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### **From the President**

Dear TCPA friends,

It has been a while and I want to get you updated on what has been going on. We had an excellent training conference in July. Texas Chisholm Trail Regional members worked very hard and their efforts paid off with excellent training programs and wonderful entertainment.

While we had a “few” problems at the hotel our members took them in a stride and continued to enjoy the conference. Overall it was a great opportunity for networking and sharing ideas with agencies from across the state. We have several new state board members. I would like to welcome each one you and I look forward to working with you. We have had longer than usual delays in getting a newsletter out but we will make sure it is sent out in a more consistent manner in the future. We are working on updating our website so if there is any information that you feel would benefit the members please send your suggestions to me. Kat Tobias is hard at work planning the January 2009 Mid Winter Conference in Kerrville.

If you would like to help I am sure she would gladly accept. The registration form and tentative training information is on the website so be sure to get registered soon. You have to call the YO Ranch hotel and conference center directly to get our group rate so don't forget. I hope to see everyone in Kerrville!

Now I need to talk about another issue. The person selected to receive the 2008 Presidents Award was unable to attend the Summer Conference due to issues that arose at his Police Department. However this award is very important and I would like to tell you a little about it.

### **2008 Presidents Award**

The Texas Crime Prevention Association is comprised of many hardworking, dedicated Crime Prevention Practitioners with a positive attitude. This ensures that the future of TCPA is bright. Those who are negative make a lot of noise about how bad things are while those who are positive quietly and steadily make a lot of real improvements and contributions to life. We know that there will always be problems and there are always challenges. If we are lucky there will be a person





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willing to put in the hours and the work that will transform those challenges into great opportunities. Those who have the courage, commitment and discipline to follow their own dreams bring the rest of us along with them. Those who choose to do the best they can with what they have, create a better life for everyone. Often these people do not receive the recognition that they deserve even though, the work they do has an enormous positive influence on those around them. The Presidents award is given annually to a deserving member of the Texas Crime Prevention Association. This award is an honor that is reserved for a person who has shown these qualities along with an outstanding dedication to crime prevention and the Texas Crime Prevention Association. It was an honor to present this award to Officer Monty Moncibais on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Monty has shown a level of professionalism and dedication that has been an inspiration to officers across the state. He has been very diligent in getting donations for refreshments for several TCPA conferences but this is just the tip of the iceberg. Monty has dedicated himself to drug prevention and has developed numerous programs that address issues affecting at risk youth. He currently serves as a liaison to over 30 civic groups including Special Olympics, MADD, Boys and Girls Club of Dallas, Neighborhood Service Council and NT Violent Gang Task Force just to name a few. I would like to personally say thank you to Monty for his ongoing support of TCPA and I hope to see your work continue for many years to come. You are making a positive difference in the lives that you touch.

Sincerely yours,

*Tammy Snider*



Tammy Snider, CCPS  
President, Texas Crime Prevention Association

### A message from April,



Thank you for supporting myself and Reduce Auto Theft in Texas for the last several years. I have enjoyed serving on the TCPA and TCTCPA Boards and working with many of you to educate the public on auto theft and vehicle burglary prevention. As of September 1st I will no longer be with auto theft, but a full-time student at Texas Christian University (TCU). My personal e-mail address is aprilmarielayton@yahoo.com and my school e-mail is alayton@tcu.edu. I hope to see all of you again someday and would love to continue attending conferences

and monthly meetings. Take care and be safe.



Farewell from Lita, Wow, I can't believe two years have gone by since I was elected to the Secretary position. It was a great experience serving on the TCPA board. I met many people around the state and made many new friends. The board worked to promote publicity for TCPA and we are growing. Our conferences offer great training and a way to network with other Crime Prevention Officers. I look forward to seeing you at future conferences.

Lita Snellgrove  
Crime Prevention Officer  
University Park PD

Pictured from left Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle, Monty Moncibais, Dallas PD, Tammy Snider, TCPA President



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### **2008 TCPA BOARD**

From Left: Butch Lindsey, Bedford PD, Vicki Stonaker, Dallas PD, Laura “Kat” Tobias, AACPA, Scott Rhodes, Grapevine PD, Tammy Snider, Plano PD, Claude Gamez, Williamson County SO, Kris Henning, Wichita Falls PD, Melissa Weston, Westworth PD, Nancy Gresham, Texas AG’s Office

### Texas Crime Prevention Association **2008 Crime Prevention Award Winners**

#### **Outstanding Crime Prevention Agency Small Agency-up to 99,999**

Jersey Village Police Department set Crime Prevention as a priority in its law enforcement efforts. They have a deep commitment to ensure a safe community. Crime Prevention programs and activities include a very successful child safety summer camp, a bike safety program and Dine with an Officer program.

