on Him for everything, we will make the right steps. When we fail get up, turn to His mercy and keep going. That is faith, and we know from His word that without faith it is impossible to please Him.

As for "turning away" . . . that's the result of repentance. So when you turn away . . . make sure you turn toward Jesus.

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# Training Committee

Greetings fellow TJA Members,

I hope everyone has enjoyed bringing in the New Year and the first few months have started off well. There were many incidents that occurred in our country that brought several issues to the forefront, especially that of mental health and the lack of proper programming and funding for such offenders. The Texas Jail Association is always looking at bringing relevant and current training opportunities to its membership in addition to providing unique topics.

The Association has teamed up with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards to bring many requested classes to an agency near you. I would like to thank the Commission for the guidance and training the Inspectors have provided throughout the year, the host agencies for providing us with the venues and the Board Members for their time and commitment in making this all happen. "Jail Administration: Management & Operations" has now been attended by 28 people with 44 training hours being provided. Another in demand class has been making its way throughout the state, "Objective Jail Classification". To date 123 individuals have attended the training with 4 hours being awarded. Our wonderful Historian, **Carmella Jones**, has been racking up the road miles as she continues teaching "Intermediate Suicide Detection and Prevention" ensuring that the Texas Jail Association "Regionals" cover as much territory as possible. Texas is a big state and she has managed to drive most of it. Presently, 210 individuals have received the training with a total of 8 TCLEOSE hours being obtained. "What to Expect During an Inspection" has now been attended by 23 people with 8 training hours being provided.

At the Annual Conference we are presenting topics ranging from leadership, objective jail classification which will enable officers to meet the requirements to be a classification officer, as well as a first line response to mental health geared towards dealing with an individual in crisis. For the first time, the Texas Jail Association is introducing an investigative track of classes that will take an officer from the initial incident of Crime Scene Investigation to Interview and Interrogation, Report Writing and wrapping up with Courtroom Testimony. **Gary Henderson**, Retired Sheriff and Investigator will be instructing sharing his wealth of knowledge and experience.

Preparations are complete for the 27th Annual Conference to be held at the Renaissance Hotel. Mark your calendars for May 13-17, 2013 as we look forward to seeing you there and don't forget to start your planning for the upcoming Jail Management Issues Conference in August located in Galveston at the San Luis Resort. Please contact myself, 3rd

Vice-President **Joey Mullins** or any of the board members if you are interested in being a presenter, moderator or assisting in any other way with the conference. Please continue to share your training ideas for either topics or presenters, as this Association was built by our members for our members.

## Your training committee for 2012-2013 is:

- **Chairman: Kim Howell**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Lubbock County Sheriff's Office, 806-775-7005, [khowell@co.lubbock.tx.us](mailto:khowell@co.lubbock.tx.us)
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Three TJA members completed the twelfth class of the National Jail Leadership Command Academy. **Bill Jennings**, Gregg County, **Lynette Anderson** and **Roy Clark**, Harris County.

# Inmate Therapy

**An investment in leadership training pays off for Rockwall County Jail with improved mental health services**  
By Maria Sprow

It's difficult to translate classroom lessons into real-world success. Changes don't come easily and advice passed on to students or participants is looked upon through broken or tinted glasses. There is a tendency to have a bit of skepticism, realism, or just acknowledgement of the distance between the lesson and the implementation. Our situation is different. Or, but what about that other problem?

But when the National Jail Leadership Command Academy (NJLCA) asked its students in 2009 to do a classroom presentation on a concern or issue they had with their jail operations, Rockwall County Lt. Todd Calkins didn't separate the classroom lesson from the reality, or his homework from his work back at home.

While other attendees discussed challenges to officer training and jailer retention, Calkins and several other attendees talked about the lack of mental health services available for inmates.

"That was our biggest problem," Calkins said, adding that the lack of mental health services inside the jail wasn't just bad for inmates. It was bad for jail staff, which sometimes had to deal with extra stressful and dangerous environments when an inmate couldn't receive necessary therapy or professional help. And it was bad for the jail's bottom line, since inmates with mental illness have longer lengths of stay on average than other inmates.

"We had individuals that had mental illness, and our only treatment was usually an injection and a straight chair, or taking them to the psych ER, which was in Dallas, 45 minutes away. But then usually by the time we got back, they would call us and say, 'hey, you need to come pick them back up.' And they didn't do anything for them; there just wasn't any space for them there, either," Calkins said.

But inmates suffering from a mental illness are just part of the problem. Jails also have to deal with inmates dealing with substance abuse, addiction, and withdrawal.

"They go hand in hand because when someone has a mental illness and they aren't taking their medicines, they start taking meth and they start taking other drugs to conquer whatever their mental illness is. So we are having to treat both mental illness and chemical dependency at the same time,"

Calkins said. "They have to detox for the first seven days with no help at all. And then once that happens, then we figure out they have a mental illness, and then we have a whole other thing to deal with."

How to deal with and help mentally ill and addiction-plagued inmates is an increasingly local problem, as there are fewer and fewer mental health beds available at state mental health hospitals and legislative actions appear to be focusing more and more on community-based services.

