

# THE TEXAS JAIL ASSOCIATION KEY ISSUES

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# Past President's Passage



Happy Spring TJA Family,

Well, this will be the last time you will be hearing from me as your immediate Past President. I consider myself blessed to have served in many positions on the Board. I have been honored to represent TJA at numerous meetings and events around the state and nation. I have met people that I will forever call my friends and extended family. I will always be around (God willing) if anyone ever needs help within their jail.

I have had a great time serving TJA. I highly recommend it, but be warned; it is not solely a resume builder. There is a lot of work involved! You will be surrounded by great professionals that make the sacrifice 100% worth it. You will be considered a jail resource for Texas jails and fellow professionals. That, for me was the most rewarding part.

I will leave you with a small piece of advice; be humble. Don't think too much of yourself. Know your worth but know that you need the input and help from your peers for you to succeed. Believe me, I have failed more times than I can count in this business but I have learned and improved from my mistakes. Even 20 years in, I am still learning.

In conclusion, I challenge you jail professionals to step up to the challenge! Be the role models and leaders you drove to be when you first donned that badge. If you have become unmotivated, motivate yourself for the sake of your family, your brothers and sisters in uniform, your community and yourself. See you around TJA Family, stay safe and God bless.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Gonzales'.

Captain Martin Gonzales  
Atascosa County Jail Administrator  
TJA Past President

# Message from the President



Texas Jail Association Members,

It has been my absolute honor to serve on the TJA Board and to serve as your President this last year. This profession is challenging in so many ways and I am continually impressed with the outstanding work you all do in Texas jails. I want to thank you for letting me be a part of that. It is because of you and how well you do your job, and how much you care about others, that I am proud to call myself a Detention Officer/Corrections Officer/Jailer.

You have some amazing folks on this board who care deeply and are constantly working to make sure you benefit from your membership and that our profession continues to improve. All of you contribute to your community every time you put that uniform on. If you find yourself wanting to do more, I encourage you to participate on a committee or run for a board or director position. It is so rewarding to serve others, but it is not just a feeling. You will be amazed at how much you will learn and improve yourself by serving others.

Not everyone can commit to some of these roles for various reasons and that is alright. You can still help us all tremendously if you give us feedback. The Texas Jail Association is for you and about you. Please let us know how we can better serve you, even if it is something small. We want every ounce of energy to be used on things that are important to our profession and of interest to you.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Austin for some great training and networking. Please remember to take some time each day to take care of yourself. May God bless you and keep you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Stuart". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lieutenant Kevin Stuart,  
Brazos County Sheriff's Office  
TJA President



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# Membership Report

I hope everyone is doing well. We are looking forward to a great turnout at the 34th Annual TJA Conference, May 11-15, 2020 in Austin, Texas. If you, or your agency, has any questions regarding membership, please contact one of the committee members. We are blessed to have numerous new members and we would like to welcome them to our great association. I have met several new members during the regional trainings hosted across the state this fall and spring. I am excited to meet many others at the conference in May.

We would love to highlight two of our new members in each publication of Key Issues. If you have a staff member you want to recognize, please contact me at [becky.caffey@browncountytexas.org](mailto:becky.caffey@browncountytexas.org).

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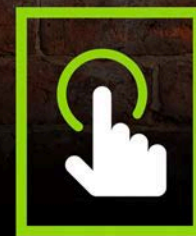
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Hello TJA history enthusiasts, I am going to try my hand at giving you history lovers a little bit of Texas county jail history in the upcoming months. For this publication, I will start in my county, Atascosa. I have a few more Texas sites picked out and ready to roll for future articles.

I am familiar with our old jail and I have heard the old stories of the hauntings, strange happenings and such. I have been in there twice before and although the first and second floors have been renovated, the third has not and is used as storage. No matter how long ago it was functioning, a jail will always smell like a jail to me. That is what the third floor of this building still smells like, an old jail.

The building is currently being used as offices for the County Fire Marshal, the Emergency Manager and the 911 Rural Address Coordinator. On February 14, 2020, the 911 Coordinator, Britni Van Curan and Emergency Manager David Prasifka sent an invite to our staff to look at the old jail's interior and 3rd floor. I, along with some of the office staff gladly accepted and I anticipated the staff's response, since they had never toured the old building.

