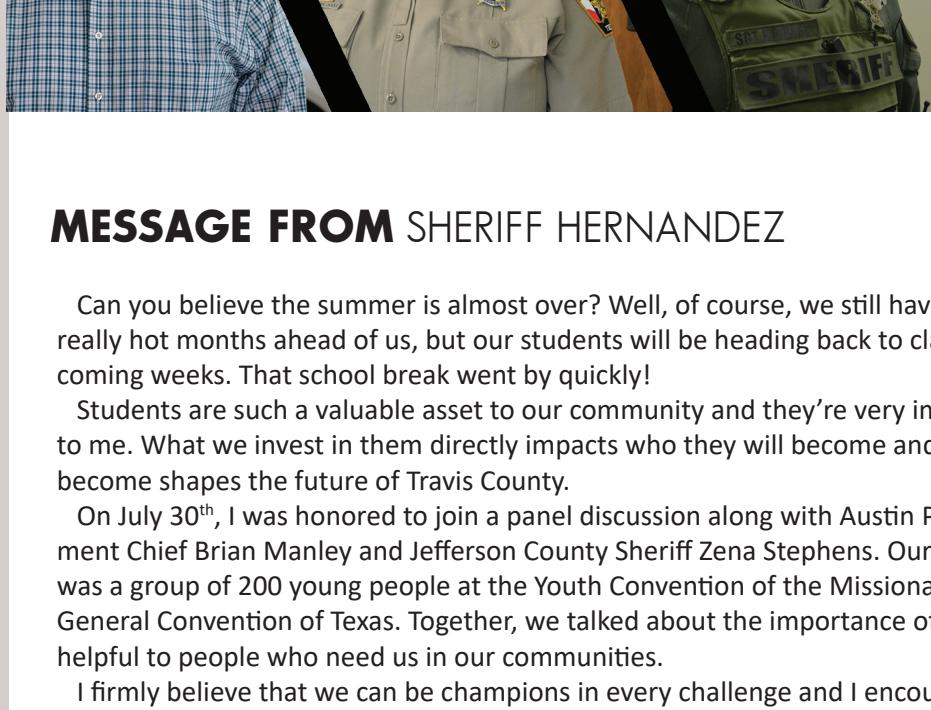


TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



July NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF HERNANDEZ

Can you believe the summer is almost over? Well, of course, we still have several really hot months ahead of us, but our students will be heading back to class in the coming weeks. That school break went by quickly!

Students are such a valuable asset to our community and they're very important to me. What we invest in them directly impacts who they will become and who they become shapes the future of Travis County.

On July 30th, I was honored to join a panel discussion along with Austin Police Department Chief Brian Manley and Jefferson County Sheriff Zena Stephens. Our audience was a group of 200 young people at the Youth Convention of the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas. Together, we talked about the importance of respecting each other and the ways we can be helpful to people who need us in our communities.

I firmly believe that we can be champions in every challenge and I encouraged these young ones to face their challenges with positivity and strength. That means staying in school and working hard to learn as much as possible.

I know that as adults, our attitudes and outlooks are contagious. Together we can inspire the next generation. Are you looking for opportunities to be a champion in your challenges? Odds are, there's a young person learning from what he or she sees in you!