Calkins talked about the number of beds available at Terrell State Hospital, just 45 minutes from Rockwall. In 1992, according to the Handbook of Texas, the hospital had 521 beds. Now, it has just 316. That's partly because society better understands mental illness; but it's also because mental health services are one of those costly expenditures that can be passed down to local governments.

The beds serve 19 counties and a population of more than 3 million. Statistically, one in seven individuals suffer from mental illness or substance abuse. Not all of them need a mental health bed, but there still aren't enough community-based treatment options available to make up for the disappearing beds.

That's leaving jails in a bind, especially since many of them traditionally have not had the funding to give jailers specialized mental health training. New jailers typically only learn how to conduct suicide assessments or screenings, per the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

When Calkins outlined the problem for the class, instructors and participants encouraged him to start simple: make some phone calls and ask for help. Calkins went back to Rockwall County and did just that. He contacted the Dallas chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, who put him in touch with Dr. Vincent Ramos, a forensic psychologist and chair of the Forensic Psychology Program at Argosy University in Dallas.

Calkins told Ramos that he wanted to create mental health services for the inmates that would directly affect their emotional and mental stability. He also wanted to reduce recidivism by helping inmates create a mental health plan that links them to community-based resources after they are released from jail.

“They had no idea initially what that meant or what that required,” Ramos said, “but the important thing is that they recognized the need and they realized they had to be part of the solution.”

The two collaborated easily enough to achieve the first goal: the jail began using its commissary funds to pay Dr. Ramos to come into the jail one or two days a week and offer counseling sessions to inmates. They could sign up for therapy voluntarily or be referred to it through suicide screenings or by medical personnel.

In addition, the jail contracted with a vendor to provide psychiatric treatment when necessary, and now all supervisors receive 40 hours of specialized Mental Health Peace Officer training through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE). That funding came partly through the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), Calkins said.

The specialized training and therapy sessions have changed the atmosphere inside the jail, Calkins said, because jailers have more tools available to help inmates, and inmates now can talk to someone about their anxiety, depression, drug addiction and other problems.

“It’s tremendous,” he said. “Back when I was on the floor, there was no option. I had to deal with them. I had to put them in a smock, which is a tear-proof dress, and put them in a violent cell or put them in a restraint chair for the safety of themselves and others. But now I go to an individual and say, ‘Okay, are you having problems? We can get you some help.’ That allows my officers more options to deal with situations that they never had before, and they love it because they aren’t fighting them every day trying to put them in a smock or a straight chair. And I mean, it takes five guys, five big guys, to put one psychotic person in a straight chair.”

Thanks to the therapy, inmates who would ordinarily sit in jail for months due to their mental illnesses are regaining competency faster. For instance, one woman, Calkins noted, had been at the Rockwall County Jail for months because of an arrest for criminal mischief at a Hobby Lobby. The court had declared the woman incompetent to stand trial, and she was put on a long waiting list for a mental health bed at Terrell State Hospital. Fortunately, she didn’t have to wait for a bed. The jail’s improved mental health services helped her regain the competency she needed to stand trial. She ended up receiving a sentence of time served and was released.

“The combination of both psychological counseling and psychiatric counseling got her to the point where she could understand what she was going through,” Calkins said, adding that the woman was in jail for six months before she was declared competent. And the woman’s story is all too common: the average length of stay for a mentally ill inmate in Rockwall County is 121 days, compared to 20.37 days for

healthy inmates. “If we would have waited on Terrell, she could still be here.”

The therapy has been so successful and helpful that Ramos began allowing his students to complete their internships at the jail. Each week, Ramos and his students conduct about 24 hours’ worth of therapy sessions inside the jail, including chemical dependency classes on Wednesdays.

“The students are just thrilled to have the experience,” Ramos said. “They have all been very happy and feel like what they’ve done and what they’ve participated in was very beneficial to their development and their growth and their understanding of the needs of this population. They’ve come to understand that the needs of this population reflect the needs of the community at large, that these people who are in jail are our neighbors, they are our family members, they are people that live in our community. It reinforced their interest in working with the jail population.”

The second goal has been much harder to achieve. Ramos and his students focus on short-term psychological counseling, but they also create discharge plans for inmates in their care. The plans identify a goal for the patient and list community resources available to help them achieve the goal. But finding community-based resources to include in the plans is daunting.

“The problem is, when people leave the facility, they do not get hooked up with services outside the jail. So we may give them five days of meds, and then once that five days is gone, if they don’t go and follow up and get help, they stop taking their meds, they get back on drugs or alcohol and then they do things they are not supposed to do and end up back in jail,” Calkins said.

To solve that problem, the county is hoping to get grant funding to create a specialized case management position to work with the public defender and district attorney in connecting mentally ill defendants with mental health resources. The program would be similar to specialized wheels working in Lubbock and Montgomery counties, he added.

“When someone has an issue but they are done at the jail, all the services wrap around when they go back out in the community, and eventually the services get them on the right track again,” Calkins said.

In the meantime, Calkins and Ramos have followed the paths other counties have taken to help address system-wide deficiencies. In March 2010, they created the Rockwall County Jail Mental Health Steering Committee.

