

Behind The BADGE



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

DALLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

FROM THE SHERIFF

October is here and we are looking forward to many more good things. National Night Out was held on October 6, 2015 and everyone involved had a great time getting out into the community to meet their neighbors and law enforcement officers. It was a great opportunity to make new friends and build the neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. I wanted to thank everyone that participated and to remember that together, we are making things happen.



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POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



National Night Out is an annual push to strengthen safety in American communities. The event, held on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, encouraged residents to step outside their homes and get to know their neighbors. Thousands of neighborhoods across North Texas partnered with local police and fire departments to talk about safety. The gatherings included block parties, parades and cookouts. (See more pictures on page 2-3)

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Asst. Chief Garza awarded "Breaking The Ceiling Award"



Assistant Chief Deputy Garza was recently honored at the 20th NAWLEE Conference in Hartford, CT. She was awarded the "Breaking the Glass Ceiling" award for her recent promotion to Assistant Chief Deputy with the Dallas County Sheriff's Department. Congratulations Chief Garza!!

WINDSHIELD STICKERS AVAILABLE



Windshield Stickers
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 Self Adhesive Application
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Job Fair Held at the George Allen Court Building



The Dallas County Sheriff's Department and the Dallas County Facilities Management Team held a job fair on August 24, 2015. The Sheriff's Department was hoping to fill 80 Detention Service Officer positions and several Communication Technician (911 Dispatcher) positions. Facilities Management was looking for 5 building mechanics, 5 maintenance technicians, carpenters and AC mechanics.

The Dallas County Medical Modification Project was recently completed and the Sheriff's Department is hiring personnel to staff the new state of the art medical facility within the jail. If you know someone who would like to apply, they can do so at www.dallascounty.org under the employment tab.

Veterans Wheel Chair Games



Deputy Kenneth Terrell of the Traffic/Patrol Division volunteered at the Veterans Wheel Chair Games for Wounded Warriors and Disabled Veterans. The Wheel Chair Games were held at the Dallas Convention Center in collaboration with the Military Racquetball Federation (MRF), a non-profit organization where the mission is to promote adaptive racquetball programming to help our injured servicemen by teaching them adaptive racquetball. The event spanned over a 3-day period where Deputy Kenneth Terrell participated in a number of racquetball demonstrations and served as a listening ear and/or administrator during registration for some of the disabled veterans.

Deputy Kenneth Terrell

Auto Theft Task Force Grant Approved for 2016



The Sheriff’s Department Auto Theft Task Force, also known as the North Texas Auto Theft Task Force, has had its grant application for fiscal year 2016 approved by the State and by the Dallas County Commissioners Court. The mission of the Task Force is to reduce the incidence of auto thefts, auto burglaries, auto theft fraud, and insurance fraud within Dallas County (including its 25 municipalities). The Task Force has existed since 1993, and was originally administered by the District Attorney’s Office. In 1999, at the request of the DA, the Sheriff’s Department assumed operational control of the Task Force.

The Task Force currently consists of a Captain, a Senior Sergeant, a Lance Sergeant, 5 Deputies, 1 DPS Trooper, 1 DeSoto Officer, and 1 Officer from the National Insurance Crime Bureau.

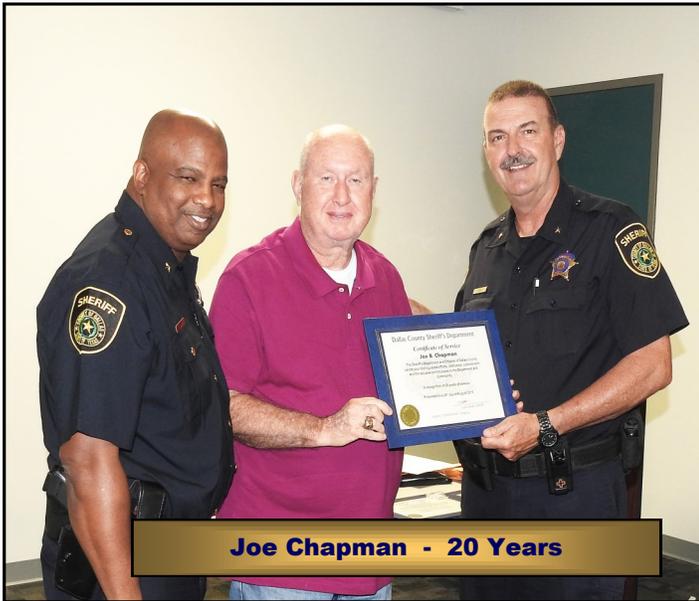
The amount of the 2016 grant is \$840,697, which represents an 11% decrease from funding for fiscal year 2015. As a result of the decrease in funding, the Task Force will be losing the Lance Sergeant position.