#### **Outstanding Crime Prevention Agency –Large Agency**

The Collin County Sheriff’s Office maintains a strong stance on crime prevention and is encouraged from the top down to stay involved in the current crime prevention efforts. Collin County has assisted police departments throughout the county in establishing neighborhood watches and assisting with other programs such as National Night Out, Community Festivals and Safety Fairs. The Crime Prevention Deputies instituted a program of merging TCLEOSE credited training for the county deputies with the citizen’s sheriff’s academy alumni meetings to bring together the deputies and the alumni members, forming a closer bond between law enforcement and the community it serves.



#### **Outstanding Crime Prevention Manager – Small Agency**

Chief Chuck Hooker, Pflugerville Police Department understands that Crime Prevention efforts go a long way in helping to reduce crime as well as making the job a little easier and safer for the officers on the street.

Chief Hooker expects all of his officers to think crime prevention and pushing security surveys and neighborhood watch. He even goes so far as to award a day off with pay to the officer that does the most home security surveys each year.

Chief Hooker is currently sending every officer, full and part time, through the 40 hour basic crime prevention course to be trained in crime prevention and certified to do home security surveys.



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### **Outstanding Crime Prevention Manager – Medium Size Agency**

Sheriff Allen Bridges, Hays county Sheriffs Office has dedicated 35 years to law enforcement. He has served 15 of those years to Crime Prevention. Sheriff Bridges has developed, implemented and coordinated the Texas Rural Crime Watch program, the Citizen’s Sheriff’s Academy, and the award winning sheriff’s Junior Deputy Academy. He started an email notification system to help keep the citizens abreast of what is going on. Sheriff Bridges also supervises the AARP Senior Driving program.



### **Outstanding Crime Prevention Manager -Large Agency**

Martha Mabry is the Crime Prevention Coordinator for the Fort Worth Police Department. Ms. Mabry has served on the TCPA board, recruiting members and promoting crime prevention training for law enforcement and citizens throughout the state of Texas. She sets high standards in job performance for other Crime Prevention Specialists to emulate. Martha was also nominated for and received TCPA Life membership at the 2008 TCPA business meeting.

### **Outstanding Crime Prevention Manager –Specialized Agency**

Officer Allen Baron, Texas A&M University Police Department is a highly motivated individual that strives to provide the highest quality of services along with a safe and secure environment for his university community. He manages the university’s crime prevention unit which is responsible for the protection of 46,000 students, faculty and staff.

Officer Barron’s leadership, dedication and crime prevention programming efforts have continued to be successful as demonstrated by requests for more programs and an increase in trust between the police and the community he serves.



### **Outstanding Crime Prevention Citizen**

Wanda McFarland, Pasadena Police Department is an outstanding community servant, continually seeking ways to improve the quality of life for all. Her ability to work with others, she is a tireless workhorse, smart, kind

and very modest about herself. When asked about all the things she has done to help out, her response is “I am just trying to do my part to make a difference”. Ms. McFarland participates in Events such as National

Night Out, Citizen’s Police Academy, Neighborhood Watch, patrolling the streets, and assisting the local Crime Prevention Association. She goes to work everyday at the police department, volunteering her time with warrant drives and filing records.



### **Outstanding Crime Prevention Program / Organization**

Greenspoint District, Houston, Texas is a special purpose district created by the state legislature to provide services in public safety, public infrastructure, marketing, economic development, beautification and recreational developments. Since the inception of the district in 1991, the population has increased by 48%; employment has increased by 108% while crimes per 1,000 has decreased by 73%.

These numbers are a result of 5 pro-active safety and Crime Prevention programs the district implemented in partnership with the local police department and sheriff’s office. The programs deal with high visibility patrols and crime sweeps, auto theft prevention, graffiti abatement, Burglary of vehicle prevention, Crime Prevention presentations and CPTED Surveys.



