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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



President, Carla Stone

As this year is quickly passing, we are all busy preparing for the new fiscal year, which will already be in effect when you receive your Key Issues. Please take a moment to reflect upon 9-11 and remember the victims of that tragedy, along with their families and friends.

Also, please remember our troops serving to protect us and our country. And, as always, remember our fallen peace officers, detention officers and correctional officers across the United States as they give the ultimate sacrifice to the criminal justice system.

WE SURVIVED HURRICANE DEAN, or should I say, "We dodged Hurricane Dean?" By the grace of God, South Padre Island and South Texas were spared from the hurricane, which enabled TJA to complete

the Jail Management Issues Conference. The Radisson Resort was very helpful with passing along information from the City of South Padre in regards to the state of emergency and any type of evacuation plans. Sergeant at Arms, Steve Fisher, kept us informed with updates from the Emergency Management Office in Austin and everyone was watching the Weather Channel the first couple of days of the conference to maintain a location on the hurricane.

The hotel hosted a reception on Monday night poolside and all enjoyed the music and karaoke provided by Tunes Across Texas. Again, we were thrilled by the talent of some of our TJA members and their family that performed.

Wednesday night, we enjoyed a Mexican Fiesta, with great food and entertainment. Again, Tunes Across Texas provided great music and the opportunity for dancing and karaoke. A special thanks to all the

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karaoke participants, their performances were great.

A wonderful time was enjoyed by everyone who attended the conference. The training was excellent, we had great vendors, and as always the enjoyment of friends and colleagues. We wish the best for the area of Mexico that was hit and hope for a speedy recovery.

As always, special recognition goes to our Board of Directors for their untiring dedication to the Association. All board members are volunteers, who take on numerous tasks and responsibilities to keep TJA functioning. I deeply appreciate all the board members that work so hard all year long to make TJA a great association. Special recognition and thanks to each Sheriff that allows their officer(s) to serve on the board. TJA could not be the organization that it is today without the support of the Texas Sheriffs.

Congratulations to Sharese Hurst, TJA Executive Director, and her staff for the planning and completion of another great conference.

TJA, the Texas Commission on Jail Standards and the Texas Association of Counties will soon be announcing the regional training schedules. As in the past, the regional training covers important topics and it is FREE. We hope as many officers as possible can take advantage of this training.

In closing, let me add that as we continue our jobs in detention each day, dealing with the numerous problems, situations, etc. that we all face, always remember that we are representatives to the public for our respective departments and for the criminal justice system in general. Always maintain your professionalism and integrity. Prove to the public that the officers in the detention field are true professionals, which the public and their department can be proud to depend upon and respect.

Carle Stone

JAIL MANAGEMENT ISSUES 2007



Those of us who braved the trip to South Padre for the Jail Management Issues Conference were definitely rewarded for our courage and valor. The weather was actually beautiful

for the first few days and not too bad the rest of the time, we saw the sun every day.

By the middle of the week, we had the opportunity to witness things you don't always get the opportunity to see. We watched a long line of shrimp boats coming in to dock from Texas and Mexico to avoid the high winds at sea. For the first time ever, some of us saw individuals surfing the waves of the gulf. The temperature lowered from cloudy skies and the gulf breeze increased, which kept things cooler. The beach may not have been as pleasant as earlier in the week, but the hotel pool was near perfect.

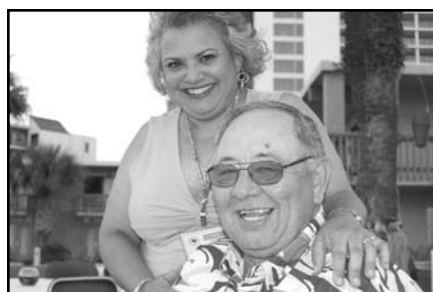
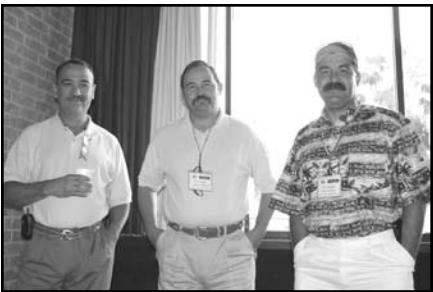
When the training session opened Monday morning, some of the participants had concerned expressions and the uncertainty of how long we would be staying and when we would head home were the prominent questions. The attendees were notified that the TJA Board would be in contact with several Emergency Management Authorities and would evaluate the information to continually provide

updates to the group. Early that morning it was determined that the hurricane would avoid South Padre and almost immediately the tension began to disappear.

The rest of the week was Padre as usual with informative programs and speakers in spite of a few speakers deciding not to make the trip. The audience was smaller than prior years but this did not dim the participation. Jim Dodson, Mark Warren, Adan Munoz, the TAC group – Carmella, Steve, Don and James, Billy Bryan, and Robert Davis provided the training on current topics, relevant issues and related updates.

If you are a part of the group that registered, decided not to go and cancelled at the last minute – sorry folks, you sure missed a great conference. If you were some of the brave and fearless who decided to go ahead and go even if you had to turn around and come right back – you already know, it was the best conference ever. See you next year!