As a public service the Task Force conducts VIN etchings, auto theft/burglary public awareness presentations, exhibits and booths, and officer training. Anyone interested in any of these services for their church, social organization, business, etc. is invited to call 214-653-34230 for additional information or to schedule an event.

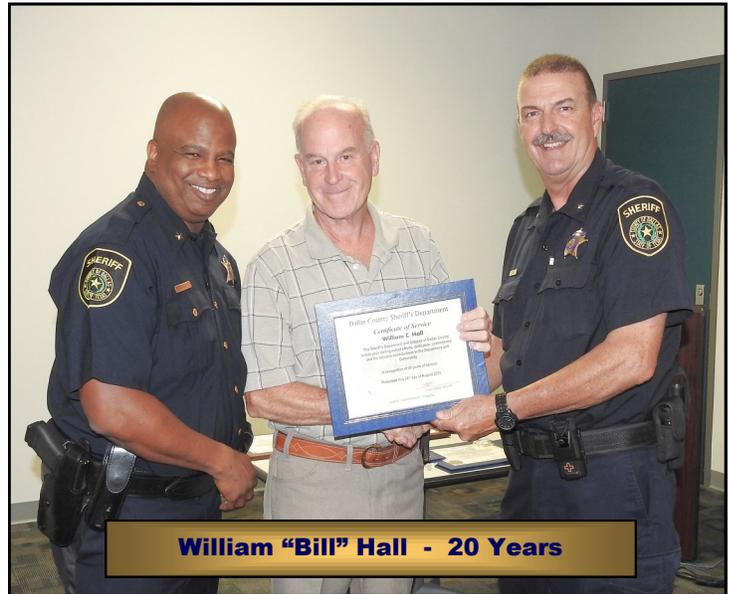


Check Facebook Page to get free VIN Etchings for your car!