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### **Outstanding Crime Prevention Specialist Small Agency**

Bill Hudgins, Colleyville Police Department has distinguished himself and brought recognition to his police department as well as the community he serves. He maintains a high profile, coordinating the Citizens Police Academy, responding to PIO situations, facilitates health and safety fairs, National Night Out, Neighborhood Watch and is a chairman for the SALT council.



### **Outstanding Crime Prevention Specialist Medium Agency**

Bobby Keen, Pasadena Police Department works tirelessly to educate the community in Crime Prevention. Along with the everyday Crime Prevention programs, he was instrumental in starting a Senior Scams program identifying a critical need and developed a program to help keep senior citizens from becoming the next victim. Officer Keen teaches the citizens about the nature and perils of scams and provides them with protection methods they can immediately put to use.

### **Outstanding Crime Prevention Specialist -Large Agency**

James Kitchens, Travis County Sheriffs Office, Deputy Kitchens came into the Crime Prevention Unit enthusiastic and willing to give all he had to the unit. With no previous experience in Crime Prevention he has been a huge asset with his dedication, hard work and ability to work well with his peers and the community. Deputy Kitchens manages several projects including National Night Out, Neighborhood Watch, and the Explorer Post while assisting on other projects and events managed by others in the unit.



### **Outstanding Crime Prevention Specialist – Specialized Agency**

Officer Dee Donovan, Texas A&M University Police Department is involved in many different areas throughout the campus community. From safety and injury prevention, bike safety and Community Oriented Police Services to National Night Out and Child Safety Seats. Officer Donovan has shown an exceptional dedication and devotion

to her job. She works diligently to support the university's diversity initiatives and continues to look for new ways to improve her knowledge in a wide range of Crime Prevention programs and activities.



### **Outstanding Crime Prevention Specialist – Overall**

April Layton, Texas Auto Theft Prevention Authority. Ms. Layton has contributed significantly to crime prevention throughout the State of Texas. She distributed auto theft crime prevention information by coordinating public awareness and media activities, including presentations, exhibits, and training classes. Her programs educated the citizens in all of communities in Crime Prevention. Ms. Layton has served on the TCPA board as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.



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### New 2008 TCPA Life Members.



Martha Mabry, Fort Worth Police Department  
Senior Corporal Vickie Stonaker, Dallas Police Department  
Officer Mike Clowdus, Pflugerville Police Department  
Jesse Garner, Retired Longview Police Department,  
Morris Covin, Texas Gulf Coast (not pictured)

### Rusty Kohler awards Randy Gardner The STARFISH SAVER AWARD

#### THE STARFISH



Once upon a time there was a wise man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing.

He had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work.

One day he was walking along the shore. As he looked down the beach, he saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself to think of someone who would dance to the day. So he began to walk faster to catch up. As he got closer, he saw that it was a young man and the young man wasn't dancing, but instead he was reaching down to the shore, picking up something and very gently throwing it into the ocean. As he got closer he called out, "Good morning! What are you doing?"

The young man paused, looked up and replied, "Throwing starfish in the ocean."

"I guess I should have asked, why are you throwing starfish in the ocean?"

"The sun is up and the tide is going out. And if I don't throw them in they'll die."

"But, young man, don't you realize that there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it. You can't possibly make a difference!"

The young man listened politely.

Then bent down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves and said- "It made a difference for that one."



# Regional Updates

**Alamo Area Crime Prevention Association:** Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Calhoun, Comal, Dewitt, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Jackson, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, LaSalle, Lavaca, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Wilson and Zavala Counties.

**Region President:** Don Carr, [president@aacpa.net](mailto:president@aacpa.net), 210-659-2710



Letter from Alamo Area 1<sup>st</sup> VP,

On behalf of Alamo Area Crime Prevention Association, I wanted to personally thank all of you who put time and effort into our STOP THIEF! event on Saturday-October 4th. Our mission and goal was to educate the community through awareness and I believe it was successful. We managed to distribute our mirror tags and it's my hopes that our mission will continue on Tuesday during National Night Out as well as during the upcoming holidays. A special thanks to Councilman Rowe and his staff for working closely with me and our group, SAPD-North SAFFE unit, in making this happen in working on the public relations, approval of funds, having Councilman Rowe make an appearance and ultimately a last minute donation! To Donna Weidow and her staff along with all the merchants that participated, Kudos! Please relay my appreciation to all in your upcoming meeting that because of their continued support, we as a community need to help our law enforcement officers by being aware of leaving valuables in vehicles and being observant of their surroundings and reporting any suspicious activity to security. I would like to thank Chief McManus for his appearance and personally thank each and every officer from SAPD-North SAFFE unit who took the time to attend the event as well as spend the day and educating our community. It's great to see our officers involved and because many of the officers from the SAFFE unit stepped up to the plate, our event was successful. Kids taking pictures on the Police ATV's and talking with officers is just as important as it was to see parents having their kids fingerprinted and picking up literature on Domestic Violence, Auto Theft, and STOP THIEF! mirror tags, thanks to volunteers in assisting with the fingerprinting.



