



### MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF HERNANDEZ

This is the time of year when things kick off. Students kick off a brand new school year; Football season kicks off; And I kick off my annual [NAMI Walk fundraising](#) campaign. Anyone who knows me knows I get more than a little competitive about this! I do it with good reason. The [NAMI Walk](#) raises money and awareness for an organization and a cause that I'm passionate about.

[NAMI \(National Alliance on Mental Illness\) Central Texas](#) is committed to improving the quality of life for people with mental illness and their families through support, education, and advocacy. They truly do just that.

TCSO enjoys a partnership with [NAMI Central Texas](#) that benefits many. They offer training classes at our academy for our deputies, teaching them from personal experience how to better understand the dynamics of mental health crises. They offer classes for the friends and family of our inmates suffering from mental illness. This education helps families identify signs of crisis and gives them solid solutions and resources that can keep their loved one from escalating to a point where law enforcement involvement is necessary. They fight to end the stigma associated with mental illness and offer hope to those who struggle.

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, Team TCSO Cares will walk to support this worthy cause and it's our goal to be the biggest fundraiser. You can help us get there by signing-up to walk with our team and/or make a donation, simply click on the icon button below.



### NAMI Central Texas



[NAMI Central Texas](#) is committed to addressing how the community talks about and addresses mental health, especially in the area of jail diversion for individuals living with mental illness. We understand that commitment is a community effort and are incredibly grateful for the partnership that has blossomed with the Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) under leadership of Sheriff Hernandez.

Article courtesy of Karen Ranus, Executive Director of NAMI Central Texas

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### SUNSHINE KIDS



It's the mission of the [Sunshine Kids Foundation](#) to "add quality of life to children with cancer by providing them with exciting, positive group activities, so they may once again do what kids are meant to do...Have fun and celebrate life!" On August 1<sup>st</sup>, TCSO had the pleasure to help make that happen at their annual Lake Escape.

TCSO Specialized Units offered demonstrations and static displays - everyone had a blast! [The Capital of Texas Police Motorcycle Chute Out](#) Board of Directors also presented a donation check in the amount of \$15,000.



### EXPLORERS COMPETITION



Earlier this month, TCSO Explorer Post #1099 participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual John Sartain Law Enforcement Explorer Competition in Corpus Christi, TX. Teams from across the state competed in multiple law enforcement scenarios such as Disturbances, DWI events, Traffic Stops, Felony Traffic Stops and Traffic Collisions. Congratulations to our Explorers who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Crisis Negotiations and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Domestic Disturbances. We are so proud to have you represent TCSO!

### U.T. MALE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



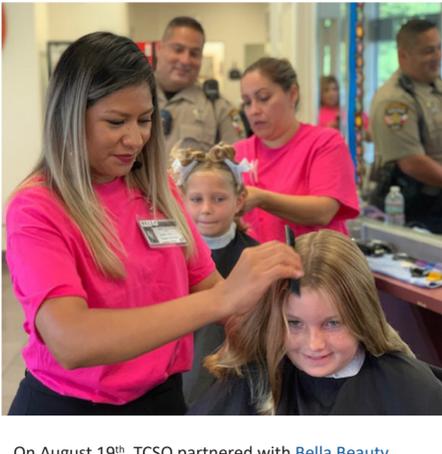
TCSO Lieutenant Dale Walls and Sergeant Alan Howard participated in the Texas Education Consortium for Male Students of Color's Annual Leadership Summit at the University of Texas at Austin. The consortium is a state-wide collaboration program focused on increasing individual success and post-secondary completion for male students of color. Students, mentors and teachers attended sessions about social justice and the law enforcement system, male mentoring research and best practices, and health and wellness.



Saw this [@TravisCoSheriff](#) helping to push a car on the side of the road today! Thank you for your service! ❤️



### FRESH START



On August 19<sup>th</sup>, TCSO partnered with [Bella Beauty College](#) and [Keefe Group](#) to host Fresh Start: New Year, New You, a back to school event that provided a free haircut and hygiene bag to school-aged kids. Our deputies, parents and kids had so much fun talking about the new school year...Nothing like a little pampering to get ready!



### AUSTIN'S PRIDE PARADE



This year's Austin Pride Parade drew a large crowd and was an excellent opportunity to meet and greet members of the Travis County community. We always appreciate being invited to participate in community events!

### BIKE RODEO



On August 24<sup>th</sup>, TCSO joined Travis County ESD Station 2 at a Bike Rodeo to teach Cub Scout Troop #685 all about bike safety. The Cub Scouts did a great job and were a very engaged and enthusiastic group!

### COLLISION AVOIDANCE CLASS



TCSO Deputy Dustin Rade assisted with mock traffic stops as part of Driving By Laws' Collision Avoidance Class. Deputy Rade is part of our Driving By Laws' Collision Avoidance Class. He has participated in this event the past three years. He's dedicated to educating young drivers in an effort to protect them and keep our roadways as safe as possible.

### AUSTIN YOUNG CHAMBER



Thank you to the [Austin Young Chamber](#) for inviting Sheriff Hernandez and Judge Sarah Eckhardt to a lively Civics 101 discussion. We look forward to benefiting from your efforts to get involved and make a positive difference in our community!



### RIDE TO HEAL



We were deeply honored to sign a Texas flag that will be delivered to El Paso, TX. TCSO Deputy Martin Lawrence attended the Ride to Heal TCSO Brothers and Sisters event and signed on behalf of TCSO. We hope this gesture offers comfort and support to the city and its first responders. We stand with you.

### JUNIOR DEPUTY SUMMER CAMP



Earlier this month, we held our Second Session of [Junior Deputy Summer Camp](#) for 8-10 year-olds. Campers braved the heat and we had a great time learning and laughing together. We'll announce registration via Facebook and Twitter several weeks ahead of next year's camps.



### GROOMING POLICY UPDATE



As you encounter our deputies and corrections officers, you might notice men with beards or women wearing their hair in a ponytail. This is because our grooming policy has been modified. Watch the video above to learn more about the new policy and how it came to be.