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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



President, Mary Barron

What a great turnout we had at the Jail Management Issues Conference at South Padre Island during the week of August 23 - 26, 2004! This was the largest attendance of participants we have ever had at this conference. There were 182 jail administrators, sheriffs, and other departmental staff as well as 17 exhibitors. This conference was truly a success.

The class attendance was also outstanding. The courses offered were both interesting as well as very informative. The success of this conference was due to the efforts of

Past President Wayne Dicky, 1st Vice President Kelly Rowe and the Board of Directors who worked many hours to ensure that the association members would enjoy this conference. The speakers are to be commended as they did an exceptional job.

I would like to personally thank the Sheriff's Association of Texas for their support of TJA. We set up a booth at their Annual Conference this past July at Wichita Falls. We made several new contacts with exhibitors of which a number attended our conference at South Padre Island for the first time. Others expressed interest in exhibiting at the Annual Conference in 2005. I thank the exhibitors for their continued support of our association. Congratulations to Sheriff Mark Donaldson from Ector County, whose name was drawn from the TJA booth for the beautiful leather briefcase.

We are excited about joining forces again with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards for regional training sessions on CURRENT ISSUES. The topics will consist of Inmate Escapes, Inmate Suicides, Inmate Housing,

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Inmate Workers, Inmate Management and Q&A. You can check the websites for locations and dates and we look forward to seeing you there. Websites are: www.texasjailassociation.com and www.tcjs.state.tx.us. I am very excited about the growth of our association and the direction in which we are progressing in our training initiatives.

This issue of Key Issues is dedicated to TJA member and former Chief Deputy Clayton McKinney from Midland County who passed away on August 20, 2004. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family and friends.

Please continue to pray for our men and women in the armed forces.

Sincerely,
Mary Barron,
President Texas Jail Association



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IN MEMORY OF CLAYTON MCKINNEY

by

Ed Krevit

Chief Deputy, Midland County Sheriff's Office



Retired Texas Ranger and retired Midland County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Clayton McKinney passed away on August 20th, 2004 after a lengthy battle with brain cancer. Clayton was born and raised in the Big Bend country of Marathon, Texas and worked in law enforcement all of his life. He was a pilot and

Game Warden for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Van Horn, Texas. During this time, he was instrumental in the successful restoration of Pronghorn Antelope in the Big Bend area through his accurate aerial surveys.

Clayton was a well known and respected Texas Ranger in Sierra Blanca and Alpine. He single handedly cultivated relationships with Mexican law enforcement officials to the point that he was able to have a significant impact in the reduction of drug traffic in the Big Bend. Due to these excellent relationships with Mexican authorities, Clayton was able to recover significant amounts of stolen property that had crossed over into Mexico, including automobiles, livestock, and even airplanes that had been stolen by drug smugglers. Clayton's reputation as a Texas Ranger grew to the extent that well known authors such as Walter Prescott Webb (*The Texas Rangers*), Larry McMurtry (*Lonesome Dove*), and James A. Michener (*Texas*) all requested that Clayton guide them through the Big Bend country that they would all write about.

Clayton was recognized by his law enforcement peers in 1978 when he received the Big Bend Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award from the Big Bend Law Enforcement Officers Association. For all of his exemplary work as a Texas Ranger, Clayton McKinney was inducted into the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame.

In 1985, Clayton retired from the Texas Rangers and promptly came to work for the Midland County Sheriff's Office as a Lieutenant in the Criminal Investigation Division. Upon arrival, his impact was immediate. Through his leadership, the Midland County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division was able to clear in excess of 200 burglaries, which not only led to the recovery of a substantial amount of stolen property, but also was instrumental in the reduction of narcotics activity in Midland County. This achievement was recognized by the Texas Sheriff's Association in 1986 when Clayton McKinney received the Greg McFarlin - Max Banks Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award. Clayton's innovative approach to working narcotics with reverse stings was recognized by the 200 Club of Midland in 1987 when Clayton received the 200 Club Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award.

As Captain over Operations, Clayton continued drug

reverse stings which lasted until 1992. In this 5 year period there were approximately 40 major offenders that had been in the drug smuggling business for over 20 years that were arrested for the first time. The drug reverse stings conducted during this time frame resulted in the seizure of approximately \$10 million dollars in currency and property.

In 1996 Clayton was promoted to Chief Deputy and, once again, his innovative thinking was instrumental in 2 noteworthy incidents. First, in 1997 during the Republic of Texas standoff in Ft. Davis, Texas, Clayton convinced the Republic of Texas hierarchy to issue a warrant of arrest for Richard McLaren, which led to his eventual surrender and a peaceful outcome to a potentially dangerous situation. Secondly, Clayton realized that it was important for law enforcement to be better prepared for incidents like the one at Ft. Davis and this led to the creation of S.T.A.R. or Sheriff's of Texas Agreed Response. Through Clayton's guidance, many Sheriff's Offices across Texas now have surplus military equipment that will help them to respond to disaster or terror incidents throughout the state in addition to receiving coordinated training with other Sheriff's Office personnel.