After arriving at the building, I could not help but stare in awe at the structure. It was built in 1915 and the detail and magnificence still impressed me. I could not help but think about Deputy Sheriff Meister Coward's brutal murder just feet from the front steps of this building on August 2, 1952. The landscape around this building has changed so much through the years but one thing did not change, the exterior remained the same. I wondered about the number of people who had walked through those doors and if this building could tell a story, what a tale it would recite for us.

We entered the building and the interior is now a beautiful, peaceful, office-green color. Mrs. Van Curan met us at the front and she took us to the elevator that had been added to the building about 50 years ago. Right above our heads was the "Trap

## HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Atascosa County Jail 1915-1982

**Captain Martin Gonzales**

*Past President, Texas Jail Association*



Atascosa County Jail- viewing Southeast, 1915



View from front stairs looking up, 2020

Door.” This was said to be a gallows drop door, the gallows used to be on the second floor. Although this was built into the jail, the gallows were never used.

The elevator had a capacity for about three average-sized people in a standing position. We went up in shifts to the third floor. Once there, the room was still dark, lights were disabled so we used our phone’s flashlights. The graffiti was still there, and there was that old jail smell. Honestly, aside from the lack of separate cells, this old jail cell was not very different from a regular jail cell. The bars and doors are about the same dimension. There was no control room or guard station to monitor the inmate activity. There certainly would not have been any cameras up there. We finished looking around and began to make our descent using the stairs this time. The stairs were narrow and the staircase was all red brick. I almost lost my footing before arriving to the second floor. Did I mention that the stairs were narrow?

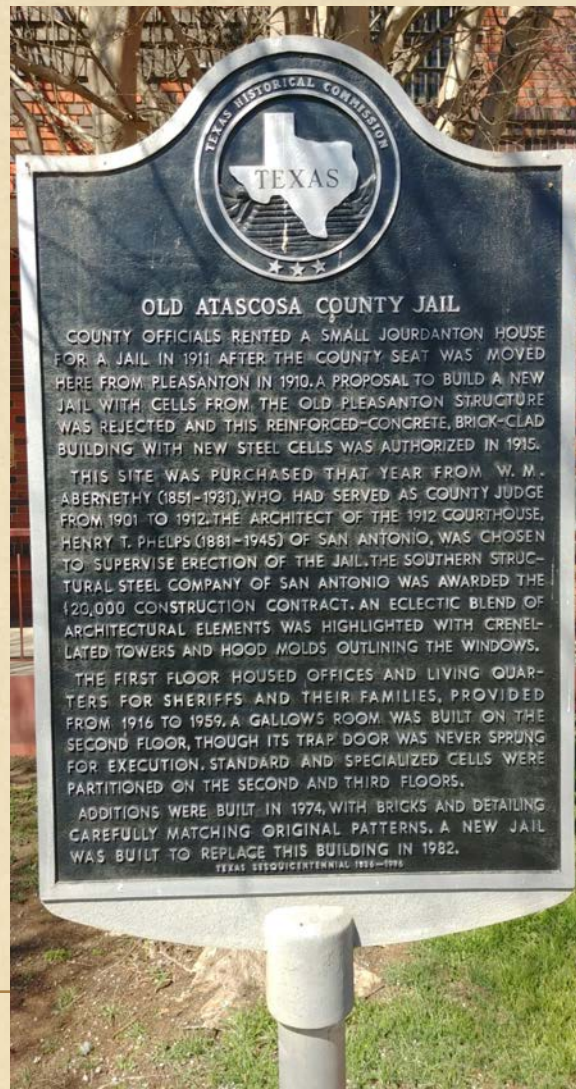
Upon arriving to the second floor, Mrs. Van Curan took us to the area where the top section of the aforementioned

gallows drop door would have been. The area had been renovated and you could not see the door; however, you sure could feel the difference in the tile. This floor was the same as the first floor, it was now office space. This section was also colored office-green and was nicely renovated.

