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# Message From The President

Howdy TJA Members!

The 29th Annual Conference is now a memory, but what a great gathering it was! Whether renewing old friendships or making new ones, the networking opportunities abounded. **Brent Phillips** and the Training Committee put together an awesome lineup of training classes with outstanding presenters to bring you the latest and greatest our profession has to offer.

To make the Conference even more exciting, we had the largest slate of candidates for Director in the history of TJA. Eight candidates campaigned to become one of two new Directors along with two of our current directors vying for Third Vice President who will eventually become the President of TJA. A special congratulations goes out to **Martin Gonzales** who was elected as your new 3rd Vice President, and congratulations to **Dan Corbin** of Lubbock County and **Kit Wright** of Brazos County who will be working hard for you during their terms as directors.

As always, our conferences wouldn't exist without the tireless efforts of our Executive Director, **Sharese Hurst** and her CMIT staff, **Jan Halverson**, **Jennifer Stephens'** Sales Committee, and your Board who worked diligently behind the scenes to make the week a success. A special thanks goes out to my Sheriff, **Greg Hamilton** and my Jail Administrator, Major **Wes Priddy** for offering up their tremendous support as our host county once again.

The highlight for me personally was the banquet and receiving the president's gavel from **Kim Howell**, now your Immediate Past President. Folks had been asking me for some time if my speech was ready, what would I talk about, etc. Standing before such a large number of our members really brought home to me why I was there, and I wanted to share my thoughts that went into my first speech as President by sharing those words with our entire membership.

*Have you ever walked into a room and then had to ask yourself "Why am I here?" Maybe it's a sign that your memory is going, or you're distracted...or maybe you've just been following Past President **Bob Patterson** around too much. I saw this happen a lot when I visited Poland with Bob and Sheriff **Dennis Wilson**. I don't speak Polish, but I'm certain our hosts had begun to wonder why Bob and Dennis were there after about the second international incident.*

*I've asked myself "Why am I here?" quite a bit throughout my life as well. As a young man, I walked into a room at a military processing center and was told to raise my right hand..."Why am I here?" came to mind immediately. A drill sergeant would soon come along to explain it repeatedly just in case I couldn't figure it out.*

*A few years later, I walked into a room and a man with a gold star on his chest told me to raise my right hand. Again, a little voice said "Why am I here?" That voice got a lot louder when I walked through a security vestibule for the first time and heard that door slam behind me.*

*I then walked through the door of a hospital labor and delivery room for the first time. And amid those feelings of joy, pride and no small measure of fear, I heard that question, "Why am I here?" but I know God answered me that day.*

*Just a few years ago, I walked into this room on a Tuesday morning, stepped up on a stage to campaign for your vote, and I asked myself "Why am I here?" And now tonight, I raised my hand again just a few minutes ago.*

*That question I keep hearing in my head is all about purpose. What is my purpose? Personally? Professionally?*

*At each point in my life when I walked through a door and someone or some circumstance had me raise my right hand and say I'll do my best "So help*

*me God," my purpose came into sharp focus and has been consistent throughout my life.*

*So walking through this door, tonight, it's abundantly clear to me as to why I am here. I'm here to serve you.*

*I'm here to carry on the tradition, mission, and values that Jerry Baggs shaped into the Texas Jail Association back in 1986. Being entrusted with his vision by you, the membership, is an awesome and humbling honor.*

*I've had the opportunity to watch, listen, and learn from* ***Kim, Steve, Scott****, and the rest of the past presidents in this room tonight and I've worked side by side with the finest people that you'll ever meet in our profession. I would also not have been able to even begin this journey without the support of my Sheriff,* ***Greg Hamilton,*** *and my Jail Administrator, Major* ***Wes Priddy****. Again, I'm humbled by the opportunity and trust these folks have placed in me.*

*General Colin Powell was once asked what the essence of leadership was and he immediately responded with one word..."trust." His first platoon sergeant told him as a young lieutenant that he would know he was a leader if people followed him even if were just out of curiosity. That is trust and I hope you'll be a little curious with me as this next year unfolds…we have some great things in store for you.*

*Serving you through TJA is an honor I'll carry with pride, but it is a task not done alone. I will lean heavily on my fellow Board Members and our wonderful Executive Director,* ***Sharese Hurst****, who is always there for us. I'll lean on my big brothers* ***Bob Patterson*** *and* ***Billy Bryan*** *for their advice and wisdom. And we will continue our partnerships with the great folks at CMIT, TEEX, and TCJS.*

*Leaders can only stand when their foundation is solid, so I want to give a special thanks to my lovely wife Cheryl and my three beautiful daughters who have sacrificed and supported me unconditionally each time I've raised my hand to serve my country, my community and now you as President of the Texas Jail Association.*

*So keep asking yourself "Why am I here?" and your purpose will be revealed in service to others. Thank you for joining us this week and thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you--I will give you my best in return. God bless the Texas Jail Association and God bless Texas.*

So get ready for the ride ahead in 2015-2016, our 30th Anniversary year. I promise you, I will work tirelessly on your behalf in the best tradition of TJA and the vision **Jerry Baggs** had for this organization. I'll see you at the Jail Management Issues Conference in Galveston this August. Be safe my TJA family and God bless.

Shane Poole

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# Letter From Your Immediate Past President

Greetings to all,

I hope this finds everyone well. I would like to share a few words that I was able to express at our 29th Annual Conference as I prepared to hand the gavel over to **Shane Poole**.