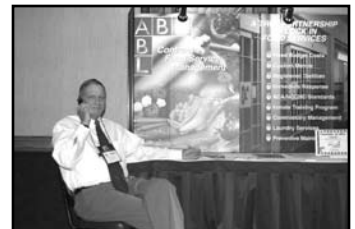
GREAT SUPPORT FROM EXHIBITORS AT 2007 JMI

Thanks to all of you who attended and supported our 2007 Jail Management Issues Conference in South Padre. We had a great turn out this year in spite of the potential hurricane. A big thank you goes out to the many companies that continue to support us year after year. We would also like to take a quick moment to welcome all of the first time vendors attending this year's conference! They were as follows: Crown Correctional Telephone; Embarq Corporation; JPay; Nightstick; and Sanitation Supply Systems. We hope you enjoyed the conference and that you were able to make plenty of contacts with both existing customers and potential customers.

Be on the lookout for the 22nd Annual Texas Jail Association Conference packets. This conference will be held May 12-16, 2008 in Austin, Texas at the Austin Renaissance Hotel. We have listened to your feedback and have made a few changes we hope you will like. Exhibitor packets will be mailed in November, so be sure to check out all of the great sponsorship and exhibiting opportunities available to you. There are plenty of ways for all companies to be involved in this great conference.

Thanks Again! You really do make a difference!

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JAIL MANAGEMENT ISSUES 2007 - DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

The following are lucky winners of Door Prizes given at the 2007 Jail Management Issues Conference in South Padre. Congratulations to the winners and a big Thanks to the sponsors!

Oscar Lopez of Jim Wells County won 2 all day passes donated by Schlitterbahn; Nancy Brixey of Rains County won tickets for the dolphin watch donated by Sea Ranch Marina-Dolphin Watch; Pam Heck of Coryell County won tickets for the dolphin watch donated by Sea Ranch Marina-Dolphin Watch; Julia Helems of Bell County won tickets for the dolphin watch donated by Sea Ranch Marina-Dolphin Watch; Kim Heald of Bell County won tickets for the dolphin watch donated by Sea Ranch Marina-Dolphin Watch; Clint McRae of Walker County won tickets for the dolphin watch donated by Sea Ranch Marina-Dolphin Watch; A.C. Radar of Fort Bend County won Sports Bucket donated by Palo Pinto County; Daniel Quam of Fort Bend County won Planter Bucket donated by Palo Pinto County; Shane Sowell of Lamb County won Metal Star donated by Palo Pinto County; Lori Compton of Kaufman County won USB Port/Pen donated by Embarq; Brent Phillips of Polk County won Relax Wine donated by Timekeeping Systems; June Graves of Fannin County won Barefoot Wine donated by Timekeeping Systems; Mark White of Williamson County won Beach Toys donated by Timekeeping Systems; Sheila Thun of McLennan County won DVD Player donated by Emerald Systems; Richard Candelaria of Midland County won 26" LCD Flat Screen w/ built in DVD donated by Embarq; Greg Martin of Guadalupe County won Flash Light donated by GT Distributors; Katheryn Pavelka of Fort Bend County won a prize donated by Inmate Calling Solutions; Roger Pavelka of Fort Bend County won a prize donated by Inmate Calling Solutions and, Cedric Simon of Tarrant County won a prize donated by Inmate Calling Solutions.

PROFESSIONAL CORRECTIONS OFFICERS WANTED

by
David Drosche

I would like to thank all of the dedicated TJA members from across the great State of Texas for their outstanding presence at our Annual Conference in Austin, Texas and at the Jail Management Issues Conference in South Padre, Texas. TJA membership has continued to rise over the last several years. The conference in South Padre was going to be a record breaking year for participants from our membership, but Hurricane Dean unfortunately took its toll on attendance for the conference. This was completely understandable, as we all have families and jobs that are our primary responsibility.

We are always excited to see new faces within our association. I would like to invite all of our constituents in the corrections field from across the State to come join the Texas Jail Association. Our mission in the Texas Jail Association is: 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 interactions and conferences; to provide leadership in the development of professional standards, management practices, programs and services; and to advance the interest, needs and concerns of the membership.

The benefits our members receive are excellent. The Texas Jail Association host two conferences a year, the Annual Conference held every May in Austin and the Jail Management Issues Conference held every August in South Padre. These conferences provide members with the latest national, state and local corrections information. Several of the topics covered during these conferences are Texas Commission on Jail Standards Updates, Texas Department of Criminal Justice Updates, Legal Issues for Jails, Texas Legislative Updates and Jail Security Issues.

We also afford our members several training opportunities each year by co-hosting regional training workshops across the state at no cost to the participants. These workshops are conducted in partnerships with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, the Texas Association of Counties and the Correctional Management Institute of Texas. All of these trainings offer some of the most valuable opportunities to share ideas and network with others in the corrections profession.

The Texas Jail Association also provides quarterly

newsletters, called Key Issues, to all members covering important issues and developments in the correctional industry. The Key Issues is also a place for each agency and member to share their ideas, knowledge, articles, promotions and projects agencies may have implemented. All of this knowledge could assist other agencies or members in future projects and professional development. In addition, we also afford a benefit for those members interested in getting their Certified Jail Manager Certification through the American Jail Association. This benefit is to encourage professional development and credentialing among Association members. Once an eligible member receives their CJM status, they can receive reimbursement from TJA for their CJM examination fee.

