

DPS Chaparral



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DPS accepting applications for new trooper-trainee class

The Department is accepting applications for the next six-month recruit school¾ which begins on September 3¾ until April 16 for out-of-state applicants and April 27 for in-state applicants.

Qualifications for applicants have been expanded to include correctional officers and jailers with two years of service.

Jailer experience is defined as time spent as a full-time paid employee performing jailer duties in a position that requires a license as a certified Texas Jailer or its equivalent in another state. Correctional officer experience is defined as time spent as a full-time paid Correctional Officer for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Texas Department of Criminal Justice or the equivalent in another state.

Applicants with at least 60 hours of college or two years law enforcement or military service also meet the minimum experience qualifications.

“Diversity is a priority at DPS and we’re encouraging minorities and women to apply,” said DPS Director Col. **Thomas A. Davis Jr.** “This is a chance to make a difference by being part of a law enforcement agency known to be one of the best in the nation.”

DPS employees who know someone interested in applying for trooper-trainee should contact the nearest DPS recruiter to arrange for an application packet to be sent to the applicant. Information also is available on the DPS Web site, www.txdps.state.tx.us.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, at least 20 years of age by the time they are accepted as trooper-trainees, of good moral character, and meet certain vision requirements.

A final conviction (including probation) for any DWI, DUI, family violence or felony will automatically disqualify applicants. The screening process includes verification of written and oral statements made by the applicant and a thorough background investigation. Written exams, physical agility, psychological and drug testing also are required.



Dear Fellow Employees:

A recruit class graduated March 23 and those new troopers will be arriving at their duty stations this week to begin their careers as DPS troopers. I know each of you will welcome them into our DPS family.

And to those new troopers, I would say this: What you do makes a difference in the lives of citizens across Texas. You have chosen an honorable profession. Make us proud.

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During the week of April 22 to 28, crime victims, criminal justice service providers, law enforcement officers and communities across the United States will join together to commemorate the 21st anniversary of National Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

Here in Texas, numerous activities have been planned to recognize victims of crime and those who serve them. I encourage each of you to participate in these activities.

For more information on Crime Victims’ Rights Week or on DPS Victim Services, you may contact our Victim Services Director, **Angie McCown**, at (512) 424-5163.

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The DPS Memorial Service has been set for 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 15, at DPS Headquarters.

Thomas A. Davis Jr.

Awards

David Gavin, Asst. Chief Administration, Crime Records Service Austin, was awarded a Medal of Merit for his work as chairman of the FBI's Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Advisory Policy Board for the past two years. The board—and Gavin—oversaw the successful launch of the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) and NCIC 2000, the upgraded version of NCIC. When he stepped down as chairman of the board, Gavin received the FBI's prestigious Jefferson Cup from FBI Director Louis Freeh in recognition of his service to the board. Gavin was nominated by DPS Administration Chief **Burton Christian**.

Special Agent Henry Lipe of the National Automobile Theft Bureau received a Director's Award for his work developing quality relationships with Mexican law enforcement and judicial agencies. Lipe's efforts have led to the return of thousands of vehicles stolen from the United States and transported to Mexico. Special Agent Lipe was a Laredo DPS trooper from December 1959 to April



On the mend...

Best wishes for a speedy recovery from line-of-duty injuries go to:

Tr. Lonnie Davis, HP Houston
Tr. Kenneth Rushing, L&W Conroe
Linda Swails, DL Examiner Carrollton
Tr. Leslie Grace, HP DeLeon

Anniversary Book: New deadline, photos soon!

The deadline for ordering the DPS 65th Anniversary Book has been extended to **June 30**.

The photographer will start taking portraits on April 23. Regions and offices will be notified of the schedule as soon as it is

made available to the Public Information Office.

Book order forms are available through PIO. Call 512-424-2080 or send an e-mail to pio@txdps.state.tx.us to get a form by fax or U.S. mail.

1965, when he left the Department to join the NATB (now known as NICB). He was nominated by Lt. **Jesus Flores**, Motor Vehicle Theft Austin.

A San Antonio man is alive today thanks to the decisive action of Tony Frerich of Brackettville at the scene of a Kinney County 18-wheeler wreck. Director's Award recipient Frerich, who saw the truck hit a guardrail and roll over, used a truck jack to lift the trailer off the trapped victim. Emergency personnel credit that action with saving the life of the seriously injured victim. Frerich was nominated by Cpl. **Anthony Ashley**, HP Brackettville.

Tr. **Angela Fountain**, HP Woodlands, was recognized by the Town Center Improvement District at the 6th Annual Public Safety Appreciation and Recognition Dinner. Tr. Fountain was DPS' selection based on her patrol efforts in south Montgomery County in 2000.