A lifetime member of the Texas Sheriff's Association and a lifetime member of the Former Texas Ranger Association, Clayton retired from the Midland County Sheriff's Office in 2002. Never one to let the dust settle on him, Clayton went to work for N.C.S. Pearson, a subcontractor for the Federal Government, evaluating airport security at airports all across the nation. In addition to his security work, Clayton set out to build a prison in Hudspeth County to house federal inmates. On August 14th, 2004, Hudspeth County officials, including Sheriff Arvin West, dedicated the West Texas Detention Center - Ranger Clayton McKinney Unit, which is a privately operated facility owned by Hudspeth County. The \$24 million dollar prison unit is built on 20 acres and has created 100 local jobs. Clayton was unable to attend the dedication, but his wife Jean, and his 3 sons, Clay, Troy, and Rory were all there to receive the dedication plaque for Clayton.

Clayton has left a legacy behind that any Peace Officer would be proud of. Clay McKinney is Chief of Police in Pecos, Texas; Troy McKinney is a Field Inspector with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association; and Rory McKinney is following in his father's footsteps as Captain of Operations at the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

On August 22nd, 2004, Midland College announced the establishment of the Clayton McKinney Law Enforcement Scholarship Fund. Clayton's dedication, enthusiasm, and quest for excellence in law enforcement are exemplified by this scholarship.

To summarize Clayton McKinney's career in law enforcement, everyone that worked with him would agree that he never shirked a duty, displayed splendid behavior in sickness as well as in health, and he would do to ride the river with. God Bless Texas.

SOUTH PADRE CONFERENCE
 by
Jerry L. Moore, 2nd Vice President

We just completed the Jail Management Issues at South Padre Conference and it was a huge success! We had 182 registered participants, 17 vendors and 17 different instructors.

South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau (Bronze Sponsor) sponsored our Monday morning break. Canteen

Correctional Services (Bronze Sponsor) sponsored our Tuesday morning break, while Global Tel*Link (Bronze Sponsor) sponsored our Tuesday, BUILD YOUR OWN SUNDAY break. Lone Star Commissary sponsored a great social



Pictured (LR) are Tim Calcote and Richard Sparkman of Lone Star Commissary, Bronze Sponsor, hosted the Louie Backyard Dinner.

event on Tuesday evening at Louie's Backyard Restaurant on the scenic Laguna Madres Bay. We enjoyed a delicious seafood dinner and all had a grand time.

The instructors at this year's Padre conference were all fantastic and the



Grady Bankin of Canteen Correctional Services, Bronze Sponsor, hosted the Tuesday morning break.

subjects were timely. We had numerous requests to invite these instructors back to future TJA conferences.

While there, I was recalling with some of the Board that I could remember attending this conference some 10 years ago when there were approximately 35 participants and no vendors. My how the Texas Jail Association and the Jail Management Conference has grown!

I hope all of you are making plans to attend our 19th Annual T.J.A. Conference in San Antonio next year, May 23 thru 27, 2005. At the urging of membership, we are returning to the three and a half day conference program. See you in San Antonio!



*Cheryl White and Rick Ferguson of Global Tel*Link, Bronze Sponsors, hosted the Tuesday afternoon, "Build your own Sundae" break.*

TJA JAIL MANAGEMENT ISSUES CONFERENCE - EXHIBITORS
 by
Cheryl White

I would like to personally thank each exhibitor for their participation in the 2004 Jail Management Issues conference in South Padre Island. This year we had 17 exhibitors showcasing their products to 182 attendees.



Gary McCain of KellPro.

We would like to thank all of our exhibitors who contributed to the success of our conference:

- ABL Management, Inc.
- AT&T Inmate Calling Services
- Bob Barker Company
- Canteen Correctional Services
- Evercom
- Global Tel*Link
- GT Distributors
- Keefe Supply
- KellPro, Inc
- LoneStar



Terry Mullins of Montgomery Technology, Inc.

Commissary Management & Training Corp.

- Mentalix, Inc.
- Montgomery Technology, Inc.
- Point Blank Body Armor/P.A.C.A. Body Armor
- Swanson Services Corp.
- Texas Correctional Industries
- University of Phoenix Online



Pictured (LR) are Stephen McAdams and Robert Delaney of Management & Training Corporation.

I'd like to encourage more of our Spring Conference exhibitors to participate in this growing conference. I can remember when we first started exhibiting at this conference, the attendee list barely topped 60. This year we had a record 182 registered!! Thanks to all for another successful Padre Conference!



Juan Flores, Jr. of Mentalix.

FROM BEHIND THE CAMERA

by
Ronnie Freeman



Pictured (LR) are TJA Executive Director Sharese Hurst, TJA President Mary Barron, Director and President of Lone Star Commissary, Tim Calcote and TJA 1st Vice President Kelly Rowe.

The 2004 Texas Jail Association's Jail Management Conference in South Padre Island has come and gone. The training attendance was excellent and the weather was beautiful. There were 17 vendors and 182

members that participated at this year's conference.

Sheriff Gerry Billy from Licking County, Ohio, who is a Past President of the American Jail Association, presented a training session on "Jail Management Topics," while Carrie Hill, who is an attorney and Criminal Justice Consultant, conducted a training session on "Legal Issues."



Speaker Carrie Hill.