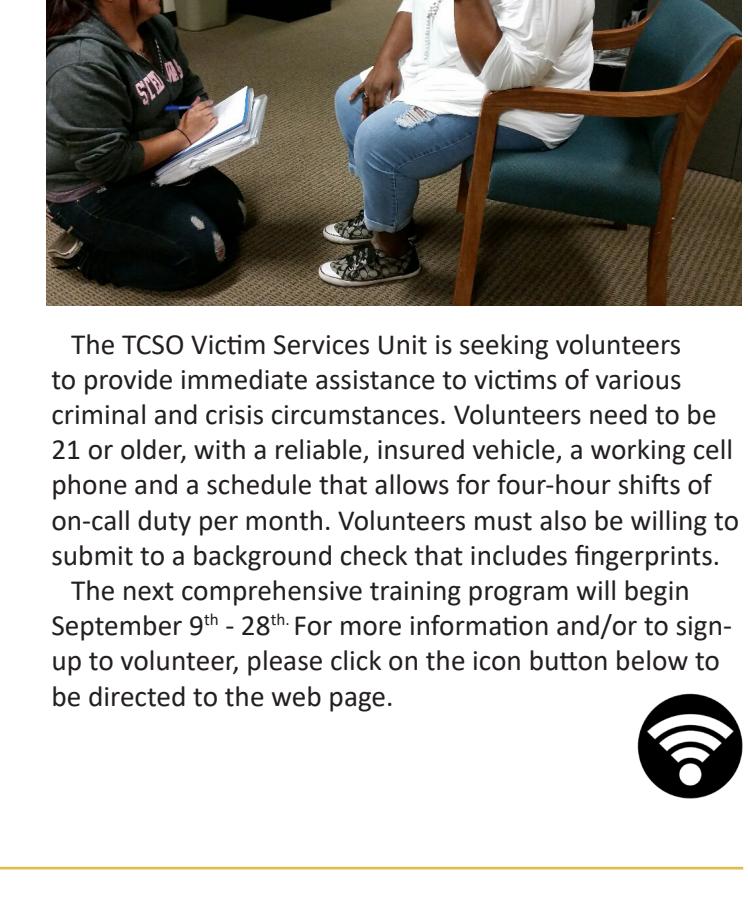
JULY 4TH CELEBRATIONS



TCSO kicked-off the holiday with a parade on July 3rd in the West Cypress Hills neighborhood in Spicewood, TX then celebrated the 4th at block parties and parades in the Wells Branch and Lakeway neighborhoods. We had a blast. Thank you to all the communities that welcomed us!

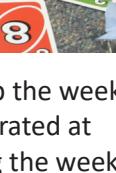


SPECIAL OLYMPICS TIP-A-COP



The Sheriff's Office spent the evening of July 25th serving Travis County residents in a different way - as their wait staff during the Special Olympics of Texas Law Enforcement Torch Run Tip-A-Cop Fundraiser.

Our officers had a great time helping the waiters at the Logan's Roadhouse in Pflugerville as well as their location in Southpark Meadows. The fundraiser collects donations that provide sports training and athletic competition for those with intellectual disabilities.



EXPLORERS ACADEMY GRADUATE

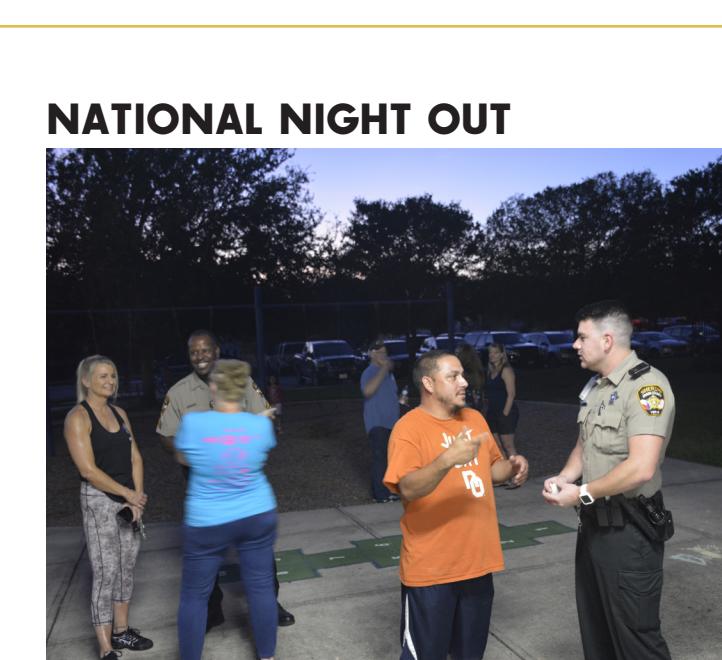


Earlier this month, one of our TCSO Explorers, Jose Hernandez, participated in the Central Texas Basic Explorer Academy Class #10; a four-week course hosted by the Austin Police Department. This summer program is offered to Central Texas Explorers who are pursuing their interest in a law enforcement career.

Jose's goal is to be the legacy of his uncle, a fallen California Highway Patrol officer. Congratulations, Jose... We are so proud of you and all of your hard work!



VICTIM SERVICES VOLUNTEERS



The TCSO Victim Services Unit is seeking volunteers to provide immediate assistance to victims of various criminal and crisis circumstances. Volunteers need to be 21 or older, with a reliable, insured vehicle, a working cell phone and a schedule that allows for four-hour shifts of on-call duty per month. Volunteers must also be willing to submit to a background check that includes fingerprints.

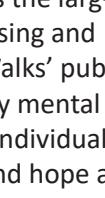
The next comprehensive training program will begin September 9th - 28th. For more information and/or to sign-up to volunteer, please click on the icon button below to be directed to the web page.



