
DEER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

CHIEF GREGORY L. GRIGG

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Message from the Chief



Chief Gregory Grigg

The 2021 Annual Report includes most of our employees still hard at work as we plowed through year 2 of COVID-19. Assistant Chief St. Martin has sought to outdo her write up from last year, and many think she succeeded. A bit of silver lining included no hurricanes for the year.

The Citizen Police Academy was held twice in defiance of national and world-wide COVID-19 expert recommendations. We held our spring Class with 14 graduates, and the fall class with 11 graduates. The Department stayed in contact with the community through National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop, attendance at community events, and by responding to citizen issues.

Humane Department employees responded to calls for service, cared for the animals, kept the Shelter population low, and came up with many schemes to entertain its many followers. Of course, aside from the funny videos, the first annual Woofstock was a huge success. You can bet 2022 will be much bigger and better!

Two Police Officers, two Dispatchers, one Humane Officer, one Records Specialist, and one Jailer were hired.

Phase 3 of the Mentoring Program continued with three police officers, a Dispatcher, and a Jailer spending a year in the program learning the role of a first line supervisor. In nine years, 27 employees have completed the program, and seven of them have promoted. I completed my terms as the President of the Houston Area Police Chief's Association (HAPCA), and as the President of the Deer Park Rotary Club.

We were awarded a \$48,961 STEP grant, which was used to conduct enforcement for DWI, and various moving violations, and an \$11,964 Commercial Vehicle Traffic Enforcement grant, which was used for enforcing commercial vehicle violations. No Child Passenger Check Stations were held, but 4 individual child seats were checked.

In 2021, the Crime Control Prevention District (CCPD) funded three Telecommunicators, one Pro-Act Sergeant, two Pro-Act Investigators, one Crime Prevention Officer, five fully outfitted patrol vehicles, and other much needed technology, services, and equipment. Work continued on the plans for a new EOC/Dispatch Center to be located at the SE corner of the current Police Department building.

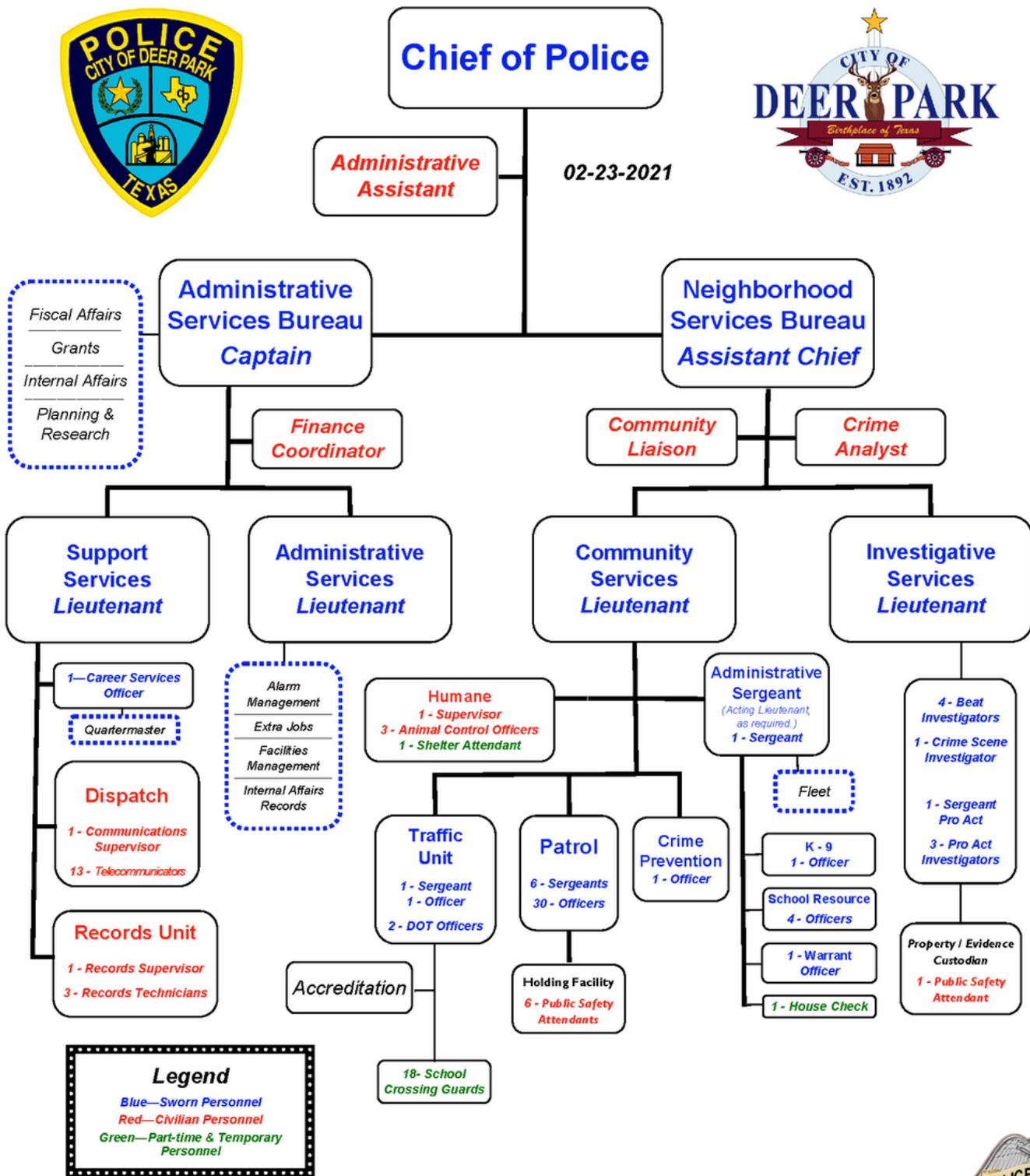
The success of the Deer Park Police Department is made possible with the support of Mayor Mouton, the members of City Council, and City Manager James J. Stokes. Thank you for your trust, encouragement, and support. I thank our volunteers who gave 4,552.25 hours, which is up from 3,641 hours last year, of their time to assist us across almost all areas of the department. A big thank you to the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) who held the very successful Back the Blue event at Jimmy Burke. Next year's event is already being planned.