Steve Chalender, with the Texas Association of Counties, presented a training session on "A Guide to



Pictured (LR) are TJA Director Sheila Thun, Speaker Eileen D. Baker and TJA 3rd Vice President Danny Donnes.

Extradition" and the Texas Jail Commission on Jail Standards Staff presented a training session on TCJS, which included some questions and answers about what the commission's mission is and how they work for you.

Eileen D. Baker M.E.D.,

a Consultant for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, did an excellent job of presenting a training session on "Hearing

Impaired Inmates" and how jails can best accommodate this growing number of inmates.



Pictured (LR) are TJA 1st Vice President Kelly Rowe and speaker Steve Chalender of the Texas Association of Counties.

Carmella Jones-Smith with the Texas Association of Counties presented a training session on "The Elements of Management Success" while J. Mark Warren, also with the Texas Association of Counties, presented

a training session on "How Can I get through To You?" concerning communication in a jail setting.

This year the conference dinner was held on Tuesday evening at Louie's Backyard in South Padre. The dinner was sponsored by LoneStar Commissary, with Tim Calcote, hosting the event. The food was delicious and there were numerous members in attendance. Adding to the nights festivities, the Association honored Past President and Chaplain, Gary Pinkerton, who was celebrating his birthday.



Speaker Sheriff Gerry D. Billy of Licking County, Ohio.

I would like to personally thank all of the speakers and vendors and hope that everyone involved enjoyed this conference as much as I did. I hope to see each of you soon.



Pictured (LR) are TJA Director Carla Stone, TJA Past President and Chaplain Gary Pinkerton and TJA President Mary Barron.

Speaker Eileen D. Baker.



TJA CONFERENCE COSTS
by
Danny Downes, 3rd Vice President

As you all are well aware, rising costs nowadays are an ever-present issue. Gasoline prices have sky rocketed, health care costs change almost as often as the date and the cost of secondary education has priced many would-be college students out of the market. These are just a few examples and although they have a profound effect on each and every one of us, there is little we can do to change the situation. This brings me to the point of this letter to the membership of the Texas Jail Association at large.

The conference registration fees for the Spring Conference and the Jail Management Issues Conference have been \$125 since 2001. This conference registration fee has included membership fees for those who attended the conferences, which is something unique to TJA. While the Association has held registration fees at \$125 for the last four years, costs have risen. Services offered by the host hotel, such as room rental for the meeting sessions, display areas for the vendors, food for breaks, meals at award banquets, etc. have all increased in price with each subsequent conference, yet we have not increased our fees. I could go on forever about the different things that we are charged for at the conferences, but let me just say that every thing that is done, every employee that assists us, and for every item that is used there is a cost attached. In addition, we have gone back to the 3½-day format and it goes without saying that added costs are attached to this, as well.

As many of you know, we will move to the San Antonio Convention center for our 2006 Spring Conference. This move is predicated by the growth of our Association and, it goes without saying, that when we move into bigger and better facilities our costs will increase.

After discussing these issues at the last board meeting, the TJA Board of Directors decided in order to be fiscally responsible, we must make the following price changes. First, there will be a distinct difference in membership fees versus registration fees. Membership fees will remain at the bargain basement price of \$20 per year. If you look at other professional associations you will find that this is indeed a bargain. Second, the registration fee for both the Spring Conference and the Jail Management Issues Conference will be changed as follows:

- ✓ \$130 for members
- ✓ \$150 for non-members (this price will include membership for one year)

As a result of these changes, your TJA Board will be able to continue to provide you with quality training on current jail related topics in an environment conducive to networking, which we all have come to recognize as one of the single most valuable functions at our annual training conferences.

INMATES' EDUCATION ACCREDITED
by
La Monica Everett-Haynes
Houston Chronicle

Filing in slowly, more than 30 people entered the room for a recent Houston Community College System board meeting, drawing curious glances from the audience as they sat together. Staff members of the Harris County Jail Inmate Education program wanted to inform board members that their joint program had been accredited by the International Correctional Education Association. "It was a long and hard struggle," said Rosemary Harrison, the program's assistant director. "It means a tremendous amount of exposure."

Terry Enloe of the Harris County Sheriff's Support Services Division thanked the board for more than 30 years of support before his colleagues gave each trustee a lapel pin. "We're the only jail facility partnership in the United States to receive this accreditation from the association," Enloe said. "We are setting the standard for the rest of the jails in the United States."

Harrison said more than 40 HCC educators teach 8,500 County Jail inmates each year in courses that last up to three months. "In most backgrounds, education is very important," Harrison said. "But not everyone has been afforded the privilege so that they may function in a normal world. "We're trying to ensure that we do our part to keep the inmates from returning. If we give them some marketable skills, it's likely they won't return."

**JIM WHITE MEMORIAL YOUTH
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**
by
Cheryl White

I am pleased to announce the second recipient of the Jim White Memorial Youth Scholarship is Mr. Anthony Michael Hopper II of Wichita Falls. Michael was presented with his scholarship in September.

Michael is the son of Captain Mike Hopper of the Wichita County Sheriff's Office and Karla Hopper, who is on the clerical staff at the City of Iowa Park. Karla has been with the city for 16 years. Mike has been with the Sheriff's Office for over 16 years and is a Past President and long time member of TJA.

