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PROTECT AND SERVE

Our mission is to **PROTECT** by courageously standing between evil and good with honor while we strive to **SERVE** with respect, always putting others before self.

HELOS

Our 5 Core Values

H- Honorable Character: Doing what is right, even when nobody is looking

E- Empowerment: Everything begins with mutual trust and respect

L- Lead: We all must lead and serve with competency, consistency, and transparency

O- Our Team is Our Priority

S- Strive for Excellence: We must strive for excellence, honor, and integrity in everything we do



Letter from the Sheriff

As May passes, we've celebrated Peace Officer's Memorial Day and National Corrections Week. These celebrations bring to mind things we should never forget. The sacrifice of giants before us or those that have fallen while working beside us. May is a time to once again recognize the nobility of our service and the good work of the law enforcement community. Today, more than ever, those in law enforcement face the every day criticisms, judgements, and constant portrayals of our failures from a seemingly endless array of others. But we can learn from our mistakes as we assume and seek out the good of what's around us. And we can do so while remembering our fallen officers. God bless.

Always at your service,

Sheriff Bill E. Waybourn



Last month, Sheriff Waybourn, Chaplain McDuffie, and members of the Honor Guard attended the Fallen Officer Memorial in Washington, D.C. They were joined by constables from Precinct 5 to honor Deputy Constable Mark Diebold.



Last Month...

Summer kicked off with a busy month! Read below to see what we were up to.

TCSO responded to the following calls:

578 Assist Motorist
182 Debris in Roadway
90 Domestic Disturbances
19 Shots Fired

TCSO performed:

2635 Traffic Stops
93 Welfare Checks

It's All Fun & Games

In 2018, Criminal Investigations began to dismantle Game Rooms in Tarrant County in a bid to stop illegal gambling and the drug usage and violent crime that tends to follow it. In total, 19 warrants have been executed and a total of 559 machines seized. In addition to these machines, meth, drug paraphernalia, and guns have also been seized. Over \$95,000 has been seized so far, and this money will go back into the county. CID has worked closely as a team with TCSO's Patrol and Property to close down these illegal Game Rooms and ensure the safety of Tarrant County.



Take a look at our 2018 Challenge Coin! TCSO Team Members submitted their designs, a combination of which created this year's Challenge Coin.

TCSO Memoirs

Sharing Employee's Stories

Detective Mark Smith



Smith with his daughter, 1992

I was asked to share memorable moments from when I first started at the Sheriff's Office as if I were the prime candidate for a law enforcement

documentary. I began working for the Sheriff's Office in 1991, and I guess if I'm going to talk about my history here, I may as well begin with the first time I ever met the Sheriff—the day I was hired. Sheriff Don Carpenter liked to interview new hires, and I, being so young and naïve, didn't even know he was the Sheriff. That's probably because I was a green, clean shaven 20-year-old kid just trying to get a job. I was sitting in the basement of the Belknap Jail on an old wooden church pew bench, waiting to find out if I was hired or not after my interview. Beside me was a much older man with a big mustache which I took to mean that he had much more experience than me. Sheriff Carpenter exited his office, an entourage of brass behind him. He strolled past the new hires, examining each. He stopped at the older man sitting beside me, looked him up and down and then to me. I started to think this guy might be important. Sheriff Carpenter glanced again at the man with the mustache beside me and again at me, then asked, "How you doin son?" I responded by saying "Very good sir, fixin to get married." Sheriff Carpen-

ter asked, "Well, where they got you working?" Having just received my assignment slip I responded, "Booking midnight". Sheriff Carpenter looked at the older man with the big mustache, smiled and said, "Captain Shepard this man's marriage won't last a week, put him on day shift!" That lasted a whole 3 weeks. My first marriage didn't last much longer. I figured out later that Sheriff Carpenter didn't like mustaches.

Over half my life, 27 out of 47 years, has been spent with the finest men and women of Tarrant County. I grew up in the shadow of tremendous people like Cedric Simon, Don Kraul, Kevin Grannan and Roy Heisey, coming up during my time in the jail and then continuing with Donnie Denton, Leo Rice, Darrell Clements, Tony Horton and many more through my patrol years. The time spent in confinement prepared me for patrol and my time in patrol prepared me for HIDTA and CID. All my experiences, good, bad, dangerous and sometimes boring, prepared me for the next stage of my career and life. The countless friends I made turned into my family. We've always come together as a unit in times of sorrow, lifted each other up when needed and made each other smile in times of crisis, all proving time and time again the integrity of my TCSO Family.

I could talk about my old 1970 something Primer Gray Chevy Caprice Classic that was stolen by juveniles from outside the old Muller Building, where the Lon Evans Facility now

stands, and recovered by Fort Worth PD in Cobb Park. But I'd rather talk about how much respect I have for Don Kraul, then Booking Sergeant, for giving me a ride to work every day until I was able to buy another car. Or the time my brothers and sisters came together to help me fly to Arizona when my wife and her entire family were hospitalized after an auto accident in Flagstaff. Or the support I got from my TCSO Family when my father passed away two years ago.



Detective Smith with his CID Family

Through the years I have experienced many things, but what I will take with me and what I hope to impart on those I may teach, influence or guide is the sense of family that Tarrant County has given me and the hope I have for all those who may follow behind me that they experience this same sense of family. Thank you to all for the experience.

TCSO Memoirs is a column that celebrates employee's experiences. If you know someone with a story that needs to be told contact us at SONewsletter@tarrantcounty.com

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