*Before I pass the President's Gavel to **Shane Poole**, I have several acknowledgements to give, if I miss your name know that when I smile that means thank you! First and foremost, thank you God, for placing people in my path that have made me a better person. I am truly blessed. To my family, at home and at work, for their support through the last six years. **Sharese Hurst**, our Executive Director, you make everything come together and do a wonderful job. You have also taught me more about hotel contracts and negotiations than I have ever cared to learn. To our Past Presidents', you continue to serve and have been such valuable resources to myself during this last year.*

*They say your Board can make the President or your President can make your Board. Know THIS Board has made the President and I couldn't have been more blessed to be surrounded by such a group of hard working and dedicated individuals. We set and accomplished several goals last year. The Technology Committee, under the leadership of Director **Kevin Stuart**, developed and launched our first Conference App. We asked ourselves how we could increase member benefits and answered the question by entering into partnership with TEEXS and offering one etoken annually for you to continue your education. Lastly, we asked "How can we impact one of the largest challenges jails face today: the mental health crisis," and we answered by assisting CMIT with the first mental health conference that brought all disciplines together to make a difference. My hat's off to you!*

*Last but not least, to **Kelly Rowe**, my Sheriff, my mentor, and my friend, thank you. How many people can say that about their boss, told you the good Lord has blessed me. It has been such a wonderful experience having your support, encouragement, and vision.*

*To the entire TJA membership I have been honored to serve as your President.*

As I transition into my new role as your Past President, I will continue to provide any and all support to our Association. I look forward to the great things to come under the leadership and guidance of your President, **Shane Poole**. You have one terrific Board that is dedicated to the professional development of its membership. I can't wait to see y'all in Galveston, until then stay safe and God Bless.

All my best,

Kim Howell

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# Reflections On My Term as 2nd Vice President

**By: D. Brent Phillips, 1st Vice President**

At our 28th Annual Conference in Austin, Texas the membership elected me as your Second Vice-President, and I thank you for that honor. As Second Vice-President, my primary responsibility was coordinating training for two conferences, our 29th Annual Conference in Austin and the JMI 2015 conference in Galveston. What an experience!

Your training committee consisted of**: Larry Don Cook, Bob Patterson, Martin Gonzales, Carmella Jones, Mary Farley, Roy Clark,** and **A.J. Bonner** did a fantastic job planning the conferences.

The 29th Annual Conference is now in the history books along with JMI 2014. JMI 2014 was a huge success thanks to our President **Shane Poole**, who was Second Vice-President during the planning of that conference. We have outgrown the training space at the San Luis and have moved JMI 2015 to a new venue, The Galveston Island Convention Center. This facility provides us with more room for breakouts and vendor space. With this new venue we were able to add an additional breakout for each training session and additional vendors.

Even with our new venue, we will continue to use the San Luis Resort as our host hotel.

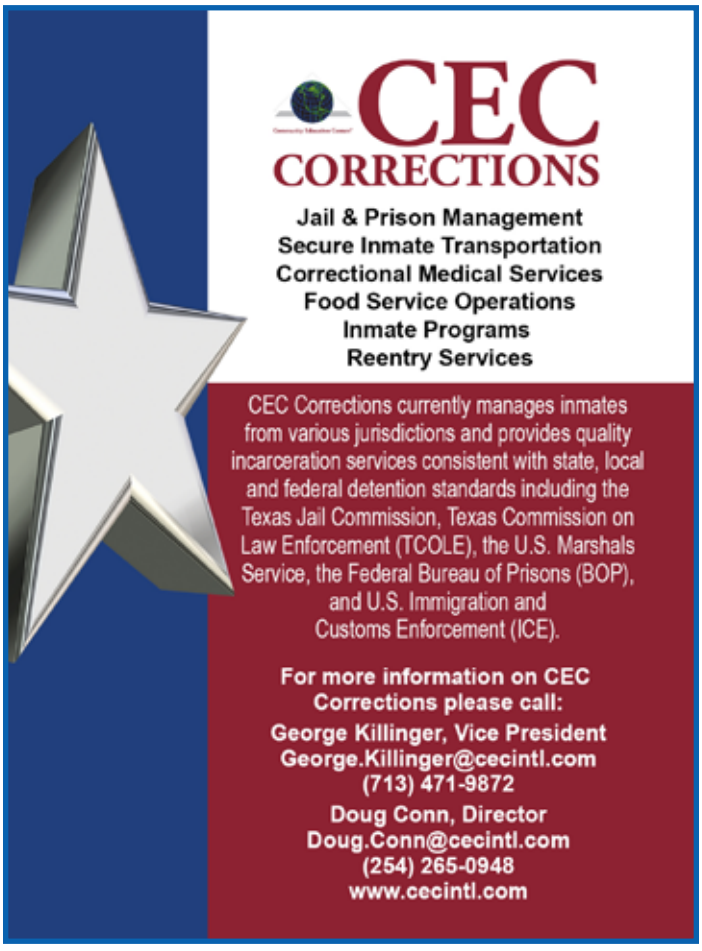
We have had a very busy and rewarding year. The 29th Annual Conference in Austin provided **12,012** hours of training. JMI 2014 was a huge success resulting in **5,418** hours of training. Through a co-operative effort with our friends at The Texas Commission on Jail Standards regional training resulted in **3,992** hours of training. Total training hours for the past year were **19,735** hours.

A special thanks goes out to our recently elected Third Vice-President **Martin Gonzales** for all the training he has conducted with our counties in the southern part of Texas. I would like to thank our Executive Director **Sharese Hurst** and her staff, **Andrew Colarusso, Kaley Karr, Spencer Copeland,**

and **Carmella Jones** for their assistance and hard work making our conferences a success.

I wish incoming 2nd Vice-President **Todd Allen,** and his training committee, all the best in planning our 30th Annual Conference in Austin and JMI 2016.

It truly was a pleasure serving as your Training Committee Chairperson. I look forward to continuing to serve as your 1st Vice-President in 2015-2016.

# Training Committee Report

**By: Todd Allen, 2nd Vice President**

Greetings fellow TJA members and correctional professionals. The 29th Annual Conference in Austin is behind us as we prepare for the Jail Management Issues Conference in Galveston. I trust you found training that will benefit you and your agency upon your return. Thank you to First Vice President **Brent Phillips** and the training committee for putting together an outstanding and varied array of topics. As always a huge thank you to **Sharese Hurst** and her crew from CMIT for all of the hours of hard work they put in to make this Conference a success. This Association would not be such a success without them. In addition to running around conferences snapping pictures and capturing moments that will last a lifetime, **Carmella Jones** now works with CMIT and is responsible for bringing in vendors. As with everything she does, it was a huge success! **Jan Halverson** and her son **Noah Halverson** kept the audio/visual running and was "Johnny on the spot" to fix any issues that kept the sessions running smoothly. Most of all, I would like to thank you, the members. You are the reason for all of the hard work and dedication of the CMIT staff and the Board Members. Your attendance in the sessions during the 29th Annual Conference was outstanding and is reflected in the number of training hours reported. At our 29th annual Conference, a total of 429 participants completed up to 28 hours for a total of 12,012 training hours.