The Police Department took the second year of COVID-19 in stride. The second year of the Defund the Police movement resulted in police departments across the Nation struggling to hire and retain police officers.



We lost three officers to other departments. Thankfully we were able to hire two, but with an average time of ten months to get them on the street, staffing, especially Patrol, was shorthanded all year. I dedicate this Annual Report to the men and women of the Deer Park Police Department and Humane who have done yeomen's work to continue serving the citizens of our great City.

Organizational Chart



Legend

- Blue—Sworn Personnel
- Red—Civilian Personnel
- Green—Part-time & Temporary Personnel



Mission Statement

Mission

The Mission of the Deer Park Police Department is to provide the highest quality of police service in order to improve the quality of life for the Community of Deer Park. The members of the Deer Park Police Department hold these values in the highest regard.

Integrity

We are committed to holding ourselves accountable to the highest standards of professionalism and ethics.

Partnership

We are committed to developing relationships with the community and together identifying and resolving issues affecting public safety.

Diligence

We are committed to hard work and purposeful activity.

Dedication

We dedicate ourselves to Professional Law Enforcement.





A CALEA Accredited Agency

The Deer Park Police Department is proud to have been an accredited agency through the Commission for the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 2006. Participating in this voluntarily process demonstrates that internationally recognized standards for law enforcement have been met by our department.

In November of 2019, the Deer Park Police Department was unanimously awarded with the agency's 5th re-accreditation award. After receiving re-accreditation, the Deer Park Police Department moved straight into a new four year CALEA Accreditation Cycle (2019-2023). In this new four year cycle, CALEA also revised its Standards Manual from Version 5 to Version 6, to ensure agencies were maintaining the highest level of service to their communities. During the four year process, CALEA conducts an "off-site" assessment, each year through a web-based document management system, PowerDMS. This is done to ensure continued compliance with all applicable standards. In the fourth year of the assessment cycle, CALEA conducts an "on-site" assessment. A team of independent, outside, CALEA-trained assessors visit the police department. Through a detailed four day process, including interviews, ride a-longs, public hearings, contact with outside entities, and a review of Proofs of Compliance, a recommendation to the CALEA Board of Directors is made as to whether the police department should or should not be re-accredited.

In December of 2021, our agency successfully passed the "off-site" assessment for the 2019-2023 cycle. We are currently in the 3rd year of our four year cycle, and will be up for re-accreditation in 2023.

CALEA Accreditation reduces liability and risk exposure for our agency and employees, and, in turn, limits liability for the City of Deer Park.

Sergeant Sawtell serves as the CALEA Accreditation Manager, a position which he has held since 2016. Sergeant Meredith serves as the CALEA Co-Accreditation Manager, a position he has held since 2017.

Crime Control and Prevention District

The Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) provided approximately \$1,736,681 in 2021. The Deer Park Police Department used this money for equipment, technology, personnel and fleet vehicles. Some of the monies have been saved for the future construction of a new EOC/Communications Center as well as expanding the Records Unit. In 2021, some of these funds were used to hire PGAL, an architectural firm to produce conceptual drawings in regard to this project.

The CCPD will expire in year 2026 unless re-elected to be kept in 2025, by the citizens of Deer Park.

From previous year's Crime Control Prevention District funds, the Police Department has funded three Dispatch positions, a Crime Prevention Officer, a Pro-Act Police Sergeant as well as 2 Pro-Act Investigators, a Bicycle Unit, all of its patrol vehicles/fleet, as well as the equipment for the patrol vehicles, purchased new radios for the fleet and officers, equipped patrol with additional tasers, and purchased ballistic vests. The monies acquired over the years further enabled the Police Department to design and build the Deer Park Police Department Firing Range and Training Facility.

The funds are to be further used for the construction of the new emergency operations center as well as a new dispatch location with renovations to the existing building. The renovations to the existing building will expand the records unit storage. The bid process for this project will take place April/May 2022.

These are just a few things that have benefited the Police Department by having the Crime Control and Prevention District.



Administrative Services



Capt. Wade Conner

The Administrative Services Bureau is composed of the Communications Unit, the Records Unit, Internal Affairs, and Career Services. Fiscal affairs for the General fund, Crime Control and Prevention District, Humane department, Forfeiture account and the Law Enforcement Education budgets also fall under the responsibility of the Administrative Services Captain.

The Administrative Services Bureau is overseen by Captain Wade Conner. The Communications Unit, Records Unit and Career Services are under the command of Lieutenant John Yettevich. Communications is directly supervised by Communications Supervisor Kellie Bass. The approved staffing for communications is 13 telecommunication operators. The Records Unit is directly supervised by Records Supervisor Kathy Cobb. Records is staffed with three Records Technicians.

The Communications Unit serves the City of Deer Park with 24/7 telecommunication operators to receive calls either for general assistance, or to have police or fire/ambulance dispatched to their location. The telecommunication operators also handle, in addition to dispatching police and fire/ambulance, all outside radio traffic, telephone calls, 9-1-1 calls and multiple computer programs that monitor activity in the City. During 2021, telecommunication operators received and monitored approximately 40,212 calls and traffic stops for Police and approximately 4,100 calls for the Fire and EMS departments. Of these calls 18,349 were called in on 9-1-1.

The Records Unit processes Public Information requests from the District Attorney's office, the general public and other police agencies. In 2021, the unit processed approximately 1,535 Public Information requests and 2,136 District Attorney requests.

The unit is also responsible for drafting letters to the Texas Attorney General's office for clarification on certain records and whether they can or should be released. During 2021, Records requested 24 rulings from the Texas Attorney General. Public Information requests have a restricted time limitation and must be handled promptly. The Records Unit further processed approximately 10 orders of expunction.