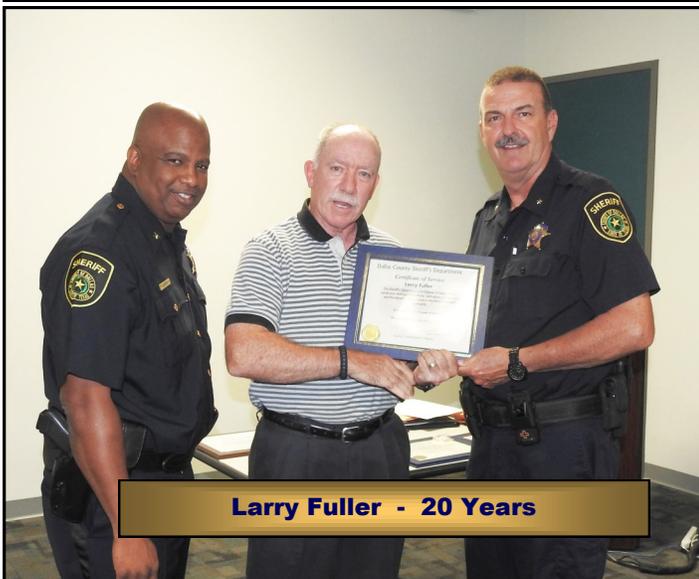
Reserve Deputy Service Awards



Joe Chapman - 20 Years



William "Bill" Hall - 20 Years



Larry Fuller - 20 Years



Charlie Tyner - 30 Years

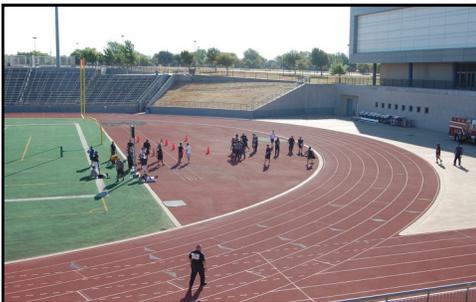
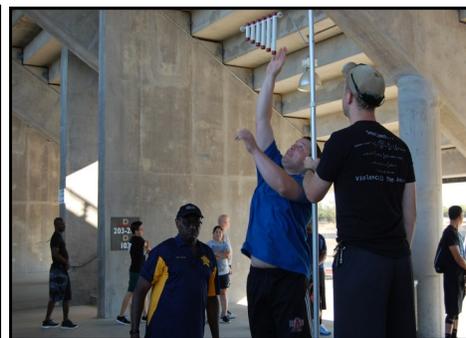
On August 24th, 2015, during the Reserve's monthly meeting, several deputies received service awards. Joe Chapman, William Hall and Larry Fuller received awards for their service of 20 Years and Captain Charlie Tyner received an award for 30 years of service.

A reserve deputy is a person from the community who volunteers his or her time as a uniformed deputy sheriff. They have been fully trained through the Dallas Sheriff's Academy as a peace officer and have full arrest authority under Texas State law. Reserve deputies are held to the same high standards as regular full time deputies.

The Dallas County Sheriff's Reserve has been called to duty many times in its 58 year history. What started out as reserve officers to supplement the patrol section, grew to cover all areas of the sheriff's department. (Patrol, Warrants, Fugitive, and Detention Services) In addition to the every day functions of the department, the Reserve Division has been mobilized for major events and disasters throughout Dallas County.

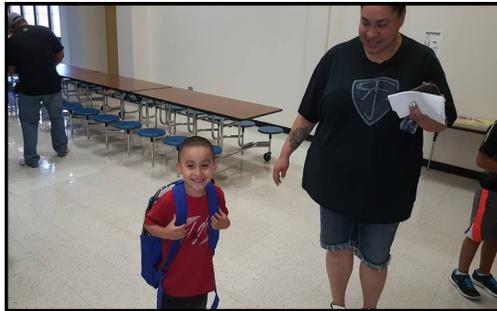
Deputy Recruit Physical Assessment Test

On September 3rd, 2015, the Dallas Sheriff's Department held their deputy recruit physical assessment test. Almost 100 people took the test. The recruits who passed the physical assessment continue onto the next phase in their goal to attend the Basic Police Class at the Sheriff's Academy and to become a Deputy Sheriff.



Back to School with NLPOA

The Dallas County Chapter of the National Latino Peace Officer's Association (NLPOA) gave out school supplies to kids at Gabe Allen Elementary school. This was their second year providing backpacks filled with school supplies to the children in the community. They hope to continue this tradition of giving back to the community in the years to come. The Dallas County Chapter of the NLPOA includes members from the Dallas County Sheriff's Department, deputies from various Constable's offices and other local law enforcement department members.



IN MEMORY OF FALLEN DEPUTY GOFORTH



Texas Governor Greg Abbott recently called for police officers across the state of Texas to honor the funeral of slain Harris County Deputy Sheriff Darren Goforth on Friday September 4, 2015. The Governor had asked that all police officers across the state **“Stand With Law Enforcement”** and turn on their emergency lights for one-minute to mark the beginning of the deputy’s funeral.

Members of the Dallas Sheriff’s Honor Guard wanted to attend Deputy Goforth’s funeral and represent the department. They were assisted by several employee labor groups (LPOA, DCSA and the FOP). These associations assisted the Honor Guard in getting funds to attend the event. Due to their generosity, the Honor Guard was able to pay their respects to the family and represent the Department at the funeral.