The Texas Jail Association is holding two separate contests this year for our membership drive. The first contest is to provide a benefit to each County which recruits at least 10 new members to the Association. This contest is for new members only and does not include renewals of memberships. Each County to recruit 10 or more new members between October 2007 and April 2008 will receive one FREE registration to the May 2008 TJA Annual Conference to be held in Austin, Texas.

The second contest is to recognize the member most dedicated to the Texas Jail Association. This contest is to see which TJA member can get the most referrals of new members between October 2007 and May 2008. It will be the responsibility of the referring member to make sure the new applicant places the referring members name on their application. The member with the most referrals will be recognized for their dedication at the May 2008 Annual Conference Banquet and will receive \$50 cash.

The Texas Jail Association would also like to thank all of our members for being a part of this outstanding Association. Each member needs to keep in mind in order to take advantage of the excellent benefits listed above you need to renew your membership each year. This will allow you to remain in contact with all of the professional expertise our great state has to offer. A membership rate of \$20 per year is an investment in your future.

A LEADERSHIP PERSPECTIVE

by
Dan Richard Beto

Review of *Where Have All the Leaders Gone?* by Lee Iacocca (with Catherine Whitney), New York, Scribner, 2007, pp. 274, \$25.00 (cloth).

In *Where Have All the Leaders Gone?*, Lee Iacocca, former President of Ford Motor Company and the Chrysler Corporation, provides a study in power, examines the American culture, issues indictments on the Bush Administration and the Democrat-controlled Congress for failed policies and lost opportunities, and provides insights into the excesses of the corporate world. In addition, in writing this book Iacocca reveals some of the qualities that made him a success in the automobile industry.

Iacocca begins his latest book with the following, which describes the state of America as he sees it and suggests the intensity of his outrage:

Am I the only guy in the country who's fed up with what's happening? Where the hell is our outrage? We should be screaming bloody murder. We've got a gang of clueless bozos steering our ship of state right over a cliff, we've got corporate gangsters stealing us blind, and we can't even clean up after a hurricane much less build a hybrid car. But instead of getting mad, everyone sits around and nods their heads when the politicians say, "Stay the course."

Stay the course? You've got to be kidding. This is America, not the damned *Titanic*. I'll give you a sound bite: *Throw the bums out!*

You might think I'm getting senile, that I've gone off my rocker, and maybe I have. But someone has to speak up. I hardly recognize this country anymore. The President of the United States is given a free pass to ignore the Constitution, tap our phones, and lead us into a war on a pack of lies. Congress responds to record deficits by passing a huge tax cut for the wealthy (thanks, but I don't need it). The most famous business leaders are not the innovators but the guys in handcuffs. While we're fiddling in Iraq, the Middle East is burning and nobody seems to know what to do. And the press is waving pom-poms instead of asking hard questions. That's not the promise of America my parents and yours traveled across the ocean for. I've had enough. How about you?

Where are the voices of leaders who can inspire us to action and make us stand taller? What happened to the strong and resolute party of Lincoln? What happened to the courageous, populist party of FDR and Truman? There was a time in this country when the voices of great leaders lifted us up and made us want to do better. Where have all the leaders gone?

Iacocca is not happy, and his unhappiness with the state of politics, business, media, and the American culture provides a springboard for a discussion on who we are and what we are doing, to who we should be and what we should be doing.

This book is about failed American leadership – failure to win the war on drugs; failure to craft a rational immigration policy; failure to develop alternate energy sources; failure to set the highest standards of governance; failure to embrace substance over rhetoric; failure to be a part of the election process; failure to profit from the lessons of history;

failure to anticipate change and plan accordingly; failure to think globally; failure to maintain strategic partnerships; failure to establish priorities that best address the needs of our country; and failure to identify and mentor the leaders of tomorrow. In addition, this is a book about our responsibility as Americans to assume leadership roles, to practice servant-leadership, to be constantly engaged, and to demand the best of public officials and corporate executives.

An interesting point Iacocca makes about establishing priorities deals with the war in Iraq. At the time the book was published, the United States had spent an estimated half a trillion dollars on the war. What would that money buy here at home? According to the author, with a half trillion dollars:

We could hire eight million school teachers;
We could give free health care to everyone for one year;
We could provide 25 million college scholarships;
We could give every American free gas for one year;
We could build three million affordable housing units; and
We could hire eight million police, fire, and EMT workers.

As to the issue of leadership, the author identifies nine qualities a leader must possess. His “Nine Cs of Leadership” are as follows: curiosity, creativity, communication skills, character, courage, conviction, charisma, competency, and common sense. In addition, Iacocca identifies a tenth C – crisis – which will play a significant role in defining a leader. Iacocca then applies the nine characteristics to a number of the current cast of candidates for President of the United States, an interesting and revealing exercise. This exercise begs the question, how would the presumed leaders in institutional and community corrections hold up under similar scrutiny?

The final chapter of the book contains a “call for action” in which Iacocca asks the American public to “give something up, put something back in, and elect a leader.” Despite retirement, the author is practicing what he preaches – he is engaged through this book and speeches, and he spends much of his time raising money for the Iacocca Foundation, which funds research to find a cure for diabetes.

