



Texas Crime Prevention Association
Close Up Newsletter
June 2008

We will be voting for lifetime memberships at the Summer Conference in Wichita Falls, so please peruse the attached nominations and come prepared to vote for each nominee. The nominees are:

Morris Covin – Texas Gulf Coast
Jesse Garner – East Texas
Martha Mabry – State Member
Mike Clowdus – Central Texas

We have been improving and adding to the training agenda, so I will send that to you as soon as I have it to send. Thanks to everyone who submitted award nominations and to the nominees, good luck! I hope to see you in Wichita Falls and please let me know if there is anything I can do for you until then. Stay safe!

Best Wishes,
April Marie
TCPA 3rd VP

A letter from the President...

Well this year is flying by and we are fast approaching the Summer Conference. I want to encourage every member to try and attend. If you haven't registered yet, try and do so very soon. I know that Chisholm Trail has been working very hard to provide everyone with an excellent training and networking opportunity.

I would like to thank each of the State Board Members for their ongoing dedication and hard work. I have enjoyed serving as President over the past year. I want to thank each

member for your understanding and continued support. I believe we have made some positive strides over the past year and I know there are many more to be made.

During the upcoming conference we will be voting on several Life Member nominations as well as holding elections for State Board Member positions. One of these positions has been filled for eight years by Martha Mabry of the Fort Worth Police Department. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Martha for her dedication. Her commitment is truly commendable. Please let her know how much her service is appreciated when you see her at the conference!

Serving on the Board is a lot of work but also fun. If you are a dedicated, hardworking Crime Prevention Practitioner and are interested in serving on the State Board please feel free to contact me or any board member about the positions you are interested in. Positions that will be open or up for re-election are President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Membership Chairman. Qualifications and duties for each office are outlined in the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures which are available online at www.tcpa.org.

We are still working on updating our website. We are adding more resources and changing the look a little. Unfortunately it is taking longer than I expected. It should be completed during the next few weeks. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.



*Sincerely yours,
Tammy Snider, CCPS
President, Texas Crime Prevention Association*

Hello TCPA Members,

One of my favorite things at our conference is to see all my long time friends and make some new ones as well, so I am looking forward to seeing you'll in Wichita Falls.

I have encouraged everyone to subscribe to the Office of the Attorney General E-Mail Subscription Center to electronically receive pertinent law enforcement information from the agency and I am doing that again.

You may subscribe to any or all of the items listed. You can read, print, process or delete the e-mails. Go to our Web site:

www.oag.state.tx.us Click on Subscriptions.

Attorney General Abbott just recently launched a new, consumer friendly Web site to help Texans prevent or minimize the damage from identity theft. Among the helpful tools offered on the new site is the Identity Theft Victim's Kit. Please check out this new site:
www.texasfightsidtheft.gov.

And as always, don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any help to any of you.

Take care and be safe.

Nancy Gresham
1st VP TCPA

From TCPA Membership Chairperson, Martha Mabry

Cowtown greetings to all my friends in TCPA,

As many of you know by now....and it's in writing...I will not run for Membership Chairperson on the TCPA Board again this time around. Something is telling me it's time for some younger, fresher ideas than I have.

Understand this....it was not an easy decision. I have absolutely loved being your Membership Chairperson for the last eight years. Many friendships started when I met folks as a result of my being Membership Chairperson. I've worked with some dedicated Board Members who have had many issues to deal with over the years. With the President's position often changing from one year to the next, at times we have struggled to keep moving forward. But overall, I feel that all the Board Members I've worked with during the past eight years have one goal in mind....to make TCPA a better organization and thereby better educating the citizens of this great state!

As of May 14, 2008 (based on what has been reported by the Regions to me) TCPA membership stands at 402. That's sad. ☹ I know we can do better than that. My challenge to you is to find at least two people to join our association by the end of this year. If we all do that, we can end the year with over 1,000 members. Wouldn't that be awesome!

I hope to see many of you at the July conference in Wichita Falls. Please give some serious thought to running for my position on the TCPA Board. It really is a rewarding position if you are a "people person"!!



Martha L. Mabry
Crime Prevention Coordinator
Fort Worth Police Department



“My Two Cents”

A message from the Treasurer

Hello again to everyone. By now everyone should have seen the business card holders we ordered and are available to all our members. A supply has been given to each regional President for them to distribute. We have plenty available for everyone to use as token to potential new members. I will have some available in Wichita Falls in July. The executive writing pens we ordered have also arrived. We are using these to give to V.I.P.'s who might encourage their employees and other constituents to join our organization.

The association is going to be doing some advertising and sponsorships in an effort to attract more members. We will be advertising in the “Lawman” magazine published by the Sheriffs’ Association of Texas. We have also purchased name-badge lanyards with Texas Crime Prevention Association - TCPA printed on them. The Sheriffs Association of Texas will be using these at their conference in San Antonio in July. All of their conference attendees will be walking around with our name hanging around their neck for a week. If any member is aware of an upcoming law-enforcement, crime prevention, or private security related conference, contact me. We would like to offer these lanyards to other organizations as well. We will also use these lanyards at our own conferences.

A new TCPA recruitment brochure has also been created for every member and regions use. The brochure is available by download from the TCPA website, [www. TCPA.org](http://www.TCPA.org). One of our board members will be attending the Sheriffs Association conference handing out our new brochures and greeting potential new members.