I am especially grateful to the San Antonio Police Officers Association for their time and willingness to provide free hot dogs and chips to all! THANKS for everything, especially for driving that really cool BBQ pit on site!

So you see, it was an entire group effort that makes an event a success! Keep an eye on our website [www.aacpa.net](http://www.aacpa.net) to see event pictures (coming soon!)

Respectfully,

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**Central Texas Crime Prevention Association:** Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Brazos, Burleson, Burnett, Caldwell, Coryell, Falls, Fayette, Hamilton, Hayes, Hill, Lee, Lampasses, Limestone, Llano, McLennan, Milam, Mills, Navarro, Robertson, San Saba, Travis, Washington and Williamson Counties.  
**Region President, Deputy Claude Gamez, Williamson County Sheriff's Office** [cgamez@wilco.org](mailto:cgamez@wilco.org) 512-943-1351



From The President:



I hope everyone had a pleasant rest of the summer and is enjoying the cool weather that has finally arrived in Texas. I look forward to serving the association as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP in charge of training and hope that I am able to fill the shoes of Dennis Porter. Dennis has been great helping to make the transition as painless as possible. Please bear with me as I get accustomed to the job, and if there are any questions please contact me.

The Mid-Winter conference in Kerrville is approaching and I would like to remind everyone that is planning to take the CCPS test, they must have documentation of the date of their CCPS 1 and CCPS 2, along with CPTED before taking the exam. If you are planning on taking CPTED at the conference, you will need to wait to take the CCPS test at the Summer Conference in Austin.

CTCPA will be the host for the Summer 09 conference the week of July 12-17. CTCPA is planning a lot of activities, some great training, and welcome any door prizes, speakers and training ideas you may want to share. If you are able to obtain a door prize for the conference, CTCPA will accept it appreciatively.

I wish all of you the best in your daily routines and hope that you will be able to make it to Kerrville for the training, the networking and the scenery, hopefully, this year the weather will cooperate and the conference attendee's won't be iced in.

May you all be safe in your travels, kind with your words, and noble in your actions, because these are the things people remember.

Sincerely,

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Dear Fellow TCPA members:

My goodness it is hard to believe that 2008 is almost gone. I know they say time flies when you're having fun but I just didn't realize I was having *that much* fun! It has really gone by quickly. The North Texas region is proud to announce that one of our members was honored at the recent summer conference. Deputy Dickie Thomas, with the Collin County Sheriff's Department, won the award for Outstanding Crime Prevention Agency – Large Agency. That is awesome, Dickie. Congratulations! (I don't know how he did it though, 'cause seems like every time I sent him an e-mail, I got back an auto-reply saying he had too much comp time accumulated so he'd gone fishin'.) Seriously though, that is great recognition for a great program over in Collin County.

In addition, three of our members passed the Certified Crime Prevention Specialist test. They are; Mark Brazelton – Gainesville Police Department, and Jeff Moore and Travis Johnson – both with the Carrollton Police Department. Congratulations to all three for a job well done and for their dedication to the profession of law enforcement in general, and to the area of crime prevention specifically.

Congratulations also to the rest of the well-deserving award winners and other persons who passed the CCPS exam throughout the State. It is always great to see the successful programs out there, whether they are new and innovative or tried and true. NTCPA salutes all of you who put together outstanding programs for your cities, towns and communities. I encourage all of you to continue to pursue lofty goals. Each time someone reaches for the stars they grab a little bit of heaven for all of us.

I encourage all of you also to continue your recruiting efforts. TCPA is gradually re-building numbers of participants from the crunch that hit all of us around 2003. We all need to continue to invite new folks to join and to encourage existing members to stay, while persuading everyone to get more involved in your respective region's activities. It takes all of us pulling together to achieve success. Although there are nine individual regions, we are ALL TCPA. We should all be working much more closely as a team.

