

The Henderson

Winter 2019

A Tarrant County Sheriff's Office Community Publication

Message from the Sheriff



Welcome to our first newsletter of 2019! *The Henderson*, named after our 14th Sheriff, is now published quarterly. Each edition will shine a spotlight on different divisions within our agency and the initiatives we're working on that carry forward our mission to protect and serve Tarrant County.

Already this year, we've ramped up our Human Trafficking initiative and made 13 arrests from a recent Johns Operation. Our Investigations Division worked with multiple police departments to arrest suspects who ran a tree-cutting scam. Our Narcotics Unit made a million-dollar bust and promotional exams for both detention officers and deputies have already begun. It's only February with much more to come! I look forward to sharing other big news that occurs throughout the year with you. But don't wait until the next edition of *The Henderson* to hear from us. Please keep in touch via social media for up-to-date breaking news.

Always at your service,
Sheriff Bill E. Waybourn

We'll See You Soon!

We hope to see you at the Marine Creek Health & Safety Fair on Saturday, April 13, 2019, 10am-1pm



The Tarrant County Sheriff's Office Mission Statement

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



Divisional Updates

Dispatch



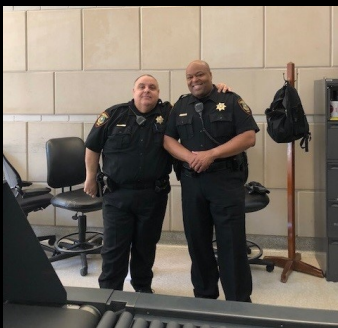
Dispatch works around the clock, 24/7

The Tarrant County Sheriff's Office 9-1-1 Emergency Division is staffed by 27 dedicated dispatchers who do amazing things every day. Dispatchers have a thankless job that often goes unrecognized because they operate behind the scenes, but are there 24/7. Our Dispatch has the immense responsibility of collecting location information and getting the citizens the help they need. Last year, we answered over 140,000 calls. Our Division does not have dedicated call-takers, so multi-tasking skills are a must. On a regular basis, dispatchers are responsible for manning two radio channels and answering the phones.

Dispatchers are also responsible for collecting information for responding units as well as ensuring responder safety. Their job is difficult, and the stress of the job can be unfathomable. Often, dispatchers do not get closure from calls and a traumatic call can leave a long-lasting mark. Dispatchers must be accurate 100% of the time. Any mistake, even a small one, can lead to tragedy not only for the citizen but for responding units. If you haven't taken the time to thank a dispatcher, please do. Those pats on the back go a long way and let dispatchers know you appreciate and recognize the remarkable things they do.

Divisional Updates

Judicial



Judicial makes sure all of our Tarrant County courts and buildings are secure

Each year Labor Detail, a subdivision of our Judicial Division, makes toy car, truck, and airplane kits for the children at Cook Children's Medical Center. In 2018, 60 kits were assembled by Labor Detail and donated to kids who were in the hospital for the Christmas Holidays. This annual project is one of Labor Detail's favorite collaborations. Each year, the holidays roll around and the project helps boost spirits both at Cook Children's and at the TCSO. It's also a great way to cap off each year.

Judicial kicked off 2019 by adding a new plain clothes position to provide extra security for high-profile and capital cases. Dressed in plain clothes, this deputy is able to blend in at our multiple court buildings, allowing them to gather intelligence for any high-profile trial at hand and any other possible criminal activity within the County. The current deputy acting in this capacity has many years of experience working high-profile and capital jury trials; experience that will be vital to the role. They are also familiar with all of our courts and how they operate.



Judicial recently moved their supervisor's office

TCSO's Re-Entry Program Helps Other's

Find Their Way



Re-Entry Celebrating an HSE Grad

The Tarrant County Sheriff's Office is committed to offering those incarcerated help for re-entry success if they choose to participate in the available programs. The mission statement for our Inmate Services and Chaplain's Office is: "We shall support, educate and motivate those citizens incarcerated in our jail. We shall strive to reduce recidivism by partnering with community outreach programs. We shall assist inmates to recover their dignity and self-respect as they face their situational challenges." The Inmate Services Department believes that if we restore hope in people at their lowest moment we can strengthen our community and make our neighborhoods safer.



The Military Veterans Program painted ceiling tiles this year and donated them to various elected officials

Several different programs are offered on a volunteer basis. We have High School Equivalency, Re-Entry, and Military Veterans Programs that are offered at two separate facilities to ensure that we help educate as many incarcerated men and women as possible. The High School Equivalency Program is facilitated by instructors from Fort Worth ISD. First implemented in 2018, 18 inmates have graduated with their HSE. Community partners teach a variety of classes in the Re-Entry and Military Programs such as: Life Schools, Business 101, Resume and Interview Training, Coaching, and Pre-Release Case Management.

Safety Talk



In 2019 it seems that someone without a social media account is a rare thing. Whether it's Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Linked In, the internet seems to have something for everyone. It's easy to keep in touch with family members around the world with WhatsApp and with one click you can even send them a gift via Amazon. But just as internet use has gone up, so has cyber crime and internet fraud. Scams using the internet can result in credit card information being obtained and dangerous malware disabling your computer system.

So what can you do to protect yourself?

It can seem so simple, but a good password is a must and having different passwords for different sites is even better. As annoying as that may be, think about if one website is jeopardized, then hackers could potentially have access to any of the other sites you access. If you get a suspicious email do not click on any links. Update your software to protect your computer from vicious malware.

And when you go to update your status on Facebook, maybe don't mention that you and your whole family will be out of town for the week.

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