



Public Safety Spotlight



TRAFFIC INITIATIVE

On March 3, the TCSO Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) and Highway Enforcement & Accident Team (HEAT) conducted a compliance initiative in the Springdale area. The goal was to curb the number of traffic violations and ensure that commercial vehicles traveling in the area are operating in compliance with state statutes. The initiative resulted in:

- 60 Citations
- 3 No Truck Zone Citations
- 1 Felony Warrant Arrest
- 3 Level 2 CVE Inspections
- 1 Level 3 CVE Inspection



MOTORCYCLE RODEO

The Round Rock Police Department hosted the annual [Sports Capital of Texas Motorcycle Rodeo](#) March 3-7. TCSO was proudly represented by Motors Deputies Tim Williams, Richard Rigsby, Carl League, Cody Taylor and Stephen Shockey. A special congratulations is in order for Deputy Williams, who won the top title of "Mr. Rodeo," and for Deputy League for taking first place in his division. It's always a great time watching these deputies and officers from across the state show off their amazing skills!



COMMUNITY TOWN HALL

On March 25, TCSO hosted a community town hall in San Leanna, where residents met with deputies to discuss local concerns and learn about public safety initiatives. The event strengthened community connections and highlighted TCSO's ongoing commitment to serving the area. Communities interested in hosting a town hall can contact the [Community Outreach Unit](#) to coordinate.

Proud Highlights



COBRA 118 GRADUATION

The TCSO Training Academy offers a Corrections Officers Basic Recruit Academy (COBRA) and all new-hire corrections officers attend the required course while on-duty within their first year of employment. They receive 360 hours of education designed to fully prepare them for the role of corrections officer, and earn their Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) Jailer License.

Congratulations to the following officers of COBRA Class 118 who graduated on March 5: Daisy Albarran, Jesse Barrientes, Sean Bell, Christian Daftarian, Kristian Flanagan, Amyah Flores, Iris Franco, Skyler Fry, Jeffery Garrett, Tasianna Gaytan, Joshua Guillen, Shawna Hall, Jennifer Jimenez, Travian Johnson, Anthony Malaguti, Erick Martinez, Olivia Martinez, John Overton, Ethan Ramirez, Porfirio Rios, Sameerah Roberts, Gabriela Seward Ortiz, Bryan Silvestro, Gage Starin, Anthony Stephens and Martial Tchappi.



SOCIAL WORK MONTH

On March 5, the Travis County Commissioners officially recognized March as National Social Work Month. Here at TCSO, it's a small but meaningful step in a much bigger direction, as so many employees work in the field of social services every day—especially in the corrections setting.

Stephanie McCowan, a Clinical Mental Health Professional at the Travis County Correctional Complex, is one of those employees who sums up the role perfectly, "social workers offer compassion and expertise to those who might be experiencing the worst days of their lives," she said. "Our goal is to help them envision their futures beyond their current circumstances."



From the Sheriff

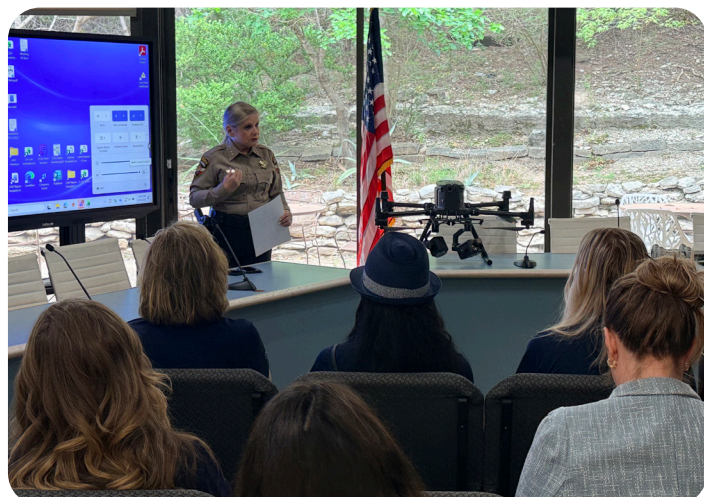
As I write this message, I've just spent time with our friends at the [100 Club of Central Texas](#). They are getting ready for one of their most popular annual fundraising events, in which local McDonald's owner-operators from Victoria to Waco will donate a portion of their proceeds from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm to their local 100 Club. It happens this Friday, April 3, and TCSO will be there to offer support with gratitude.

The 100 Club of Central Texas provides immediate financial and emotional assistance to first responders and their families when there has been a line of duty death or critical injury. It also serves the dependents of first responders killed or critically injured in the line of duty. They offer scholarships, memorial support and so much more.

The families of TCSO deputies and corrections officers who have been impacted by tragedy while on duty have received generous support from the 100 Club and I've witnessed it personally. I have literally called them from a hospital emergency room when a TCSO corrections officer was in a medical crisis and seen them take immediate action to help.

TCSO strives daily to serve our community with excellence and unwavering dedication. Our deputies, corrections officers and civilian employees choose a job in which they are often the lifeline in a person's day of greatest tragedy. It means the world to me when the community gives support back to us in times of crisis.

Thank you to everyone who gives to the 100 Club of Central Texas! Your support makes a difference and means so much to me. If you're hankerin' for a quick meal this Friday, I encourage you to enjoy a meal at your local McDonald's to support us by supporting them.



PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

On March 26, Sheriff Hernandez and the TCSO Drone Team joined the Westlake Chamber of Commerce for Westlake's Public Safety Day. The event featured over 20 agencies with demos of police, fire and rescue operations. TCSO highlighted how technology and teamwork enhance public safety. The event provided a valuable opportunity to connect with local partners to showcase TCSO's ongoing commitment to the community.



FOUR-WAY TEST AWARDS

On March 13, several members of the TCSO family were honored at the [Rotary Club of Austin](#) and [Recognize-Good](#) Four-Way Test Public Safety Awards ceremony at Austin City Hall. The award uses the Rotarian's positive decision-making criteria to recognize first responders who are making our community a better place in a special way.

Captain Tom Szimanski was selected as an award recipient for his service to community members heavily impacted by the July 5 flood event.

Additional TCSO employees were recognized and celebrated for being nominated, including:

- Deputy Dwayne Lofton, for his efforts in the background investigations division, mentorship and continued community engagement.
- The Trauma-Informed Champions Team, for their work in advancing practices, resilience and trauma-awareness wellness across TCSO.
- Sr. Victim Counselor Crystal Carpenter-Burgains, for her compassion and service above and beyond to support the family of a TCSO employee who passed away unexpectedly.



TCSO HONOR GUARD

We are proud to welcome our newest Honor Guard members! Their dedication, professionalism and commitment to service uphold the highest traditions of TCSO. Congratulations to Oscar Vazquez, Alex'us Johnson and Michael Esola (centered L to R) and thank you for representing our agency with pride. We look forward to seeing the continued impact you will make within our agency and the community.