Don't forget the mid-winter conference January 11 – 15, 2009, at the YO Resort Hotel and Conference Center in Kerrville. I know the Alamo Area folks are working hard on the winter conference, just as Chisholm Trail did this past summer, to make it a great success with timely training topics for everyone. See you there.

Steve Garst, L.C.C./C.C.P.S.  
President, North Texas Crime Prevention Association



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**South Texas:** Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Cameron, Duval, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kennedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Webb, Willacy, Zapata counties. **Region President,** Pete Riveria, 361-289-9247, 450 Sunbelt Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78408 [www.PERiveria1@ccisd.us](http://www.PERiveria1@ccisd.us)

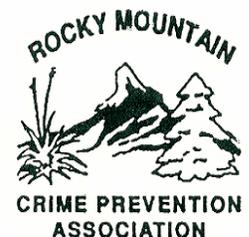


Hola from South Texas.

It has been a long time since you have heard from Corpus Christi/South Texas area. Our membership is at 20. We have had some board changes. D'yan Lopez has resigned as 1st VP for a position as a business woman and mother. Terri Garcia with CCISD-PD (who is also a soon to be mother) is the 1<sup>st</sup> VP. Terri will be setting up the STCPA website by the end of October. Damon Hood, with Frost Bank Security is our new membership chairman. Looking forward to seeing all of you Kerrville for the Mid-Winter. Take Care! Pete Rivera, STCPA President

**Rocky Mountain Crime Prevention Association:** Brewster, Culbertson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff, Davis and Presidio counties,

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Rocky Mountain is growing and will soon be holding elections for board members. They are enthusiastic about the future and are looking into plans of possibly hosting the 2010 TCPA Summer Training Conference.



**West Texas Crime Prevention Association:** Andrews, Borden, Brown, Coke, Dawson, Ector, Fischer, Garza, Glasscock, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Sterling, Stonewall, Taylor, Terry and Tom Green counties. **Region President,** Sgt Roy Gladden, Ector County Sheriff's Office, 1010 E 8<sup>th</sup> Suite 310, Odessa, Texas 79761, 432-498-0494-5

No Update at this time! Keep up the good work.



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Howdy Crime Prevention Pardner,



Well it's done. I want to **THANK** everyone for their hard work in making the TCPA Summer Conference in Wichita Falls a success. I would also like to extend an extra special THANK YOU to the following.

- **Jeff Hughes** for working out all the details with the MPEC and also seeing to all the other details in Wichita Falls. Having you look after the details saved me from having to make several additional trips up there.
- **Kris Henning** for assisting Jeff, arranging the guest speakers and VIP's for the opening ceremonies, and assisting with all those last minute details.
- **Melissa Weston** for putting together the training and assisting with table decorations.
- **Dennis Porter** for assisting Melissa with the training
- **Doug Sisk** for coordinating the door prizes
- **Tim Trammel** for coordinating the vendors
- **Frances Jackson** for coordinating registration
- **Warner Filley** for taking a week off from his job to be our gopher. If anything need doing Warner was there taking care of it for us.
- **Bill Hudgins** for general advice when called on, bringing the slushy machine for the hospitality room, and helping out as needed during the week
- **Ray Speicher** for keeping the money straight.
- **Michele Rayner** for assisting Doug and helping out as needed during the week.
- **Jimmy Meeks, Alan Speed, Ed Adcock, Mike Phillips, Artie Woods, Jeff Hughes, Kris Henning,**



**Bill Hudgins, Steve Wallach, and April Marie Layton** for your willingness to be an instructor. **Ed**, thanks for stepping in with a class when an instructor failed to show up.