We thanked Britni and Mr. Prasifka for the visit and we departed. Once outside, we continued to look at the red brick facade and the area around it that still seemed to be the same sidewalk, the same steps and the only difference from old photos was the crepe myrtle trees in the yard.

This building would have housed eight Atascosa County Sheriffs Deputies. By housed, I mean that this building was also designed with a housing for the County Sheriff. I do not know how many sheriffs the building housed, but it was designed for that purpose.

The County approved Sheriff Tommy Williams to begin construction of a new facility in 1981. By 1982, the new jail at its current location was opened and the old red brick building was left behind.



## JAIL INCARCERATION RATE DECREASED BY 12% FROM 2008 TO 2018

Report from "Jail Inmates in 2018"  
by Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) statistician Zhen Zeng, Ph.D

The jail incarceration rate in county and city jails across the United States dropped 12% over a decade, from an estimated 258 jail inmates per 100,000 U. S. residents in 2008 to 226 per 100,000 in 2018, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) announced on March 31, 2020.

From 2008 to 2018, the jail incarceration rate rose by 12% for whites and fell by about 30% for blacks (down 28%) and Hispanics (down 33%). The rate rose from 167 to 187 inmates per 100,000 white residents, fell from 825 to 592 per 100,000 black residents and fell from 274 to 182 per 100,000 Hispanic residents. In 2018, the jail incarceration rate for black residents fell below 600 per 100,000 for the first time since 1990.

County and city jails held 738,400 inmates nationwide at midyear 2018, a decline of 6% from 785,500 inmates held in 2008. The number of juvenile jail inmates fell 56% during this period, from 7,700 to 3,400.

At midyear 2018, males accounted for 84% of jail inmates and females accounted for 16%. Fifty percent of the jail population was white, 33% was black and 15% was Hispanic.

More than two-thirds (68%) of jail inmates in 2018 were held for felony charges. About one-third (34%) of jail inmates were sentenced or awaiting sentencing on a conviction, while about two-thirds (66%) were awaiting court action on a current charge or were held for other reasons.

In 2018, jails reported 10.7 million admissions, a 21% decline from 2008. Jail inmates spent an estimated average of 25 days in jail. An estimated 81% of jail beds were occupied at midyear 2018, down from 95% at midyear 2008.

*The report, [Jail Inmates in 2018 \(NCJ 253044\)](#) was written by BJS statistician Zhen Zeng, Ph.D., and may be read at: [www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/ji18.pdf](http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/ji18.pdf).*

*The Bureau of Justice Statistics of the U. S. Department of Justice is the principal federal agency responsible for collecting, analyzing and disseminating reliable statistics on crime and criminal justice in the United States.*





## Texas Jail Association's Key Issues

# Call for Articles!

Key Issues invites **ALL MEMBERS** to send articles, photographs, presentations, papers, announcements, challenges, creative solutions or any submission that may be of interest to the TJA membership.

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# THE Texas Mental Health Training Initiative

by Abby Belangeri, Sergeant, Brazos County Sheriff's Office

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The Jail Mental Health Officer (JMHO) Training is a collaborative initiative between the National Institute of Corrections and several partners throughout the State of Texas (Correctional Management Institute of Texas, Texas Commission on Jail Standards, Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Texas Veterans Commission, NAMI Texas, Texas Council of Community Centers, Texas Jail Association and Sam Houston State University). The goal of the program is to educate jailers on recognizing the signs and symptoms of mental illness and teaching them how to effectively de-escalate crisis situations.

The State of Texas has offered a Mental Health Peace Officer course to certify Peace Officers to be Crisis Intervention Officers for several years. Until the fall of 2019, there was no training and certification program like this for jailers. The JMHO course was developed to model the Peace Officer course. The curriculum was specifically developed for jailers and specific to the jail environment. Many of the consumers that enter county jails suffer from some form of acute or chronic mental illness. In many cases, symptoms of an individual's mental illness tend to precipitate his/her incarceration and the jail environment tends to exacerbate symptoms and result in further decompensation in these mental health consumers. Jails have become defector mental health institutions due to the lack of intensive mental health resources available to provide mental health services to those suffering during times of crisis. This is a problem throughout the country, however, the death of Sandra Bland while in custody of the Waller County Sheriff's Office precipitated new legislation in the state, bringing momentum to the establishment and implementation of the JMHO program.