We will have black & white polos for sale for \$20.00 again at the summer conference. Long sleeve oxford blue shirts that were so popular several years ago will also be available in 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.

If I can help you or your region in any way, feel free to give me a call. 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



Updates from the regions...

TEXAS GULF COAST CRIME PREVENTIONS ASSOCIATION

Crime Prevention is on the move in the Gulf Coast Region. We are still under construction but we are very pleased with the progress that we have made with our rebuilding/revitalization efforts. TGCCPA was one of the first original founding group that created TCPA way back in the 1970's. We have turned a new page on our future as a Crime Prevention Association. We hope to keep the old members, and gain many new ones. Our membership is up and still growing... we have over 65 members now and our new board has been elected and each new member has a great deal of experience to bring to the table. We meet the last Wednesday of each month and we encourage everyone to look at our new webpage www.tgccpa.org, it looks really professional and we are very proud of our format. It is so easy to use. Our strength comes from wanted to help the people of our region and make a difference in the lives of the people that we serve. We are 16 counties and close to SIX MILLION people. We have great plans to continue to expand our membership to more and more business owner, Neighborhood Watch groups, and CPA Members. One new idea comes from the City of Pasadena. TGCCPA has partnered with the city to do a special Citizen Crime Prevention Program this summer. We are going to use McGruff as our mascot and call the Program " Dog Days of Summer " and we will "Take a bite out of crime". Each week the municipal channel will have a citizen do a PSA about various crimes that seem to occur during the summer while all the kids are out of school. Pasadena will use the members of the CPAA to do the TV spots. It will be fun for them and the folks that watch the channel will get the benefit of the information. We hope to encourage people to join the next class for CPAA in August and to join TGCCPA as well. We have plans to do a special training session in the fall. We will upgrade the " Latchkey Kids" Home Alone" program . We need a new sponsor to underwrite our efforts and we are looking forward to great things on this and many other programs as well. In the near future we hope to host the State Conference in the Gulf Coast area again. We have some wonderful tourist attractions here and we feel that past conferences held here were some of the very best that TCPA has had over the years. If you come to the Coast this year for any reason please give us a call and we will help make you visit worth while. Perhaps you can attend one of our meeting and meet some of the finest crime prevention folks in all of TEXAS I guarantee you we will make you feel welcome.



Jerri Neely, President TGCCPA 2008

East Texas Crime Prevention Association **Regional President's Letter** May 2008

East Texas Crime Prevention Association membership focus is on the transition from National Night Out to Texans Against Crime, increasing membership in the ETCPA Region and future training plans for ETCPA and TCPA members available in the East



Texas region. East Texas Crime Prevention Association accomplished one of our first goals this past month by filling all positions within the East Texas Crime Prevention Association board.

East Texas Crime Prevention Association is comprised of 31 of some of the oldest counties in the state of Texas. Our goals for the future are to increase membership by recruiting members from throughout the region. ETCPA is in the first stage of planning and implementing a regional campaign to showcase the value in becoming a member of the Texas Crime Prevention Association. Our goal is to inform law enforcement agencies within our region on the benefits of supporting their personnel in joining Texas Crime Prevention Association.

One of the regional membership goals is to improve the effectiveness of each of our members. The region acknowledges that each member is a valued asset to the organization and that the organization functions best as we work together. The ideas and thoughts of our each of our members is important to the membership.

Each member's concern is listened to and discussed before decisions are made by the membership.

Our region is continuing to improve the sharing of information on upcoming training, crime alerts and intelligence throughout our region. The membership is developing a resource database that will be available for all members to utilize. This database will consist of educational programs used by law enforcement officers in educating the public on crime prevention.

ETCPA has nominated one of the original crime prevention association members and past ETCPA presidents for Lifetime Membership to Texas Crime Prevention Association. The nomination will be presented and voted on at the general membership meeting at the 2008 Summer Conference.

East Texas Crime Prevention Association plans to continue our support of Texans Against Crime (T.A.C.). Local law enforcement agencies within the region support Texans Against Crime. The event will be held on the second Tuesday of October. The decision to change from National Night Out to Texans Against Crime has been well received throughout our region. It is a documented fact that the Texas Police Chiefs' Association and the Texas Municipal League have endorsed Texans Against Crime.

East Texas Crime Prevention Association is developing training and educational opportunities for our members by bringing more training to our region. ETCPA members are the most valuable resources for improving the quality of life for our citizens and communities.



Suzan Burgett
President
East Texas Crime Prevention Association

With the completion of our first 40 hr Basic Crime Prevention Inspectors course behind us I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the instructors and class coordinators. Cpl. Mike Clowdus and Deputy Mike Thielen did an awesome job and there are 29 NEW Crime Prevention Inspectors in the State of Texas. We are gearing up for another 40 hour course to be held at the Williamson County Training Academy the week of July 7th thru 11 (**see attachment**).

The new website is up and running. The address is <http://CTxCPA.com>. Please visit the website to download an application and forward it to any agencies you know of that may need to get an officer trained.

We are also diligently looking at hotels , taking bids to present to the State Board for their consideration for the summer conference in Austin in 2009. If anyone has an idea, or wants to submit hotel information , please contact either myself or Nancy Grisham with the AG's office and get that in as soon as possible . Our members are looking forward to the conference and are gearing up to make next years conference a big success.

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,

Claude Gamez, CCPS
President, CTCPA 2007
Williamson Co. Sheriff's Office


