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DPS institutes new internship program for trooper recruits

The first interns have been selected for a new program that will help the Texas Department of Public Safety retain trooper applicants until the next recruit school begins.

“In the past, we would often lose qualified recruits to other law enforcement agencies because of the wait until a recruit school begins. Now, we have the ability to employ them immediately and begin their training before the recruit school,” said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr.

The new program will provide the intern with a broad overview of the Department. The first part of the internship program is a weeklong orientation at DPS headquarters in Austin. Interns then go to a field office for the remainder of the internship, learning more about the Texas Highway Patrol, the Driver License Division, the Criminal Law Enforcement Division and the Texas Ranger Division.

“This paid internship program will allow our recruits to learn more about DPS and its various responsibilities before they go through the 27-week recruit school in Austin,” Col. Davis said. “We are pleased that we will be able to keep these qualified recruits on board until we can place them in a class.”

Two recruits—one from Laredo and one from McAllen—have already begun internships and will be part of the recruit school scheduled to begin on Sept. 30, 2007.

Anyone interested in applying to the DPS Training Academy should contact DPS recruiters at 1-866-TXTROOP (898-7667). Additional information is accessible on the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us, and application packets can be picked up at any DPS office.

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