

Proud Highlights



COBRA 120 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 120 who graduated on July 24: Oluwaseun Adeyinka, Pablo Alvarez, Zaynin Bansbach, Adrian Bazan, Ja'Quan Bond, Tylan Brooks, Jensey Calvino, Mercedes Carmona, Kemish Carrizales, Rachelle Crawford, Jacob Erwin, Michael Eveleth, David Farmer, Riss Gadi, Jeremiah Gonzales, Annika Granados, Garrett Groesbeck, Sergio Hernandez, Sharonda Hobbs, Jervina James, Roger Jimenez, Sulaiman Kemokai, Thomas Lopez, Abbie MacDougall, Nourredine Maiwada, Cheikh El Ouali Mallouki, Edward Martinez, Victoria Mayans, Abel Medina, Donavan Mesa, Jona Pollnitz, Arnulfo Rangel-Becerra, Isaiah Rendon, Reymundo Reyes, Eloy Soto, Lauryn Stewart, Robel Tebedge, Joshua Thistle, Naomi Turman, Franklin Union, Cesar Vences Velarde and Psalm Williams.



EXPLORER COMPETITION

Congratulations to the TCSO Public Safety Cadets Post 1099 for representing Travis County at the [Code Blue Explorer Competition](#) in Palm Beach, Florida, July 13-16. Competing against more than 40 teams from across the country, our cadets earned third place in the Domestic Violence Scenario through outstanding teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills. Congratulations to Cyah White, Michael Kanada, Azul Aguilar and Anson Urukald on this outstanding achievement!



In the Community



BATTLE OF THE BADGES

Earlier this month, TCSO was proud to participate in the annual [We Are Blood Battle of the Badges](#) blood drive, joining community first responders in supporting the local blood supply. Thank you to all TCSO employees and community members who donated, voted for TCSO and supported this important cause. Your generosity helps ensure local patients have access to the blood they need when they need it most.



JULY 4TH PARADES

The July 4th holiday was a special one as our nation celebrated its 250th anniversary. TCSO was proud to join several parades across the county, bringing deputies and staff together to celebrate with our community. Members of the Sheriff's Office, including Sheriff Hernandez, marched alongside floats decorated in red, white, and blue while handing out stickers to attendees. Happy birthday, America!

Looking Ahead

BACK to SCHOOL Supply Drive

THE TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE 2026 - 2027 SCHOOL YEAR.

COLLECTION DATES:
JULY 20 - AUGUST 7

SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

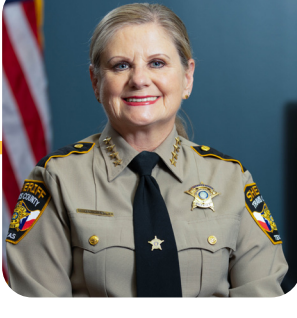
- Crayons	- Erasers	- Notebook Paper
- Pencils	- Scissors	- Construction Paper
- Markers	- Bottled Glue	- Notebooks
- Pens	- Glue Sticks	- Folders
- Highlighters	- Rulers	- Backpacks

DROP-OFF SITES:

Central Command 5555 Airport Blvd. Austin, TX 78751	West Command 3800 Hudson Bend Rd. Austin, TX 78734
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QUESTIONS?
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From the Sheriff

We routinely receive messages from people who share their gratitude for acts of kindness and service above and beyond the call of duty. It might be a deputy who helped change a flat tire on a hot day, or a victim services staff member who became like family to a victim in her moment of crisis. These messages mean so much to me, and to the men and women who receive the recognition.

In today's fast-paced world, I think we would all agree that complaining is the easiest thing to do and the most common practice we experience. I'm also sure we all agree that little things matter. It's often those little acts of kindness or professionalism that make my whole day better.

It is with that in mind, that TCSO started a new internal program called High Five. TCSO employees have the opportunity to submit their colleagues for a high five at their discretion. The High Five is shared with the recipient's chain of command and will be featured in our monthly newsletter.

Making our workplace a positive place to be comes down to each of us. Recognizing each other and offering encouragement generates a positive attitude that is contagious. And all of us benefit when someone takes the time to tell us they noticed our effort. I look forward to finding out about the great things TCSO staff do each and every day to make the world around them a better place.



Congratulations to TCSO's latest retirees! Your years of dedicated service and commitment to the Sheriff's Office and the Travis County community made a lasting impact. Thank you for your professionalism and hard work.

- Please join us in recognizing our retirees and celebrating their service:
- Steven Moore - 33 years of service
 - Alan Miller - 31 years of service
 - Ronald Meitzen - 28 years of service
 - Antonia Cantu - 25 years of service
 - Teresa "Teri" Moran - 25 years of service
 - Mario Sotelo - 25 years of service
 - Samuel Hart - 24 years of service
 - Steve McBride - 24 years of service
 - Juan Campos - 23 years of service
 - Michelle Holly - 20 years of service
 - Ronald Modequillo - 19 years of service
 - Darrell Johnikins - 17 years of service
 - Devin Listz - 15 years of service
 - Michael Bryan - 8 years of service



SPECIAL OLYMPICS TIP-A-COP

On July 23, TCSO deputies volunteered at the [Special Olympics of Texas Tip-A-Cop](#) fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse in Pflugerville, serving guests and collecting tips to support Special Olympics athletes. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to enjoy a great meal, support our deputies and help raise funds that provide year-round sports training and competition opportunities for athletes with intellectual disabilities. Together, we made a meaningful difference in our community.



BACK2SCHOOL

FRESH START

NEW year new YOU

FREE **AUG 16**
2:00-3:00 pm

SCHOOL SUPPLIES BOX AND HYGIENE GIFT BAG

(DEODORANT, SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER, SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSH, ETC.)

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