During the year 2021, Career Services reviewed 751 applications for all positions in the Department. Of these, seven new employees were hired for various positions. Those hired filled vacancies throughout the department as a result of six employee resignations.

Other areas falling under the umbrella of the Administration Division are Internal Affairs, building maintenance, radio maintenance, and extra job coordination. During 2021, eight internal affairs investigations were assigned to various supervisors for investigation (of these eight, six were outside complaints from citizens and two were handled as administrative inquiries from within the Department). Once the investigations were completed, the records were maintained and filed by Lieutenant Keeney. Lieutenant Keeney is also the extra job coordinator. In 2021, 91 extra jobs were assigned.

The annual general budget for the Deer Park Police Department in 2020/21 fiscal year was \$10.7 million, and was monitored and accounted for by Finance Coordinator Kelly Davenport. Kelly also monitored the Crime Control and Prevention District budget of \$6.6 million, Humane budget of \$445,314, Forfeiture budget of \$21,734 and the Law Enforcement Education budget of \$10,883. Kelly is responsible for the payroll for all employees of the Department.



Records



Kathy Cobb

The Deer Park Police Department allocates four full time positions to staff the Records Unit. In 2021, one records supervisor and three records technicians staffed the unit. Kathy Cobb, Records Supervisor, oversees the unit. Amanda Teltschik and Nannette Kyle were with the unit all year with Chandra Malone departing in July and Sandy Guzman joining in November. The records unit reports directly to John Yettevich, Support Services Lieutenant, and is part of the Administrative Services Bureau.

In October 2021, the department reclassified the Records Technician position to Records Specialist, to ensure the position accurately represented the full scope of responsibilities these employees handle.

The Records Unit, as a part of its primary duties, processed requests for information from the public, outside agencies at the local, state, and federal level, and in response to subpoenas. In 2021, the Unit processed 3,671 requests for information, stemming from 40,981 event reports/calls for service, and 3,683 written offense reports. The number decreased over the previous two years; however, in response to SB 111, requests from the District Attorney's Office required more information for production at the beginning of the request process rather than throughout the prosecution process.

Each request is processed by the unit in compliance with the Texas Public Information Act and other government codes, state statutes, and previous open records decisions to determine release. Records employees drafted and submitted 24 legal briefs to the Office of the Attorney General in response to open records requests and completed 10 expunctions. Additionally, the Unit was responsible for maintaining records in compliance with both departmental policy and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) Retention Schedules.



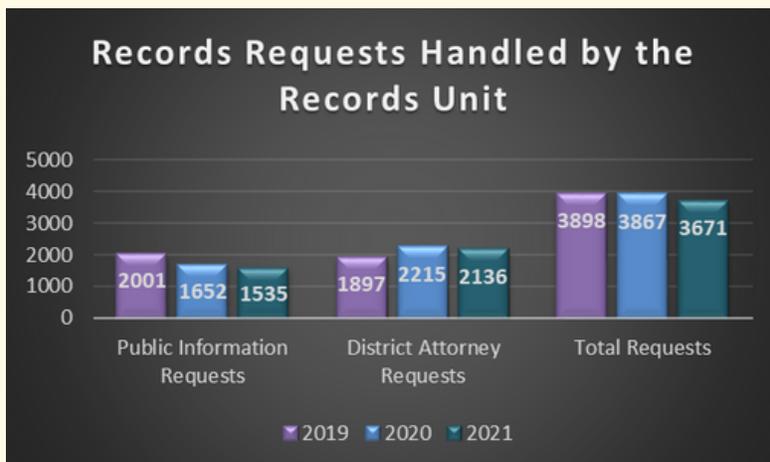
Amanda Teltschik



Nannette Kyle



Sandy Guzman



Telecommunications

The Deer Park Police Department's Communications Unit is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. Telecommunicators (more commonly known as "dispatchers") are responsible for receiving both 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls for service, assigning them to the appropriate divisions, and radio dispatching those calls.

Telecommunicators at the Deer Park Police Department not only handle police events, but also any City of Deer Park after-hour services, EMS, Fire and Animal Control. Telecommunicators are also responsible for activating the citywide emergency sirens for weekly testing, chemical incidents and severe weather emergencies. The Communications Unit is under the supervision of Communications Supervisor Kellie Bass, who reports to Support Services Lieutenant John Yettevich. The Deer Park Police Department is a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for Greater Harris County 9-1-1. In 2021, the Deer Park telecommunicators handled over 18,000 inbound and outbound 9-1-1 calls.

There were over 40,200 police calls for service, over 3,500 EMS calls for service and over 580 Fire related calls in 2021. Telecommunicators are responsible for the radio traffic, prioritizing first responder safety, while also handling additional tasks as assigned for each of these incidents. The unit is budgeted for thirteen full time telecommunicator positions and one supervisor position. At the end of 2021, the unit was staffed with eleven full time telecommunicators, one supervisor, and one telecommunicator in training. One probationary telecommunicator resigned to pursue a position as a police officer with another agency in December of 2021.

All telecommunicators have to pass a state exam and complete continuing education hours to be licensed through Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), just as police officers do. After two years of service, telecommunicators have the option of obtaining more training and becoming licensed as Communication Training Officers (CTO). By the end of 2021, nine telecommunicators, out of eleven, were licensed through TCOLE as CTOs and have, or will have, a hand in training any new hires. Telecommunicators can also earn Basic, Intermediate, Advanced and Master Proficiency certification through TCOLE, which amasses to a total of at least 500 hours of training and 8 years of service. By the end of 2021, six telecommunicators held a Master's certification, including the Communication's Supervisor, five held an Advanced certification and one held an Intermediate certification.

The City of Deer Park honored the hard work performed by the men and women of the Deer Park Police Department's Communications Unit during National Public Safety Telecommunicator week in April. Deer Park telecommunicators were celebrated by various City departments for their dedication and service to the citizens of the City of Deer Park.