Short Shots

Sgt. exam scheduled

The competitive examination for the position of Sergeant, Capitol Service will be conducted at the DPS Training Academy Tuesday, April 24. Application form HR-106 should be submitted directly to the Human Resources Bureau no later than 5 p.m.

Friday, April 13. For more information, call 512-424-2916.

Running with a purpose

Sgt. **Mario Reyes**, Capitol Service Austin, found his own way to honor a fellow law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty. Reyes dedicated his run in the Motorola Marathon in Austin to Travis County Sheriff's Deputy Keith Ruiz, who was shot and killed while serving a drug warrant Feb. 15. With Deputy Ruiz as his inspiration, Reyes ran and finished his first marathon—26 miles plus.

Help just got cheaper

To save on long distance charges, IMS has unveiled a toll-free number for the Help Desk (now known as Systems Technology Services). Field employees who need computer-related help are asked to call 1-866-866-7700 instead of using long distance or Tex-an. *This number is for DPS use only.* Austin area employees can still dial 424-5432.

Just peachy

"Courtesy-Service-Protection" can take many forms—just ask Peaches. After a Willacy County collision left a Winter Texan couple from North Dakota in the hospital, their 14-year-old poodle Peaches needed a

place to stay. That's when **Nancy Drake**, Communications Operator Harlingen, stepped in to assist Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bennington. Not only did Peaches get a free night's room and board courtesy of Drake, but Drake also went to assist Mrs. Bennington at the hospital while off duty. She helped the injured woman check out of the hospital and drove her to a hotel to await the arrival of her son from out of state, while Mr. Bennington remained hospitalized.

CODIS construction

The CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) lab, located at DPS Headquarters in Austin, is expanding. To be completed later this year, the project will triple the lab's DNA profiling capacity to about 3,000 samples per month. Since 1996, certain felony offenders have been required to provide DNA samples to the database. The database, which now includes 27,000 profiles, is used to cross-reference DNA evidence from unsolved crimes to find a possible suspect. Numerous criminal cases, especially sex-related offenses and homicides, have been cleared. The database also helped clear an individual who was wrongly convicted.

Mile Markers

Director's Staff

Tom Vinger, Info. Spec. II, PIO Austin to Asst. Chief of Media Relations, PIO Austin.

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Cristoval Rodriguez, Lt., Narc. Svc. El Paso to Capt., Narc. Svc. Midland; **John Dallas Waits**, Sgt./Inv., Narc. Lubbock to Lt., Narcotics

El Paso; **Billy Maurice Fulton**, Sgt./Inv., Special Crimes Austin to Lt., Special Crimes San Antonio; **August William Crais**, Fug. Apprehension Unit, Special Crimes Austin to Lt., Spec. Crimes Austin; **Walt Anthony Goodson**, Tr. II, HP Austin to Sgt./Inv., Spec. Crimes Baytown;

Erik Emile Peterson, Tr. II, Hwy. Patrol Corpus Christi to Sgt./Inv., Spec. Crimes Hurst; **James Bryan Camp**, Tr. IV, Hwy. Patrol Texas City to Sgt./Inv., Motor Veh. Theft San Antonio.

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James B. Holland, Tr. II, Hwy. Patrol Webster to Sgt., Hwy. Patrol Anahuac; **George Anthony Dominguez**, Cpl. II, Hwy. Patrol Austin to Sgt., Hwy. Patrol Garland; **Keith Wayne Deramus**, Tr II, Hwy. Patrol Brenham to Sgt., Hwy. Patrol Orange.

Rangers

Cris Wesley Love, Sgt./Inv., Narcotics Svc. Austin to Sgt., Rangers Div. Houston; **Garth Alan Davis**, Sgt., Hwy. Patrol Austin to Sgt., Rangers Div. Plainview.

DL

Juanita C. Herrera, Tr. II, DL Division San Antonio to Sgt., DL Division San Antonio.

Administration

Louis Arthur Beaty, Atty. III, Crime Records Austin to Manager, Legal Staff, Crime Records Austin.

Retirements

Mary Cleavie Copeland, Clerical Supv., Acc. Records Austin, 30 yrs., 6 mos.; **Barry Francis Bridges**, Staff Sgt., Gov. Protective Detail

Austin, 29 yrs., 4 mos., 23 days; **Totsie Idell Clayton**, Sec. Off. II, Capitol Svc. Austin, 9 yrs., 6 mos.; **Ronnie Wademan Rush**, Tp. V, Lic. & Weight Stephenville, 34 yrs., 1 mo., 6 days;

Marshall Lloyd Brown, Sgt., Texas Rangers Co. "C" Haskell, 33 yrs., 11 mos., 22 days; **Phillip Warren Goodwin**, Lt., Narcotics Svc. Houston, 30 yrs., 11 mos., 11 days; **James David Beasley**, Sgt./Inv., Narcotics Svc. Greenville, 29 yrs., 4 mos., 23 days;