In the summer of 2018, 48 jail officers throughout the state were selected from various agencies to attend the pilot JMHO course. Following successful completion of the course, these officers then attended a second 40 hour master trainer course in which they were trained

on how to effectively facilitate and instruct the JMHO course. The course involves a lecture portion by subject matter experts, in-depth and intensive scenarios and site visits to local mental health facilities. Participants were encouraged, by Stephen Amos with the National Institute of Corrections, to be "force multipliers". He challenged participants to be proactive and participatory in the class, as well as to develop the next generation of instructors. The ultimate goal being that eventually all Texas jail officers will become certified JMHO's. By December of 2018, the State of Texas had graduated 48 JMHO Master Trainers who were tasked with scheduling and facilitating the 40 hour JMHO course in their respective regions throughout the state.

As a jail supervisor, JMHO Master Trainer and team lead of the Brazos County Detention Center Jail Crisis Intervention Team, I encounter mental health related problems and crisis regularly in the jail environment. Every day, we have inmates in our custody suffering from symptoms of their mental illness which the jail environment exacerbates. The jail environment by its nature is punitive and non-therapeutic, complicating treatment of mentally ill clients. Those whom are suffering from psychosis or severe mental disruption, often have significant difficulty complying with facility and basic social rules, which can lead to forced segregation from the general population. Upon admittance to segregation, these inmates tend to decompensate rapidly. This decompensation may lead to unnecessary use of force, health concerns due to poor hygiene, and lack of sleep or food consumption issues. It also may lead to their mental state declining to a point of incompetence to stand trial, delaying resolution of their criminal case, and extending their stay in the jail. The lack of bed space available at our State mental health facilities to take on competency restoration cases results in additional wait times for these inmates potentially exceeding 18 months. While waiting for a bed at a State Mental Health facility for competency restoration to progress their criminal case,

these inmates remain in our jail facilities, presenting unique challenges to the jail staff.

Jail staff who are trained to recognize the signs and symptoms of mental illness have an advantage in intercepting high risk inmates and getting them help before they de-compensate to a point where intervention may not be possible in the jail environment. Jail staff who have also been trained in communication and de-escalation stand to avoid escalation of potential crisis situations that may lead to unnecessary uses of force. Equipping our jailers with the tools and information necessary to identify people at risk of mental decompensation in our care

and custody only makes sense. Jailers are tasked with ensuring the safety and security of the jail facility and the tools and resources they have to accomplish that goal will be reflected in the peace or disruption of our jail facilities. Although we cannot prevent all crisis situations, we can intervene at critical points in a mentally ill person's journey to get them the treatment and services that will help them return to a state of functionality in which they can function in society. I encourage all stakeholders in county jails to ensure that their jail staff have the tools and resources to serve the mentally ill clients that come into their care and custody.

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# WHAT IS REINTEGRATION?

BY MAJOR RICKY ARMSTRONG, MCLENNAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

In the criminal justice system, "reintegration" refers to the process of re-entry into society by persons that have been in prison or incarcerated. Reintegration includes the reinstatement of freedoms not previously had by individuals as a result of being in prison.

The Texas prison system has worked on the reintegration of offenders back to society for years. The question is, why are we not doing this in the jails? If we can take a criminal that has committed a lower-level charge and work with them to teach them how to be productive citizens in our society, then maybe, just maybe, we can break the cycle.

Let us look at reintegration at the jail level. It does not have to be expensive. It can be as easy as helping someone obtain an official state identification or as extravagant as teaching them a six-week work-ready program that will help them get a job and keep the job to support

themselves and their family without reverting to crime.

It is my opinion that successful programs can exist. To be successful, you will need to customize the treatment to the individual. Each person is different as to what they need to succeed. Some may need help with interviews, while others may need to learn what a budget is. My favorite is the inmate that told us they had no idea they had to call and tell their employer when they were not going to be at work due to a sick child, they just did not show up. The little things we do every day might not be so little to someone else.

