



MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF HERNANDEZ

I hope you enjoyed a safe and relaxing Memorial Day weekend. As our nation took time this month to remember the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, our state and our nation also paused to remember fallen peace officers.

In Texas, we ceremoniously memorialize peace officers at the state Capitol. The TCSO Honor Guard joins with others from across the state in a solemn march up Congress Avenue. As the bag pipes play and the drum leads a steady cadence, we all move together in memory of the brave.

Police Week is an annual memorial that takes place in our nation's capital. Each year, our association sends several members. This group has the opportunity to experience vigils alongside peace officers from all over the country. They form lasting friendships and represent Travis County amidst the many.

Our agency has lost seven deputies in the line of duty. A memorial to them is permanently displayed in our Training Academy so their lives may be remembered by each and every new deputy who wears the badge. We will never forget.

I welcome you to view their stories by clicking on the video icon button below.



LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN



TCSO was proud to participate in the 2019 Special Olympics of Texas (SOTX) Law Enforcement Torch Run held May 2 - 4 in San Antonio at [Morgan's Wonderworld](#). Officers around the state carried the "Flame of Hope" through the streets of their communities and delivered it to the Texas Special Olympics Summer Games. This event is also one of the largest fundraisers for SOTX and raised \$1.2 million this year.



LAKE SAFETY



Thousands of people will visit county parks and partake in boating activities on Lake Travis over the summer months. While the lake can be fun, it can also be dangerous. Remember to wear your life vest and refrain from drinking and driving both on the roadways and the water.



STOP THE BLEED TRAINING



Senior Deputy Mark Knight offered two days of specialized training to TCSO civilians. In addition to Active Shooter Training, he taught the tenants of Stop the Bleed, an advanced first aid program initiated by President Barack Obama after the Sandy Hook school shooting.

Participants learned how to stop bleeding using tourniquets, direct pressure, wound packing and an Israeli Bandage. Knight also showed them how to apply chest seals for chest wounds and how to maintain airways. The skills learned are a valuable tool for any emergency, including car wrecks and home or work accidents.

If you're interested in receiving Stop the Bleed training, please click on the icon button below.



BUILDING BRIDGES



On May 4th, TCSO hosted a Building Bridges First Saturday's Town Hall Meeting. Participants had the opportunity to review our 2018 Racial Profiling Report, learn about how to avoid becoming a victim of auto theft scammers and about our Crisis Intervention Team.

The purpose of Building Bridges is to bring a culturally diverse community together to build new relationships and seek collaborative solutions that address public safety issues.

To learn more about the Building Bridges program and schedule of events, please click on the icon button below.



BASIC PEACE OFFICER COURSE - CLASS #21 GRADUATION



Class #21 graduated from the Basic Peace Officer Course on May 4th. We would like to congratulate the following TCSO employees on this well-earned recognition: Steven Ayala, Grant Brawith, Julia Carrillo, Sherman De Leon, Toni Earp, David Ghan, Matthew Gonzalez, Omar Guerra, Justin Halliday, Darren Hausey Jr., Grant Jones, Miguel Lugo, John Myers, Alex Ortiz, Louis Pulci, Richard Redus, Crystal Rosains, Roxanne Smith and Kade Weaver.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



Since 1949, the month of May has been observed as Mental Health Month in the U.S. and many national organizations such as [NAMI](#), [Mental Health America](#), and other affiliates spotlight Mental Health Month to raise awareness about the importance of mental health and to stop the stigma associated with mental health disorders.

TCSO joined Travis County Health and Human Services, along with other community partners, as the Travis County Commissioners Court recognized the awareness month in Travis County.



NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

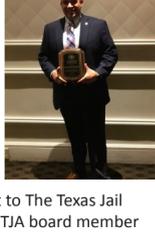


May 6 - 10 was National Nurses Week. We love our nurses! These extraordinary men and women treat patients in the Travis County Jail and the Travis County Correctional Complex. Patient care within the walls of a jail facility is a unique environment that requires skilled employees who see a person, not an inmate, when offering care. Sheriff Hernandez baked cakes for our nurses and made a surprise delivery on May 8th.

TEXAS JAIL ASSOCIATION



During the 33rd Annual [Texas Jail Association \(TJA\)](#) Conference, TCSO was honored with a few recognitions: Senior Corrections Officers Alexander Nares and Yeisen Olivas-Chavez took first place in the Courtroom Challenge, a trivia-style competition. Lieutenant Edward Jackson was also recognized with the Distinguished Service Award for Exceptional Service and Commitment to The Texas Jail Association. Lt. Jackson is currently a TJA board member and holds a director position.



ASIS AUSTIN LUNCHEON



On May 22nd, Sheriff Hernandez gave a keynote at the ASIS Austin - Chapter 179 4th Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon. We also send our congratulations to Corrections Officer Desiree Jackson who received their Officer of the Year award...Way to go!

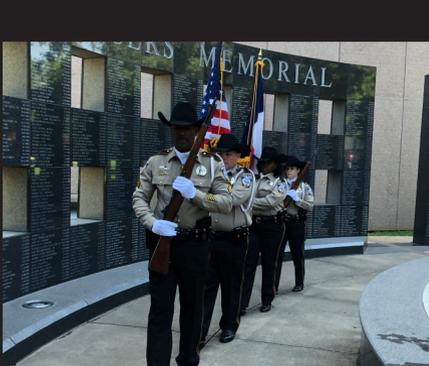


POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL MONTH

Every May, our state and our nation pay tribute to peace officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. We make it a point to participate and to reflect. Earlier this month, the TCSO Honor Guard joined hundreds of others, solemnly making their way up Congress Avenue to the state Capitol where the names of the fallen were read and their families honored. Members of our Law Enforcement Association traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in memorial ceremonies alongside our colleague from across the United States.

We also participated in the annual Austin Motorcycle Rally and Tribute to Fallen Law Enforcement. Participants are both peace officers and civilians who ride together in an effort to honor peace officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

This year marked the second time we've hosted riders from the [Texas Peace Officers Memorial Ride](#). The cyclists stopped for lunch at our Training Academy as they made their way to the state Capitol to attend the Texas Peace Officers candle light vigil ceremony.



DRAGON BOAT RACE



The 21st Annual Austin Dragon Boat/Paddle Festival took place at Festival Beach on Lady Bird Lake. TCSO's Dragon Boat Deputies took 3rd Place in the Corporate/Community Final Division. After the races and awards ceremony, the teams had a great time at the festival enjoying performances, food trucks, vendors and a traditional lion dance. We look forward to racing again next year!



BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY



May 8th was National Bike to School Day. This event creates the opportunity for communities and schools to join together to encourage children to safely bike or walk to school. TCSO joined the Pflugerville Police Department at Wieland Elementary School. Even though the rain that morning impaired the bike ride, we still had a blast walking with the kiddos and helping at the car line!