“It had to be a collective effort. It had to be about the community,” Calkins said. “These people, even though they come to jail, eventually they are going to have to come back out into the community and be citizens again. So we had to get everybody who was a stakeholder on the outside to come and meet with us so that when they do transition from the jail back

into society, they have a place to go, people to talk to, people to get services from.”

The committee is now 30-plus members strong and includes representatives from the Rockwall County Sheriff’s Office, the Rockwall County District Attorney’s Office, the Rockwall Police Department, Rockwall Adult Probation and Rockwall Juvenile Probation, as well as representatives from the North Texas Behavioral Mental Health Authority, Green Oaks Hospital, Transicare, Lakes Regional Hospital, the National Alliance on Mental Illness and Dallas Mental Health America.

The partnerships formed via the committee have helped the region begin its expansion of mental health services outside the jail. County commissioners have embraced the steering committee as an official advisory committee, and the county is working on creating a new mental health court. In addition, in 2011, 36 area law enforcement officers completed the TCLEOSE Mental Health Peace Officer training course at no cost to the agencies, thanks to a partnership with the Dallas Police Department.

“Our efforts have to go beyond the jail. We have to have a community-wide plan that addresses the needs of the community, so that when they leave jail and prior to being arrested, even way before there is any kind of criminal activity, there are resources available to them,” Ramos said. “I think it’s an exciting time for Rockwall County because of the efforts and the support that we’ve gotten so far at addressing this issue, and I look forward to the next three, five years. I think that we’ll make more progress, and I think we’ll bring greater resources to Rockwall County.”

The difference Calkins has made inside the Rockwall County Jail has gained state and national attention and recognition. In November 2011, the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Dallas honored Calkins with its 2011 Crisis Intervention Training Excellence in Law Enforcement Award. In May, the Texas Jail Association recognized Calkins with its Detention Officer of the Year - Professional Service award, which is given to individuals who have exceeded their expected performance. And in June, the National Sheriffs’ Association presented Calkins with its first Corrections/Jail Innovation of the Year Award.

For his part, Calkins contributes his success to that leadership academy assignment.

“The one thing I learned in that national jailers class is that there’s two dates in your life,” he said. “You have your birth date and the day you die. But the professor, he said, ‘What about the dash? The dash is so important. Don’t let that dash go by the wayside. Do something with the dash.’ And that kicked me into full gear, and I said, okay, we’re going to make something of this. I didn’t want my legacy of being a public servant as just the guy who came in from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. every day and slept and didn’t do anything. I got a kick in the butt when I went to that academy.”

The NJLCA, held in Huntsville and sponsored by the American Jail Association, the National Association of Counties and the Correctional Management Institute of Texas, will hold its 12th class March 3-8 and its 13th class June 23-28, 2013. Created for mid-level jail supervisors, the six-day class doesn’t promise any silver bullets for the problems faced by county jails, but it does promise to discuss best practices, hiring and retention, effective leadership, organizational communication, budgeting and ethics, among other topics.

The class costs less than \$1,560 per person, including room and board. Calkins said he thought the time and money spent on the class was well worth it, since he was able to network with top jail staff from around the country in a small classroom setting of fewer than 40 students.

“It challenges you, it motivates you, it makes you get better if you want to,” he said.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE

## CARROLLTON COUNTY

### POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS ANNUAL AWARDS

On Friday, January 18, 2013 the Carrollton Police Department held its annual awards banquet to recognize the hard work of its employees and volunteers during 2012. The event was sponsored by the Carrollton Police Officers Association in conjunction with local businesses and donors.

The following awards were presented during the event:

- Officer **Luke Barrow**: 2012 Officer of the Year
- Officer **Sheldon Blackwell**: 2012 Service Club Officer of the Year
- Detectives **Donald Leach** and **Nigel Renfro**: 2012 Co-Detectives of the Year
- Sergeant **Chuck Monroe**: 2012 Supervisor of the Year
- Detention Supervisor **Chuck Mutch**: 2012 Civilian of the Year
- Judy Nallie**: 2012 Volunteer of the Year

Criminal Investigator, Detention Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Jail Administrator and Major. He was promoted to Assistant Chief Deputy in 2002. Sheriff Terry Box praised him for his dedicated service & presented him with a retirement plaque.



Captain **Tom Francis** retired from the Collin County Sheriff's Office with over 27 years of distinctive service with the Collin County Sheriff's Office. He was honored with a retirement reception attended by a host of friends, family and co-workers.

Sheriff Terry Box presented him with a retirement plaque and expressed gratitude for his loyal & dedicated service.

Deputy **Dickie Thomas** recently retired with over 10 years of loyal service. He was recognized for his accomplishments as Crime Prevention Deputy at a retirement reception held in his honor. Sheriff Terry Box congratulated and presented him with a retirement plaque.



## COLLIN COUNTY

### 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Detention Officer **Mary Lewis** celebrated twenty years of dedicated service with the Collin County Sheriff's Office and was honored with an anniversary reception. A host of friends, family and co-workers gathered to help Mary celebrate the happy occasion.