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- **April Marie Layton** for assisting as needed and for your hard work on the golf tournament. There was a lot of hard work on it and it was a disappointment that we had to cancel it.
- **Steve Carroll** for assisting with the attempt of holding a golf tournament and for securing liquid refreshment for the hospitality room and for assisting Jeff and Kris with the prep work.
- **Mike Phillips** for assisting Jeff, Kris, and Steve with the prep work.
- To the following agencies for donating to the goody bags: **Tarrant County 911, Mansfield PD, Westworth Village PD, Fort Worth PD, Wichita Falls PD, Wilson Awards, and Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital Security.**
- **East Texas Crime, Texas Gulf Coast, and North Texas Crime Prevention Associations** for donation of door prizes.
- **Steve Garst**, North Texas CPA, for teaching the CPTED class, stepping in when an instructor failed to show up, and for goody bag items.
- **Monte Moncibias**, North Texas CPA, for securing the donation of 90 cases of Coca-Cola products.
- **Tammy Snider**, TCPA President, for bringing the ingredients for the slushy machine and other supplies needed for the hospitality room and for assisting with assembling the goody bags.
- **Lita Snellgrove**, TCPA Secretary for assisting with assembling the goody bags and helping out during the week.
- **Martha Mabry**, TCPA Membership, for assisting at registration and helping out during the week.
- **Scott Rhodes**, TCPA Treasurer, for keeping the financial records.
- **Nancy Gresham**, TCPA 1<sup>st</sup> VP, for helping out as needed during the week.

Thanks again to everyone who helped or participated in the conference. All of your hard work made the conference a success. Our Monthly Round-Ups (Membership Meetings) are the second Thursday of the month at 11:30 AM, rotating around the Fort Worth area. If you are in the neighborhood give me a call for the location, we hope to cross trails with you. Stop by and visit with us any time.

Your Saddle Partner in Preventing Crime  
Billy Rudd  
President TCTCPA



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It gives me great pride to report that TGCCPA is truly working hard to re-build our region. We started out slow but we are well on our way to being a stronger group than we have been in a long while. We have a dedicated new board of directors and a membership that is growing. We have put our shoulder to the wheel and have done an outstanding job. We have are in total agreement that we need to focus on getting our message of crime prevention out to the public through designing a new brochure , doing some PSA, Municipal Television spots with some of our Citizens Police Academy Alumni members and working together on a Speakers Bureau roster list. This list of members and their various talents will increase our exposure to the media, community groups and spread the word about our regional organization. I did not get to attend the conference this year due to a death in my family but we were well represented. Over 12 of our members attended and gave a great report about the conference. TGCCPA has a lot of talent and our TCPA State Conference Awards given in July has proven that we are indeed the best in at least four areas. WE came home with the **Outstanding Crime Prevention Officer ( Medium size Agency) Officer Bobby Keen, Pasadena P. D., Outstanding Crime Prevention Agency, ( Small Agency) Jersey Village Police Department, Outstanding Crime Prevention Citizen of The Year ( Wanda Mc Farland) and Outstanding Business of the Year, Greenspoint District ( Al Aranda).** Of course I feel that all of our members are winners but the state awards program did help too prove that point. We hope to do even better next year. Hurricane IKE has made a mark on the lives of everyone in the TGCCPA region. Our cities, counties and vast open countryside will be forever changed as a result of this devastation. Millions of people were hit hard by the destruction and every law enforcement agency in 16 counties that TGCCPA represents were all on full alert for weeks doing triple their work load just to keep the peace and help out in every area as first responders. Many other TCPA regions were the host to thousands of people that had to evacuate and we want to thank you for all of your help. Agencies from all over the State of Texas came here to help and we appreciate you all very much. Many of our members lost a lot of their personal property and homes as a result of this major storm, but we are a strong bunch of folks and we will be back on our feet soon. If you get an opportunity to come down this way in the months ahead we will welcome you and show you we are still the greatest people in a time of trouble. Check out our webpage [www.tgccpa.org](http://www.tgccpa.org) for details about our regular monthly meeting. It is always the last Wednesday of each Month from 11 a. m. until 1 p.m. Please give us a call anytime, we will be glad to have you join us.

Sincerely,

Jerri Neely C.C.P.S  
President TGCCPA



East Texas Crime Prevention Association  
President's Letter  
September 2008

News Since the TCPA Summer Conference

**Two ETCPA Members Retired From The Longview Police Department**

Officer Archie Flanery and Officer Clay Whittenberg have retired from the Longview Police Department after 20 years of dedicated service. East Texas Crime Prevention Association is thankful to these officers for their membership commitment and participation in making East Texas Crime Prevention Association what it is today.



