



CLOSE UP NEWSLETTER

2008 TCPA Summer Conference

Summer will be here before you know it and now is the time to plan for the 2008 TCPA Summer Conference in Wichita Falls. The conference starts July 21st and runs through the 25th at the Howard Johnson Hotel. Training seminars will be held at the Multi Purpose Events Center (MPEC), which is a short walk or shuttle ride across the parking lot. The registration form for the conference is posted on the website at www.tcpa.org and the training agenda will be posted soon. We are also hosting a golf tournament on Sunday, July 20th and need folks to sign up for that ASAP. The golf course touts "The Best Greens in North Texas", and the tournament will be a 4-man scramble with a shot-gun start. Keep checking the TCPA website for more information.

Summer Conference Corner

July 21-25, 2008
 Wichita Falls, Texas
 Howard Johnson, \$70 per night
 Registration \$100 before 6/1/08
 Registration \$130 after 6/1/08

Golf Tournament

July 20, 2008 @ 7:30 a.m.
 River Creek Park Golf Course
 \$70 per player or \$250 team (4)



Images of Wichita Falls compliments of the Wichita Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau. Downtown, Sheppard Air Force



Base, the Wee-Chi-Tah Squa and the Falls.



TCPA Award Nominations Due by May 31st, 2008

TCPA awards crime prevention personnel, agencies and businesses that display outstanding crime prevention efforts throughout the year. Mike Clowdus of CTCPA is chairing the Awards Committee this year and is calling for award nominations for the following categories:

1. Outstanding Crime Prevention Agency
2. Outstanding Crime Prevention Specialist
3. Outstanding Crime Prevention Specialist – Overall
4. Outstanding Crime Prevention Manager
5. Outstanding Media Award
6. Outstanding Crime Prevention Citizen
7. Outstanding Crime Prevention Corporate / Business
8. Above and Beyond Award

Please see the attached awards criteria and nomination form for more information and make sure you recognize the crime prevention folks you feel make a great difference!

Lifetime Membership By-law Proposal

Currently, there are no guidelines or qualifications set for TCPA members to receive the Lifetime Membership honor. Lifetime Members should not only be outstanding crime prevention practitioners, but also have contributed to the mission of TCPA and the region that member serves. Members with an "above and beyond" dedication to TCPA deserve to be rewarded, and that is what the Lifetime Membership accolade represents. A Lifetime Membership is an honor that must be earned, therefore, the TCPA board endorses and proposes the following by-law change to be voted on at the 2008 TCPA Summer Conference in Wichita Falls.

Lifetime members do not pay membership dues or registration fees at TCPA conferences for life. Lifetime membership nominees will be voted on at the annual summer conference and the nominations are due four months before the beginning summer conference date. TCPA members must qualify under the following guidelines to be considered for a Lifetime Membership honor:

1. Nominee must be a good-standing TCPA member for 10 years.
2. Nominee must have served one full-term on his/her TCPA regional board of directors.
3. Nominee must have served one full-term on the TCPA state executive board.

Texas Crime Prevention Association



Summer Conference
July 21-25, 2008
Wichita Falls, Texas
www.tcpa.org



Golf Tournament and TCPA Fundraiser Four-Person Scramble, Shotgun Start

River Creek Park Golf Course *"Best Greens in North Texas"* Burkburnett, Texas

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Agency/Business: _____
Handicap: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____
Team Members: _____

The tournament begins at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 20, 2008. The cost is \$70 per player or \$250 for a four person team, which includes green fees, cart, lunch and drinks. Awards and prizes available to win!

Please complete this form and return, along with your payment to: TCPA, c/o April Marie Layton, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011. You may also fax this form to April at (817) 695-9164, phone (817) 695-9152

** Limited to 18 teams of four, early-registration before June 30*

Training Opportunities

Available through Rice University Police Department, for more information visit: <http://rupd.rice.edu/in-service-form.cfm>

- Cell Phone and PDA Forensic Investigations (24 Hours)
- Use of Force (ICC) (16 Hours)
- Arrest, Search & Seizure (ICC) (16 Hours)
- Basic Crisis Intervention Training (8 Hours)
- New Supervisors Course (TCLEOSE 3737) (24 Hours)
- Basic Crime Prevention (40 Hours)

