

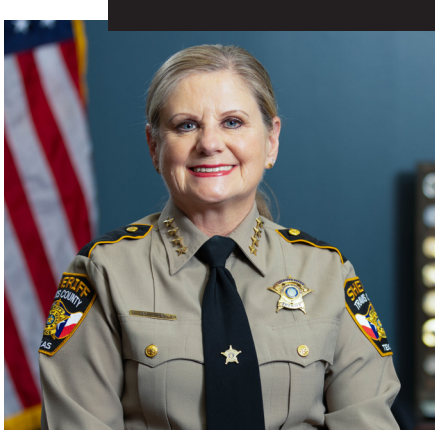


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TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

NEWSLETTER

WORDS FROM THE SHERIFF



Last month, I told you about our upcoming inaugural meeting in compliance with the Uvalde Strong Act (HB 33). The meeting was a success and a meaningful first step in ongoing partnerships, continuous learning and unified planning.

Over 100 people attended, representing law enforcement, first responders and school districts. Together, we received current information and best practices on the important topics listed below. I'm deeply grateful to each of the speakers for their careful planning and thoughtful presentations.

School Safety Overview: Andy Michael, Texas Association of School Boards

Panel Discussion | Coordinated Law Enforcement Response, Chain of Command Response, Agency Capabilities and Available Resources:

- Lieutenant Alan Howard, Travis County Sheriff's Office
- Assistant Chief Michael Chancellor, Austin Police Department
- Assistant Chief, Stephen White, Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services
- Supervisory Special Agent Scott Bostic, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Captain Jeremiah Richards, Texas Department of Public Safety

Radio Interoperability: Jon Culin, IT Division Director, Travis County Sheriff's Office

As you can see, we learned from some of the best and set a foundation for conversations to come. In a dialogue with audience members, we were able to generate a list of topics that merit our time and attention – things like communication, reunification and safety plans, to name a few.

These additional topics will become the focus of future meetings. We will drill down and discuss these vital elements of critical incident response, which consist of many unpredictable components.

The safety and security of our kids is imperative to all of us, and we are dedicated to doing the hard work it takes to be prepared, hoping we never, ever have to implement these plans and preparations.

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FLOOD VEHICLES

This month, TCSO partnered with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to address boats, trailers and vehicles destroyed in the July 2025 Sandy Creek flood. TDEM recovered the damaged property and transported it to a centralized storage site off FM 1431, where officials were able to partially identify several items. In total, 31 cars, boats and trailers were moved to the lot.

The [Travis County Auto Crimes Enforcement](#) (TC-ACE) team was asked to assist with identifying the remaining vehicles and locating their registered owners. On Nov. 18, TC-ACE investigators visited the storage site and verified TDEM's preliminary identifications. Despite the severe damage, Detectives successfully confirmed the identities of 26 vehicles and boats. Certified letters will be sent to registered owners with instructions to contact TDEM regarding the final disposition of their property.



PEER SUPPORT

TCSO launched its first Wellness & Peer Support Team in October as the agency continues its long-term commitment to becoming a more trauma-informed workplace. Because studies estimate law enforcement officers experience as many as 900+ traumatic events over the course of a 30-year career, this initiative will be foundational to achieving agency goals.

The two-person team's focus is on addressing and mitigating the impact of both work and life stressors while ensuring resources are in place to support a healthier TCSO staff. Wellness and Peer Support Deputy Alina Narro has a decade of experience as both a corrections and law enforcement officer. Lydia Lockhart will serve as the team's coordinator and has almost 15 years of experience in program development and implementation. Welcome to the team!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



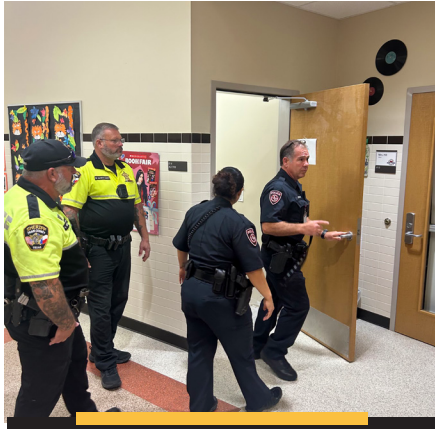
This month, employees from all across the Travis County system volunteered with [Habitat for Humanity](#). TCSO was represented by Office Specialist Nia Boxton and Senior Telecommunications 911 Specialist Lenore Brady.

Austin Austin Habitat for Humanity runs on volunteer labor to construct stable and self-reliant communities for those less fortunate. They [accept volunteers](#) of all kinds – that means you don't have to know anything about building a home to participate!

Nia and Lenore had a great time learning some of the basics of building a home site while getting to know Travis County employees they've never had the chance to cross paths with before.



Earlier this month, we proudly celebrated Veteran's Day. We are honored to work alongside the many veterans who continue their commitment to service here at TCSO. Their dedication strengthens our agency and our community every day. To all who have served our country – we extend our deepest gratitude.



LOCKDOWN DRILL

On November 21, TCSO West Special Operations participated in a lockdown drill at West Cypress Hills Elementary. By law, Texas school districts are required to have two of these drills annually.

Participating in lockdown drills enables deputies who will likely be responding to assist these schools to familiarize themselves with the layout of the campuses and get to know their officers.

Partnership and planning help keep students safe.



FAMILY FEUD

TCSO's Community Outreach Unit had a great time connecting with senior residents at The Heights at 8721. We hosted a fun round of Family Feud bringing plenty of laughs while also reinforcing everyday preparedness tips.

We were proud to partner with the [Travis County Office of Emergency Management](#) and the [Travis County Fire Marshal's Office](#) to share important information on law enforcement, emergency preparedness and fire safety. These collaborative events help ensure our senior community stays informed, confident and connected.



DEL VALLE FALL FEST

On November 19, TCSO deputies were invited to enjoy the festivities of the second annual Del Valle Middle School (DVMS) Fall Festival. Along with members of the Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department, Austin-Travis County EMS and the Del Valle Police Department, our deputies had a great time mingling with DVMS students and their families while enjoying food and games hosted by all of the school's student clubs. What a great time – fall is officially in the air!



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