As we move on to Galveston, we also begin to prepare for the 30th Annual Conference in 2016. The training committee will be hard at work to continue to bring innovative and informative training. If you have suggestions, ideas, or comments please forward them to anyone in the training committee. You are the reason for the Conference and we strive to keep the training fresh and interesting. The Training Committee for 2015-2016 is:

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| Date | Workshop Title | Location |
|---|---|---|
| July 27-30, 2015 | Drug Impact Conference[1] | San Antonio, Texas |
| August 24-27, 2015 | Jail Management Issues Conference[2] | Galveston, Texas |
| September 13-18, 2015 | Mid-Management Leadership Program[1] | Huntsville, Texas |
| September 20-25, 2015 | Jail Administration: Management & Operations[3] | Huntsville, Texas |
| October 4-9, 2015 | Senior Level | Huntsville, Texas |
| October 26-29, 2015 | CMIT 2nd Annual Mental Health Conference[3] | Montgomery, Texas |
| November 15-20, 2015 | Mid-Management Leadership Program[1] | Huntsville, Texas |
| January 19-22, 2016 | CMIT Gangs Conference[4] | Galveston, Texas |
| February 7-12, 2016 | Mid-Management Leadership Program[1] | Huntsville, Texas |
| April 24-26, 2016 | National Jail Leadership Command Academy[2] | Huntsville, Texas |
| March 28-April 1, 2016 | Women in Criminal Justice Conference[2] | Montgomery, Texas |

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For additional training opportunities visit www.texasjailassociation.com or www.cmitonline.org.

# Do you have the App?

The TJA Board of Directors and the Technology Committee would like to thank everyone for making your new Conference App a great success. For those of you who haven't downloaded the app please take a minute to check it out. All of the information from the prior conference will be accessible whenever you need it. Follow the link below to access the 29th Annual Conference Event from your PC.

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# Trailer Talk... A TJA Sales Committe Update

**By: Jennifer Stephens**

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I would like to say thank you to all the board members and those who ran for the board who helped out at the sales table. Your help was greatly appreciated. Also, a special thanks to those officers who were "voluntold" by their supervisor who serves on the board to assist. The sales committee could not do it without your behind the scenes muscle!

Stay tuned to the TJA Facebook page for pictures of new merchandise that will be available at the JMI Conference in Galveston. I think I've finally found some tank tops that everyone will like. The sales committee is working hard to bring you some great new items. We are always excited to hear member input. If there is something you want to see, do not hesitate to send your suggestions our way. I look forward to seeing everyone in Galveston. Have a safe summer.

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# The Incredible Picture Taking Team

There are just not enough pictures. Even though, year after year, a conscientious effort was made to take pictures of every event, person and speaker at the conference, it was just not logistically possible. One person cannot be everywhere at once. This year, with the help of two additional photographers, we got closer than ever before. **Trena Reeves** from Lubbock County returned again this year to help and take her amazing photos. We also added a new crew member, **Lisa Coleman** from Brazos County. What an incredible team!

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# 29th Annual Conference Overview

The 29th Annual Conference opened with a preconference golf tournament held at the River Place Country Club. There were 20 teams that participated and even though the rain poured down it didn't dampen the competitive spirit. The short delay to the tee off time was quickly made up for by the low scores posted, especially of the winning team of S**cott Simonton, Sam Loria,** and **Cooper Abercrombie**. Proceeds raised from the tournament fund the Jerry Baggs Memorial Scholarship. A special "Thank You" to Past President **Bob Patterson** for organizing this great event.

Classes also kicked off Monday covering topics ranging from inmate behavior management and objective jail classification to basic gang and tattoo recognition. Second Vice-President **Brent Phillips** and the training committee developed a wonderful training agenda. The classes were informative, educational, and the diversity of topics ensured there would be a class available to engage and interest. The high caliber of courses and instructors continued throughout the week.

Sheriff **Greg Hamilton** and the staff of Travis County were wonderful hosts as they assisted throughout the conference. They provided tours of their facility, instructors that shared their extensive knowledge, and activities for any participants enjoying the first trip to Austin.

On Tuesday morning the participants listened to one of their own, last year's TJA Idol winner, **Brandon Henderson** from Brazos County, sang our National Anthem. After listening to Brandon's beautiful voice it was easy to understand how he became your Idol winner.

Keynote speaker **Matt Powell**, Lubbock County's District Attorney, spoke on leadership and the qualities of a good leader. Matt's message was well received and his delivery had everyone laughing which is a tough enough feat for any speaker to achieve at nine in the morning. To quote one of our attendees "I found his speech very entertaining as well as informative. I was also impressed by his continued remarks supporting Law Enforcement Officers and the jobs we must do daily. I would entertain a motion that all new and youthful lawyers who are entering the prosecution side of our courts be required to spend at least six months shadowing Mr. Powell"

Director **Kevin Stuart**, Chairman of the Technology Committee, conducted a presentation of the TJA conference app. The app was a useful tool as one could view the entire Conference agenda, obtain speaker information, course descriptions and materials. It also allowed the Association to do push notifications to attendees' smart phones of any pertinent events. Course and conference surveys were also available for participants to complete. One of the greatest assets of the app was the ability to download all of the materials to your PC after you returned to the office. The Technology Committee did an excellent job in developing the app and welcome your feedback for further refinement for the JMI conference in August.

Brazos County Sheriff, **Chris Kirk**, shared pending legislation impacting our career field and the Sheriff's Association of Texas' stand on specific bills and their tireless efforts to lobby on our behalf. They continue to keep us informed on several items that have a direct bearing on Law Enforcement and its operations.

After opening ceremonies everyone moved downstairs to the vendor hall to enjoy the President's Apron Luncheon. It was a great time to visit with the vendors and try out their products. There were 92 vendors exhibiting their products

Director **Dan Corbin,** from Lubbock County.

Wednesday also crowned a new champion in the TCJS "Jailpardy" competition. Twenty-seven contestants stepped up to the challenge showcasing their knowledge of jail standards. Assistant Director of the Commission, **Shannon Herklotz**, has written an article detailing the competition. No spoiler alert here, so turn the page and read on to find out who the first, second, and third place winners were. Congratulations to all!

