



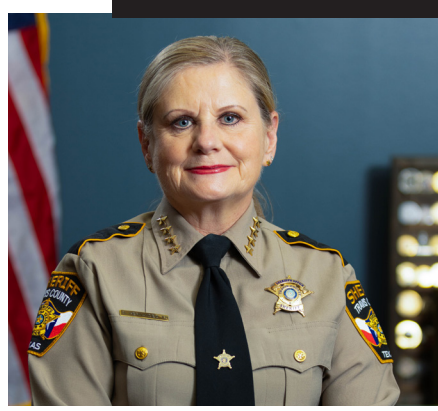
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TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

NEWSLETTER

WORDS FROM THE SHERIFF



Texas jails are carefully monitored and scrutinized by the [Texas Commission on Jail Standards](#) (TCJS). The regulatory agency's mission is to make sure jails provide safe, secure facilities and proper care for the people housed in them.

TCSO has enjoyed an excellent relationship with TCJS for many years. We keep them apprised of our operations and any necessary modifications, and they are quick to offer approval and guidance to us.

TCJS recently conducted a limited compliance review inspection of the Travis County Jail and the Travis County Correctional Complex. Thanks to the preparedness of all sections, the result was a flawless inspection. The final report even praised TCSO facilities as a "model example" for others across Texas.

The results are a testament to the wonderful men and women who work in our jails day and night. The bar is high for a reason. We are relied upon to do much more than simply house people. Our jails are the equivalent of small towns. Everything is there, from kitchen and laundry to medical, records, facility maintenance and chaplains.

I am so grateful to them for all they do and am honored to commend them for this excellent accomplishment.

911 TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK



To honor the hard work of our 911 dispatchers and call takers, TCSO enjoys celebrating National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Through the week of April 13-19, TCSO staff along with colleagues from other local agencies at the Combined Transportation, Emergency & Communications Center (CTECC) were honored and appreciated for the exceptional care they provide to our community members in their greatest time of need. Did you know our own Sheriff Hernandez started her law enforcement career as a dispatcher in Llano County?

TCSO HONOR GUARD GRADUATES



Congratulations to our newest Honor Guard members who graduated from Basic Honor Guard School earlier this month: Sr. Deputy Jaren Edwards, Sr. Corrections Officer Salvador Martinez and Sr. Deputy Christopher Douglas.

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH



This April, we continued our partnership with [Travis County Health & Human Services](#) and the [Center for Child Protection](#) in raising awareness about child abuse and our shared responsibility to protect the most vulnerable in our community. In 2024, in Travis County, there were 6,736 investigations by Child Protective Service (CPS) and 1,787 children who were victims of abuse/neglect; and TCSO Child Abuse Unit processed 10,522 CPS referrals and worked 418 abuse cases.

We encourage everyone to stay informed, speak up and [report](#) any signs of abuse. Together, we can be the voice for children who cannot speak for themselves. Let's work toward a safer, stronger future for every child.

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On April 11, in honor of National Reentry Month, a Community Resource Job Fair was hosted at the Travis County Correctional Complex. The event offered community resources and employment opportunities to individuals who will soon reenter the community. 17 agencies participated, distributing information to 62 eligible participants. TCSO is sincerely grateful to all of the supporting organizations.

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MADD

TCSO Captain Tom Szimanski, who serves as Austin Advisory Board Chair for [Mothers Against Drunk Driving](#) (MADD) and members of the organization banded together at the State Capitol to urge support for House Bills 760, 1760, 2984, 1398 and 650. All of the bills aim to hold drunk drivers accountable and stand up for the rights of victims. According to the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#) (NHTSA), 1,869 people were killed in drunk driving crashes in Texas in 2022. This is an increase of 40% from 2019, when 1,338 people died in drunk driving crashes.



CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS

April 6-12 marked National Crime Victims' Rights Week. In observance, TCSO featured some of the organizations it partners with to amplify the voice of victims and better their lives to the greatest extent possible. You can learn more about them and hear their stories [here](#). Volunteers are always welcome!



HOPE FOR HEROES

TCSO's staff wellness community partner, [The Samaritan Center for Counseling](#), hosted its annual "Hope for Heroes" Benefit which celebrates and recognizes the veterans and first responders it serves. Staff, including several Trauma Informed Champions, joined the Sheriff to raise awareness of TCSO's new [POWR Program](#) which provides free and confidential counseling and acupuncture to all staff. More than 40 TCSO employees have benefited from more than 150 free counseling and acupuncture sessions since last September.

SOTX TORCH RUN



On April 23, TCSO Basic Peace Officer Cadets strapped on their running shoes for the 2025 [Special Olympics of Texas Law Enforcement Torch Run](#). TCSO is always honored to participate in the annual event that raises awareness and funds. Participants met up at Austin City Hall and booked it over to the Capitol and back. Guest speakers offered words of encouragement and got to meet many of this year's inspiring athletes. We can't wait to see them compete!

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