Look to your community for help. You can not do this by yourself. I promise you the help is there. Your community will step up and take the initiative to find volunteers if you prod them a little. A little help goes a long way in correcting the past and planting seeds for the future.

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# 2020-2021 TJA ELECTION NOMINEES

## 3RD VICE PRESIDENT NOMINEE



### **Edwardo Jackson**

*Lieutenant – Support Services, Travis County Sheriff's Office*

Edwardo Jackson currently holds the position of Lieutenant with the Travis County Sheriff's Office. He has 19 years of dedicated service to his department and community. Edwardo has held a supervisory position for the past seven years working in eight different assignments throughout his career.

He holds a Peace Officer License, a Master Jailers License, and is a TCOLE Certified Instructor. Edwardo has been a member of the Texas Jail Association (TJA) since 2013. During his time with TJA, Edwardo has served as the Association's Secretary, Board of Directors, TJA Technology Committee, and the TJA Golf Committee. Over the last three years, while presiding over the Golf Committee, Edwardo has assisted the Association in raising approximately \$15,000.00 in scholarship funds for our members.

## DIRECTOR NOMINEES TWO POSITIONS OPEN



Abby Belangeri



Greg Pilkington



Jaime Rios



Levi Vance

### **Abby Belangeri**

*Sergeant, Brazos County Sheriff's Office*

Abby Belangeri has worked for the Brazos County Sheriff's Office for 12 years and is currently a Sergeant over the Jail Records Division. She also has experience in jail floor operations and intake/release. Abby is a graduate of the National Jail Leadership Command Academy, Class #28 and served as Class President. She completed the Jail Mental Health Officer (JMHO) training and JMHO Master Trainer course and is assisting with facilitating continued mental health jail officer training. Abby implemented a Jail CIT team at the Brazos County Detention Center. She possesses a Master Jailer License.

Abby holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Central Michigan University. She is currently pursuing her Master of Science in the Criminal Justice Leadership and Management program at Sam Houston State University. Abby currently serves as a Director on the TJA Board and has assisted with instruction of the TJA Regional Trainings hosted around the state.



# 2020-2021 TJA ELECTION NOMINEES

## DIRECTOR NOMINEES CONTINUED

### **Greg Pilkington**

*Captain, Tarrant County Sheriff's Office*

Captain Greg Pilkington is Director of Inmate Services with the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office. He started his law enforcement career in 1993 with the Parker County Juvenile Services. In 1998 I applied for and was hired by the Dallas County Sheriff's Office working in Detentions. In 2000 I applied and was hired by the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office in Detentions. In 2001 I promoted to Corporal and in 2003 I promoted to Sergeant. In 2004 I was nominated and received the Supervisor of the Year Award. In 2005 I promoted to Lieutenant and was assigned as a Watch Commander. In 2006 I promoted to Captain and became a Unit Commander. I commanded all five Tarrant County Jails during my 13 years as Captain. In November of 2019 I became the Inmate Service Director over Jail Programs. I am a National Certified Correctional Manager and Advanced Jailers Licensee.

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### **Jaime Rios**

*Deputy Chief/Jail Administrator, Bexar County Sheriff's Office*

Jaime Rios is a Deputy Chief/Jail Administrator for the Bexar County Sheriff's Office in San Antonio, Texas. He took this position October 29, 2019. From 2015-2019, Jaime served as the Warden/Jail Administrator for the Maverick County Jail in Eagle Pass, Texas. From 2012-2015, he was an investigator for a law firm where he assisted attorneys by conducting interviews, investigations and immigration matters.

Jaime was an Advanced Training Specialist- Border Enforcement and Police Advisor/Trainer on the Iraq International Police Mission from October 2009 to September 2011. He was a Special Investigator with Texas Department of Family and Protective Services from February 2007 to October 2009. While there, he conducted high profile investigations of child abuse cases.

He has over 20 years of experience with the United States Border Patrol, serving from July 1986 – October 2006. The last nine years, he served as a second line supervisor, Watch Commander/Field Operations Supervisor.