Thursday continued with a packed training agenda with speakers coming throughout the United States and within our State to educate the attendees on a wide variety of topics with six concurrent sessions. Thursday evening closed with the 29th Annual Award Banquet and Business meeting. Each committee chairperson presented their annual reports to the membership of which you will also find in this installment of Key Issues. A video tribute honoring Past President **Bob Knowles**, from Tarrant County, and a moment of silence for all those members who have passed this last year from our membership gave an opportunity to lift up to the Lord in prayer.

After dinner, the Association was honored to present several awards to recipients throughout the State. **Aimee Crockett** from Dallas County received the Distinguished Service Award. She was recognized for her commitment, dedication and contributions to our Association. Aimee has instructed for the Association at numerous conferences, written articles for Key Issues, and is a Lifetime Member of TJA.

Executive Director **Sharese Hurst** and Historian **Carmella Jones** presented the vendor awards. Correct Care Solutions received the Vendor of the Year Award. They stressed that without the ongoing and continued support of our vendors our conferences would not be a success.

The Detention Officer of the Year-Professional Service was awarded to Lieutenant **Gene Rhodes** from Limestone County. Gene's leadership and work ethic sets an example for all to follow.

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The President's Award was presented by President **Kim Howell** to **Brandon Wood**, Executive Director of The Texas Commission on Jails Standards. The President's Award is given to an individual who has provided service or support to TJA during the previous year. Brandon shares a similar vision as our Association, increasing professionalism through training. Brandon and his team are a resource for county jails and willingly assist the Association and its members by providing educational opportunities at our conferences and statewide.

The Hall of Fame Award was presented by Past President Sheriff **Kelly Rowe** to Sheriff **Terry Box** from Collin County. Adapt and overcome has always been a mantra in law enforcement and Sheriff Rowe provided a great example of such. A downside in trying to surprise a recipient is the possibility an event may occur requiring him to return home early. Never fear, as Sheriff Box received a surprise phone call, was placed on speaker phone and was able to hear the presentation. He expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the membership and we appreciate his 45 years of service. Sheriff Box has been a long-time supporter of TJA and has supported not only one but two employees who bear the title of Past President. He is a man of courage and vision, and will be missed by all after his retirement.

The Jerry Baggs Leadership Award is given in recognition of our founding President, who was instrumental in the creation of the Texas Jail Association. It is awarded to an individual employed in the field of county corrections who has demonstrated leadership and a sincere commitment to the professional advancement of county corrections. James Baggs, Jerry's son, continues to honor his dad by personally presenting this Award. Parliamentarian **Billy Bryan** was this year recipient, there couldn't have been a more deserving individual. Billy has been involved with the Association since its inception bearing the title of Past President. He may have retired from Bell County but he never retired from TJA as he continues to serve as Parliamentarian and Entertainment Committee Chairman. Billy continues to mentor those around him sharing his knowledge, time, and expertise, just as Jerry did. He is a true asset to TJA.

President Howell had great pleasure swearing in your 2015-2016 President, **Shane Poole** from Travis County. The torch was passed and will continue to burn brightly under his leadership. President Poole proceeded to swear in your 2015-2016 Board and they pledged an oath to serve the Association. President Poole shared his vision for the Association and closed the evening with comments which were an inspiration to all.

Your Board worked diligently to ensure the 29th Annual Conference was an event to remember and we look forward to seeing you in August at the Jail Management Issues Conference held in Galveston. See you on the island.

# Vendor Report

Austin survived one more TJA Conference. I hope they can survive the rain. The conference was a lot of fun. I talked to as many of the other vendors as I could. The universal response is still the same, TJA puts on a great conference. If

you can't get you boots shined at our conference, then start wearing loafers! Lots of new faces were walking and talking up and down the vendor isles.

Congratulations to all of our new board members. We always want new faces and new ideas. The vendor contact is

why the vendors keep coming to our conference. As a member, always remember to show appreciation to the vendors that support our great association. The conference could not go on without them. Also, please ask the vendors used by your agency if they actively participate at the TJA Conferences. If not, invite them to join us in Galveston. We are all looking forward to another great conference in August. Register today! See you in the sunshine, soon.

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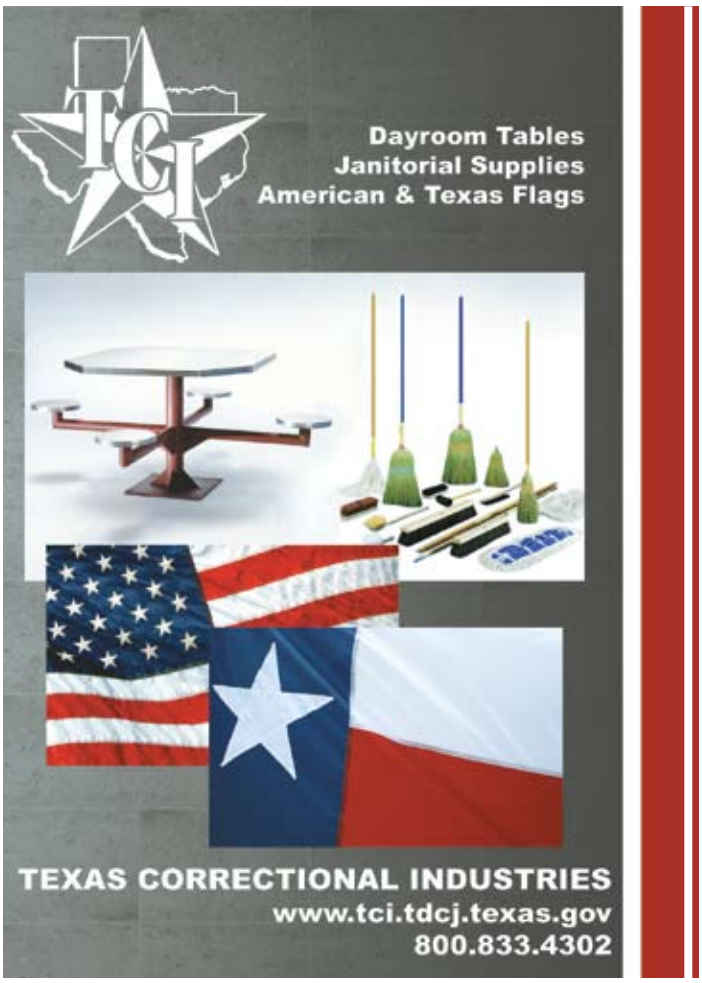

# JAILPARDY! Jail "party!" 2015 ...New Kids on the Block

**By: Shannon J. Herklotz, Assistant Director, Texas Commission on Jail Standards**

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) held its second annual "Jailpardy" Tournament at the 29th Annual Texas Jail Association Conference held at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin, Texas, May 13-14, 2015. And boy howdy, it did not disappoint.