Central Texas Crime Prevention Association and the Pflugerville Police Department are hosting a **40-Hour Basic Crime Prevention Class.**

April 21-25, 2008 at Pflugerville Police Department

\$150 Per Person

For more information, go to: www.CTxCPA.com

TCPA Executive Board Updates

Dear TCPA Member,

It's 2008 and we have started the year off right. The Mid Winter Training Conference in South Padre was great. Even though the weather could have been a little sunnier and dryer, we all still enjoyed being there. I would like to thank all of the State Board Members for all of their hard work on the conference. I would also like to thank each of the great instructors and everyone that provided equipment or services during the conference. The conference wouldn't have been such a great success without each one of you!

I want to encourage you to get your membership renewal turned in as soon as you can. Think about someone you can recruit to join. Our website is being updated so if you have any information that needs to be changed please let us know. The upcoming Summer Training Conference will be in Wichita Falls hosted by Texas Chisholm Trail Crime Prevention Association. They have great activities planned including a golf tournament on Sunday. Please get involved and try to round up some door prizes to bring with you. If everyone contributes to the events it makes it more enjoyable for all of us. I believe we are going to have a great year and I am looking forward to working with everyone.

Tammy Snider

TCPA President

Plano Police Department

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Fellow TCPA Members:

Well another conference has passed us by and now we are on to Wichita Falls this summer. The conference in South Padre was a blast for me. I enjoyed seeing all of my old friends and making some new acquaintances. I want to start off thanking everyone that attended the conference for helping make the conference such a success. I felt everything went very well. Most of our instructors received high marks and the overall conference was also rated high by your evaluations. It is always a pleasure to work with such great people. Also I want to thank the executive board for all their hard work with the conference. A special thanks to Don Carr, Mark Brazelton, Steve Garst, and James Long for all their help during the conference. Now we are continuing on to the summer conference. Please send me any thoughts on how we can make this next conference even better. Melissa Westin and the TCTCPA have already been working hard on bringing you a great conference. We are always in need of quality instructors so please either volunteer or point us in the right direction. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Wichita Falls. Until then be safe, be positive and enjoy each day.

Dennis Porter

2nd VP TCPA



First, I would like to thank our President of TCPA, Tammy Snider, for appointing me another year as Civilian at Large on the Executive Board. It is an honor and privilege to have been asked and accept my position with gratitude.

Also, I would like to personally thank everyone who attended our Mid-Winter Training Conference in South Padre! It was great to see friends from previous conferences and even more special to meet new ones!

As 1st VP of AACPA, I would like to report that this past year was filled with TCLEOSE training such as blood borne pathogens, terrorism/special threats, survival Spanish, and new information on Narcotics. It's my goal this year to have exciting new topics and instructors to teach in 2008. Already I have lined up topics relating to CPR, Cyber Crimes, and Weapons (not qualifications).

In regards to my position on the Executive Board with TCPA, I would like share my focus on recruiting colleges and universities police departments around Texas to join and be instrumental in providing information within our agencies about campus situations and concerns. I would like to ask that if you are a member and know of someone (Peace Officer or civilian) within those guidelines, please let me know via e-mail and/or phone so I can make special efforts to discuss TCPA and the benefits of Crime Prevention within our Association. Another focus of my position with the Executive Board will be to gather information from life long members and to listen to comments and concerns. Like all things, TCPA is changing and I understand the foundation has been laid and would like to hear from those members with concerns, comments, and new ideas.

R.A.Dically,

Laura "KAT" Tobias

Certified R.A.D. Instructor

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“My Two Cents”

A message from the Treasurer

It was great to see everyone again at the conference in South Padre, and how about that weather!!! For awhile there I thought we were in Baytown again. The training went well, the hotel was nice, and we actually ended up making a little money. Thanks to Dennis Porter for showing us around and providing the entertainment. I'd also like to thank the South Padre P. D. for their assistance during the conference. Another special thanks goes to Steve Garst, LEPD & NTCPA President, for hauling all my stuff to and from the conference.