**Training Updates**

Sgt. Kyle Holcomb, Mt Pleasant Police Department and Officer Aaron Clinton, Longview Police Department successfully completed the Basic Instructor Course in August at Mt Pleasant, TX. It is the desire of these ETCPA members to instruct on crime prevention topics. East Texas Crime Prevention Association, supported by Mount Pleasant Police Department, will be hosting training in Mount Pleasant, TX. The training will consist of topics in reference to organized retail crime prevention and computer loss prevention. The training will be held on Nov. 18 at the Civic Center in Mount Pleasant. For more information, contact Michael Rinehart, ETCPA Vice President, Training at [mreinhardt@ci.longview.tx.us](mailto:mreinhardt@ci.longview.tx.us).

**Activities Around the East Texas Region**

**Bimonthly meeting information**

ETCPA will meet Oct. 24 in Tyler for the region's bimonthly meeting. The agenda will consist of an award presentation to recognize ETCPA member J. B. Smith, Lufkin Police Department, for his role in initiating Texans Against Crime. Longview Environmental Health Officer Kenneth James will give a presentation on how Environmental Health and law enforcement can work together to protect local communities and citizens. Regional elections will also be held.

**Texans Against Crime** Texas Municipal League featured *Texans Against Crime* in a full page article in the July edition of the Texas Municipal League Texas Town & City magazine.

**ETCPA Brochure** Special thanks to Scott Rhodes for designing the current Texas Crime Prevention Association brochure. ETCPA followed Scott Rhodes' leadership and guidance in customizing the brochure for the ETCPA Region. The brochure is in the process of being distributed among our region.

**Jacksonville Police Department**



Jacksonville Police Department hosted a community educational day in August and unveiled a new McGruff suit at the children's Health Fair.

The Department and Cardinal Health hosted a community educational day in September. The Department is also working with Suddenlink and is planning to implement a McGruff Truck program within the city. Fourteen block parties are scheduled for NNO on Oct. 7.

Along with the police department, Jacksonville Citizen Police Academy will assist in making NNO a success. Officer Tonya Sonntag is working with Meals on Wheels to get vital information about crime prevention out to home bound citizens. Along with police officers, Meals on Wheels drivers will deliver the information to local citizens.



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### Longview Police Department

Longview Police Department is restructuring the Handicap Parking Enforcement program. The program will be open to volunteer citizens of Longview. After successfully completing training, volunteers will be able to issue citations for handicap parking violations. These volunteers will do more than just write tickets; they will also educate business owners on the importance of maintaining signs according to the current laws to ensure they are enforceable. Longview Police Department has had a good response to this program. A local group called POWER, People On Wheels Encouraging Responsibility, has already shown interest in attending this training. If your city is currently participating in this program, please contact John Rolls or Michael Reinhart, Longview Police Department at [jrolls@ci.longview.tx.us](mailto:jrolls@ci.longview.tx.us) or [mreinhart@ci.longview.tx.us](mailto:mreinhart@ci.longview.tx.us) with your program information.



The Longview Police Department believes that Texans Against Crime should be more than just a once a year gathering. It is the goal of this Department to encourage citizen involvement throughout the year in TAC programs. Longview Police Department has hosted several neighborhood crime watch and business crime watch events under the TAC program already this year. In September, Longview Police Department hosted a crime prevention forum in reference to Texans Against Crime. Educational booths consisted of businesses that provide services to citizens in reference to crime prevention. These businesses donated assorted safety items for door prizes. The purpose of this forum was to educate the citizens on prevention. Approximately 62 individuals or groups signed up to host TAC parties that will be held on Oct. 14.



### Mount Pleasant Police Department

Mount Pleasant Police Department has presented two citizens presentations on Women's Safety. Future plans include hosting a Citizen's Police Academy and a Bicycle Rodeo for the Spring of 2009. Supported by the East Texas Crime Prevention Association, Mount Pleasant Police Department is sponsoring the up-coming training on retail organized crime prevention and computer loss prevention. The training will be held on Nov. 18 at the Civic Center in Mount Pleasant. For more information, contact Michael Rinehart, ETCPA Vice President, Training at [mreinhart@ci.longview.tx.us](mailto:mreinhart@ci.longview.tx.us).

Mount Pleasant Police Department is in the process of reorganizing and starting Neighborhood Crime Watch Programs within the city. Mount Pleasant Police Department hosted an appreciation party for block captains for the upcoming NNO event. Mount Pleasant and the surrounding communities currently have approximately 19 parties scheduled for Oct. 7. Mount Pleasant Police Department will be switching to Texans Against Crime in 2009. Longview Police Department, supporting Mount Pleasant Police Department's crime prevention efforts, will be escorting McGruff to NNO parties this year within the city.



