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Travis County Sheriff's Office Crisis Negotiation Team Wins First Place

The 20th Texas State University Hostage Negotiation Competition was held January 12 through 14, 2010 in San Marcos. Eighteen law enforcement teams competed in the annual event, which is headed by Dr. Wayman Mullins, of the Criminal Justice Department.

The competition is a table top exercise designed to test the skills of a Crisis Negotiation Team. Students from Texas State University were the role players in the competition and each team is judged by a panel made up of other law enforcement teams.

The Travis County Sheriff's Office received top honors. The Hay's County Combined Team came in second and Carrollton Police Department came in third.

The Travis County Sheriff's Office Crisis Negotiation Team is made up of nine people headed up by Sgt. Brian Carlson. They are Don Rios, Chris Meyer, Steve Manley, Frank McIntyre, Maria Chandler, David Carroll, Ed Guerra, Kim Orts, and Victor Moreno.

Sheriff Hamilton and the entire Sheriff's Office are quite proud of a job well done.

Note: The team won this competition after handling a 6 ½ hour call out on Monday night and ran from the awards dinner to a 4 hour call out last night.

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