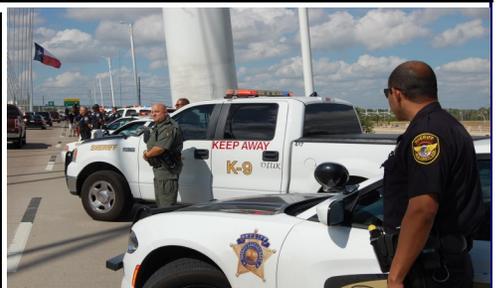
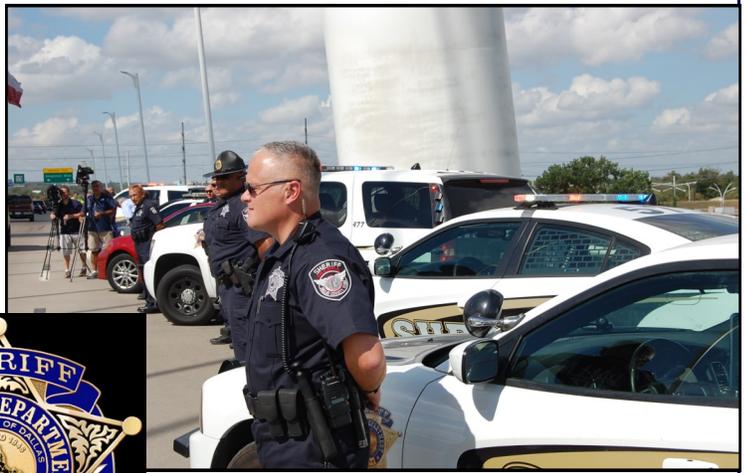
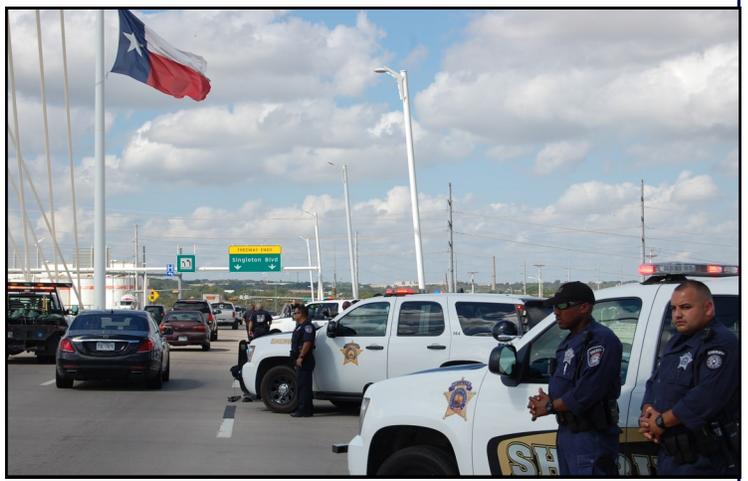
In Dallas, the Sheriff’s Traffic Division also wanted to honor Deputy Goforth. Capain Raymond Williams requested that all available units equipped with lights (warrants, traffic, etc.) assemble on the Margaret Hunt Hill bridge at 11:00 a.m. to show a unified front and pay their respects to the fallen officer. The response was incredible.



(More photos on next page)

In the jail, the Dallas County Sheriff’s Department, also had a moment of silence at 11:00 a.m. to honor and remember all the officers who have been killed in 2015.

DEPUTIES "STAND WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT" IN MEMORY OF DEPUTY GOFORTH





CHOICES



Make exercise fun by exercising with a friend

A ONE HOUR WORKOUT IS 4% OF YOUR DAY *no excuses*



'Physical activity that is done in order to become stronger and healthier'

Exercise

Physical exercise is any bodily activity that enhances or maintains physical fitness and overall health and wellness. It is performed for various reasons, including strengthening muscles and the cardiovascular system, honing athletic skills, weight loss or maintenance, and merely enjoyment. Frequent and regular physical exercise boosts the immune system and helps prevent the "diseases of affluence" such as heart disease, cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes, and obesity. It may also help prevent depression, help to promote or maintain positive self-esteem, improve mental health generally, and can augment an individual's sex appeal or body image, which has been found to be linked with higher levels of self-esteem.