**Sheriff Terry Box** presented her with a 20 year plaque in appreciation of her service.

### RECENT RETIREMENTS:

Assistant Chief Deputy **Randy Clark** recently retired with over 33 years of service with the Collin County Sheriff's Office. He was honored with a retirement reception and recognized for his achievements during the course of his career. His employment with the Collin County Sheriff's Office began in 1979 as Detention Officer. From 1981 through 1997, he moved up through the ranks serving as Patrol Deputy,



Deputy **Hugh McClellan** retired with 27 years of dedicated service with the Collin County Sheriff's Office. He was congratulated by Sheriff Box who presented him with a retirement plaque during a recent ceremony.

**Gail Toulmin** has recently retired from the Collin County Sheriff's Office with 19 years of dedicated service. She was employed as Food Service Tech in Detention. Sheriff Terry Box expressed his gratitude for her service and presented her with a retirement plaque during a recent ceremony.



### PROMOTIONS:

Sheriff Terry congratulated the following employees on their promotions:



## DALLAS COUNTY

Congratulations to the newest Sergeants: **Keith Samet**, **Deborah Bell**, and **Richard Waters**. You can find the trio in the Dallas Jail Technical Services Bureau.



Deputy **Al Roman** has been promoted to Patrol Sergeant and was presented his Sergeant badge by Sheriff Terry Box during a recent ceremony.

**Bill Ponder** and **Bryce Thompson** recently received promotions from Detention Lieutenant to Detention Captain. Each one was congratulated by Sheriff Terry Box and presented their Captain's badge.



**Chris Perepiczka** and **Tim Pitts** received promotions from Sergeant to Lieutenant and were presented their Lieutenant badges by Sheriff Terry Box.



**Patrick Menefee** and **Jessica Pond** were recently promoted from Transfer Deputy to the new position of Detention Training Deputy.



### SAT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

Sheriff Terry Box congratulated **Shelby Downs** who is the recent recipient of a \$500 Sheriffs' Association of Texas Scholarship.



Shelby is a student at North Texas University and is the daughter of **Mike** and **Lawana Downs**. Lawana is Administrative Secretary in CCSO Administration.

## ELLIS COUNTY

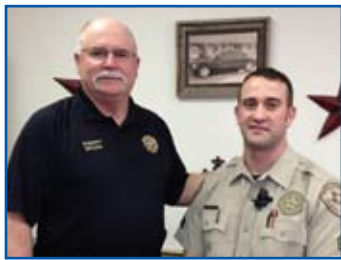
### SHERIFF JOHNNY BROWN ANNOUNCES JAIL DIVISION PROMOTIONS

Ellis County Sheriff **Johnny Brown** recently promoted **Bobby Cooper** to Lieutenant in the Jail Division at Wayne McCollum Detention Center. Cooper joined ECSO in January 2000 and was promoted to sergeant in August 2009. He holds a basic jailer license with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Education and Standards.



Ellis County Sheriff **Johnny Brown** recently promoted **Margie Goggans** to Lieutenant in the Jail Division at Wayne McCollum Detention Center. Goggans joined ECSO in August 2006 and was promoted to

sergeant in January 2007; her prior service includes more than eight years with Dallas County Sheriff's Office. She holds a basic jailer license with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Education and Standards.



Ellis County Sheriff **Johnny Brown** recently promoted **Brandon Loper** to Lieutenant in the Jail Division at Wayne McCollum Detention Center. Loper joined ECSO in January 2008 and was promoted to sergeant in November 2010.

He holds a basic jailer license with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Education and Standards.

The Ellis County Sheriff's Office Training Division recently conducted a Basic County Corrections Physical Skills Course. This is a three-day course that each of the county's detention officers must pass. The training includes learning how to restrain a combative person. Deputies **Ken Hatcher** and **John Yates** served as instructors. Taking part in the course were Detention Officers **Cerda, Howard, Huff, Squire** and **Thornton**.



giving officers exposure to varied sites and scenarios. Training was held early in the morning, in the afternoon and late into the evening exposing officers to varied light levels in conjunction with the different scenarios and locations.

The instructors' objective in SRT School is to provide officers with decision making and leadership skills, emergency planning and legal responsibility in addition to tactical training. Officers received instruction in Crisis Negotiation, Evacuation Planning, Basic CPR and First Aid and Use of Force options and legality. The 13 SRT operators were tried and tested throughout the 40 hours of instruction and grueling physical training provided by the highly regarded instructors of the El Paso Detention System SRT.



The Basic Special Response Team School is the first of its kind providing SRT operators scenarios and training situations common and specific in the correctional setting. The instructors responsible for organizing and teaching the Basic SRT School have also organized and taught detention personnel in the Montgomery Sheriff's Office, Tom Green County Sheriff's Office, and for the Federal Bureau of Prisons. The next Basic SRT School is scheduled for March 2013 and will provide detention officers with the same exceptional training necessary to be a member of El Paso Sheriff's Office Special Response Team.

## EL PASO COUNTY

On February 1, 2013 the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Detention System graduated 13 officers from the Basic Special Response Team School. The Special Response Team (SRT) is a specialized tactical team that responds to specific, critical, and potentially dangerous incidents in the jails. During the week long school officers received training in One Man Cell Extractions,



Tactical Cell Entries, Riot Control, PR-24 and Riot Baton, Taser, Pepperball, and Mobile Field Force. The rigorous training took place at the Downtown Jail, Jail Annex, Academy Firing Range and the El Paso County Coliseum



## EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE P.A.W.S. IN DETENTION

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office in collaboration with the El Paso Humane Society and the Animal Rescue League of El Paso, has created a canine training program called "PAWS in Detention" to assist inmates in attaining vocational training and to provide homeless pets an opportunity to be adopted. The



PAWS program was created by Sheriff **Richard D. Wiles** to assist local shelters with the over populated pet problem that exists in our community.