Much of what is found in this book may be applied to those components that make up the criminal justice system, where there is a need for strong leadership and a renewed sense of stewardship.

Where Have All the Leaders Gone? is an interesting, thought-provoking, and easy to read book. Whether or not one agrees with all of Iacocca’s views, it cannot be disputed that this book has enriched the discourse on the future of America.

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JIM WHITE MEMORIAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

by
Cheryl White Mynar

I am pleased to announce the Spring 2007 recipients of the Jim White Memorial Youth Scholarship. They are Mr. Shane Trawick of Merkel and Miss Christina Norum of Conroe.

Shane is the son of Sergeant Tim Trawick, Taylor County Sheriff's Office and Cyndi Trawick, House Supervisor at the Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Shane is very proud of his accomplishments thus far. He graduated Valedictorian from his high school. While other students were enjoying spring break in places like South Padre Island, Shane was working with Project Opportunity in New Orleans helping with rebuilding efforts.

Shane has tutored Hurricane Katrina elementary students in math and reading, excels in art, literature, debate and science and was ranked in the top 2% of his college Psychology class. He is also studying Astronomy and Physics as part of his degree.

Shane is currently a student at the University of Texas Austin maintaining a 4.0 GPA and plans to earn a degree in Government and African American Studies.

Christina is the daughter of Deputy Carl Norum, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and Cynthia Norum.

She attends Sam Houston State University where she is studying English. She works in the Sam Houston Writing Center as an English tutor. She also participates in several outside organizations including the Sam Houston State College Republicans, the Baptist Student Union and she is the President of the Jackson-Shaver Hall Council. She is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society and the Elliott T. Bowers Honors Program.

Once Christina graduates, she plans on becoming a high school English teacher and continuing to pursue a master's degree in educational leadership in order to become a principal.

We wish them both well in their future endeavors.

JAIL TO LIMIT PAROLEES

by
George Zarazua
San Antonio Express-News

A South Texas sheriff is the first in more than a decade to refuse to accept certain parole violators at his jail, the strongest message yet to state leaders that counties are increasingly frustrated with housing prisoners without compensation.

The message resonates even louder these days because of overcrowding issues facing both Texas prisons and county jails, and Governor Rick Perry's recent veto of a bill that would have alleviated some of the problem.

Atascosa County Sheriff Tommy Williams recently began instructing deputies to turn away parolees arrested solely on so-called "blue warrants," for technical violations such as failing to report to a parole officer, or failing to provide a change of address. "We have so many of them here, and the state leaves them here a long time," said David Soward, Chief Deputy of the Atascosa County Sheriff's Office. "We've had them stay over a year." Soward said the policy isn't applied to parolees who commit new crimes. The jail will continue to accept them, he said.

But, the sheriff's office won't continue to absorb the cost of housing violators of technicalities when the county could make money by leasing the same bed space to other law enforcement agencies.

Adan Muñoz, Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, said there's nothing his agency can do to force sheriffs to house technical parole violators. "There's no provision or statute that they can get penalized," Muñoz said. "That's their decision. If he or she can live with that, then it's their discretion."

But, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice isn't as understanding. "If they have violated the law, I would think it's their obligation for them to enforce the law," department spokeswoman Michelle Lyons said. "The reality is, it may not be against the law, but it also doesn't seem right."

The Atascosa County Sheriff's decision isn't without precedent. During Texas prison crowding crises in the 1980s, a federally appointed special master of the Harris County Jail recommended a policy to reject all parolees picked up on blue warrants to ease crowding there. The policy lasted a year.

And, more recently, the Potter County Sheriff's Office in the Panhandle enacted a policy last year to limit the number of parole violators with blue warrants in its jail. Potter County Sheriff Mike Shumate said he would allow only 20 parolees with blue warrants at any one time. "Parole will work with us, but the problem is, we have to put our foot down and tell them it's an either-or situation," Shumate said.

Those who monitor state prisons and jails said conditions today are on track to resemble space problems Texas faced in the late 1970s and 1980s, with the number of available beds diminishing at both the county and state levels, as well as in private lockups.

Atascosa County's 138-bed jail began July with its highest number of inmates in more than a year, filled to 94 percent capacity.

Last month, Bexar County led the state in the number of inmates being housed elsewhere, sending 321 to counties such as Comal, Brooks and Guadalupe at a cost of up to \$4,000 a day. The Bexar jail continues to be in non-compliance with state standards because of its overcrowding, Muñoz said.

Bexar County Deputy Chief Dennis McKnight said the trouble with blue warrant arrests is that the state's parole division can take months to hold a hearing to determine if a violator should go to prison. Although Lyons said the state is required to hold the hearings within 41 days, many sheriffs say that doesn't always happen.

McKnight said House Bill 541, which the governor vetoed, would have allowed jail administrators to release technical parole violators on bond. "It was an important bill," McKnight said. "It would have helped."

About a third of the Bexar lockup's 552 parole violators were arrested on blue warrants and have not committed any new offense, he said.

Perry, in his message to state lawmakers, said, "These offenders should not be given freedom when their return to prison or other sanctions are imminent. "I understand and am sympathetic to the concerns of counties that are experiencing capacity problems at their jails because of the number of parole violators they must house, but I believe this bill will have negative unintended consequences," Perry wrote.