Before we get into the results, we had 27 individuals from 14 different counties participated in this year's "Jailpardy" game. There were four individuals from the Travis County Sheriff's Office; three individuals from the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office, the Wilson County Sheriff's Office and the Titus County Sheriff's Office; two individuals each from Hale, McLennan, Dallas and Denton Counties and one individual each from Robertson, Tarrant, Guadalupe, Navarro, Freestone and Brown Counties.

The results from the "Jailpardy" tournament was all about one thing, new blood. In year's past, the good folks over at the Travis County Jail dominated this tournament from start to finish. As we all know, all good things must come to an end. While the group from Travis County has no reason to hang their heads, 2015 ushered in a new champion.

As in year's past, we added some new and more challenging questions to this new format. Once again, the individuals did not appear to be intimidated and pushed through the questions with relative ease. The competitiveness of these individuals and their knowledge of minimum jail standards is amazing! This year was no exception. Match after match and round after round, the pressure mounted. In the end, Lubbock County Officer **Wade Goolsby**, better known as Bocephus (as tabbed by his Sheriff, **Kelly Rowe**), was crowned the champion of this year's "Jailpardy" game. Mr. Goolsby came from behind in his very first match and won on the final "Jailpardy" question. That, to me, is the one thing about this game that differs from the old courtroom challenge. In the past, you had to answer every question correctly or face possible elimination. In the new format, there is more strategy involved in that you have to pick your categories more strategically and in the end, you have to wager appropriately to advance. "Bocephus" wagered correctly which allowed him to advance. Mr. Goolsby displayed an unbelievable knowledge of minimum jail standards, and you could see his confidence grow after he survived that opening match. Tremendous job!

The 2nd Place individual from this year's challenge is Assistant Jail Administrator **Les Karnes** from Brown County. The ironic story behind Mr. Karnes' participation is that he was fully prepared to be a spectator at this year's event. When the TCJS staff members were trying to round out our 27 person field, we approached Mr. Karnes about participating and he reluctantly agreed. A few matches later, Mr. Karnes found himself in the championship match with a chance to win the whole kit and caboodle. I know Mr. Karnes did not expect to be in the final round when the day started but to almost win the whole tournament says a lot about Mr. Karnes' knowledge of minimum jail standards. Mr. Karnes fought hard to the very end and gave the other two contestants a run for their money. And for that, I commend you on a job well done. Excellent Job!

Rounding out the top three is none other than Captain **Greg Martin** from Guadalupe County. Like Mr. Goolsby and Mr. Karnes, Mr. Martin did not lose a match until the final round. Martin was also a late entry into the tournament as he too was willing to be a spectator to this year's tournament. However, he relented and low and behold, there he was, in the finale.

Martin navigated through the bracket with a couple of hard fought matches to get into the final match. In the end, Martin came up a little short in the point column; he has nothing to be ashamed of. Martin represented himself and Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office very well. Great job!

Once again, due to the generosity of the Texas Jail Association, we were able to present the 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place individuals with trophies for their efforts. I would like to thank TJA President **Kim Howell** and board members for providing the funds to purchase those trophies. The trophies were extremely nice, and I think each winner will be proud of their award for years to come. I would also like to congratulate all of the individuals that participated. Without your participation, this game would not have been the success that it was. All of us at TCJS appreciate all of you that participated in this year's event.

As with any new format or change, there are learning experiences and difficulties that you encounter. Introducing the new "Jailpardy" format and carrying out the game with no major glitches is an accomplishment in itself. However, if any of you have any suggestions or comments that may improve the game as a whole, feel free to share your ideas with our staff. Your suggestions and comments are welcomed! I would also like thank Planner **Jason Ross** and especially Inspector **Jackie Semmler** for their hard work and dedication in preparing the game and inputting all of the questions into a playable format. I cannot thank you guys enough. I really appreciate your efforts.

The staff of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards would like to take this opportunity to thank the sheriff's and administrators for allowing your jail staff to not only participate in the Jailpardy game, but for allowing them to attend the conference as a whole. We would also like to thank those who participated in the tournament as well as those spectators that attended the sessions. I would like to encourage more counties and individuals to participate in next year's competition. We continue to see numerous people attend the game but fail to enter. I would like to extend a challenge to all of you that read this article, get your staff ready now! Begin learning the standards and enter the game next year. By increasing your knowledge of minimum jail standards, you will limit your liability in the jail. That alone, will make for a more safe and secure environment to work in. Until next time, be safe and see you next year!

# Past President's Gun Raffle

Congratulations **Wade Goolsby** with Lubbock County Sheriff's Office! Wade was the winner of the Past Presidents' Gun Raffle. Tickets were sold at our annual conference in May and with the support of our membership we were able to raise $2,240. This money will help fund scholarships awarded by the Association throughout each calendar year. A special thanks to **Larry Don Cook** who obtained sponsors to pay for the Glock 40. With the help of their generous donations, the entire amount raised from tickets will be put back into the scholarship fund. Thank you again to all of the sponsors!

Chambers County Sheriff **Brian Hawthorne**

Chambers County Captain **Lonnie Griffey**

Chambers County Lieutenant **Larry Don Cook**

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Contact **Jennifer Stephens** if you, or anyone you know, may be interested in sponsoring next year's raffle.

# Membership Report

Greetings to all,

I hope that everyone's summer has been going great. Our current TJA membership is 1072. With your help, it will continue to grow. Don't forget about the membership contest as those new memberships and renewals will continue to count until the May conference. Tell all of your co-workers about the great benefits TJA membership brings.

- Professional development through training
- Networking with your peers
- Scholarship opportunities
- Access to professionals throughout the state through the list serve
- Subscription to Key Issues magazine
- E-token from TEEX for up to 40 hours of complimentary training

Below are the contest rules. Please reach out and encourage new people to join and current members to renew. Let your name be one of those announced as a contest winner during the 30th Annual Conference.