The PAWS in Detention kennel was built with equipment and supplies were purchased through inmate-generated funds and construction was assisted with inmate labor. Under the supervision of trained Detention Officers: **Sergio Camacho, David Morales** and **Cynthia Solano**, volunteer inmates receive kennel management experience and are responsible for teaching dogs to obey basic dog commands. Inmates are tested on a variety of lessons performed and evaluated daily on their training and kennel management. This program allows inmates to acquire a skill that will be beneficial once they are released.



Inmates participating in the program receive instruction in Animal Care by performing daily cleaning and sanitizing of the kennels and cages, feeding the animals, and through training interaction. Inmates who complete the program receive a certificate

in Kennel Management, Animal Care and Dog Obedience training. Dogs are not only taught to walk on a lead, sit, get in a down position with hand signals; additionally they are also house broken, crate trained and socialized through daily interaction between inmates.

## GRAYSON COUNTY

Sheriff **J. Keith Gary** and Chief Deputy **Ron Brown** regret to announce the passing of Lieutenant **Jackie Walker**, Assistant Jail Administrator for the Grayson County Sheriff's Office. Lieutenant Walker was hired as a Corrections Officer in March of 1996, was promoted to Sergeant in February 1998 and promoted to Lieutenant (Asst. Jail Administrator) in March of 2012. After beating cancer, she passed away after a short illness in a Dallas, Texas hospital on December 26, 2012. She will be missed by her co-workers and everyone who came in contact with her.

## LUBBOCK COUNTY



**Jaime Forsher** was recognized for January employee of the month. *Left to Right, Sheriff Kelly Rowe, Jaime Forsher*

Sheriff **Kelly Rowe** welcomed the following new hires to the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office family: **Kasi Isbell, Katelynn Jones, Cody Baker, Lee Forshee, Bobby Tayse, Jerry Zamora, Dominic Cerda, Joey Barajas, Louise Zungia, Jim Cogdell, Bryan Carter, Nathan Salazar, Travis Lamkin, Mercedes Hernandez, John Wasiuta, Krystal Rodriguez, Shaun Benitez, Cody Reyes, Dustin Hood, Joe Lara Jr., Juan Garcia Jr., Jerry Salazar, and Jarred Dalton**



Sheriff Kelly Rowe was elected Sheriff for Lubbock County for an additional four years. Sheriff Rowe takes pride in personally deputizing the 192 Peace Officers of the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office.



Sheriff Kelly Rowe promoted **Mark Diebel** to Lieutenant. *Left to Right, Sheriff Kelly Rowe, Lieutenant Mark Diebel*



Commissioner's Court recognized and presented service awards to the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office staff for proudly serving Lubbock County.





Officer **Nehemias Martinez** was recognized as February, 2013 employee of the month. *Left to Right, Sheriff Kelly Rowe, Officer Nehemias Martinez*



Sheriff Kelly Rowe promoted **James Cruz** to Corporal. *Left to Right, Sheriff Kelly Rowe, Corporal James Cruz*

Representatives from the Imperial County Sheriff's Office, El Centro, California visited the Lubbock County Detention Center where they spent the day with the Office of Professional and Ethical Standards staff discussing procedures for Imperial County's future Detention Center's expansion. *Left to Right, Chief Deputy Cody Scott, Representatives from Imperial County, Sheriff Kelly Rowe*



**Kevin Payne** was promoted to Sergeant. *Left to Right, Sheriff Kelly Rowe, Sergeant Kevin Payne*

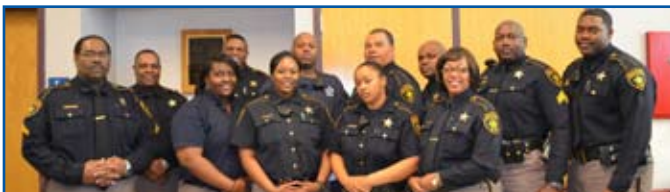


**Brittney Thorpe** was promoted to Corporal. *Left to Right, Sheriff Kelly Rowe, Corporal Brittney Thorpe*

**Cody Reyes** was recognized as March, 2013 employee of the month. *Left to Right, Sheriff Kelly Rowe, Officer Cody Reyes*



The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual African American History Month Program recognized the following LSO staff: **Fidelis Abigide, Nastashia Atkins, Ruby Doss, Edward Gonzales, Demetreia Hearn, Chamayne Johnson, Krystal Johnson, Daron Lewis, Willie Mackey, Michael Manus, Felicia McKinzie, Jeremy Morrison, Melvin Phillips, Christopher Scott, Joel Smith Jr., Michael Smith, George Smitherman, Melinda Cunningham, Deena Moore.**



Sheriff Kelly Rowe was recognized at the 2013 Addy Awards Ceremony. The Lubbock County Sheriff's Office recruitment video and website took three Gold Addy Awards and three Silver Addy Awards winning "Best of Show" and the "People's Choice Award." *Left to Right, Wally Moyers, Brett Stallings, Captain Johnny Jaquess, Sheriff Kelly Rowe, Chief Deputy Mike Reed, Chief Deputy Cody Scott, Assistant Chief Kim Howell, James Salas*



### SHERIFF KELLY ROWE CONGRATULATES EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Lubbock County Sheriff Kelly Rowe recognizes his employees of the month by presenting them with a certificate for a job well done. The following employees were recognized for the months of November and December of 2012 and January of 2013.