Telecommunications



Kellie Bass



Zulma Veliz



Brandi Cox



Jarrett Grundman



Hannah Edwards



Brittany Russell



Phebe Parsons



Shajira Cocco



Katie Bryant



Desiree Casteel



Clayton Long



Clayton Hall



Career Services



Lt. John Yettevich

The Career Services Division recruits individuals who are the most qualified and have the best potential to continue the police department's reputation of providing excellent service to the community. In 2021, Lieutenant John Yettevich and Officer Sam Jammass staffed the Career Services Division.

The Support Services Lieutenant supervises the Communications, Records and Recruiting divisions and serves as the department's Training Coordinator and liaison to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). This position is also responsible for budgeting, tracking, reporting and overseeing the police department's training and licensing requirements. The employees of the police department typically complete an excess of 10,000 hours of annual training. In 2021, the COVID pandemic was responsible for the cancellation of many training classes. Face-to-face training slowly began to return in the second half of the year. We also utilized online sources and department instructors in order to complete mandated training. Employees collectively completed over 6,700 hours of training.



Sam Jammass

The Support Services Lieutenant also presides over the Training Advisory Board and chairs the Awards Committee and the Family Assistance Committee. He is also a representative on Deer Park's Safety Committee and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

Officer Sam Jammass is the department's recruiting officer and one of two certified fitness specialists. The recruiting officer is responsible for actively recruiting qualified candidates, processing the numerous applications received, testing, and completing comprehensive background investigations. He is also responsible for procurement and distribution of uniforms and equipment.

Recruiting

The Career Services Division reviewed 751 total applications for all positions throughout the department. The following positions were filled from those total applications:

- 2-Police Officers**
- 2-Telecommunicators**
- 1-Public Safety Attendant**
- 1-Records Specialist**
- 1-Animal Control Officer**



**Retirements:
None**

**Promotions:
None**

**Resignations:
3-Officers
1-Telecommunicator
1-Animal Control Officer
1-Records Technician**

Support Services

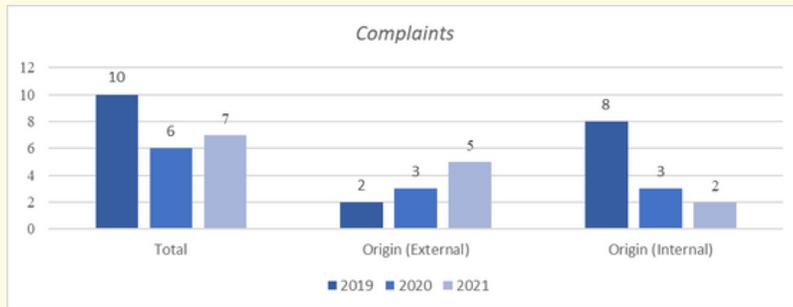
The Administrative Services Division is responsible for the upkeep of disciplinary, grievance, complaint and contractual records; the early warning system; the false alarm reduction program; coordination of secondary employment; and, police facilities management.

Complaints and Compliments

The method by which a citizen may commend or file a complaint on employees of the Deer Park Police Department (DPPD) and the manner in which commendations and complaints are handled may be read by visiting the Complaints / Compliments section of the DPPD website. The number of complaints for 2019-2021 and the disposition of those investigations are depicted below. Two racial profiling complaints, which were classified as "Unfounded" and "Administrative Inquiry", were received in 2019. No racial profiling complaints were received in 2020. One racial profiling complaint, which was classified as "Administrative Inquiry", was received in 2021.

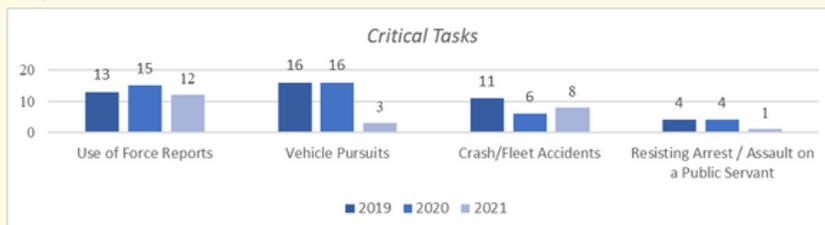


Lt. Wade Keeney



Critical Tasks

In order to manage risk, close inspection and analysis is given to the critical tasks of law enforcement. The 2019-2021 statistics for some of those tasks are depicted below.



False Alarm Reduction Program

Unnecessary responses to false alarms result in an enormous burden in manpower and expense to Police, Fire and EMS personnel, which in turn reduces the time available for them to respond to real emergencies. In order to address this issue, the City of Deer Park has a contract with Central Square Technologies, LLC (doing business as the Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program) to provide false alarm tracking and invoicing services. Additionally, the Police Department enforces the City's Alarm Ordinance. The alarm statistics for 2019-2021 are depicted below.



The contact information for the Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program is as follows:

Website: <https://www.crywolfservices.com/deerparktx/>
 Email: deerparktx@alarm-billing.com
 Phone: 855-905-0671
 Mail: Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program
 P.O. Box 844908
 Dallas, TX 75284-4908



Neighborhood Services



Asst. Chief Sharon St. Martin

I signed off on last year's write up with the statement that we are all looking forward to the end of 2020 with the hopes we would wake up in 2021 and find that Covid was just a bad dream...unfortunately, it wasn't to be. Covid continued to rage throughout the year with the Delta variant being the dominate strain in the summer and fall, followed by Omicron. Many of our employees contracted the virus over the course of the year, myself and the Chief included, and all but one recovered. Sadly, we had to say good-bye to one of our crossing guards, Tonia Smith, who succumbed to the illness in September.

Covid caused all kinds of scheduling headaches on patrol as we scrambled to keep the shifts covered with healthy bodies until those afflicted, recovered and returned to duty. As if that wasn't enough, we lost several officers to other agencies, lured by the increase in pay, benefits, and opportunities. After a long dry spell of not having any qualified officer candidates to hire, we did manage to snag two newbies during the year; Miranda Delamorena in July, and Dustin Parman in November. Both had to attend the police academy and were not expected to hit the streets on their own until sometime in 2022. That's okay...we'll take them!