Bexar County already has received the go-ahead to purchase two pre-manufactured detention facilities for an additional 96 beds, as well as, retrofitting 13 jail pods for an extra 208 beds. Those two projects combined are expected to be done by the end of the year, McKnight said. "We're trying to build our way

out by retrofitting the existing facilities, but eventually we're going to have to do more than that," he said.

As for Atascosa County's solution, McKnight called it an "interesting concept." "I find it interesting, and food for future thought," he said.

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The Texas Jail Association offers the Jim White Memorial Youth Scholarship to a son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, or grandchild of an active Texas Jail Association member pursuing an academic degree at a college or university. In addition, the Texas Jail Association offers the Jim White Memorial Law Enforcement Scholarship to an active Texas Jail Association member pursuing a degree. 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. For more information regarding these scholarships, please log onto www.texasjailassociation.com.

POLISH PRISON OFFICIALS VISIT TEXAS

From June 23 to July 2, 2007, a delegation of six Polish prison officials visited Texas to learn about the state's criminal justice system at the invitation of the Correctional Management Institute of Texas at Sam Houston State University and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The delegation, led by Col. Dr. Jacek Pomiankiewicz, Director General of the Central Board of Prison Service, included: Lt. Col. Włodzimierz Wawarczyk, Acting Regional Director of Katowice; Maj. Magdalena Brol, Specialist in the International Bureau of the Director General's Office; Maj. Andrzej Gorka, Senior Warden of the prison at Sztum; Capt. Dr. Ryszard Maleszyk, Assistant Warden of the jail at Krasnystaw; and Lt. Zbigniew Gospodarowicz, Manager of the Security Office of the Mokotow Jail in Warsaw.

The Republic of Poland has a unified corrections system, and the Central Board of Prison Service is responsible for both prisons and jails.

During their stay in the Lone Star State, members of the delegation visited several correctional facilities, met with a number of state officials, and received a healthy exposure to the history and diverse culture of Texas.

On the evening of June 27, 2007, members of the delegation were hosted to a reception at the home of TJA member Dan Richard Beto in Bryan. During the reception TJA Executive Director Sharese Hurst, acting on behalf of the TJA Board of Directors, made the Polish prison officials members of the Texas Jail Association.

Speaking for the delegation, the Director General said he and his colleagues were grateful to become members of the Association.



KIRK ASSUMES PRESIDENCY OF THE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS



In July 2007, Brazos County Sheriff **Christopher C. Kirk** was installed as the new President of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, succeeding Sheriff **Joe Pollock** of Burnet County.

Kirk, who is serving his third term as Sheriff of Brazos County, has been with the department for more than a quarter of a century. Prior positions he held with the department included jailer, patrol deputy, and criminal investigator.

"I am very proud to have been selected by my peers to serve the Sheriffs' Association of Texas," Kirk said. "It will be an honor to serve, direct, and represent the Association for the next year."

The Sheriffs' Association of Texas is one of the oldest law enforcement associations in the nation. The organization met for the first time on August 14, 1874, in the courthouse in Corsicana, Navarro County, Texas. The meeting was called to order by **Sul Ross**, Sheriff of McLennan County, who later became a notable part of Texas history. The Sheriffs began annual training conferences in 1878. These training conferences today are the largest composite gathering of law enforcement officers in Texas. Sheriffs and other county and local law enforcement officers, federal and state officers, and major industry security personnel attend.

A graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University with a bachelor's degree and a master's degree, Kirk has placed considerable emphasis on staff training and has been a tireless advocate for higher staff salaries.

Over the years Kirk has been a strong supporter of the Texas Jail Association. He has spoken at numerous conferences and currently has two of his staff members serving on the TJA Board of Directors. He has played a significant role in the development of the Basic Jail Administration Training Program, a joint initiative of the Texas Jail Association, Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Texas Association of Counties, and the Correctional Management Institute of Texas at Sam Houston State University. Not only did he serve on the focus group that crafted this successful program, he provided staff to serve as members of the faculty.

The Texas Jail Association congratulates Sheriff Kirk on his elevation to the presidency of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

NEWS FROM THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards would like to acknowledge the service and resignation of two departed employees, Terri Dollar and Russell Biehle. Terri left the agency as Assistant Director to work for the Texas Youth Commission, and Russell left as Jail Inspector to also work for TYC. Both have made valuable contributions to the agency during their many years of service, and we wish them the best in their new endeavors. Brandon Wood and Shannon Herklotz have been promoted to Assistant Directors. Brandon was previously Director of Facilities, and Shannon has served the agency for many years, including as Jail Inspector; and most recently, as Complaints Inspector. Both have considerable tenure with the agency, and will contribute much experience to the administration of the agency.



The Commission on Jail Standards also got two new Jail Inspectors. Michael Jennings and Jacqueline Semmler joined the agency and will be undergoing training prior to hitting the road to conduct inspections. Michael has an extensive background in law enforcement and corrections, and was most recently employed as a Training Sergeant for the Williamson County Sheriff's Office. Previously, Mike also worked for Gillespie County as Jail Administrator. Jacqueline comes to the agency from Callahan County Jail, where she most recently worked as Jail Administrator. In addition she has also worked for Burnet County in their jail facility. Both are welcomed by the agency, and we hope jail staff will get an opportunity to meet them in the field.