**NOVEMBER 2012:** Deputy **Refugio Lopez** and Deputy **Arthur Duran** responded to medical emergency involving a 2 month old baby that was not breathing. Deputy Duran immediately began CPR on the infant while Deputy Lopez monitored the baby for a pulse. Deputy Lopez took over for Deputy Duran and continued the CPR. Their actions directly led to the baby having a chance for survival.

**DECEMBER 2012:** The Lubbock County Sheriff's Office conducts "Project Saint Nick" during the holidays each November thru December to beef up patrol and try to reduce burglaries and thefts. Corporal **Chris Eppler** who is assigned to the Bomb Unit was assigned to help patrol the targeted areas of the county during this operation. With his work on the street against street crimes and his work gathering information for registered sex offender compliance violations made criminal activity minimal during this time of year.

**JANUARY 2013:** **Bryan Kitchens**, Communications Operator was chosen for Employee of the Month. On January 30, 2013 at 1938 hours. Bryan received a 911 call from a citizen that received a text from an unknown caller stating, "Please call 911, please!" The caller attempted to contact the number back with no response. The voicemail had a recorded name that Bryan was able to match up with the number through the Lubbock

County Sheriff's Office. He gathered that information, name and address and relayed it to the Lubbock Police Department due to address being inside the city limits of Lubbock. Contact was made with the recorded name and it was determined that the phone number belonged to the mother. It was determined that the mother was having chest pains and an ambulance was dispatched. Bryan's willingness to "dig a little deeper" saved someone's life.



*Deputy Refugio Lopez and Sheriff Kelly Rowe*

*Sheriff Kelly Rowe and Deputy Arthur Duran*



*Sheriff Kelly Rowe and Corporal Chris Eppler*

*Sheriff Rowe and Communications Operator Bryan Kitchens*



### **SHERIFF KELLY ROWE MEETS WITH NEWLY HIRED PATROL DEPUTIES**



*Sheriff Rowe swearing in new Patrol Deputies Landon Walker, Richard Reyes, Deputy Andrew Cavazos and new Investigator Dusty Vaughn*

Lubbock County Sheriff Kelly Rowe welcomes new Patrol Deputies **Landon Walker**, **Richard Reyes** and **Andrew Cavazos** to the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division. Deputy Walker comes to the Sheriff's office after working with the Tulia Police Department for 3 years. Deputy Richard Reyes joins our department after 5 years with the Plainview Police Department and Deputy Cavazos began his career with the Lubbock County Detention center in 2008. While employed at the Detention Center he acquired his Peace Officer certification which qualified him to apply for and was selected to fill the Patrol Deputy position.

New hires Walker and Reyes are sworn in by Sheriff Rowe as Deputy Cavazos observes. Cavazos had been sworn in earlier

during a swearing in ceremony.

*Chief Deputy Mike Reed presents Patrol Deputy Landon Walker with his Deputy Badge*



*Chief Deputy Mike Reed presents Patrol Deputy Richard Reyes with his Deputy Badge*

*Chief Reed presents Deputy Andrew Cavazos with his Deputy Badge*



### **SHERIFF KELLY ROWE PRESENTS TIFFANI ARNOLD WITH SCHOLARSHIP CHECK**

On January 28, 2013, Lubbock County Sheriff Kelly Rowe presented **Tiffani Arnold** with a scholarship check from the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. Tiffani Arnold is the daughter of Texas Ranger Tony Arnold. Tiffani attended Coronado High School and just finished this semester at South Plains College. Starting in January 2013, she will be transferring to Texas Tech. Her degree is majoring in Exercise and Sports Science and minoring in English. Tiffani plans to continue at Tech getting a Master's Degree in Strength and Conditioning. With this education her future plans are extensive. Tiffani would like to keep her job as a CrossFit coach, or pursue her interest as Strength and Conditioning Coach at a University.

Sheriff Kelly Rowe presents Tiffani Arnold with the Scholarship check from the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.



## MIDLAND COUNTY

### CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



On January 19, 2013, employees from Detention, Operations, and Courthouse Security participated in the City of Midland 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 6 on 6 CO-ED Volleyball Tournament.