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### **Levi Vance**

*Lieutenant/Assistant Jail Administrator, Tom Green County Sheriff's Office*

Levi Vance has been employed with the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office for 13 years. He served as Shift Sergeant for five years and in August 2019 was promoted to Lieutenant/Assistant Jail Administrator. He carries an Advanced Jailer License, Basic Peace Officer License, and a Basic Instructor License. Levi is also an active instructor for the Basic County Corrections Course.

He has been an active member of the Special Operation Response Team for over three years and the Special Operation Response Team Commander since February of 2018. Levi completed the Mid-Management: Leadership for Corrections Professionals program at Sam Houston State University.

He is also active in his community serving as President of the local Little League for the two years and he is currently the Assistant District Administrator of eight leagues in the surrounding area.

# THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT HAVE NOMINATED.

## Voting opens April 15 and will close on May 14 at 4:30pm.

Voting will be available online at [www.texasjailassociation.com](http://www.texasjailassociation.com). A voting booth will also be available at the 34th Annual TJA Conference and the ballot can also be accessed via the TJA Conference App.

### This year's vote will require a unique PIN in order to keep voting secure and easy.

This number will be sent out via email to the address TJA has on file. Qualifying members will also have their PIN printed on their name badges at the 34th Annual TJA Conference. If you do not receive your PIN via email by April 15 and do not plan on attending the conference, please contact Sharese Hurst to update your email address.

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## Vendor Report

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As spring quickly approaches, we are excited that the exhibit hall for the 34th Annual Texas Jail Association Conference is almost sold out. Please encourage anyone that you are sending to the conference to visit with the exhibitors and get familiar with the products and services available to county jails around the nation.

As we look back on the 2019 Jail Management Issues Conference, we would like to thank everyone for their continued support. We had a great turnout this year hosting a record number of participants and exhibitors. There was nothing but positive feedback from everyone regarding the quality of classes, experiences from the tradeshow, and of course, time well spent with fellow correctional family!

The 34th Annual Texas Jail Association Conference will be held May 11-15, 2020, at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin, Texas. Please go to [www.texasjailassociation.com](http://www.texasjailassociation.com) to find all needed information, such as, class topics, exhibitor packets, registration forms, schedules, hotel blocks, sponsorship opportunities, etc.. Don't forget, we will also have the annual blood drive, prayer breakfast and courtroom challenge!

Please take time to meet the candidates running for the 2020-2021 TJA Board. The new Board will be sworn in at the Annual Business Meeting and Banquet, May 14, 2020.

As the vendor representatives, please use us as a resource with any questions or concerns for the upcoming TJA Conference. If you happen to have a vendor that does not attend, please provide them information so that they may showcase their products/services in the future. Your experience with the Texas Jail Association is our ultimate priority, and we are here to fulfill your needs!

We hope everyone had a great winter and we are looking forward to an outstanding conference in May!

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*Includes one team entry fee, 2 mulligans per player, and one free door prize ticket per player. Corporate or individual name recognition on #1 tee box, hole sign, and golf shirts for four (4) players.*

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**LUNCH SPONSOR — \$500**

*Includes one player entry fee, 2 mulligans, corporate or individual name recognition sign and one free door prize ticket.*

**HOLE SPONSOR (NON-PLAYING) — \$300**

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# SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION FORM 2 of 2

Company/Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain/Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** Monday May 11, 2020

**FORMAT** Four man Scramble

**LOCATION** Balcones Country Club

**SIGN-IN** 7:30 – 9:45 a.m.

8600 Balcones Club Drive Austin, TX 78750 | 512-258-1621

**TEE OFF** 10:00 a.m

**\*\*Please Note\*\***

Shirt sizes and payment for Platinum and Gold Sponsors MUST be received by April 1st, 2020 to get shirts in time.

**Please make checks payable to the TJA and mail to:**

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# What's Happening Around the State?