As a reminder, if your jail has not begun using the new Suicide/Mental Disabilities Screening Form, it should do so as soon as possible. These forms were mailed to all sheriffs and private operators under the purview of the Commission in June, and additional copies of the form may be downloaded from the agency's website. The questions on the new form are intended to be easier for arrestees to understand, and are also intended to screen for mental retardation. There was also general cleanup to the form so that it is easier to use. If you have questions about the form or its implementation, feel free to contact the agency.

Finally, the agency will be adding jail-related forms to our website for your convenience. Traditionally, the agency has only had its own forms on the website. These additional forms are not Commission on Jail Standards forms, but are forms from other state agencies that are commonly used by jails. We will attempt to keep this part of our website updated as a service to jail staff. The most recent addition is the Texas Department of State Health Service's standard tuberculosis forms.

Adan Munoz, Jr.
Executive Director

**** IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR TJA MEMBERS ****

If you require TCLEOSE credit, when attending conferences or training sponsored by the Texas Jail Association, then this message is for you.

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

TCLEOSE has stopped accepting Social Security Numbers. We will NOT be able to submit your continuing education hours without your PID number.

Every person who has a TCLEOSE license is issued a PID number. If you do not have your PID number, call the Credentialing Department at TCLEOSE, (512) 936-7700.

Once you obtain your PID number, please forward it to me at sharese@shsu.edu, so that our TJA database can be updated. If you fail to provide your PID Number prior to the conclusion of our training, we will be unable to forward your continuing education hours to TCLEOSE. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

DEL CARMEN RECOGNIZED TWICE



Sam Houston State University (SHSU) Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice Rolando del Carmen has been recognized by the Silliman University Law Alumni Association (SULAW) for his “notable deeds as legal advocate and educator and for leading an honorable life.”

Del Carmen received a “plaque of distinction” on August 25, 2007, during Silliman University’s 19th SULAW General Assembly, when its Wall of Fame, including his name, will be unveiled. He was chosen as this year’s Outstanding SULAW Awardee in the field of legal education from a list of nominees, his award letter said.

Del Carmen graduated magna cum laude from Silliman University, located in Dumaguete City in the Philippines, with a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1956 and cum laude in 1953 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He also has earned master’s degrees from Southern Methodist University and the University of California-Berkley, as well as a Doctor of the Science of Law degree from the University of Illinois.

Del Carmen came to SHSU in 1974 and was named a distinguished professor in 1995.

Also in August the Texas State University System Board of Regents, which governs Sam Houston State University and several other Texas institutions of higher learning, named del Carmen a Regents Professor.

During his distinguished career, del Carmen has been a close friend to Texas jail professionals, having been a frequent presenter at the annual Jail Management Conference. In addition, he served on the Texas Commission on Jail Standards from 1987 to 1994. Also, throughout the years, he has delivered training to criminal justice agencies throughout the United States. Del Carmen has been a leader in contributing to the scholarship on legal liability issues in community corrections.

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PINK JAIL

by

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The Van Zandt County Jail is getting a new coat of paint and it might not be the color some citizens expect. Cells in the jail are being painted pink.

Van Zandt County Sheriff R.P. "Pat" Burnett said the project has been over a year in the making and many



facts have been gathered during that time.

"Mason County Sheriff Clint Low started painting his jail pink in 2005 and has seen a 60 to 70

percent drop in repeat offenders," said Burnett.

"Do I expect that kind of drop? No. But any drop in the county crime rate is a good thing," said Burnett.

Burnett said that inmates weren't going to like the change and that he wants people to know they are prisoners.

Van Zandt County Jail Administrator George Flowers said that female prisoners, as well as, male prisoners have made their dislike of the color known.

"We painted two cells pink a little while back and I think the female prisoners dislike it more than the male prisoners. The females really can't stand it," said Flowers.

Flowers said he thought the color would help with the prisoner's attitudes.

"The old colors were dark and gloomy. The brightness of the pink, I think, will improve attitudes and atmosphere in the jail," said Flowers.

Flowers said that more vendors are carrying pink uniforms, sheets, pillowcases and handcuffs.



Burnett said that the jail was not a violent one and he believed the color change might cause a lower jail population.

"This color also makes cell searches easier because it is brighter and things are easier to see," said Burnett.

Burnett said that this is not something extra that the county is spending money on.

"We have to paint once per year for upkeep and cleanliness anyway," said Burnett.

Trusty Scott Dabbs said that he thinks pink "stinks." As a trusty, Dabbs gets to wear a black and white striped uniform.

"I wouldn't want to wear the pink. I think it may deter some people knowing that they are going to have to wear pink when they get here and sleep on pink sheets, in a pink cell," said Dabbs.

Dabbs said he also thinks the pink will help the mood of the prisoners.



"Pink is proven to have an effect on a person's mood. It is calming. If I came in here and everything was red, that would be agitating and I would be a little more energetic. Pink is more soothing," said Dabbs.

Dabbs said he thinks pink will be humiliating to some inmates.