In February, as if we weren't already struggling, Mother Nature swooped in and kicked us while we were down with an epic, arctic wrecking ball, winter storm Uri. Cupid was showing us no love during Valentine's week, as freezing temperatures led to unprecedented challenges throughout the city, including, but not limited to power outages, loss of drinking water, countless water line breaks (inside both residences and commercial buildings), along with the backflow of sewage into numerous homes (Ew). Snow and ice made roads impassable, causing us to activate our pre-planned Ice Plan that included sending all non-essential folks home (I was shocked to learn I was non-essential, moving patrol to twelve hour shifts, closing down State Highway 225, and addressing intersections where traffic lights did not have power. Patrol was prepared for the closure of SH 225 and there were no issues shutting down and re-opening the highway. When it was all said and done, we had approximately ten employees that sustained some type of damage to their homes from the storm, and like many of our residents, did not get water or power restored for several days. Spring could not get here fast enough!

In April, retired Captain Earl G. Sturrock was laid to rest after battling a long illness. Remembered as a gruff, old-school policeman from another era, many did not know he had a soft spot for cats.

2021 saw a sharp increase in catalytic converter thefts, which doesn't seem to be slowing down. Why would anyone want to steal a catalytic converter you ask? Well, according to Mining.com, rhodium began the year at a price of around \$6,000 an ounce before jumping to over \$14,000 an ounce due to a litany of factors. The Washington Post has reported that rhodium is now worth 15 times the price of gold. Never mind that there are plenty of job openings to go around...there are always those who would rather earn their money in nefarious ways rather than putting in an honest day's work.



Neighborhood Services

We have caught many of these perps, however without a means of identifying where the catalytic converters were stolen from, the District Attorney's Office declines to prosecute. They also decline to prosecute almost everything else these days as well, which is frustrating as heck for us. And while I'm on that soap box, the few that do end up in jail after charges are accepted are usually released to offend again due to the decisions of the liberal judges on the bench. Keep this in mind the next time you go to the polls. The only way this is going to change is if you vote out the ones that refuse to do their jobs, and vote in those who are tough on crime and believe that the primary function of the criminal justice system is just that... justice! To prosecute criminals and protect the victims, not the suspects. Ask me how I really feel.

Truck traffic on 225, you say. They provide a necessary service, and our supply chain could not exist without them. They do, however, tear up the roadway when they are over loaded and exceed their weight ratings. How many times has TXDOT had to respond to the overpass at Center and 225 where we have had to shut down a lane or two so they could repair a hole after a chunk of concrete fell to the street below? The answer is...too many! In January, we sent Officers Campbell Aurelius and Clint Jackson to DPS to begin the lengthy training process to be DOT certified. In April, we officially stood up our unit, and within no time, those two were up on 225 stopping trucks left and right (east and west) to conduct DOT inspections. Most of the work is done underneath the trucks-it's a really dirty job-but somehow, where Campbell comes in looking like he's been wallowing in a dirt pile, Clint has nary a spec of dirt on him and not a hair out of place! They both work extremely hard, love what they do, and during the year, they collectively inspected 822 trucks, taking 272 unsafe 18-wheelers out of service.

September proved "you ain't nothin but a hound-dog" with Woofstock, the brain-child of Animal Shelter Supervisor Al Garces. The dog-only adoption event was patterned after Woodstock, the most iconic music festival of all time. Woodstock, named for the town it was supposed to take place in, was moved to a dairy farm in Bethel, NY, after the festival, which was only supposed to draw 50,000 attendees, garnered more attention than planned and ended up swelling to over 500,000. Woofstock turned out to be iconic as well; the crowd surpassed expectations, all dogs were adopted, t-shirts and other event swag sold out quickly, the bands and vendors were a hit, and plans are already in the works for a bigger and better event in 2022. Look for it. Peace out, man 🐕.

In another epic undertaking, the Universal Plant Services 1st Annual Back the Blue BBQ Festival and 5K Run For the Blue event was held in the middle of October. It began as a suggestion from the Deer Park Police Department Alumni Association, and over several months' time, evolved into a joint fundraiser with La Porte PD and their Alumni Association. Our Community Liaison, Sheila Plovovich, facilitated the event, which was a colossal undertaking considering the number of vendors, activities and manpower required. Other than the weather not cooperating on Friday evening and early Saturday morning when the wind and rain poured down on the cook teams and vendor canopies, sending them flying, the event was a smashing (no pun intended) success and raised a total profit of \$47,951. Again, 2022's event is already in the planning stages and promises to be bigger and better than the first one. We are most grateful to our Alumni Association, our sponsors, and our volunteers. We could not have accomplished this without them.

November and December were fairly quiet as we gathered with coworkers for our annual pot-luck Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheons. It was a time of fellowship, good food, laughter, and gratitude.



As we move into an uncertain future, we remember the ever-present need. The people and community we serve will always depend on us. I hope that our presence gives you comfort, because we will always be here to protect, comfort and safeguard your freedoms. See you next year...

Community Services

The objective of the Community Services Division is to provide the highest level of professional police services possible to the City of Deer Park, while performing the duties and responsibilities assigned through community oriented/pro-active policing and the use of Interactive Patrol Beats. This is accomplished in part by developing and fostering a partnership with the community and community stakeholders.

The Division is made up of Patrol, Crime Prevention, School Resource Officers, Warrant Division, Traffic, DOT, CALEA Accreditation, K-9, Humane, Holding Facility and School Crossing Guards. The division houses the Honor Guard, Bicycle Patrol, SWAT, Crisis Negotiations, Special Response Group (SRG), and Crash Reconstruction teams.

The Division's responsibilities include the implementation and maintenance of a variety of community programs. These programs include: Vacation House Checks, Citizen Ride-Alongs, various crime prevention programs and the Citizen Radar Program, to name a few. These programs were designed to increase information sharing, while reducing crime within the city.