**New Memberships:**

Agencies that enroll 10 or more new members get a free registration for the 30th Annual TJA Conference in Austin, Texas.

A cash prize will also be given at the Annual Awards Banquet in May to the individual who recruits the most new members.

**Renewals:**

Individuals who enlist 10 members to renew their membership will receive a cash prize at this year's Annual Awards Banquet in May.

**All new membership and renewal applications must list the referring member's name.**

If you have any suggestions or ideas regarding membership in the Texas Jail Association, or if you need assistance with any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the committee members.

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# Thank You...

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the TJA membership for your support, not only during the 29th annual Conference but for the last few years. As a Third Vice-President candidate, I promised that I would make myself available at all times for any member regardless of rank or position. Now, as Third Vice-President, that promise still stands. To be elected by your vote was definitely an honor that I will not take lightly. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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Hello readers! Let me take a moment to introduce myself. My name is **Kristin Pedigo**. I have been given the great honor of being appointed to the position of Vendor Representative on the TJA Board of Directors. I am grateful and excited to be a part of such a wonderful association. Our company, ICS Jail Supplies, has supported the Texas Jail Association for many years. We are a 30-year-old family-owned, Texas-based company with our factory and warehouse in Waco. Our focus has always been on making sure we support our Texas jails. As a vendor, I understand the importance of having a voice for any concerns, issues, or even compliments. I hope that I can be as helpful as my fellow vendor representative, **Tim Quintana**. I am always available to listen to any of my fellow vendors. I can be reached by phone or email anytime. I look forward to hearing from all of you and again, I am excited to spend the next 2 years working with each of you!

## From Your New Board Members

I would like to thank everyone who attended the 29th Annual Conference in Austin this year and that voted for me for the Board of Directors. I look forward to serving the Association in this capacity and your faith in me does not go unnoticed and is much appreciated. If I can be of assistance to anyone, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail and I will hopefully see you all in Galveston.

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# Nominating Committee Report

**By: D. Brent Phillips, 1st Vice-President**

The nominating committee would like to welcome incoming 3rd Vice-President **Martin Gonzales** from Atascosa County, incoming Directors **Kathryn Wright,** from Brazos County, and **Dan Corbin,** from Lubbock County. We wish them well in the upcoming year.

Members of the Nominating Committee are: 1st Vice-President **Brent Phillips**, 2nd Vice-President **Todd Allen,** and Member-at-Large **Gregg Doyle**.

It is never too early to start thinking about running for your Board of Directors. The election is each year during our Annual Conference in Austin. Nominations will open in December 2015 for the 2016-2017 elections.

# By-Laws Committee Report

**By: D. Brent Phillips, 1st Vice-President**

The By-Laws Committee has nothing on the agenda at this time.

Members of the By-Laws Committee are: 1st Vice-President **Brent Phillips**, 2nd Vice-President **Todd Allen**, Board Member **Larry Don Cook** and Member-at-Large **Eric Hensley**.

# Treasurer Report

MAY 31, 2015

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| Checking Account: Bank of America | | $13,524.04 |
| Balance as of May 31, 2015 | | |
| Past President's Scholarship Fund | | $8,306.57 |
| American National Bank Ending: May 31,2015 | | |
| Jerry Baggs Leadership Scholarship Account | | $1,339.92 |
| American National Bank Ending May 31, 2015 | | |
| Texas Department of Public Safety | | |
| Certificate of Deposit ending May 31, 2015 | $60,786.31 | |
| Regular Shares Account ending May 31,2015 | $84.44 | |
| TOTAL TDPS ACCOUNTS | | $60,870.75 |
| Sam Houston State University Account | | |
| Balance as of May 31,2015 | | $122,340.85 |
| TOTAL TJA ACCOUNTS | | $206,382.13 |

Carla Stone

Carla Stone, Treasurer

# TJA Idol

The 9th Annual TJA Idol was a hit again this year. This event continues to provide entertainment, refreshments and fellowship without leaving the safety of the hotel. Participants were part of the Idol selection process again this year and voted for a "People's Choice" contestant each night.

On Tuesday night the Judges were Sheriff Bryan Walls of Young County, Mary Farley of Bosque County, Carla Stone of Kaufman County, and Sheriff William Travis of Denton County. The Judge's favorites were Jerry Baker from Houston County and Felicia Peroles from Karnes County. The crowd picked Kris Edgmon of Upshur County. On Wednesday night, Sheriff Dennis Wilson subbed for Sheriff Walls as judge and the Judges' favorites were Larry Don Cook of Chambers County and Shane Sowell of Lamb County. The crowd favorite was the duet by Lance Fenter and Brandi Graham of Hamilton County. All six contestants advanced to the final competition on Thursday night.

Felicia Peroles was chosen as the winner, Jerry Baker came in second and Shane Sowell was third. We are so appreciative of our event sponsors Correct Care Solutions represented by Kevin Johnson and John Roth, along with CTC Company Inc., represented by Nancy Anderson, David Cotton, and Frank Cantey by providing door prizes and sponsorship of the event.

A special thank you goes to our event sponsors: Correct Care Solutions (Kevin Johnson and John Roth) and CTC Company Inc. (Nancy Anderson, David Cotton, and Frank Cantey)

**Congratulations to the 2015 TJA Idol Winners!**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE

## ATASCOSA COUNTY

The Atascosa County Sheriff's Office held their quarterly award ceremony in May. The following are the award recipients.

***Jail Admin Assistant Heidi Hoffman***
*Non-Commissioned*
*Employee of the Quarter*

***Sergeant Deputy Kevin Draughn***
*Deputy Sheriff of the Quarter*

***Deputy Daniel Kaufman***
*Deputy Sheriff of the year- 2014*

***Reports Clerk DeAnna Lindsay***
*Non-commissioned*
*Employee of the year-2014*

***Sergeant Jesse Montalvo***
*Corrections Officer of the Year-2014*

## BRAZOS COUNTY

### PROMOTIONS

On May 20, 2015, Brazos County Sheriff **Chris Kirk** and Chief Deputy **Jim Stewart** congratulated newly promoted Lieutenant **Paul Martinez, Jr.** Lieutenant Martinez was promoted to Lieutenant of the Criminal Investigations Division.