## Comal County

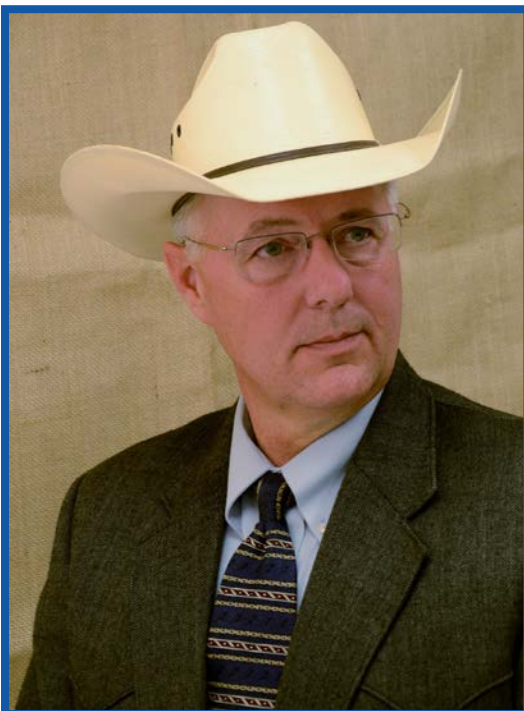
On February 28, 2020, Comal County Sheriff's Office graduated nine Correction Officers from the Basic Jailer Academy. These students have completed 120 hours of training and have passed the State TCOLE exam to become licensed Jailers in the State of Texas.



**Pictured left to right, back row:** Chief Deputy Jimmy Jones, Jail Administrator Bill Jennings, Kenneth Egersheim, Lance Glover, Ryan Clifton, Jaime Andrade, Matthew Lawrence, and Captain Greg Reese

**Left to right, front row:** Alberto Gonzalez, Leonard Martinez, Colton Dreiss, Michael Martinez, Lieutenant Adrian Delgado, Sergeant Joshua Smerk

## Houston County



Sheriff **Darrel Bobbitt** of Houston County will be retiring on March 31, 2020 after serving over 19 years as Sheriff. He was elected Sheriff in November 2000 and took office on January 1, 2001. He is the only Sheriff in Houston County to hold the office of Sheriff for that many consecutive years.

During his tenure, Sheriff Bobbitt has brought structure and organization to the Sheriff's Office. When he took office, there were only seven deputies, four dispatchers and around ten jailers. Today, there are right at fifty employees in the Sheriff's Office. A new law enforcement center was built in 2010. Sheriff Bobbitt made a huge impact on Houston County with his leadership and friendship extended to many in the county. He will be greatly missed. He is wished well in his retirement and new endeavors.

# What's Happening Around the State?

## Kaufman County

The Kaufman County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) is pleased to announce the promotion of **Lori Compton** to Jail Administrator, with the rank of Major. Major Compton was promoted by Sheriff Bryan W. Beavers on March 2, 2020 from her position as Assistant Jail Administrator. Major Compton has been employed with KCSO since 2003.



**Stephen Tudor** was promoted to Assistant Jail Administrator, with the rank of Captain. Captain Tudor was promoted on March 30, 2020 by Sheriff Bryan W. Beavers from his position in Detention Training. Captain Tudor has been employed with KCSO since 2005.



## Lubbock County

In an effort to bring awareness to the fight against cancer, officers from the Lubbock County Detention Center took part in 'No Shave November.' Money raised was donated to different charities.



Sheriff **Kelly Rowe** welcomed 24 students to the Jail Mental Health officer Training held January 13-17, 2020, at the Lubbock County Sheriff's Academy.



# What's Happening Around the State?

## Lubbock County - continued

On February 11, 2020, 27 students completed 128 hours of training in the Basic County Corrections Course held at the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office Academy. Congratulations to, Gabriela Gonzales, George Guerrero (Bailey County), Ann Barrientez, Chad Edwards, Jared Green (Lynn County), Sylvia Sauseda (Dawson County), Cesar Lopez (Terry County), Alanna Gersbach, Leonardo Valentin Mata (Yoakum County), Mickey Barrera, Bria Brazier, Dylan Burk, Gregory Dane, Albert Garnica, Daniel Hernandez, Austin Hill, Jonathan Jones, Mason Medellin, Alexis Montemayor, Nathan Mulholland, Jessica Pena, John Picon, Summer Reiersen, Juan Saray, Anna Sverdlenko, Paul Varner and Kevin Walley (Lubbock County).