The Deer Park Police Department is dedicated to building strong, effective and mutually beneficial police/community partnerships.



Lt. Frank Hart



Lt. Frank Hart



Officer Scott Baumann



Officers Teyanda Payne and Melynda Ramirez



Officer Jason LaPoint and Sergeant Danny Rouen donating blood for Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center



Members of the community and Deer Park Police Department at National Night Out 2021





Officers Scott Baumann and Jason Huff at the Back the Blue Festival



Officer Joel Nitchman at Skate with a Cop



Officer Curt Ward teaching firearms safety to a CPA participant.



Dispatchers Shajira Cocco, Zulma Veliz, and Jarrett Grundman



Officers Doug Nettles, Joel Nitchman, Travis Trotti and Jonathan White playing in the Wheelhouse Golf Tournament.



Public Safety Attendant Caleb Spencer gives a tour to Citizens Police Academy participants.



Officer Teyanda Payne, PSA Raul Turner, Officers Dustin Parman, Chad Banogon, Bill Chaffin, Dispatcher Hannah Edwards, Sergeant Josh Patton.



School Resource Officers

The Deer Park Police Department School Resource Officers (SROs) have spent the last year working to improve relations with students at DPISD.

A program was developed at Deer Park High School South Campus in which SROs work with the counselors to reach out to "at risk" students. The program is called "Cops and Counselors". Cops and Counselors is a program designed to have the counselors at the school identify students that would benefit from spending time in a small group setting that is led by police officers and counselors. The students are those who may be homeless, have some emotional distress, have been abused, and/or are at risk. There is an environment set up for the students to get to know the officers and there is help provided with some coping mechanisms. We want these students to feel comfortable to come to the officers or counselors on campus to reach out for help. The counselors select approximately 20 to 25 students per each small setting event. There is typically snack food and drinks and the SROs speak to the students and have activities for them to participate in so the students can get to know the officers. There has been great success with the students who were "at risk" receiving help.

In December, officers participated in the Christmas at the Barn event held at the DPISD Ag barn. Members of the community drove through the barn to see the lights and decorations the students built or hung, and first responders were on scene promoting safety.

Throughout the school year, the SROs were in different teacher's classrooms presenting to students. Presentations were made in Mr. Burgess' Criminal Justice department and students preparing for competition in Criminal Justice had assistance provided by several officers. There were presentations for students who were seniors and had concerns about living on their own for the first time on a college campus or in an apartment complex. For the Health Science classes there was a presentation on the difference between head trauma, diabetic coma, and intoxication, and how to determine the difference (and how to determine if/what medical care was needed). The SROs also work closely with the Assistant Principals, Associate Principal (Marc Milliorn) and Assistant Superintendent (Steve Corey) to ensure the safety of the students, staff and teachers inside Deer Park High School South Campus. The SROs have built relationships with the administration of Bonnette Jr. High School, San Jacinto Elementary and Deer Park Elementary and provided security as needed at those campuses. We have made many improvements to our office at south campus and one of them is that we created a snack section. There are students that come to school hungry and we invite those kids in need to come into our office and get whatever food or drinks they want for free.

There is an open-door policy for any of the adults or students on campus who need a little snack or drink or just a little conversation.

Officers S. Jackson, Zheng, Minor, Backus and Nitchman have also spent many hours working with the Criminal Justice students. Our Current SRO's are listed in the below photos.



Field Training Officers

The Deer Park Police Department Field Training Officer (FTO) program oversees the training of new officers. The training starts with the FTOs who are a select group of officers who have shown to be reliable employees with a strong work ethic and the "want" to mentor and train new personnel. FTOs are tasked with training every new officer and teaching them to administer the knowledge and skills they've learned in the academy by showing them how to apply these principles in real situations. The FTOs utilize a coaching based training philosophy that requires in depth documentation and training to ensure the success of the officers in training. The number one goal is to prepare the new officer for solo patrol.

The 2021 Field Training Officers consisted of Officers S. Baumann, S. Guimbellot, J. Huff, C. Banogon, J. Basilone, S. Anderson, T. Trotti, and P. Kuchinski and are supervised by Sergeant J. Meredith



Scott Baumann



Shane Guimbellot



Jason Huff



Chad Banogon



Jillian Basilone



Scott Anderson



Travis Trotti



Anthony Kuchinski



Sgt. Jason Meredith



Special Weapons and Tactics S.W.A.T.

The Deer Park Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team (S.W.A.T.) is a specialized, highly trained, motivated, and disciplined unit of officers. The S.W.A.T. Team is under the command of Lieutenant W. F. Hart and consists of Sergeant Miller, Sergeant Hill, Sergeant Cooper, Officer Nettles, Officer S. Jackson, Officer Ward, Officer Reed, Officer Moore, Officer Bailey, Officer Moe, Officer Anderson, and Officer Banogon. S.W.A.T. members are selected based upon their mental and physical capabilities, as well as their willingness to function as a team. These officers are primarily assigned to the various divisions of the police department, and have volunteered for the extra responsibility as S.W.A.T. Officers. The S.W.A.T. team consists of over 175 years of law enforcement experience between all team members.

The team is called to critical incident situations, including barricaded subjects, hostage situations, high risk warrant services, high water rescue situations, and any situation where a measured and coordinated response is required.

Applicants wishing to become a S.W.A.T. team member must complete a physical fitness evaluation, technical skills evaluation, psychological evaluation, and an oral interview board, before being selected for a probationary position on the team. Each S.W.A.T. member logs over 150 regularly scheduled training hours annually. The training is comprised of various high risk scenarios including, but not limited to, hostage rescue training, barricaded subject resolution, high risk warrant service, and dignitary protection. In addition, S.W.A.T. members also attend outside training, hosted by different agencies, on a variety of applicable topics.

Team members are subjected to annual physical fitness testing to ensure that they are fit and capable for duty. S.W.A.T. members are also tested on their ability to demonstrate weapons proficiency and decision making skills through rigorous firearm training sessions.