Lieutenant Martinez was born and raised in Bryan, Texas. He graduated from Bryan High School and began his career with the Brazos County Sheriff's Office as a Detention Officer in November 1993. In April of 1997, Martinez graduated the Basic Peace Officers Academy at TEEX and promoted to Sergeant in the Detention Center the same year. His career has been one of upward motion. He was promoted to patrol in July 1998 and he promoted to the Criminal Investigation Division seven years later. After several years of working in the CID division, he became the Senior Investigator in October 2008. Lieutenant Martinez's wife, Beth, daughter, Sydney, son, Tyler, and parents, Paul Sr. and Mary, were present during the ceremony.

Brazos County Sheriff **Chris Kirk**, Lieutenant **Clarence Henry**, and Jail Administrator **Wayne Dicky**, congratulated newly promoted Sergeant **Michael Matott** on May 9, 2015. Sergeant Matott started working at the Brazos County Sheriff's Office in December 2008 as a Detention Officer. Shortly he became the Senior Officer, where he assisted the Shift Sergeant. Sergeant Matott will remain in the Detention Center where he will work as a night shift Sergeant in the Security Division.

Brazos County Sheriff **Chris Kirk** congratulates newly promoted Patrol Deputy **Jerry Basey**. Jerry Basey was promoted to the Patrol Division on May 5, 2015. He began his career with the Brazos County Sheriff's Office in September of 2012 as a detention officer; after retiring from the Army as a Sergeant with 20 years of service. Jerry graduated from the TEEX Basic Peace Officer's Academy in December of 2014, and was promoted to the Work crew Division in March of 2015. Joining Sheriff Kirk at Jerry's promotion ceremony were Deputy Basey's wife Lauren and Chief Deputy **Jim Stewart**.

Brazos County Sheriff **Chris Kirk** congratulates newly promoted Sergeant **Abigail Miller**. Brazos County Sheriff Chris Kirk, and Jail Administrator **Wayne Dicky**, congratulates newly promoted Sergeant Abigail Miller. Sergeant Miller was promoted on June 5, 2015. She began her career at The Brazos County Sheriff's Office in November 2007 as a Detention Officer. In November 2008 she was appointed to work on the Transition Team which helped oversee the development and building of the new Detention Center, she then returned to the security division of the detention center in July 2009. Abigail was promoted to the Intake and Release Division as a booking officer in December 2011; where she will remain as a night shift supervisor.

Brazos County Sheriff **Chris Kirk** congratulates newly appointed Deputies **David Grissom** and **John Williams**. The new deputies graduated on June 5, 2015 from the 156th session of the Central Texas Police Academy conducted by the Texas A &M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) where they completed a rigorous 728 hour academy.

The graduation ceremony was held at the Annenberg Presidential Conference Center at the George Bush Library, College Station Texas. Deputy Grissom began his career with the Sheriff's Office in January of 2013 as a Detention officer; and he is currently assigned to the Brazos County Detention Center in the Security Division. Deputy Williams began his career with the Sheriff's Office in April of 2013 as a Detention officer; he is currently assigned to the Brazos County Detention Center in the Security Division. Joining Sheriff Kirk at the Academy graduation ceremony were Deputy John Williams and Deputy David Grissom

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN 2015

On Wednesday May 20, 2015 members of local law enforcement from the cities of Bryan, College Station and the Brazos County Sheriff's Office participated in the Gulf Coast Leg of the Texas Law Enforcement Torch Run in efforts to raise support and promote the Special Olympics State Summer Games; the event is in its 30th year. This year Brazos Valley officers presented a more than $12,000 check to the group; the money was raised during the Tip –A- Cop campaign that was held at the Texas Road House in College Station. Participating in the Torch Run this year for the Brazos County Sheriff's Office was Sgt. **Jacob Yarter** and Deputy **Austin Elmore**

## COLLIN COUNTY

### RECENT RETIREMENTS

**James Blackburn** recently retired from the Collin County Sheriff's Office. James retired after twenty-six years of service. He was congratulated by **Sheriff Terry Box** and was presented with a retirement plaque for his dedication and years of service.

Sheriff **Terry Box** presented **Tony Bradley** with his retirement plaque and congratulated him on his twenty-four years of dedicated service with the Collin County Sheriff's Office.

### PROMOTIONS

Sheriff **Terry Box** congratulates **Daniel Cates** who was recently promoted from Detention Sergeant to Detention Lieutenant.

### SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS

Detention Officer **Ryan Calender** was presented the Life Saving Award for his heroic actions. Officer Calender responded to a critical medical incident in the jail. His actions were directly attributed to saving an individual's life.

Collin County Sheriff **Terry Box** was recently presented with the ***Hall of Fame Award*** by the Texas Jail Association. This award recognizes Sheriff Box's career of outstanding contributions to county corrections and the criminal justice system. Sheriff Box has been an active member of the Texas Jail Association since 1992. He also served as Chairman of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards from 2000-2003 after being appointed to the commission by then Governor George Bush.

## DALLAS COUNTY

The Dallas County Sheriff's Department and Sheriff **Lupe Valdez**, in cooperation with the Dallas County Commissioner's Court and Parkland Health and Hospital System, celebrated the

completion of the Dallas County Jail Medical Modification Project by hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony and tour of the new facility March 16, 2015.

The Dallas County Jail Medical Modification Project, also known as the Med Mod, is located within the North Tower Jail. It is a one-of-kind facility that renovated and modified 138,657 sq. feet of existing space in the lowest three floors of the Lew Sterrett North Tower Jail to create a stand-alone centralized medical-mental health services facility, including separate medical and mental health clinics, a full service pharmacy, a dental office, a radiology unit, and two intensive care units along with medical staff offices. The Med Mod facility will improve the delivery of medical and mental health services to Dallas County Jail inmates and offer services not usually found in the jail system. Each year, the Dallas County Jail books in an average of 100,000 inmates annually with about 55% of the inmates suffering from an acute or chronic illness that requires some degree of medical care. The Med Mod facility will assist and keep down the number of inmate visits to Parkland's Emergency Room. The medical care floor will house 137 inmates. The mental health care floor will house 145 inmates. Construction on the project started in November 2012 and was completed in February 2015.

