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**MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF HERNANDEZ**

There are 12 municipalities and multiple school districts in Travis County. Each municipality has its own police department and several school districts do as well. It's vital that TCSO has a vibrant, healthy relationship with the police departments in our county because we work together on any number of incidents and investigations every day. TCSO also manages the Travis County Jail, where suspects arrested by these agencies are held.

As agencies who share jurisdictional boundaries, we assist each other in many ways. We assist each other on critical incidents and collisions. Our officers collaborate on crime fighting initiatives because criminals operate throughout the whole area. We also provide resources to each other when a need arises. We work together to engage the needs of each and every community throughout the county.

I'm so grateful to know, and serve with police chiefs throughout the entire state, but I want to take this opportunity to focus on new ones within Travis County. In recent weeks, Brian Jones has been appointed Chief of Bee Cave Police Department, Clarence D. Yarborough as Chief of Manor ISD Police Department, Jason O'Malley as Chief of Pflugerville Police Department and Andy Michael as Chief

of Lake Travis ISD Police Department. Austin City Manager Spencer Cronk has named Joe Chacon as Chief of Austin Police Department. Lakeway Police Department and Del Valle ISD Police Department will soon appoint new police chiefs as well.

To all of them, I offer congratulations and a warm welcome. I look forward to collaborative efforts that raise the standards of community policing, keeping our county a safe place to live, work and raise healthy families. I invited each of these new chiefs to share a message with you. Please click on the icon button below to view their messages.



**LIFE SAFETY**



TCSO Life Safety is a unit of dedicated employees tasked with ensuring that basic life and safety systems are in good working order. They oversee the fire suppression systems in our jail facilities, issue CPR gear, self-contained breathing apparatus equipment, individual first aid kits, fire extinguishers, cones, and many other items to patrol and corrections. They're generally responsible for the safety of every employee.

Life Safety employees are problem solvers. They go the distance to offer help all over agency, and they do it with friendly faces, helpful suggestions and open communication. We're so grateful for all they do!

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**



In Texas, we celebrate [National Night Out](#) (NNO) on the first Tuesday in October. NNO is an annual community-building campaign that enhances the relationship between law enforcement and neighborhoods. On October 5<sup>th</sup>, we encourage you to gather with your neighbors or leave your porch light on to show your support. For more information about creating a Neighborhood Watch Program in your community, please contact our [Community Outreach Unit](#). Let's work together to keep our communities safe!

**TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS NOW RECRUITING CORRECTIONS OFFICERS**

**APPLY TODAY**

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- U.S. Citizen
- 20 Years of Age
- High School Diploma

\* Competitive Starting Salary @ \$46,839.59  
\* Comprehensive Benefits Package

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TCSO.Recruiting@traviscountytx.gov  
[www.tcsocareers.com](http://www.tcsocareers.com)

**NAMIWalks Central Texas**



On September 25<sup>th</sup>, Team TCSO Cares participated in [NAMIWalks Your Way Central Texas](#) to raise awareness of mental illness and funds for [NAMI's](#) mission of mental health advocacy, education, support and awareness. As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, Team TCSO Cares has raised \$31,952, a new record for all teams in Central Texas for the 16-year history of the walk. Though the walk was virtual again this year due to COVID, Hope Presbyterian Church (another local team that itself raised more than \$13,000) invited TCSO to an informal walk and gathering at their campus on the day of the event. It was a wonderful chance to get together and celebrate this great cause.



**COBRA GRADUATION #99**



The TCSO Training Academy offers a Corrections Officers Basic Recruit Academy (COBRA) for all new-hire Corrections Officers. Corrections Officers attend the COBRA course while on-duty within their first year of employment; Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) provides a one year, on-duty corrections officer license. COBRA is 360 hours of very educational, detailed and supportive instruction that consists of the following:

- PHASE 1: Course satisfies TCOLE requirements for the Basic County Corrections course; topics include booking, identification, inmate rights, head-counts, emergency procedures, searches, classifications, health services, etc.
- PHASE 2: Course highlights those areas that are fundamental and emergency operations of the Travis County Correctional system; topics include defensive tactics, firearms training, CPR, smoke-house safety, departmental policies, interpersonal communication, wellness, etc.

Congratulations to the following officers of COBRA Class #93 that graduated on September 3<sup>rd</sup>: Stacey Acosta, Jessica Brown, Emma Ferrell, Alexis Islas, Christopher Lawrence, Alec Murillo, Joshua Price, Cody Tao and Carolina Torres.

**CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY**



Child Passenger Safety Week was September 19 - 25. Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death among children. Properly securing your children in a car seat is crucial in reducing their risk of injury in a crash. While most people believe their children are properly buckled up, the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) points out that 46% of all car seats are misused. The best way to keep young children safe in your vehicle is to make sure they're properly buckled up and select a car seat that's appropriate for their age and size. Our Community Outreach deputies offer free car seat inspections and installations. To make an appointment, please contact [Community Outreach Unit](#).

**DRIVE THRU TRUNK OR TREAT**

**FREE HALLOWEEN FUN!**

Join the Travis County Sheriff's Office for a SPOOKTACULAR event!  
Our units will be BOOtifully decorated...wear your costume. Stay in your car & our officers will safely bring candy to you!

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 30 6 - 8 PM**

Parking Lot of 5501 Airport Blvd. Austin, TX 78751

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**HUMAN RESOURCE PROFESSIONALS DAY**



September 26<sup>th</sup> was Human Resource (HR) Professional Day. We recognize the dedicated HR team at the Sheriff's Office and their tireless work throughout the year to support our employees. Thank you for all that you do!