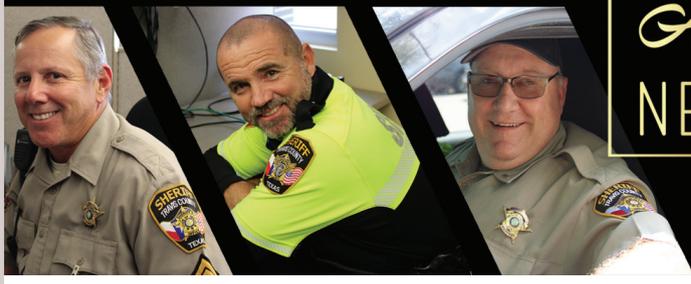




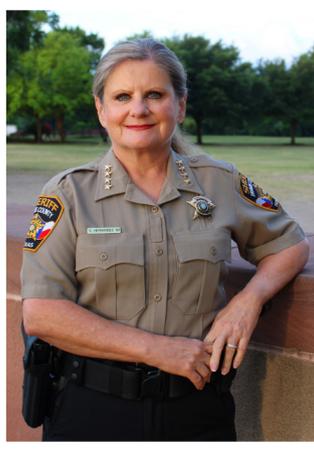
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MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF HERNANDEZ

Did you know TCSO is hiring? Well, we are! We have Corrections, Registered Nurse and 911 Specialist positions available, to name a few. When it comes to finding exceptional candidates for employment with our agency, our greatest success by far comes via our current employees. Their steadfast commitment to serve with integrity, strength of character, kindness and humanity earns attention and defines our reputation. When I have conversations with employees, I'll often ask them what brought them to work at TCSO. Time and time again, they tell me they were influenced by someone they know who works here. We have the privilege of hiring men and women who choose TCSO based on the contagious attitudes and positive experiences they have with both our sworn and civilian employees. The next question I like to ask our employees is why they stay. I must say, this is always my favorite answer because it's almost always the same. TCSO employees tell me they just can't walk away from their TCSO family. This is a special place. The jobs we do are challenging and they demand the very best of our character and abilities, but I can't think of a more rewarding place to work. We like to say that working here is "more than something to do; it's something to be." If that resonates with you, I hope you'll visit the links to more information included in this newsletter and give us a call. We'd love to talk to you!



COVID-19 UPDATE

Protecting inmates and employees from COVID-19 has required steadfast commitment from everyone at TCSO. The protocols we implemented have been highly effective. In fact, those practices are currently being used as a model for jails across Texas. As of August 31st, we have only one employee out with the virus and four positive cases among our inmate population of 1,883. We're still doing our part and we encourage you to keep doing yours. Together, we can slow the spread in Travis County. You can visit www.tcsheriff.org or click the icon button below for up-to-date information regarding county ordinances, test sites, current status reports and other valuable resources.

VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING

Our Victim Services Unit benefits so much from our amazing team of volunteers who provide additional support to victims of crime. Usually, they are trained with in-person spring and fall classes, but COVID-19 caused them to change things up. TCSO Volunteer Program Coordinator Linda Anderson implemented virtual training, and the volunteers have enjoyed being able to engage with her, each other, and guest experts while learning about different scenarios they may encounter to include ethics, death investigations, and sexual assault cases, among many other topics. The 17 volunteers in the current class will graduate on September 3rd and then partner with a senior volunteer or staff member to gain field experience. We're so grateful to our community members for stepping up to help us out!

LABOR DAY LAKE SAFETY

Over the upcoming Labor Day weekend, we expect an increase in boat traffic on Lake Travis. We want to share some important boating safety reminders. Prior to launching your boat, make sure you and your passengers know where safety equipment is located. In an emergency, you will have little time to look for safety equipment. There must be a personal flotation device for each person on your boat. Each boat is rated for a certain number of people. Do not overload your boat. While a boat is moving, passengers should always sit in the seats. Do not sit on the swim platform, engine hatch or the front of the boat while in motion. When the motor is running, always keep passengers away from the back of the boat to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, injury or death from contact with the propeller.

HEADED BACK TO SCHOOL

We have deputies serving as School Resource Officers (SROs) in Eanes, Lake Travis and Leander Independent School Districts. These SROs have been working diligently to prepare for the new school year. They've been meeting with administrators and staff, participating in planning meetings for school events, attending board meetings and have participated in hours of advanced training. They're looking forward to school starting in early September. Please note that school zones will be active again and remember to reduce your speed to protect our kids. We wish all the students a great school year and encourage them to study hard and have fun!

We want to thank the [Rotary Club of Lakeway/Lake Travis](#) and [Schlotzky's Cedar Park](#) for donating boxed lunches to our West Command. In addition to all the great work they do for the community, we're grateful for their generosity toward us. These acts of kindness put smiles on our faces and boosted our spirits!

THANK YOU

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 6th National Night Out

[National Night Out](#) is an annual community building event that promotes law enforcement and community partnerships. By hosting a National Night Out block party with your neighbors, you make your neighborhoods safer and take a step toward preventing crime in the future. Please click on the icon button below for more info. and to register your block party!

OCTOBER 10th NAMI Walks Austin

Team TCSO Cares will be taking part in [NAMI Walks Your Way: A Virtual Event](#) to raise awareness of mental illness and funds for NAMI's mission of mental health advocacy, education, support and awareness. We invite you to join our team for #MentalHealthforAll – A National Day of Hope. Please click on the icon button below to join us or support team TCSO Cares. #NotAlone #NAMIWalksCentralTX

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our Community Outreach Unit (COU) has faced the challenge of being out and active in our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. We're grateful to our residents for their patience and support in developing creative and safe ways to connect during these times. Beginning the last week of September, COU will host week-long, virtual Zoom presentations/meetings for the public on topics such as Auto Theft Prevention, Civilian Interaction with Law Enforcement, Keeping Your Home Safe and Neighborhood Watch. We plan to host these monthly, so in case you miss a presentation, you can catch it the following month! Please follow us on social media or visit www.tcsheriff.org for more info.

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