*Left to Right: Adam Hilliard, Kevin Hodge, Meredith Bennett, Janae Rode, Tanner Graham, and Anthony Lehman not pictured Susan Richardson and Kelsey Jaronski*

*Left to Right: Jenetta Atchison, Jessica Arrieta, Kim Mayfield, Matthew Awbrey, Meredith Bennett, Victoria Reyes, Cassandra Nunez, and Kevin Hodge*

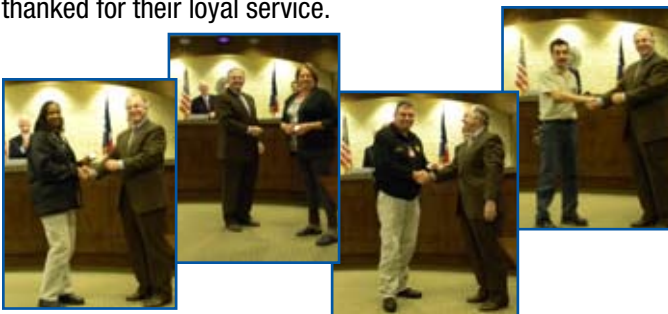


### EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARDS



On January 28, 2013, County Commissioner **Luis Sanchez** congratulated **Sergeant Blake Gibson** for his achievement of five years of service. He was presented a 5 year pin and thanked for his loyal service.

On January 28, 2013, County Commissioner **Robin Donnelly** congratulated **Clerk Jenetta Atchison, Clerk Kay Wesson, Lieutenant Tim Telck, and Willard Davis** for their achievement of ten years of service. They were presented 10 year pins and thanked for their loyal service.



On January 28, 2013, County Commissioner **Luis Sanchez** congratulates **Clerk Kim Mayfield, Transport Officer Gayle Wilson, Sergeant Victoria Reyes, and Transport Officer Andrew Shephard** for their achievement of five years of service. They were presented 5 year pins and thanked for their loyal service.



On January 28, 2013, County Commissioners congratulated **Debbie Bedingfield** for her achievement of fifteen years of service. She was presented a 15 year pin and thanked for her loyal service.



### 2012 BANQUET AWARDS

On October 19, 2012, Sheriff **Gary Painter** recognized **Sergeant Timothy Roberts** for receiving the 2012 Detention Supervisor of the year award.



On October 19, 2012, Sheriff **Gary Painter** recognized **Jailer Edmund Oyovwikimo** for receiving the 2012 Detention Jailer of the year award.

On October 19, 2012, Sheriff **Gary Painter** recognized **Clerk Sandra Burkstaller** for receiving the 2012 Detention Clerk of the year award.



On October 19, 2012, Sheriff **Gary Painter** recognized **Jailer Jessica Caro** for receiving the 2012 Detention Top Gun of the year award.



On October 19, 2012, **Sergeant Chet Thatcher** was presented along with other Midland County SWAT team members the 2012 Medal of Valor award.

On October 19, 2012, **Corporal Robert Mayhar** was presented the 2012 Detention Top Hand of the year award.



On October 19, 2012, **Jailer Slater Mason** was presented the 2012 Detention Top Hand of the year award.

On October 19, 2012, **Jailer Robert Haines** was presented the 2012 Detention Top Hand of the year award.



### PROMOTIONS



Lieutenant **Tim Telck** congratulated **Robert Mayhar** who was recently promoted from Detention Corporal to Detention Sergeant.

Lieutenant Tim Telck congratulated **Anthony Lehman** who was recently promoted from Detention Jailer to Detention Corporal.



Lieutenant Tim Telck congratulated **Paul Galindo** who was recently promoted from Detention Clerk to Detention Jailer.

## TRAVIS COUNTY

The Travis County Sheriff's Office routinely recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of its employees such as promotions, deputations, and service at its bi-monthly awards ceremonies.



However, February 9, 2013 was an even more special day due to the TCSO 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Presentation recognizing 69 Corrections, Law Enforcement and Support Staff for their exceptional performance in 2012.

Sheriff **Greg Hamilton**, Chief Deputy **Jim Sylvester** and the TCSO Honor Guard started the program with the posting of the Colors, Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.

Sheriff Hamilton and Chief Sylvester then presented awards ranging from Special Recognition, Unit Citations, Commendations and Life Saving, to Employee of the Year, Meritorious Conduct and the Medal of Valor.

While it was definitely a busy year at TCSO, we could not be more proud of all the outstanding women and men that dedicate themselves every day to serving their community by protecting the lives and wellbeing of those in their care, custody and control. Hats off to a job well done!

**Wayne Barton Award**  
Rhonda Gilchrist



**Unit Citation Award**  
**Corrections – CSTU (Gang Intel)**  
Anthony Angel, Wade Bolling

**Law Enforcement – Motors Unit**

Rodney Blackmon, Tom Carpenter, Greg Epperson, Derek Hill, Christopher Gray, Phillip (Jeff) Hulsey, Willie Martinez, Toby Miller, Deke Pierce, Stan Roper, Jeff Smith, Coy Turner, Timothy Williams

**Admin & Support – Research & Planning**

Julie Cullen, Michael Hemby, Karen Maxwell, Meg Seville, Tracy Miller

**Commendation Bar**

Jesse Aguilar, Nelli Aguirre, Alexis Alexander, Vincent Cain, Elizabeth Ewald, Brandon Gamble, Scott Gray, Robert Phillips, Brady Hoermann,



Huey Kehl, Henry Maldonado, Richard Millers, Gloria Rock (PISD), Jose Tovar  
Corrections Officers Richard Miller, Alexis Alexander and Nellie Aguirre receive the Commendation Bar.