Michael is very proud of his accomplishments during his high school years. He was active in sports and theater, served as the Student Council President and was a member of the National Honor Society. He volunteered in a wide range of community activities such as Christmas in April, blood and food drives, cooking Thanksgiving dinners for underprivileged families, and Easter egg hunts.

Michael is currently a student at Midwestern State University and plans to earn a degree in Radiological Science. He is completing a one year internship at Navarro Regional Hospital. He has also completed mini-internships with the Scottish Rite Hospital for Kids in Dallas and Texhoma Cancer Center in Wichita Falls. He says he most enjoys working with pediatric orthopedic patients. We wish him well in his future endeavors.



Texas Jail Association

JIM WHITE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Texas Jail Association offers scholarships to eligible students pursuing an academic degree at a college or university. In addition the Texas Jail Association offers a scholarship to law enforcement individuals seeking to further their education at either the Community College, college or university level. These funds are managed by the Texas Jail Association for award to qualified individuals. The scholarships are awarded in the Spring and Fall of each year.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

- Applications must be submitted to the Texas Jail Association. Application for Scholarship form with all supporting information attached.
- Applications must be received in the Texas Jail Association office by March 1 each year for the Spring Semester and by October 15 each year for the Fall Semester.
- A new application must be submitted for each semester. Only *one* application needs be submitted with current supporting information for each semester.
- Applicants are only eligible to receive two scholarship awards.
- Students applying for scholarships must meet the general requirements of the Texas Jail Association. Law enforcement individuals must be active members of the Texas Jail Association.

TEXAS JAIL ASSOCIATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Must be enrolled in a College or University in an academic course of study.
2. Must be less than 25 years of age at time of application. (Youth Scholarship only)
3. Must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.
4. Must have completed at least one semester of college.
5. Must be enrolled as a full time student during semester the application is submitted. The general rule will be for 12 semester hours undergraduate, 9 semester hours for graduate students. (Youth Scholarship only)
6. Must not have been convicted of a crime, which would make an individual ineligible for employment in his/her field study.
7. Must submit with application a brief biographical sketch and narrative, written in the applicant's own words, stating why the applicant believes he/she is deserving of a scholarship award. May include personal accomplishments, activities and experiences, and may not exceed two (2) typewritten, double-spaced pages in length.

SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

JIM WHITE MEMORIAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

A son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter or grandchild of an Active Texas Jail Association member serving the State of Texas, pursuing a degree.

JIM WHITE MEMORIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

An Active Texas Jail Association member pursuing a degree.

Active Texas Jail Association Member:

Member in good standing for at least one full year and current on membership dues for year applying.

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Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

William Butler Yeats

Let this scholarship be the match!



Application for the Jim White Memorial Youth Scholarship

Managed By The Texas Jail Association

■ APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Age: _____ Female/Male: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

County of Residence: _____ Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

College/University Attending: _____ Current Major: _____

Current Cumulative GPA: _____ **MUST ATTACH:** 1. *Current Transcript**

Number of Hours Taken in Current Semester: _____ 2. *Current Proof of Enrollment**

3. *A Brief Biographical Sketch*

**This must be an official document on either school letterhead or with the school seal.*

Have you ever been convicted of a crime that would make you ineligible for employment in your major field of study? Y / N

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Y / N Are you a resident of Texas? Y / N

■ PARENT/GRANDPARENT INFORMATION

Names: Father: _____

Mother: _____

Grandparent (if applicable): _____

Position, Title and Place/City of Employment:

Father: _____

Mother: _____

Grandparent (if applicable): _____

Are either parents/grandparents members of the Texas Jail Association? Y / N TJA MEMBER SINCE: ____ / ____

■ APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

The information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and correct in its entirety. I understand this information will be reviewed and may be verified if necessary. In applying for this scholarship I also grant permission to publish this information if I am selected for a scholarship award.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

All scholarships are contingent upon the qualifications of applicants and the availability of funds.



Application for the Jim White Memorial Law Enforcement Scholarship

Managed By The Texas Jail Association

■ APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Agency: _____ Title: _____

Agency Mailing Address: _____
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Business Telephone #: _____ Home Telephone #: _____

College/University Attending: _____

Current Major: _____

Current Cumulative GPA: _____

MUST ATTACH:

1. **Current Transcript***
2. **Current Proof of Enrollment***
3. **A Brief Biographical Sketch**

Number of Hours Taken in Current Semester: _____

**This must be an official document on either school letterhead or with the school seal.*

■ TJA MEMBERSHIP

Are you a member of the Texas Jail Association? Y/N

TJA MEMBER SINCE: ____ / ____ (MONTH/YEAR)

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JAIL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE HELD



Clint Swindall

Over 250 county correctional personnel attended the 35th Annual Jail Management Conference at the George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center in Huntsville on October 5-8, 2004. Participants were exposed to a variety of workshops that focused on topics such as leadership for jail staff, integrity and ethics, intake procedures, facility management, jail control systems and software, and health care in jails.