"Maybe this will make people think before they act. There are consequences to your actions. Life is different once you have been in jail, mine is. People should know that there are consequences for their actions and that some of them may be humiliating," said Dabbs.

The jail had a capacity of 192 inmates and operates at an average of 170 inmates per day.

Burnett said he hopes the new shade will keep the jail well below capacity for many more years.

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“WHAT’S HAPPENING ACROSS TEXAS IN COUNTY CORRECTIONS”

COLLIN COUNTY

Sheriff Terry G. Box presents Detention Lieutenant Gerald Ballard a plaque on his 20th anniversary with the Collin County Sheriff’s Office.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Sheriff Tommy Gage promoted Detention Officer William Neal to Deputy – Jail Division on July 20, 2007.

Sheriff Tommy Gage promoted Detention Officer Robert Martin to Deputy Sheriff - Jail Division on August 24, 2007.



NEWLY PROMOTED CAPTAIN BRINGS MANY FIRSTS TO DALLAS SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT



Dallas County – When the Dallas Sheriff’s Department promoted Lt. Christol E. Turner to the rank of Captain on August 20, 2007 it was quickly realized they were advancing a man who was bringing many firsts to the department. Captain Turner is the first African-American,

within the Dallas Sheriff’s Department, to be promoted to the rank of Captain in the last 10 years.

He is also the first African-American employee to have started with the Dallas Sheriff’s Department as a Detention Services Officer and work his way to the top, to Captain. Captain Turner was hired on with the Dallas Sheriff’s Department in 1983 and achieved the rank of Deputy in 1992, Sergeant in 1994, Lieutenant in 2000 and finally Captain.

And if that wasn’t enough, at the age of 45, Captain Turner is the youngest African-American Captain employed by the Dallas Sheriff’s Department. “Why minorities in the Dallas Sheriff’s Department haven’t promoted sooner is unexplainable. It is also unacceptable. Captain Turner is the perfect example and the perfect role model for other employees to emulate. We need good people to take this department into the future.” - Sheriff Lupe Valdez -

Captain Christol Turner has been assigned to numerous enforcement sections throughout the department. He has served in the Dallas Sheriff’s Department’s Warrant Execution Section, Patrol Section and most recently in the department’s Traffic Section. “I’m happy for Captain Turner’s promotion and wish him well to continue being successful in his career.” - Executive Chief Jesse Flores -

Along with Captain Turner’s selfless service as a Sheriff’s Deputy, he also gives of himself in the community as well. Captain Turner educates Dallas area children by coaching little league football and little baseball during his personal time. “Captain Turner’s hard work and dedication to law enforcement are exactly what makes him an asset to the Dallas Sheriff’s Department.” - Captain Mark Howard, Patrol and Traffic Section Commander-

We are sad to report that Carmella Smith’s husband, Paul, passed away on Thursday, September 20, 2007. Services were held September 24, 2007 in Henrietta, Texas. Paul was a retired police officer, serving Wichita Falls and Clay County, as Chief Deputy; and was a criminal investigator for the 97th District for 23 years.

Carmella has asked that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to a scholarship fund in Paul’s name. Memorials may be made to the Paul W. Smith Law Enforcement Scholarship Fund at the First National Bank of Byers, (940) 529-6161 or at the Cattleman’s Branch, 900 Midwestern Parkway, Wichita Falls, Texas 76302, (940) 723-6161.

Please keep Carmella and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

BRAZOS COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF



Detention Officer Celia McGinty was promoted to Intake/Release Sergeant by Sheriff Chris Kirk.



Transport Deputy Steven White was promoted to Patrol Deputy.



Detention Sergeant Josh Hearren was promoted to Training Coordinator.



Work Crew Deputy Wayne Moore was promoted to Detention Sergeant by Sheriff Chris Kirk.



Detention Deputy Jacob Yarter was promoted to Patrol Deputy.



Intake/Release Deputy Dwayne Holloway was promoted to Work Crew Deputy.



Detention Officer Mary Preston was promoted to Detention Sergeant by Sheriff Chris Kirk.



Patrol Deputy Brian Bachmann was promoted to Recruiting Deputy.



Sheriff hires former TDCJ Warden Jerry Barratt as new Disciplinary/Grievance Officer.



Detention Deputy Paul Kadilak was promoted to Transport Deputy.

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2. To advance professionalism through training, exchange of information, technical assistance, publications and conferences.
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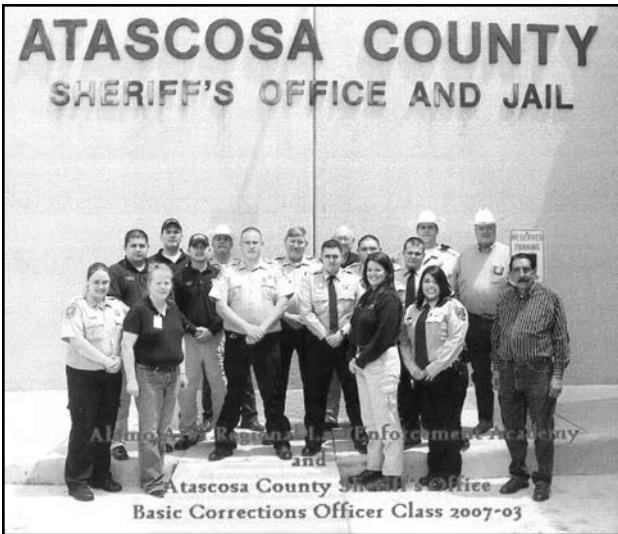
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The Alamo Area Regional Law Enforcement Academy conducted the spring class (2007-03) for Basic Corrections Officer training, June 4 - 21, 2007, with 14 officers in attendance. The class was conducted at the Atascosa County Sheriff's Office training room. Corrections Officers from Atascosa, Comal, Medina and Wilson Counties attended the 90 hour course. Jose "PaPa Joe" Losoya was the class room instructor. Ronnie Ray, AALEA Instructor, served as course coordinator.