Lawrence Lee Meadors, Sgt., Hwy. Patrol Big Springs, 27 yrs., 8 mos., 2 days; **Rita Crumley Koch**, Fingerprint Tech. III, Fingerprint & Records Svc. Austin, 27 yrs., 2 mos.; **Larry Don Watson**, Tp. V, Lic. & Weight Garland, 21 yrs., 1 mo.; **Don Neal Everett**, Lt., Exec. Security Austin, 30 yrs., 11 mos., 21 days;

Carl Lee Pittman, Tp IV, Hwy. Patrol Holliday, 28 yrs., 1 mo., 8 days; **Bill Jack Nichols**, Tp V, Lic. & Weight Denton, 25 yrs., 11 mos., 20 days; **Anita Sue Powell**, Academy Recpt., Training Bureau Austin, 10 yrs., 11 days; **Dollie Mae Wilburn**, Senior Cook, Training Bureau Austin, 10 yrs.;

Jose Noel Irizarry, Crime Analyst, Narcotics Svc. Austin, 7 yrs., 4 mos.; **Amber L. Brooks**, Driver Lic. Tech., Driver Lic. Div. Field Svc. Bryan, 19 yrs., 11 mos.; **Timothy Lee Mollenkopf**, Tp V, Hwy. Patrol Seguin, 21 yrs., 3 mos., 8 days; **Gregory Felton Guillory**, Tp. IV, Hwy. Patrol Houston, 20 yrs., 4 mos., 21 days.

Deaths

Richard Wakefield, MVI Trooper III Baytown (Jan. 1967 – May 1985) died Feb. 25, 2001.

⌘ *The Crime Victim's Bill of Rights* ⌘

The victim of sexual assault, kidnapping, or aggravated robbery or a person who has suffered bodily injury or death as a result of the criminal conduct of another, the guardian of a victim, or the close relative of a deceased victim is entitled to the following rights;

⌘ The right to receive from law enforcement agencies adequate protection from harm, and threats of harm, arising from cooperation with prosecution efforts;

⌘ The right to have the magistrate take the safety of the victim or her/his family into consideration as an element in fixing the amount of bail for the accused;

⌘ The right, if requested, to be informed of relevant court proceedings and to be informed if those court proceedings have been canceled or rescheduled prior to the event.

⌘ The right to be informed, when requested, by a peace officer concerning the defendant's right to bail and the procedures in criminal investigations and by the district attorney's office concerning the general procedures in the criminal justice system, including general procedures in guilty plea negotiations;

⌘ The right to provide pertinent information to a probation department conducting a presentencing investigation concerning the impact of the offense on the victim and her/his family by testimony, written statement, or any other manner prior to any sentencing of the offender;

⌘ The right to receive information regarding compensation to victims of crime as provided by Subchapter B, Chapter 56, including information related to the costs that may be

compensated under that Act and the amount of compensation, eligibility for compensation, and procedures for application for compensation under that Act, the payment for medical examination for a victim of a sexual assault, and when requested, to referral to available social service agencies that may offer additional assistance;

⌘ The right to be informed, upon request, of parole procedures, to participate in the parole process, to be notified, if requested, of parole proceedings concerning a defendant in the victim's case, to provide to the



Board of Pardons and Paroles for inclusion in the defendant's file information to be considered by the board prior to the parole of any defendant convicted of any crime subject to this Act, and to be notified, if requested, of the defendant's release;

⌘ The right to be provided with a waiting area, separate or secure from other witnesses, including the offender and relatives of the offender, before testifying in any proceeding concerning the offender; if a separate waiting area is not available, other safeguards should be taken to minimize the victim's contact with the offender and the offender's relatives and witnesses, before and during court proceedings;

⌘ The right to prompt return of any property of the victim that is held by a law enforcement agency or the attorney for the state as evidence when the property is no longer required for that purpose;

⌘ The right to have the attorney for the state notify the employer of the victim, if requested, of the necessity of the victim's cooperation and testimony in a proceeding that may necessitate the absence of the victim from work for good cause;

⌘ The right to counseling, on request, regarding AIDS and HIV infection and testing for AIDS and HIV related infections, if the offense is a sexual one;

⌘ The right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense, subject to the approval of the judge in the case;

⌘ The right to privacy as far as is reasonably practical. The address of the victim may not be a part of the court file except as necessary to identify the place of the crime. The phone number of the victim may not be a part of the court file.

⌘ The right to complete a Victim Impact Statement and have it considered by the court prior to the imposition of a sentence and by the Board of Pardons and Paroles in the parole process.

You can contact DPS Victim Services at:

Victim Services
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