Conference speakers included: Clint Swindall, President of Verbalocity, Inc., of San Antonio; Jim Dodson, President of Dodson Training Resources of Odessa; Terry Julian, Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards; Warren F. Cook of Portland, Oregon; Tim Redden of Montgomery Technologies in Greenville, Alabama; and Trey Flores with the McLennan County Sheriff's Department in Waco.

In addition to presentations from experts in their topics,

participants met with exhibitors and toured area facilities of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

At the dinner and casino night held on October 6, those in attendance participated in a raffle for a shotgun, which raised \$1,000.00 for the Donald J. Weisenhorn Memorial Scholarship.

This successful program was managed by Marcus Kenter, Beverly Niederhofer, and Jennifer Gandy, all with the Correctional Management Institute of Texas.

Members of the Board of Directors of the Texas Jail Association managed an exhibitors table at the conference and signed up several new members.



Pictured (L,R) are TJA Director Carla Stone, TJA President Mary Barron, Past President and Chaplain Gary Pinkerton and TJA Director Don Courtney at the 35th Annual Jail Management Conference.

LEGAL ISSUES

by
Robert C. Green

Last month those attending the Jail Management Conference at South Padre were fortunate to have a variety of talented and knowledgeable speakers. Among them was Carrie Hill, who provided training regarding legal issues in today's jail. Ms. Hill is an attorney and criminal justice consultant. She has been actively involved in corrections since 1987. Since leaving her position as General Counsel for the Utah Department of Correction in 1992, Ms. Hill has focused on providing training and consulting on national, regional, state and local scales for a variety of private and public entities, She is also Editor of Corrections Managers Report, and Of Counsel to the Hill Law Office Ltd. In Maple Grove, Minnesota where she provides corrections consulting and expert witness services individually and in association with DeLand & Associates.

Carrie spoke on a variety of legal issues that we all have faced or will face in the future. She explained several recent court rulings and emphasized the effect the decisions have

on jail management. Much of her instruction was devoted to providing techniques to successfully defend lawsuits, such as the importance of proper documentation. Among the issues Carrie spoke about were inmate rights under the 1st, 4th, 8th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution including mail, telephone, visitation and the news media. Carrie also discussed topics including conditions of confinement, duty to protect, in-custody deaths, Prison Litigation Reform Act, and RLUIPA. Ms. Hill explained the importance of developing practical strategies to avoid or defend yourself in litigation. Hopefully by applying some of her methods we can respond in a proactive manner to the legal issues facing us in today's jail. Some of Ms. Hill's publications can be found in prior issues of Corrections Managers' Report, as well as the Corrections Law Reporter. Carrie Hill has instructed at T.J.A. and A.J.A. functions in the past and has several seminars scheduled for the remainder of the year.

STATE READY UPDATE

by
Ramona Koch

Hello again to all TJA members:

Sorry I have been so long in writing in the TJA Key Issues, but it has been a very busy and hectic year. The reason for this article is that there are some things that many of you working in the Texas jails need to be made aware of. While some of the information does not apply to everyone, it is important that it be made available to everyone. If you know a co-worker who may find this information useful, please forward this information to them.

Death Row Offenders – When these offenders have been scheduled for an execution date, the death warrant must be the original and not a certified copy.

45 Day Duty to Accept – Pursuant to section 499.121 Texas Government Code, the TDCJ-CID has a duty to accept each inmate, who is confined in a county jail while under an order of commitment to the Institutional Division, no later than the 45th day after the date on which all processing required for transfer has been completed (Article 42.09 Section 8 Texas Code of Criminal Procedure).

The 45 day period begins on either the delivery date of the paperwork if hand-delivered or the post mark date of the paperwork if it was mailed. All of the requirements of Article 42.09 Section 8 Texas Code of Criminal Procedure must be met for an inmate to be considered “paper ready” before the 45 day period begins. If for any reason after the TDCJ Admissions Office schedules an inmate for delivery and the county cancels the delivery, the 45 day cycle is complete. A new 45 day cycle will begin, starting at day one, upon notifying the TDCJ Admissions Office that they are in fact ready to send the offender. The 45 day cycle does NOT apply to bench warrant inmates until the county notifies the Admissions Office that the inmate is ready to be returned to the department.

Please be aware that a BENCH WARRANT offender with new charges does not need to go through the State Ready System.

Also, please note that if an offender has not been transferred within 3 working weeks, please fax a list of these names so we can check on the disposition of these files. This only applies to paperwork that is sent to State Ready that has Institutional Division time only.

Boot Camp/State Jail Paperwork – This paperwork needs to be hand delivered with the offender once you have called Admissions to schedule them in.

TV-ONLY VISITS TO BEGIN AT MARION COUNTY JAIL

by
John Tuohy, Indianapolis Star

Beginning Monday, visitors to and inmates at the Marion County Jail no longer will be able to touch each other. Or look each other in the eye, or even be in the same room. Instead, they'll have to catch each other on the small screen.

TV monitors with telephones are replacing contact visits at the jail. Sheriff Frank Anderson said it will increase safety and free up jail guards for duties other than watching over the visits. “We are the last county in the state to have contact visits,” Anderson said. Visitors at most other jails in Indiana still can see their incarcerated loved ones face-to-face, though they are separated by glass and speak to them through telephones.

