



NEWS RELEASE

TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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Sheriff and Fire Marshal Dedicate New Building With Open House

On Friday, October 19, 2007, at 1 pm, Sheriff Greg Hamilton and the Travis County Fire Marshal's Office will have a Community Open House and Dedication of the Keith George Ruiz Building, 5555 Airport Blvd. The Dedication Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting will be from 2 to 3 pm and afterward there will be tours, static displays of vehicles and equipment and light refreshments will be served.

Parking for the event will be at the Four Hands parking lot (Corner of Highway 290 and Airport Blvd.) North of our location.

Keith George Ruiz

On the night of February 15, 2001, Deputy Keith Ruiz a 13-year Sheriff's Office veteran, was assisting other Sheriff's deputies in the execution of a narcotics search and arrest warrant to a private residence in Del Valle. He was shot when the suspect began firing through the door at the entry team. Fatally wounded, Ruiz died a short time later at Brackenridge Hospital.

Deputy Ruiz was a dedicated family man who was devoted to his wife, Bernadette, and his sons, Matthew, Alexander and Joshua. He spent his off-duty hours coaching his sons' T-ball team and spending many hours with his family.

Deputy Ruiz was a mentor to many officers, and as an Advanced Peace Officer was dedicated to enforcing the laws of the State of Texas and protecting and serving the citizens of Travis County.

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