"The Medical Modification Project facility promises to change the nature of medical treatment at the jail and it could not have been accomplished without the teamwork and consolidated efforts demonstrated by the Parkland Health & Hospital System, the Dallas County Commissioner's Court and the Sheriff's Department. We are extremely proud in being able to put forth such an innovative facility," said Sheriff Valdez.

**Sharon Phillips**, the Parkland executive vice president who oversees jail health care, stated "We're setting the standard for jail health care and people are coming to us from jails around the country and the world to see what we're doing."

## NATIONAL CORRECTIONS OFFICER WEEK

## DENTON COUNTY

Denton County Sheriff **Will Travis** congratulates Detention Chief **Mike Ganzer** on his promotion from Detention Captain. Chief Ganzer brings over twenty years of experience with the Sheriff's Office to the post.

The Denton County Sheriff's Office would also like to congratulate our newly promoted Captains and Lieutenants on their promotions ahead of the opening of our new building.

*From Right to Left:*
*Chief **Mike Ganzer**,*
*Captain **Misha Karakashevich**,*
*Lieutenant **Jeremy McCombs**,*
*Lieutenant **Starla Alambar,***
*Captain **Michael Tutt**,*
*and Sheriff **Will Travis**.*

Newly promoted Captain of Special Services, **Joe Connolly**, with Sheriff **Will Travis**.

## EL PASO COUNTY

On May 8, 2015, Corporal **Sergio Camacho** of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office donated his kidney on behalf of Lieutenant **Michaela Hebeker** at the Texas Transplant Institute in San Antonio, Texas. Because Corporal Camacho and Lieutenant Hebeker did not have matching tissue, they participated in the Incompatible Living Kidney Donor Exchange Program. The two-year process led to simultaneous four-way kidney exchange transplants. Corporal Camacho's donation not only allowed the Lieutenant to receive an organ from another donor, but his kidney was given to Mr. Juan Valdez, a rancher from Waco, Texas. Through his action, two lives were saved. Corporal Camacho's action truly embodies the Mission of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to Protect Lives.

On May 23, 2015, the Military Order of World Wars recognized two members of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

Detention Officer **Antonio Munoz** received the Humanitarian of the Year Award for his work in the Community. Officer Munoz donates his time to elementary school children, participated in developing the current Head Start Program curriculum and participates in the Special Olympics. He has also assisted those in need by donating furniture and buying car parts. His selflessness is an example for all to follow.

**Loretta Hyde** of the Animal Rescue League of El Paso (ARLEP) received the Volunteer of Year Award for her work with the inmate vocational program Pets Advancing Wellness and Success (PAWS) in Detention. In the past three years, she has provided weekly training sessions to 71 inmates with 18 graduating from the program. Ms. Hyde also attended weekend events to promote the PAWS program and, most importantly, upon the release of an inmate from jail, she offers them employment with the ARLEP. Her tenacity as a volunteer and animal advocate has pushed the PAWS team beyond what they imagined they could do.

## LUBBOCK COUNTY

Sheriff **Kelly Rowe** participated in the 26th Annual Beans & Cornbread Luncheon which is the largest fundraiser for Hospice of Lubbock.

The Lubbock County Sheriff's Office recognized the following officers for years of service.

*Left to Right: William Thetford, Jeana Townsend, Nayda Santos, James Wisneski, Robert Byers*

**Norma McWhorta** was recognized for employee of the month for May.

*Left to Right: Sheriff Rowe and Norma McWhorta*

Sheriff **Kelly Rowe** welcomes the new officer recruit class as they began their Direct Supervision training: **Jorge Martinez, Kaleb Medina, Shawn O'Conners, Adrian Andrade, Donicio Gonzales, Jerry Millsaps, Cody Breshers**

The B-shift **Spartans** kicked off their first annual event with the new partnership they have established with Children's Hope! The Spartans hosted an afternoon filled with fun, food, games, and an Easter egg hunt for all the kids. Several officers and clerks donated candy and eggs, along with their time to give the kids a

memorable Easter. Inspired by a staff of motivated individuals, Captain **Gordon Goldhammer** and his team will continue to reach out and make a difference in the children's lives with many celebrations to come!

Chief **Cody Scott** participated in the Stand Up For Kids Event, helping to bring awareness and support to the Children's Advocacy Center.

**Robert Taylor, Jacklyn Palacios, Jerry Zamora** and **Peggy Allen** participated in Stewart Elementary's "Safety for Kids Day"

**Brenda Hassell, Patricia Holbert, Joshua Cisneros** and **Nehemias Martinez** participated in the 2015 Torch Run benefiting Special Olympics.

**Corporal John Daughenbaugh** was recognized for employee of the month for June.

*Right to Left, Sheriff Rowe, and John Daughenbaugh*

Sheriff **Kelly Rowe** welcomes clerks Tara Cotton and Dylan Poole to the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office family.

*Left to right, Sheriff Rowe, Tara Cotton, and Dylan Poole*

**Wade Goolsby** was recognized for winning the 2015 Jailpardy at the TJA Conference in May.

The Lubbock County Detention Center recognized **Jerry Nisler** at the LCDC Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony. Special thanks to Five Star Correction Services for sponsoring the dinner.

Sheriff **Kelly Rowe** was the guest speaker for the Resthaven Memorial Day Ceremony. Sheriff Rowe shared his military experience when he was in the Army with the 25th Infantry Division and honored all the American's who lost their lives serving their country.

## ROCKWALL COUNTY

Lieutenant/Assistant Jail Commander, **Todd Calkins** was promoted to Rockwall County Jail Commander effective June 1, 2015. He was promoted to Lieutenant/Assistant Jail Commander in March of 2010. Todd began his career with Rockwall County Sheriff's Office in June 2002 as a Detention Officer.

He attended the U.S. Department of Justice Jail Administration Training Program in Longmont, Colorado and is a graduate of the National Leadership Command Academy Class #2 in Huntsville, Texas. He received the CIT Excellence in Law Enforcement Award from the National Alliance on Mental Health Dallas Chapter in 2011. He received the initial Corrections/Jail Innovations Award from the National Sheriffs' Association in 2012. He received the Correctional Officer of the Year Award for Professionalism in 2012 from the Texas Jail Association. He received the State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement Award for Professional Achievement from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

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