In 2021, S.W.A.T. members attended Less Lethal Impact Munition training, Distraction Device training, Chemical Munition Training, high water rescue and survival training, as well as numerous other advanced firearm training courses. S.W.A.T. members also served as instructors for several active threat/active shooter training courses held for officers of the Deer Park Police Department.

S.W.A.T. members also engaged in numerous community events throughout the year including demonstrations for the Deer Park High School Special Needs Class, Deer Park Junior High Big Red Program, and the Deer Park Police Department Citizens Police Academy. In addition to community events, S.W.A.T. instructors conducted active threat training classes for area businesses to educate the public on civilian response to active threats.



Members of our S.W.A.T. team from left Detective Doug Bailey, Sergeant Bryan Miller, Officer Scott Anderson, Officer Doug Nettles, Officer Curt Ward, Sergeant Joe Cooper and Officer Chad Banogon with members of Citizen's Police Academy Class 44.



Crisis Negotiations



The Deer Park Police Department's Crisis Negotiation Team is utilized to resolve special threat situations such as suicide attempts, barricaded suspects, and hostage incidents, through the process of specialized negotiation techniques. The primary goal of the team is to bring these situations to a peaceful resolution, thus reducing loss of life and harm to citizens and officers.

The team is currently made up of the following six members; Sergeant Sawtell, Sergeant Meredith, Detective Thatcher, Officer Baumann, Detective Gonzales, and Officer Williams. They are all State certified Negotiators. Members of the team had to compete against fellow officers and be chosen for the opportunity to become Negotiators. After selection, each team member goes through extensive initial training, continuing education training, as well as monthly department training in order to maintain proficiency. Monthly training is usually in the form of a simulated incident, and is routinely conducted in conjunction with the Department's S.W.A.T. team or with other area police negotiation teams. All team members have successfully completed all three phases of the International Association of Hostage Negotiators training blocks. Members attend an annual training conference that is presented by the Texas Association of Hostage Negotiators and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which focuses on recent issues relevant to negotiations and a great avenue for building relationships with other Crisis Negotiations teams throughout Texas. The team also has advisors available to them from the Houston Police Department, the FBI, and the mental health community, should they be needed.

Crisis Intervention Team



Due to a steady increase in calls dealing with people in mental health crisis, the Deer Park Police Department started the Crisis Intervention Team in 2017. This was done to help us provide the highest quality of police service to this segment of our community, in an attempt to improve the quality of life for the entire Community of Deer Park. This team, consisting of 4 specially trained officers, was created to respond to initial calls for service involving people in a mental health crisis. The team members also conduct follow up visits with those individuals to ensure their well-being and develop a rapport, in an effort to reduce recurring issues. Team members are subject to 24-hour call out in case of an urgent mental health situation.

The 2021 team consisted of, Sgt. Danny Rouen, Officer Miranda Hudson, Officer Brandon Williams, and the newest member, Officer Jill Basilone. These officers were specially selected after meeting specific criteria for communication abilities, problem solving skills, as well as experience. All of them required a recommendation from their supervisors to show their suitability for the position. After selection, each officer attended a 40 hour specialized training class and became certified as TCOLE Mental Health Peace Officers. They have responded to numerous calls dealing with mental health issues throughout the years. During the year, the CIT worked and partnered with local mental health facilities and mental health service providers, and the counselling staff at the Deer Park Independent School District, to ensure that they are able to diligently address the issue of mental health affecting public safety. Additionally, team members taught several classes in the high school informing students of mental health and available help. In 2021, a total of 50 Emergency Detention Orders (EDOs) were obtained to provide treatment for persons in mental health crisis. This was a decrease of 16.67%, down from 60 EDOs in 2020.





Officers Teyanda Payne, Miranda Delamorena, and Candace Bonner



Detective Aaron Gonzales and Officer Miranda Hudson at BBQ with a Cop at Cattle Drive BBQ.



Officer Clint Jackson



Officer Brandon Williams



Sergeant Jarrett Hill flanked by ladies at The Health Nut.



Records Technician Nannette Kyle with City of Deer Park Employees Yvette Solares and Joanna Edwards at BBQ with a Cop.



DPISD Assistant Superintendent for Administration Steve Corry with Officers Jason LaPoint and Tina Taylor along with DPISD Superintendent Stephen Harrell.



Officer Victoria Molini (left) with Officer David Bode and School Crossing Guard Toni Reed at the Back the Blue 5K fun run.



DWI Statistics



Officer Travis Trotti accepting his M.A.D.D. award

Driving while intoxicated (DWI) is a selfish act that can end in horrific consequences, both for the driver and members of the community. Throughout 2021, Deer Park Police Department took an aggressive approach to enforcing Texas DWI Laws. "Protect and serve" is a duty we take seriously. Seeking out and arresting impaired drivers are goals we achieve to keep our community safe. Deer Park Police Department recognizes that human life is precious and the danger intoxicated drivers pose to our community is great.

During 2021, Deer Park Police Department aggressively sought out intoxicated drivers and participated in DWI Initiatives to target impaired drivers. Deer Park Police Department continues to be recognized by the Houston Chapter of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) for its continued efforts in DWI enforcement. Deer Park Officers received recognition for the hard work and efforts in making our roads safer. DWI Initiatives call for officers to work specific days and hours, targeting their efforts on intoxicated and impaired drivers in an around the City of Deer Park.



Intoxicated driving is not isolated to only alcohol, but ANY substance that can impair a person(s) ability to operate a vehicle safely. Because of this, Deer Park Police Department has officers that have undergone extensive training as Drug Recognition Experts (DRE). A DRE is called upon to assist in an investigation, when a driver is suspected of being impaired on any substance other than alcohol. For 2021, Deer Park Police Department had six (6) officers specifically trained as DRE's.

During 2021, Deer Park Police Officers removed 258 drivers from Deer Park roadways, suspected of being impaired on alcohol or other substances.

***DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.
YOU CAN'T AFFORD IT.***



Accident Reconstruction

In 2021, the Accident Reconstruction Team was composed of five team members; Sergeant Sawtell, Sergeant Coats, Officer Nettles, Officer Baumann, and Detective Gonzales.