Anderson said the video system will allow more visits because it will be quicker shuttling the visitors in and out. The \$240,000 system also has the capability of providing visits from remote locations.

The Marion county public defender's office likes the new system because lawyers will be able to visit their clients over videophones from their offices, several times a day if needed. “This will save a lot of time for lawyers, who don't need contact visits because our meetings are informational,” public defender David Cook said.

Anderson and jail officials unveiled the TV monitors Friday. In what used to be the waiting room on the first floor of the jail are now stools aligned in front of 26 television sets in separate booths. Two telephones are connected to each monitor so that the inmate, who will be in a similarly configured room on the second floor, can talk to two people at once.

Under the old system, visitors were escorted by jail guards to a visiting room after passing a metal detection screening. Visitors and inmates sat across from each other on wooden benches as guards watched to make sure banned items were not passed. “This will eliminate any chance of contraband getting in from visitors,” Anderson said.

Sheriff's Col. Kerry Forestal said officers have seized handcuff keys, marijuana and even a gun in the past, but only tobacco has been seized in recent months. About 20 years ago, an inmate held a lawyer hostage with a sharpened pencil pointed at his ear, Forestal said. Another time, an inmate slashed his visitor across the face with a razor blade.

The Sheriff's Department plans to keep in place its requirement that visitors make appointments to see the inmates, unlike most other Indiana jails and state prisons. For example, in Allen, Boone, Madison and Monroe counties, visitors can show up at the jail without an appointment so see the inmates in the order of the visitors' arrival. State prisons allow visits without appointments.

Forestal said the appointment system was a more orderly way to accommodate the high number of visits. Visitors have complained frequently that the appointment system prevents visits, officials admit. January 24, 2004

15 POINTS OF GOOD FACILITATIVE MANAGEMENT

by
Warren F. Cook

1. Surround yourself with professionals who seek excellence.
2. Require (and shelter) total honesty within the workplace.
3. Nurture ALL staff within the workplace and foster their 2nd life outside work.
4. Seek out and hear input using active listening skills with an open mind.
5. Mentor your staff and join them in becoming lifetime students.
6. Ensure that ALL your staff is afforded professional development activities.
7. Don't allow your agency, your staff or yourself to get "comfortable."
8. Try new things within the workplace for the betterment of all.
9. Actively listen to feedback surrounding all activities (staff, clients, others).
10. Strike a good balance between "pride," "recognition" and "humility."
11. Seek out and learn about the dreams and successes of others.
12. Build on your successes and continue to seek excellence.
13. Know what makes you, your staff and your agency successful.
14. Constantly expand upon and update the mission and actively nurture a dynamic vision statement for your agency.
15. SMILE – Use your "E.C.H.O. (Every Contact Has Outcomes) Factor" in a positive way at all times and actively work to positively touch the lives of people on a daily basis.

SCALED DOWN COUNTY JAIL PLAN GETS NOD

by
Mike Peck
Managing Editor, Cameron Herald

Acting on the recommendation of a citizens committee, Milam County commissioners have agreed to move forward with construction of a new Milam County Jail facility. In a unanimous vote on Monday, commissioners agreed to proceed with the jail project - not to exceed \$6.4 million - and begin reviewing financing options for the new jail.

The vote followed a presentation by jail committee member Bill McCutchen, who told commissioners that architects have worked to pare down the original plans for the facility without sacrificing the basic objectives of the committee that was to meet the present and future needs of Milam County as they relate to a jail facility. "Following a lengthy session on April 15 with Kenneth Burns of Burns, Fletcher, Gill Architects, the Milam County jail study committee came to the conclusion that we could not move forward with building a county jail and the issue was tabled for further study," McCutchen told commissioners.

"After several work sessions and cuts in building and construction costs, furniture, service and contingency costs the jail project was reduced from \$9,860,000 to \$6,400,000," McCutchen said. "That by the way was without sacrificing the ultimate goals and objectives of the committee to meet Milam County's present and future jail needs as economically as possible; provide adequate service and supports space in the initial design and to design a jail that was truly expandable."

McCutchen also said that the committee received research reports on projected steel prices and financing prices. "The committee agreed that interest rates will rise even if construction prices moderate," McCutchen said. "The price of a new facility will continue to increase with time."

"The jail committee has looked at numerous options over the last year and following more than a year of study and research, we believe and recommend that the best course is to move forward with construction of a 107-bed expandable jail and to contract with Burns, Fletcher and Gill to construct a jail not to exceed \$6.4 million." McCutchen said the committee also wants to share its findings and recommendation with the public and will do so in two public meetings set for July 1 beginning at 7 p.m. at Bea's Kitchen in Cameron and on July 8 at 7 p.m. at the Patterson Civic Center in Rockdale.

Burns also attended Monday's meeting and outlined some of the costs saving for commissioners. He noted that savings were found by reducing more than 11,000 square feet of construction area. Omitted from the project is a large courtroom, offices for Peace Justices and offices for the Department of Public Safety troopers. Those changes alone resulted in site reduction and building costs nearing \$3 million.