### Thoughts from the President

*Suzan Burgett, President*

ETCPA members continue to work together to support crime prevention efforts throughout the region. Many of our ETCPA members recently provided an invaluable service by assisting at Red Cross Shelters in the region for evacuees from Hurricane Ike. I would like to thank each of our members who volunteered to work extra shifts at their departments or at the shelters so that the safety of the volunteers and evacuees was not in jeopardy.

Members have said they would like to see more training offered through TCPA and training has become one of the ETCPA goals. Recognizing each other's strengths and members working within their strengths and interests is leading ETCPA to become more involved in offering training to members and law enforcement agencies. The first regional training will be held in Mount Pleasant on November 18 and is



coming together very well. I encourage all members and law enforcement to attend this informational and beneficial training.

It is encouraging and exciting to see our members stepping up and helping each other learn new skills or start new programs. ETCPA members are becoming a stronger team of committed and dedicated individuals as members build on each other's strengths. As members of ETCPA we are members of a team of talented, gifted and skilled individuals who ask “How can I help you succeed?” and then take steps to help each other succeed. Thank you ETCPA – your efforts are appreciated. YOU are making a difference!

## **OTHER NEWS**



### **TCPA MEMBER ELECTED ARKANSAS CONSTABLE**

Ingram Philips, of the Alamo Area Crime Prevention Association (AACPA), was recently elected an Arkansas Constable. He will be sworn on January 1st in Van Buren County, Arkansas, as the Indian Rock (Fairfield Bay) Constable, a township 85 miles north of Little Rock on Greer's Ferry Lake. Ingram is a 30-year Army veteran and member of TCPA since 2003. Retired as a colonel in 1997, Philips began volunteering with the Bexar County Sheriff's Citizens on Patrol. He joined its advisory board in 2002 and directed all county patrol

operations. In addition, he formed “Bexar Blitz”—a countywide team of directed patrol in conjunction with district deputies.

In 2004, he also joined SAPD's Volunteers in Policing Services, performing surveillance for the anti-gang and anti-auto theft details. During 1,500 hours of ride-alongs, BCSO deputies encouraged Ingram to undertake criminal justice studies. He enrolled in American Military University. Acting as FTO, Bexar County Deputy Raul Garza regularly tested Philips' understanding and application of patrol principles, evidence and search operations.

In 2005, because of a serious medical situation in the family, Ingram and his wife, Mary, moved from San Antonio to Arkansas. Rather than drop TCPA activities, he continued and achieved CCPS in 2007. He also completed CPTED that same year.

The Arkansas legislature recently passed law to stiffen constable requirements. It now requires State LE Academy, standardized uniforms and equipment, marked vehicle, and annual weapons certification. In March of this year, Ingram filed and was elected in the May primaries. He is unopposed in the General Election. Fairfield Bay is a Class II city encompassed by the Indian Rock Township. The city and county LE force is very small and covers a large rural and mountainous area in a low economic setting.

In addition to his routine day/night patrols, Ingram is planning senior citizen and youth crime prevention seminars and activities. He was extremely enthusiastic about the Wichita Falls training received and its application in his jurisdiction.

Congratulations to our TCPA member Ingram Philips.





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For Conference Training Questions contact:

TCPA 2nd VP Claude Gamez at cgamez@wilco.org
TCPA Civilian at Large Laura "Kat" Tobias at radgirl@satx.rr.com or phone 210-381-7995

Membership required: Conference registration is open to TCPA members only. Attendees are ultimately responsible for ensuring their membership is current and all dues are paid and on record with their region affiliate. NON-MEMBERS may register for the conference by including the membership fee of \$30.00 to activate membership.

Cancellation Policy: A refund, less \$25.00 processing fee is available until December 1, 2008 and will be issued after the conference. All requests must be mailed to the TCPA address on this form and postmarked no later than the dates prior to the dates listed above. Registrations are not transferable.

Registration Information: Complete a separate form for each attendee. If paying for multiple attendees, staple all forms together with check or money order made payable to TCPA. We regret that TCPA is unable to accept cash, government purchase orders or credit cards. Forms must be postmarked prior to the deadline indicated to qualify for the reduced rates. Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservation.

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