Sheriff Tommy Williams, Atascosa County, stated the course provided each officer with the leadership qualities desired of a good corrections officer. The course also provided a better understanding of their role in the supervision, care, custody, and control of inmates. "PaPa Joe" is an instructor with exceptional teaching qualities and that was displayed by the 100 percent pass rate the class accomplished. Each class member did an excellent job in preparing themselves for a very structured and disciplined class. Our hats go off to each individual who participated in the class. "A Job Well Done."

As pictured: Annie E. Santos, Medina County; Karen Butler, Atascosa County; Jesse M. Martinez, Atascosa County; T.J. Matthew Galvan, Atascosa County; George Lopez, Jr., Atascosa County; Deputy Robert J. Achterberg, Atascosa County; Daniel W. Spengler, Medina County; Deputy Eugene Hendon, Comal County; Luis C. Veliiz, Wilson County; Jail Administrator Bryan Crouch, Atascosa County; Ernest Perez, Wilson County; Kim J. Batenic, Atascosa County; Krysti L. De La Zerda, Wilson County; Mark A. Dziuk, Wilson County; Deputy Phillip Bosquez, Atascosa County; Sheriff Tommy Williams, Atascosa County, and; Instructor Jose "PaPa Joe" Losoya, AALEA, San Antonio.

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The Texas Jail Association's Officers and Board of Directors would like to welcome the 139 new members who joined the Association between April 1, 2007 and June 15, 2007.

Martin Alvarado from Collin County; **Howard L. Ansley** from Montgomery County; **Allen Bridges** from Hays County; **Sherman Brodbeck** from Hays County; **Tommy Cabrera** from Goliad County; **Janice Childers** from Rusk County; **Sarah Daggs** from Calhoun County; **Janet Dickerson** from Rusk County; **Tim Elliott** from Wichita County; **Doug Ellisor** from Victoria County; **Clinton Emsoff** from Kaufman County; **Jim Foster** from Dallas County; **Alfred Gonzales** from Victoria County; **Vonna Graham** from Fannin County; **Michael Gravitt** from Tarrant County; **Pamila Heck** from Coryell County; **Eufaula Hester** from Calhoun County; **Chad Hill** from Kaufman County; **Bonnie Hoggatt** from Collin County; **Chris Inman** from Denton County; **Kenneth Lowe** from Collin County; **Adrienne Medley**; **Ira A. Mercer** from Palo Pinto County; **Margie Moore** from Rusk County; **William Neal** from Montgomery; **Benny W. Parkey** from Denton County; **Linda Simmons** from Rusk County; **J.B. Smith** from Smith County; **Michael Tutt** from Denton County; **Richard G. White** from Rockwall County; **Capricia Willis** from Denton County; **Jonathan A. Zielonka** from Goliad County; **Arthur Loyda** from El Paso County; **Jackie Barrera** from Schleicher County; **Jack Ellett** from Panola County; **Ramona Ferguson** from Angelina County; **Cody Flurity** from Howard County; **Elaine Hall** from Limestone County; **Michael Hatton** from Bell County; **Elizabeth L. Haubold** from Denton County; **Kim Heald** from Bell County; **Julia Helems** from Bell County; **Ken Henderson** from Montgomery County; **Edward Huncherick** from Bell County; **Lenard Johnson** from San Jacinto; **Shelley Martinez** from Bell County; **Christella Matamoros** from Bell County; **Robert McCullen** from Limestone County; **Jesse Lee Metcalf, Jr.** from Howard County; **Janis Dean Noyes** from Howard County; **Roger Pavelka** from Fort Bend County; **George Quintero, Jr.** from Howard County; **Guadalupe Trevino** from Hidalgo County; **Patrick Waugh** from Bell County; **Gary S. Cunningham** from Harris County; **Cynthia Goldsberry** from Ochiltree; **Arnulfo Gomez** from Reeves County; **Jason Andrade** from Refugio County; **Benny Galindez** from Harris County; **Laura Hines** from Dallas County; **Sabrina Mangum** from Hardin County; **Peter Ortiz** from Harris County; **Asa Price** from Montgomery County; **Sheri Skoworn** from Brazos County; **Michelle Starkie** from Hardin County; **Rene Tarango** from Moore County; and, **Christopher Walters** from Hardin County.



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Texas Jail Association

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* This training course will be hosted by the Brazos County Sheriff's Office. The cost of this workshop is \$25.00. For more information on this workshop, contact Linda Patton at Scotty's House, 979-775-4695.

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