For those that don't know, TCPA has purchased business card holders with our logo and web site printed on them. There are enough for each member to have one. Membership chairman, Martha Mabry, will be mailing them out to members when they re-new their memberships. We also have some available for each of the regional presidents to give out to potential new-members and V.I.P.s. If you are regional president, and haven't gotten yours, I can mail them. If you run out, I will mail some more. We have also ordered some executive writing pens for our members and potential members. They should be here in a couple of weeks and I'll be most likely mailing them to the regional presidents also. We will have black & white polos for sale for \$20.00 again at the summer conference. We also have re-ordered the long sleeve oxford blue shirts that were so popular several years ago. I will have them at Wichita Falls for \$25.00. We still have a good supply of caps, lapel pins, pad folios and SS coffee mugs. If you are interested in any of these items call me, (817) 915-9896, and I'll get them to you by mail or pony express.

I'd like to remind each region to check on your status as a IRS 501 (c) organization with the Texas Office of Secretary of State. If you are registered with the office, you can confirm this by checking this link http://window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/exempt_search.html. A recent search I conducted revealed only one of our regions is registered with the State of Texas. Every non-profit corporation must file a Article 9.01 report with the Secretary of State every four years to maintain their status. This is a page ½, fill-in-the-blank, form that can be downloaded, completed, and mailed back to the State with a small processing fee. More information can be obtained from this link, <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/exempt>. If you would like to speak with a real person, contact Judy Evanicky with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Exempt Organizations Section. Her phone number is (800) 531-5441, ext. 34726. If this isn't scary enough, remember to file your annual IRS 990 EZ form. It also can be downloaded from <http://www.irs.gov/app/scripts/retriever.jsp> and must be done every year at this time to maintain your registered non-profit status with the Internal Revenue Service.

If I can help you or your region in any way, feel free to give me a call. Our Chief here in Grapevine is a full supporter of TCPA and will give me the time to travel and assist. If your region has a regularly scheduled meeting I will be glad to attend. Most of all, I like to remind everyone to “extend our hand” and ask someone to join. We can't grow as an individual or an organization if we don't share what we have. Help us move forward. See you soon.

Scott C. Rhodes
Grapevine Police Department
Treasurer, TCPA



I am looking for great crime prevention related stories, ideas, events, pictures, training or anything that you would like to share with other crime prevention professionals in Texas. I will also be including a letter from each regional president covering your regions activities for the quarter. Please send your newsletter information to me at alayton@nctcog.org, thanks!

April Marie Layton, TCPA 3rd VP
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Texas Auto Burglary & Theft Prevention
Authority, RATT Program
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Regional Presidents Thoughts

Change in ETCPA Board Members

Due to departmental work reassignments, Officer J.B. Smith announced he will no longer be available to serve on the ETCPA Board as 3rd VP/Communications, but will continue his membership. ETCPA appreciates the commitment, dedication and efforts of Officer Smith. Officer John Rolls, Longview Police Department, has accepted the appointment to serve as 3rd VP/Communications for ETCPA. Officer J. B. was the guiding light for TCPA implementing Texans Against Crime. The agencies represented by our twenty five members plan to support TAC each October.

Officer Jesse Garner Retires After 27 Years



Officer Jesse R. Garner retired from Longview Police Department in June 2007 after 27 years of dedicated service. Jesse's career with the Longview Police Department consisted of primarily working in the patrol division. As a patrol officer, his duties consisted of patrol, STEP (traffic) officer, Uniform Crime Scene Investigator and Police Area Representative. Jesse helped start the Longview Citizens on Patrol and he was instrumental in bringing the Triad (Triad is a partnership of three organizations – law enforcement, senior citizens and community groups) to Gregg County. Many of the crime prevention programs and neighborhood crime watch groups Jesse initiated during his career are still in existence and thriving today.

During Jesse's tenure with the Department he received numerous commendations and was recognized on several occasions as Officer of the Month by the department. In 1998 Jesse, along with other members of the Police Area Representative Unit, was recognized for outstanding performance and dedicated service to the community and to the Longview Police Department. Jesse was recognized by the citizens of Longview for his dedication and commitment in improving the way of life for the community.