Cost savings were also realized in a number of other areas, reducing the overall cost of the facility. While the facility is a pared down version of the original plan, Burns said the quality of the facility has not been reduced. Likewise, under the current plan, the jail facility and additional office spaces can be added at a later date.

Earlier this year the county, on the recommendation of the jail committee, began the process of purchasing the old Newton Hospital property in Cameron as the future site for a new county jail.

The old hospital building and its parking lot will be utilized as a part of the new facility.

As for a timeline for the construction, Burns said his company expects to present a tentative design to the State Jail Standards Commission as early as next week. Burns said after approval of the tentative package, the architectural firm would begin design development - a process that takes about six weeks, after which the company will again seek approval of the state agency. Once that approval is gained another eight-week process follows to develop blueprints for the project that also go before the state agency for consideration. Burns said commissioner's approval to begin the process on Monday could mean that bids could be let for the work in the early part of December with site development and construction to follow. June 16, 2004

MEET YOUR FELLOW TJA MEMBERS ACROSS THE STATE

by
Ronnie Freeman



Commander A. Cantu



At the Texas Jail Association's 2004 Jail Management Issues Conference held August 23rd - 26th, 2004 on South Padre Island, I had the honor of meeting two members who are employed by the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department. Adolfo T. Cantu is the Commander in the Hidalgo County Jail. He attended high school in Edinburg, Texas and also attended Pan American College.

Commander Cantu began his law enforcement career when he became a detention officer in February 1994. He attended the Texas Peace Officers and Jailers Academy in 1994 and currently holds his advanced peace officer and jailer license. After completing the academy, Cantu worked in the jail and was later promoted to Sergeant in December 1994. In September 1995, Sergeant Cantu was assigned to the Courthouse substation to transport inmates. In April 1997, Sergeant Cantu was promoted to Chief Jailer and his title was later changed to Commander. Hidalgo County's new jail facility holds approximately 1232 inmate beds.

Commander Cantu's hobbies include woodworking. He makes tables, chairs and wood frames. Cantu has been married to his wife Rosie, a registered nurse, for 31 years and has two sons and two grandsons. Cantu loves his job and plans to continue his career in Jail Management for many years to come

Lieutenant M. Leal

Mirta Leal is employed as a Lieutenant with the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department and assigned to the night shift in the jail. Lieutenant Leal attended high school in Edinburg, Texas and later attended a vocational school. She worked as a secretary for the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department from August 1990 until January 1994, when she became a matron assigned to the detention center. She attended the jailer's academy and attained her basic certification. Leal is currently working toward obtaining her intermediate certification.

On August 3rd, 1998, Mirta Leal was promoted to Sergeant. Her initial assignment was as a floor sergeant in the detention center. Sergeant Leal was later assigned to the kitchen to supervise and manage the kitchen budget. On June 2nd, 2002, Sergeant Leal was promoted to Lieutenant.

A mother of three girls, Lieutenant Leal resides in Edinburg, Texas. Some of her hobbies include making floral and basket arrangements. Lieutenant Leal loves her job at the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Department and plans to continue to work there and in the future until she retires from her department.

Both of the featured members work for Enrique "Henry" Escalon, Sheriff of Hidalgo County. As of November 2004, Escalon will have been the Sheriff of Hidalgo County for ten years.



MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT A SUCCESS

by
Danny Downes, 3rd Vice President

In June of this year, I issued a challenge to the membership of this association to renew their own expiring memberships and for each member to recruit one new member. This challenge could not have been more timely as Sharese Hurst, Executive Director and her staff were busy mailing out renewal cards to members who were on the drop list. This effort has paid dividends to the tune of 91 renewals as of Friday, October 8 with more renewals coming in every day. Amy Coates has informed me that she has been receiving several membership renewal cards everyday.

Although our recruitment efforts have not been as successful as the renewal cards, they are, however, worthy of notice. Since June, we have attained 26 new members. One of these new members, of which I am most pleased, is Sheriff Mark Bassham from Delta County, which is up by the Texas-Oklahoma border. This new member recruitment was a result of an "invitation to membership" letter that I wrote attempting to reach all jails in the state. This "invitation" was mailed by the

staff at the Correctional Management Institute of Texas to each Sheriff and Jail Administrator in Texas. Sheriff Bassham is the first TJA member from Delta County, according to current records. Sheriff Bassham, we are all looking forward to seeing you at the 19th Annual Texas Jail Association conference in San Antonio next May!

Currently, we have 757 members in good standing and a drop list of 308 names. I expect the renewal cards to continue to be a huge success and as our new memberships grow, it appears as if the goal of 1,000 members before the Spring Conference is an achievable one.

In closing, I would urge each and every one of you to continue your recruitment efforts. Each additional member makes the Texas Jail Association a little bit better and a little bit stronger.

TEXAS JAIL ASSOCIATION BULLETIN BOARD



Pictured are (L,R) Wayne Dickey (Jail Administrator of Brazos County), Rita Watkins (Director of Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas), and Lieutenant Clarence Henry.

Lieutenant Clarence Henry of the Brazos County Sheriff's Office

Lieutenant Clarence Henry of the Brazos County Sheriff's Office graduated from the Leadership Command College of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, located at Sam Houston State University, on August 6, 2004. Lt. Henry has been employed by the Sheriff's Office for 5 years and currently supervises the operations of the Brazos County Detention Center.