## Tarrant County

Two hundred fifty-five law enforcement officers graduated on March 13, 2020 from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The 279th session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 49 states and the District of Columbia. The class included member of law enforcement agencies from 32 countries, five military organizations, and eight federal civilian organizations.

Internationally known for its academy excellence, the National Academy offers 10 weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

FBI Director Christopher Asher Wray delivered remarks at the ceremony. Class Spokesperson, Jason M. DiMarco of the Westwego, Louisiana Police Department represented the graduating officers.

FBI Academy instructors, special agents, and other staff with advanced degrees provided the training; many instructors are recognized internationally in their fields. Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia, which accredits many of the courses offered.

# What's Happening Around the State?

## Tarrant County - continued

A total of 52,795 graduates have completed the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935. The National Academy is held at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, the same facility where the FBI trains its new special agents and intelligence analysts.

Henry Reyes was amongst those that graduated with the 279th session. Reyes currently serves as a Chief Deputy with the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office in Fort Worth, Texas. Reyes completed his undergraduate degree in criminal justice through Columbia Southern University ('09), a master's degree in public administration ('12) and a master's degree in human resource management ('17) through Wayland Baptist University. Reyes is currently a doctoral candidate in organizational leadership at Abilene Christian University and holds certifications as a Certified Corrections Executive (CCE), Certified Jail Manager (CJM), Master Peace Officer and Master Jailer.



Have a story or updates  
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## Submission Deadlines

**Summer Issue**

June 1st, 2020

**Fall Issue**

October 1st, 2020

**Winter Issue**

December 1st, 2020

**Spring Issue**

March 1st, 2021

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Send submissions to  
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# What's Happening Around the State?

## Travis County Correctional Complex Aquaponics



Countless counties across Texas make substantial financial investments into building maintenance and utilities dealing with detention facilities. These essential facilities cost the public a great deal to operate and maintain. Travis County acknowledged this reality and resolved to break the cycle with forward thinking. The Jail Sustainable Project was born in 2018. This project helped create an attainable way to control the increasing operational cost. This is a multi-faceted approach to sustainability with a focus on reducing energy costs, reducing water usage, increasing recycling, educating inmates and staff on sustainability and growing fruits and vegetables at our jail to support our local food system.

One of the Jail Sustainability projects was the creation of the Travis County Correctional Complex Aquaponics pond. Aquaponics blends aquaculture, or farm fishing, with hydroponics, the science of gardening without soil. Travis County Sheriff's Marketable Skills section gives hands on training to inmates. Skills learned by the inmates have given them the ability to successfully maintain approximately 200 native Texas Bluegill and Koi species swimming in a 9,400-gallon water tank. With currently 10 grow beds; they produce a vast assortment of microgreens. An additional benefit of the aquaponics pond is the sheer beauty of the environment. The running water and the blooming plants provides a relaxing and meditative place to unwind.

Travis County Sheriff's Office discovered the value of feeding inmates nutrient rich food grown with their own hands. In 2018, the Sheriff's Office revived its organic vegetable garden. This garden began with one acre, within that one acre of soil, roughly 9,250 pounds of vegetables were produced. Travis County Correctional Complex Kitchen utilized over 7,300 pounds of organic vegetables, which were used to make fresher inmate meals. Growth in the garden was so bountiful that Travis County Sheriff's Office was able to donate approximately 1,950 pounds of organic produce to the local food bank. In 2020, an additional two acres were made available for garden use. Within the three acres now available, Travis County is anticipating a generous donation to the Complex Kitchen and the local food bank. In lieu of out sourcing produce, detention facilities with gardens and aquaponics ponds can grow, share and consume organic produce of their own. Not only will this result in reducing carbon footprints, but will create more programs for inmates and improve their quality of life while incarcerated.





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### Deadlines

Fall Semester - July 1, 2020

Spring Semester - December 1, 2020

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## Jerry Baggs Memorial Scholarship

The Jerry Baggs Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to an active member of the association that is serving his or her county in a mid-management position up to Assistant Jail Administrator. The scholarship is for tuition to a class of the National Jail Leadership Command Academy (NJLCA). Tuition includes all class materials, lodging, and all meals/snacks). The sending agency will be required to provide transportation for the selected participant to Huntsville.

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