### Life Saving Bar

Patrick Amy, Francisco Campos, Michael Culin, David Deason, Robert Dickerson, Juan Esparza, Count Fuller, Tracy Jones, Vince Galloway, Kathryn Geiger, Anthony Jamison, Michael Janke, Clayton Jones, Gregory Lawson, Carl League, David Ortiz, Joshua Lewallen, Dewayne Lofton, Randy Reed, James Rubio, James Steward, Jared Strawn, Steve Wentrcek, Charles Williams, Yolanda Zielinski, Jail RN Francisco Campos, Medical Supervisor Kathryn Geiger, Life Safety Supervisor Steven Wentrcek, CO Clayton Jones and CO Jared Strawn receive the Life Saving Award.



### Meritorious Conduct Bar

Travis Bertram, Scott James, Robert Stanford, Michael Villanueva

### Medal of Valor

Carlos Rodriguez

### David Balagia "Superman" of the Year

Mark Sawa

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## Legislative Committee

TJA's Legislative Committee is following several bills of interest including the following:

**83(R) HB 177 Author:** Larson | et al.

**Last Action** 02/06/2013 H Referred to County Affairs

**Caption Version:** Introduced

**Caption:** Relating to housing prisoners in a tent or other facility in lieu of a county jail.

**House Committee:** County Affairs (In)

**Senate Committee:**

**83(R) HB 529 Author:** Turner, Sylvester

**Last Action** 02/13/2013 H Referred to Corrections

**Caption Version:** Introduced

**Caption:** Relating to the detention of juveniles pending criminal trial.

**House Committee:** Corrections (In)

**Senate Committee:**

**83(R) HB 1266 Author:** Guillen

**Last Action** 02/25/2013 H Referred to Corrections

**Caption Version:** Introduced

**Caption:** Relating to the creation of the Adult and Juvenile Administrative Segregation Task Force.

**House Committee:** Corrections (In)

**Senate Committee:**

**83(R) HB 1430 Author:** Fletcher

**Last Action** 02/18/2013 H Filed

**Caption Version:** Introduced

**Caption:** Relating to the employment of certain peace officers, detention officers, county jailers, or firefighters who are injured in the course and scope of duty.

**House Committee:**

**Senate Committee:**

**83(R) HB 1544 Author:** Allen

**Last Action** 02/25/2013 H Referred to County Affairs

**Caption Version:** Introduced

**Caption:** Relating to the authority of a county to contract with a private vendor for the operation of a detention facility.

**House Committee:** County Affairs (In)

**Senate Committee:**

**83(R) SB 36 Author:** Zaffirini

**Last Action** 02/26/2013 S Left pending in committee

**Caption Version:** Introduced

**Caption:** Relating to the detention and transportation of a person with a mental illness.

**House Committee:**

**Senate Committee:** Health & Human Services (In)

The most important issue facing jails, however, is mental health. TJA is supporting the Sheriffs' Association of Texas in an effort to increase funding in this area. At the February Board Meeting, we passed the following resolution. More information on these efforts will be put out via our list serve.

If you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact your Association. Members of the legislature can file bills until March 8th.

**Bill Bryan**  
Chair



**A RESOLUTION OF THE TEXAS JAIL ASSOCIATION REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF THE 83rd LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT INCREASES FUNDING FOR MHMR COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES**

**WHEREAS,** the Texas Jail Association "TJA" was formed to provide leadership in the development of professional standards, management practices, programs, and services; and, advance the interest, needs, and concerns of the membership; and

**WHEREAS,** TJA has over 1,100 members that directly work in county jails within the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS,** TJA members are acutely aware of the lack of appropriate resources and treatment for mental health patients and offenders; and

**WHEREAS,** Jails in Texas already feel the impact of inadequate funding for MHMR and other health services making county jails a holding institution for many experiencing mental crisis; and

**WHEREAS,** This situation has risen to a level that endangers both staff and detainees, and

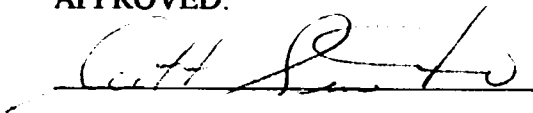
**WHEREAS,** it is the desire of TJA that a copy of this resolution with appropriate names affixed be presented to the Governor of Texas and the leadership of the 83rd Texas Legislature.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TEXAS JAIL ASSOCIATION:**

1. That members of the 83rd Legislature of Texas seek passage of legislation to continue and significantly increase funding for
  - Jail Diversion Programs, including pre-trial diversion through mental health courts
  - Mental Health deputies programs
  - Crisis Recognition and Response training for peace officers and jailers
  - a standardized Mental Health commitment process
  - Mental Health screening through telecommunication, including patient examinations by telemedicine, and
  - the Continuity of Care Query "CCQ" identification system.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Board of Directors on this the 18th day of February 2013.

**APPROVED:**



President

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**Printing and mailing the Key Issues has become a significant cost to the association, decreasing funds available for training. In October, your Board decided to mail only the annual issue to all members which will include annual reports of all committees, membership, finances, by law changes and a call for nominations. In keeping with the times, a quarterly issue will be emailed and available on our website for individual printing. We hope that this will allow for members to forward the issue to others in their department and to print for distribution as they may need.**



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