Congratulations

On September 18, 2004, McLennan County Captain Johnny Mynar was united in marriage to Board Member Cheryl White of Global Tel*Link in West, Texas. The bride and groom met through TJA and have been friends for over 15 years. Cheryl's daughter Mary Tolliver was the maid of honor and Johnny's son, Johnny Mynar III was the best man. In attendance were over 150 family members and friends in law enforcement, including McLennan County Sheriff Larry Lynch, TJA Past President and Bell County Major Bob Patterson, Jack Crump from ISI Detention, McLennan County Commissioner Ray Meadows, McLennan County's Paul Wash, Chief Deputy Randy Plemons, Sid Franklin and TJA 3rd Vice President Danny Downes.

McLennan County Sheriff's Office

Promotions and transfers: Corporal Jesus Lopez was promoted to Sergeant, Officers Jack Campbell, Shane Kirk and Sharri Pyburn were promoted to Corporal, Deputy Gary Huffman was assigned as S.P.U.R.S coordinator, Booking/Bonding Clerk Barbara Drummond was promoted to Booking/Bonding Supervisor, Patrol Corporal Chris Braziel was promoted to Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Sergeant Steve Smith was assigned to Warrants, and Warrant Sergeant John Kolinek was assigned to Patrol.

UPCOMING TRAINING Texas Jail Association

Spring Regional Workshops

“Intermediate Suicide Detection and Prevention” and “Classification and Sexual Harassment and Misconduct”

January 11 – 12, 2005	Inn of the Hills 1001 Junction Highway, Kerrville, Texas	16 hrs.	Free
February 15 – 16, 2005	Holiday Inn Victoria 2705 East Houston, Victoria, Texas	16 Hrs.	Free
February 15 – 16, 2005	Holiday Inn Select 5701 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas	16 Hrs.	Free
February 22 – 23, 2005	Renaissance – Casa de Palmas 101 North Main, McAllen, Texas	16 Hrs.	Free
February 22 – 23, 2005	Ambassador Hotel 4250 Ridgemont Drive, Abilene, Texas	16 Hrs.	Free
March 1 – 2, 2005	MCM Elegante 5200 East University, Odessa, Texas	16 Hrs.	Free
March 1 – 2, 2005	Holiday Inn 801 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas	16 Hrs.	Free
March 8 – 9, 2005	Holiday Inn 3950 IH – 10 South @ Walden, Beaumont, Texas	16 Hrs.	Free
March 8 – 9, 2005	Hilton Waco 113 South University Parks, Waco, Texas	16 Hrs.	Free
March 15 – 16, 2005	TAC Events Center 1210 San Antonio, Austin, Texas	16 Hrs.	Free
March 15 – 16, 2005	Ambassador Hotel 3100 IH – 40 West, Amarillo, Texas	16 Hrs.	Free

To register for a class or request additional information, please contact Lisa Garcia or Jan Halverson with Texas Association of Counties, 1-800-456-5974.

KEY ISSUES DEADLINE DATES

December 1, 2004 for January Publication
March 1, 2005 for April Publication
June 1, 2005 for July Publication
September 1, 2005 for October Publication

Send your articles on disk or via email to Sharese Hurst, Texas Jail Association, Correctional Management Institute of Texas, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas 77341-2296; sharese@shsu.edu.

TEXAS JAIL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

PURPOSE

The Texas Jail Association was formed on June 4, 1986, in Austin, Texas. The organization's main objective is to provide a distinct unified voice for correctional officers working in local jails. TJA's membership is comprised of sheriffs, jail administrators, correctional officers, support staff, and other interested parties of the corrections profession in Texas.

MISSION

- * To bring together those concerned with or interested in the professional operation and administration of jails in the state of Texas;
- * To advance professionalism through training, technical assistance, publications, peer interaction, and conferences;
- * To provide leadership in the development of professional standards, management practices, programs, and services, and
- * To advance the interests, needs, and concerns of the membership.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- * Annual Training Conference with the latest national, state, and local corrections information;
- * A newsletter covering important issues and developments in the correctional industry;
- * Regional training and development seminars;
- * Opportunities to share ideas and network with others in the corrections profession, and
- * State Legislative updates and input.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Texas Jail Association Annual Training Conference, held in the spring, focuses on professional training for members. Topics for the Annual Conference include but are not limited to the following:

Texas Commission on Jail Standards Updates
Texas Department of Criminal Justice Updates
Legal Issues for Jails
Texas Legislative Updates
Jail Security Issues

Regional training is provided by the Association several times per year throughout the state. This provides those members that are unable to attend the Annual Conference with the opportunity to learn valuable information about their profession. Each participant receives a certificate of completion for each training program as well as the appropriate TCLEOSE credit.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Professional Member (voting member)

Law enforcement personnel working with or in support of a jail, and who are employed by, and work under the supervision of a sheriff.

Associate Member (voting member)

Active or retired law enforcement personnel, including federal, state, and local entities working with or in support of Texas county or city jails.

Affiliate Member (non-voting member)

Any person interested in the operation and administration of Texas jails as approved by the Texas Jail Association.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Agency: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____