The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics was started in 1981 by Wichita, Kansas Police Chief Richard. Interim APD Chief Brian Manley at the Austin Final Leg Torch Run. Many of our TCSO staff participated in the run up Con.

Special Olympics of Texas is a worldwide organization dedicated to transforming the lives of athletes with intellectual disabilities through the joy of sport. The Austin Final Leg Torch Run is a visually inspiring event, celebrating the spirit of the Special Olympics and raising funds to support the athletes participating in the Special Olympics of Texas. TCSO staff and officers joined the runners, participating in the spirit of the event and raising awareness for the cause.

On May 23rd, Travis County Sheriff’s Office (TCSO) hosted the 2021 Steve Titsworth’s Scholarship award ceremony in downtown Travis County. Titsworth Scholarship was established in 2011 by the Travis County Law Enforcement Association (TCSROA) as a tribute to Titsworth and his lifelong dedication to law enforcement. The Steve Titsworth Scholarship program provides financial assistance to students who are the children of TCSO employees and who are pursuing a career in law enforcement. The program is administered by the TCSROA and is open to students who are the children of TCSO employees.

Dr. Hernandez had the opportunity to join a panel discussion on mental health crisis at the conference. According to the conference organizers, "What's the fix?" is the main question people are asking. Addressing the needs of people in a mental health crisis at the community level requires a proactive approach that involves partnerships with various stakeholders. It is essential to have a community response plan that includes mental health professionals, law enforcement officers, and other relevant agencies working together to provide timely and effective assistance.

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TCSO also sent 12 employees to participate in the opening of the Special Olympics of Texas Summer Games from May 22nd to May 29th, 2021. The Special Olympics of Texas is the largest Special Olympics event in the state of Texas, providing opportunities for athletes with intellectual disabilities to participate in various sports and activities. TCSO employees were motivated to support and celebrate the achievements of the athletes, promoting inclusivity and inclusiveness in our community.

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TCSO partnered with state agencies, mental health providers, and community organizations to establish the Mental Health Task Force, which is responsible for coordinating the efforts of these agencies towards addressing the mental health needs of our community. This initiative is part of our commitment to improve mental health outcomes and support the well-being of our residents.