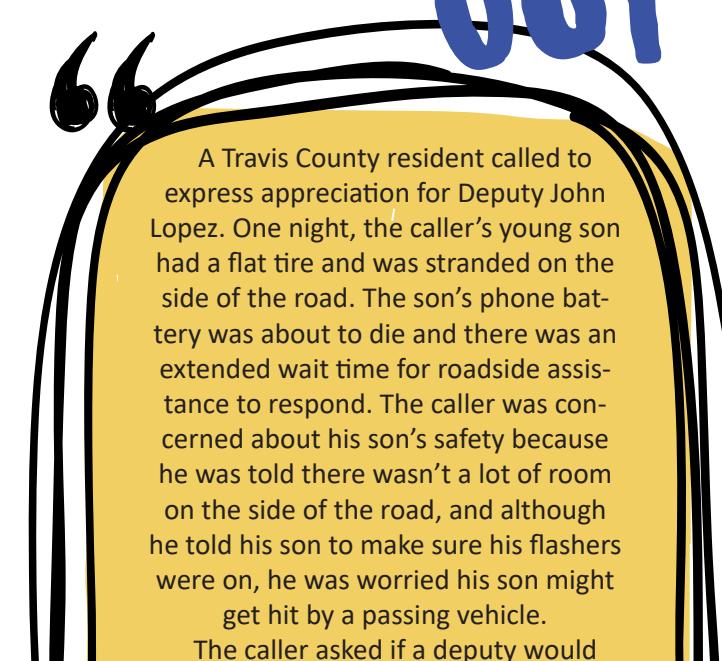
MADD AWARDS



It was an honor to attend the MADD Travis County Law Enforcement Recognition Event on July 12th. Diamond Hero Leadership Awards were presented to Captain Billy Poole and Sergeant Andres Alaniz. Deputy Jan Eric Hendrix received the Enforcement Hero Award. Commitment Hero Awards were given to Deputy John Ribsam and Sheriff Hernandez. Congratulations to all and thank you for your dedication to protecting us on roadways!



PACT SUMMER CAMP



TCSO Inmate Programs hosted a summer camp the week of July 15th for children whose parent is incarcerated at the Travis County Correctional Complex. During the week, inmates in good standing who are participating in Parents and Children Together (PACT) classes earned the privilege of supervised, contact visits with their child/children. It was a fun-filled and heart-warming week of arts & crafts, games, face painting, and a petting zoo. A big thank you to the volunteers from Pflugerville Community Church, we couldn't have done without you!

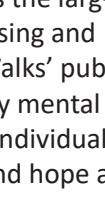


NAMIWALKS AUSTIN



TCSO Cares is gearing up to walk in the [2019 NAMIWalks Austin](#) event on September 26th. NAMIWalks is the largest and most successful mental health fundraising and awareness event in America! Through NAMIWalks' public, active display of support for people affected by mental illness, we are changing how Americans view individuals with a mental illness and ensuring that help and hope are available for those in need.

We invite you to sign-up to walk with our TCSO Cares team or to show your support by donating to our fund-raising efforts. Please click on the icon button below to be directed to our team page.



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SHOUT OUT

A Travis County resident called to express appreciation for Deputy John Lopez. One night, the caller's young son had a flat tire and was stranded on the side of the road. The son's phone battery was about to die and there was an extended wait time for roadside assistance to respond. The caller was concerned about his son's safety because he was told there wasn't a lot of room on the side of the road, and although he told his son to make sure his flashers were on, he was worried his son might get hit by a passing vehicle.

The caller asked if a deputy would respond and put the flashing lights on for extra security. He was extremely grateful when his son told him that Deputy Lopez not only came to his location, but also took the time to change the tire himself. The caller expressed his relief and gratitude, remarking that TCSO has such amazing officers.

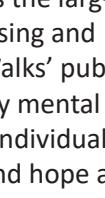


FTO TEAM TRAINING



On July 17th, TCSO held their annual Corrections Field Training Officer (FTO) Training Day. This year the event was held at the McKinney Roughs Ropes Course. The FTOs were challenged with multiple team building tasks such as wall climbing, various high obstacles, the zip line, and the ropes course.

Special thanks to the TCSO Command Staff, supervisory personnel, the BBQ team, and [TCSLEA](#) for their contributions to make this event a success!



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



TCSO deputies are looking forward to celebrating National Night Out (NNO) on October 3rd by visiting a variety of neighborhood block parties throughout Travis County. If your neighborhood is not hosting a block party, we encourage you to leave your porch light on in support of the event.

NNO is an annual community-building campaign that enhances the relationship between law enforcement and neighborhoods. For more information about creating a Neighborhood Watch Program in your community, please contact our [Community Outreach Unit](#).

Registration for NNO Block Parties opens on August 6th - just click on the icon button below to be directed to the web page.

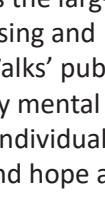


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