Jesse's career reflects the primary purposes of crime prevention. Throughout his career, Jesse continually demonstrated a natural ability and awareness to anticipate, recognize and appraise situations that he confronted or that confronted him. Crime Prevention is defined as "*The anticipation, recognition and appraisal of a crime risk and initiation of action to remove or reduce it.*"

Jesse is a committed member of Texas Crime Prevention Association and has been a member for over 21 years. In 1999 Jesse was elected President of the East Texas Crime Prevention Association. During this time, he helped design the present day East Texas Crime Prevention Association logo and helped bring the TCPA 2002 Winter Conference to Longview. Participants documented this was the most enjoyable and informative Winter Conference they had participated in. Jesse's leadership and his ability to work with other members made the 2002 conference one of the most memorable conferences in past years. This is a direct reflection of the hard work Jesse and fellow members put into making the 2002 conference a success.



Suzan Burgett

President, East Texas Crime Prevention Association

The TGCCPA is proudly moving forward in our rebuilding effort for new members on a daily basis. Meetings are all over the region now and are being hosted by new members that are excited about serving on our board. Members are volunteering for the open board positions and I am very encouraged by the response we have had thus far. We have a new website www.tgccpa.org. Check us out. We are still under construction but it looks great. Anytime you have any questions or ideas to help make TGCCPA all it can and should be, give us a shout.

Elections for the open seats on the board are to be filled at the March 26, 2008 meeting. I ask that all members work together to form a strong unity for our rebuilding effort. TGCCPA serves almost 6 million people in 16 counties. We have a lot of work ahead of us and I know that the people need what we teach and the headlines of every paper in America reflect that we are all in the right business. We are reaching out to every agency and volunteer group that we can contact to join us in fighting crime.

Attending the Mid-Winter conference in South Padre was truly a shot in the arm for me and I came back with lots of information and ideas to help TGCCPA grow. I got to see some old friends and attended the board meeting and met our new president Tammy Snyder along with all the other board members for the first time. Talk about a dedicated board, we surely have the best! I appreciate all that they did for TCPA.

The National Night Out changes for October will be a cool treat for all Texans. All of the Colleges and Universities will be in session and we should see a great turn out across the state with the welcome relief from the Texas hot weather. We hope to come home with some awards at the Summer Conference in Wichita Falls in July. Many of us are making plans to attend and show our support for the state association. If any of you come down our way please contact us and we will make you feel welcome.

See you soon at Summer Conference !

Jerri Neely President

TGCCPA 2008

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Not a lot to report from North Texas at this time. Everyone is working on membership renewals and they are continuing at a brisk pace. Our goal is to increase not only our number of members, but to increase our number of ACTIVE members. Involvement is the key to the success of any venture and this is especially true with Crime Prevention. What each of you do is important and your involvement and input is invaluable.

A number of our members made it to South Padre Island for the mid-winter conference. Thanks to the hard work that TCPA and the region did to make that conference a success. If you missed it, you missed some great training, not to mention some of the best seafood around. Please make plans to attend the summer conference hosted by the Chisholm Trail region in Wichita Falls in July.

Beginning about a year ago, we started experimenting with moving our meetings around within our region, in the hopes of increasing our monthly attendance. We feel this has been a success and we plan to continue that effort. Agencies in the region who wish to host a meeting contact a Board member and that agency is placed on the host list on a first come first served basis. This allows agencies to show off their new facilities and draw attendance both from officers in their agency, but closely surrounding ones as well. Chiefs, command staff members and other guests are encouraged to come and see what it is we do.

In addition, we started furnishing a meal at the meeting. The hosting agency has the option of providing it, or NTCPA will furnish it, or the cost can be shared. It is nothing fancy, usually consisting of sandwiches and soft drinks, but some agencies have furnished pizza, fried chicken, barbecue and assorted other meals. This encourages attendance also, as it gives not only a free meal (and what cop doesn't like "free?") but allows them to attend the meeting without having to rush out later to eat and return to their duty assignments.

We also couple all monthly meetings with a guest speaker, thereby giving attendees at least two hours of TCLEOSE continuing education. This effort has been very successful. There are a host of folks eager to talk about what they do, ranging from law enforcement (DEA, Secret Service, FBI, Homeland Security, etc.) to local agencies, CPS, Lojack for Laptops and a host of others.

I would strongly encourage all regions to test some or all of these efforts in your areas to increase membership and attendance. If anyone has questions or comments we welcome them and are happy to assist any region in growing their members.

Thanks for all you do! Stay Safe out there.

Sgt. Steve Garst, L.C.C.

Certified Crime Prevention and C.P.T.E.D. Specialist
President, North Texas Crime Prevention Association