EXERCISE



'TIL YOUR BODY BEHAVES.



We start as a group of people....we finish as a group of friends!

Announcements

DEATHS

July 30, 2015: Willie Hendrix passed away. He was the father to DSO Steven Hendrix (3rd Watch, Release Division) and father-in-law to Kimberly Hendrix (2nd Watch, North Tower)

August 15, 2015: Rovene Kirchner, the mother of Deputy Larry Kirchner and DSO Ricky Kirchner, passed away at the age of 90 years old.

August 26, 2015: Cody Mack passed away at age of 21 due to injuries suffered from a motorcycle accident. He was the son of DSO Monica Mack.

August 28, 2015: Robert Lee Williams, the father of DSO Juanita Kelly (Kays South Tower) passed away at the age of 90 years old.

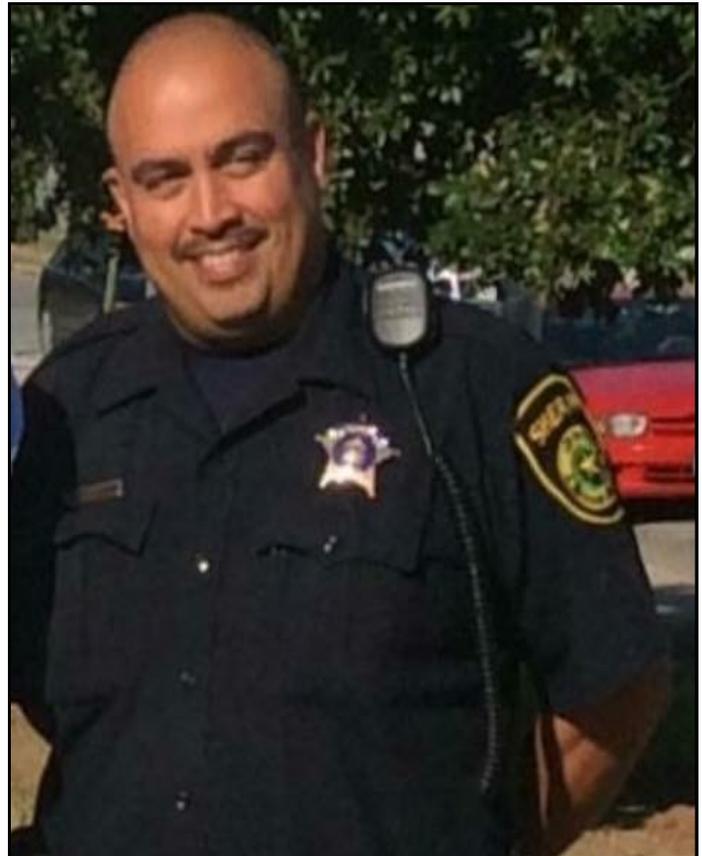
October 2, 2015: Shirlee Anderson, the mother DSO Ronnie Baird (Lew Sterrett Kitchen) passed away at the age of 75 due to a prolonged illness.

October 6, 2015: Ellean Lyons, the grandmother of T.L. Ason (Assistant Director of Detention Support Services/Lew Sterrett Kitchen), passed away at the age of 85 due to a prolonged illness.

October 6, 2015: Pete Castillo Sr., the father of Detective Pete Castillo Jr. (Intelligence Section) passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age of 74.

PRAYERS NEEDED

DEPUTY MANUEL "STEVE" GOMEZ



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Deputy Manuel "Steve" Gomez, Fleet Services, was admitted to Baylor Dallas in serious condition on September 27, 2015. He underwent surgery on Thursday, October 1, 2015. His condition did not improve and became critical. His family is asking for thoughts and prayers. The family does allow visitors between 11:00Am—5:00PM. He is at Baylor Dallas, Truett Tower, 3 West, Room 306.

Please keep Deputy Manuel "Steve" Gomez and his family in your prayers.



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