Dear fellow employee:

DPS will certainly be in the mix when the Texas Legislature convenes in its 81st session. The Sunset Commission will have made its recommendations about our agency, the Legislature will be considering our appropriations and we’ll certainly be affected by at least some of the hundreds of bills that are introduced.

As the session progresses, we will continue to receive calls from legislative staffers—and possibly from the legislators themselves—requesting information on many subjects. Please be sure to answer their questions promptly. If you need additional assistance in fulfilling a legislative request, please contact our legislative liaison, Michael Kelley or his assistant, Janie Smith, at 512-424-7272.

Happy New Year! Here’s to a productive and healthy 2009 for all of us.

Stanley E. Clark
Briefs

Many DPS employees have had their lives changed by receiving a cancer diagnosis. A cancer diagnosis changes the life of the patient as well as the lives of family and friends. Most of us in the DPS family have been touched by cancer in some way. Cancer support groups are designed to help those coping with a cancer diagnosis or cancer treatment by providing resources, education and emotional support. The cancer support group at DPS Headquarters meets in the Crime Records conference room from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the last Friday of the month. Cancer patients, survivors and family members are welcome. For more information, please contact Charlene Cain at 512-424-2090 or Frances Douglas at 512-424-5251.

Mile Markers

Promotions

CLE


DL

Reginald Bernard Fields, Lt., DL Houston to Capt., DL Garland.

THP

Robert Lynn Bailey, Lt., HP San Angelo to Capt., HP San Angelo; Justin Jack Chrane, Lt., HP Austin to Capt., HP Austin; Larry Lee Allen, Lt., HP Houston to Capt., HP Waco.

Director’s Staff

Judy Kathleen Mitchell, Tr. II, CVE Dalhart to Sgt., Aircraft Section Austin; Bryan Clifton Kolb, Cpl. II, HP Snyder to Sgt., Aircraft Section Austin.

Retirements

Anthony Mark Provirus, Sen. Tr., HP Austin, 28 yrs., 5 mos., 19 days; Audrey Marie Gifford, Evaluator, DL Austin 36 yrs., 11 mos., 22 days; Rickey Lee Bentley, Sen. Cpl., HP Tulia, 30 yrs., 6 mos., 6 days; Gilbert Lloyd Durocher, Capt., CIS Houston, 29 yrs., 9 mos., 5 days; Thomas Jeffery Holland, Sgt., CIS Denton, 29 yrs., 5 mos., 17 days; Mark Dennis Rogers, Maj., HP Austin, 29 yrs., 5 mos., 17 days; Alvin Richard Schacht, Sen. Tr. CVE San Antonio, 26 yrs., 10 mos., 17 days; Marvin Udall Mead, Crime Analyst, BIA Austin, 26 yrs., 2 mos., 29 days; Dempster Gayle Elder, Sgt., HP Austin, 17 yrs., 2 mos., 6 days; Laura Lynn Lucia, Tech., VIS Mineral Wells, 15 yrs., 2 mos., 29 days; Margaret Sue Gregory, Clerk, HR Austin, 12 years, 7 mos., 15 days; Patricia Ann Buchner, Coordinator, Accounting, Austin, 2 yrs., 11 mos., 11 days; Raymond Leonard Coffman, Chief, Rangers Austin, 33 yrs., 2 days; Russell William Gauthier, Sgt., Rangers Mineral Wells, 26 yrs., 9 mos., 18 days.

Deaths


On the mend...

Tr. Michael Earheart, HP Gainesville, injured in fleet collision; Tr. Ronald R. Ramirez, HP Alice, injured during a struggle; Tr. Steven Hoppas, HP San Marcos, injured when vehicle struck by alleged drunk driver; and Tr. Jeremy Alaniz, HP Corpus Christi, injured in a fleet collision.