All members of the team are State Certified Collision Reconstructionist and Total Station Operators. To become a member of the team, officers have to compete against fellow officers, and be chosen for the opportunity to become part of the Accident Reconstruction Team. After selection each team member must successfully complete the State certified Advanced and Reconstruction Accident schools, as well as go through extensive continuing education along with bi-monthly department training to maintain proficiency in all aspects necessary to reconstruct accident collisions. All members of the team are required to be available 24/7 to respond for reconstruction. The team also utilizes Investigators from the Harris County District Attorney's Office, Deer Park PD Crime Scene Unit, as well as Deer Park PD Detectives to assist in the accident investigation.

In 2021, the team not only conducted its own bi-monthly department training, but also conducted joint trainings with surrounding agencies.

Thankfully, we had no fatality accidents in Deer Park in 2021, but the Deer Park Police Department's Accident Reconstruction Team stood ready to investigate and reconstruct fatality and potential fatality traffic accident collisions.



Sgt. Ian Sawtell



Sgt. Ryan Coats



Doug Nettles



Scott Baumann



Aaron Gonzales

Warrant Officer



Sean Jackson

Officer S.M. Jackson has been assigned as the Warrant Officer and Bailiff since 2018. In 2019, we added Officer C. Jackson as a back-up Warrant Officer and additional Bailiff on court days.

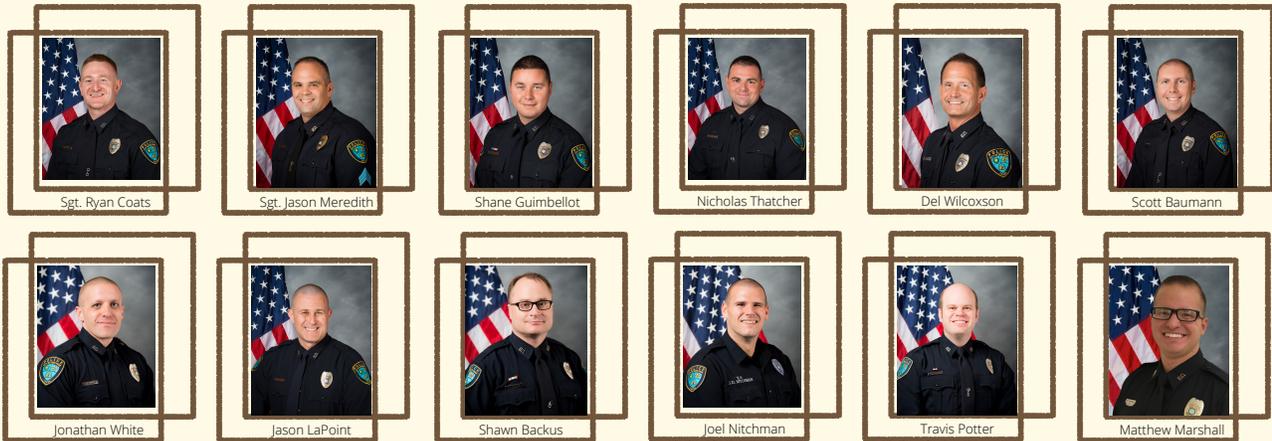
Bailiffs are specially trained in court security techniques to maintain order in the court and ensure the safety of the judge, prosecutor, and all courtroom participants.

Warrant Officer duties include arresting defendants for outstanding warrants, transporting prisoners being held on Deer Park Class C Warrants, and serving summons and subpoenas issued by the Municipal Court. In 2021, Officer S. Jackson has cleared or assisted with the clearing of more than 4,800 outstanding warrants. Officer S. Jackson has implemented several alternatives to notify people who have outstanding warrants. This ranges from automated calls and notifications, letters sent to home addresses, and direct phone calls. Social Media is used to encourage defendants to appear in court or pay a reduced, non-arrest bond at the court window to avoid being arrested.



Special Response Group

The Deer Park Police Department has 12 officers trained in riot and crowd control tactics. The 40 hour training allowed the team to become proficient with the different riot control formations, the protective gear that is used and worn, and coordinating efforts between the SRG and HPD's mounted police unit. During the training week, each officer was exposed to CS gas and received training on gas mask operation. The Deer Park Police Department is committed to preparedness in the event civil unrest occurs in this city or the surrounding area. Due to the global pandemic Mardi Gras 2021 in Galveston was cancelled, so the Deer Park SRG team was not utilized for the event.



Public Safety Attendants

Public Safety Attendants (PSAs) are responsible for processing and maintaining the general welfare of any detainee that is housed in the police department holding facility. The booking process includes searching the prisoner, inventory of property, taking of photographs and fingerprints, and completion and filing of related reports and documents. Routine duties include, regular welfare checks, preparation of prisoner meals, and maintaining proper care of prisoner property and records. PSAs perform required inspections for the holding facility for safety, security and facility cleanliness. They assist in the arraignment of detainees with the Municipal Judge and arrange transfers to other facilities as necessary.



In 2021, 1835 adult prisoners and 29 juveniles were booked into the holding facility. Most days, the department has two PSAs working inside the holding facility. During 2021 the holding facility was staffed with six PSAs: C. Matczak, R. McBride, Raul Turner, J. Ross, E. Rios, and C. Spencer. The PSAs work hard every day and are dedicated to upholding the highest standards of the Deer Park Police Department.



Traffic Unit

The primary function of the Deer Park Police Traffic Unit is to reduce the number of traffic-related calls for service, as well as reduce the number of vehicle crashes in Deer Park. This is done through enforcement, public education, and engineering. Under the umbrella of "problem solving" with fellow officers and the community, the Traffic Unit works to complete its goals.

The Traffic Unit is overseen by Sergeant Sawtell, and consists of three Traffic Unit officers, and 21 Crossing Guards. The Traffic Unit also relies on numerous specialized volunteers throughout the year to help with items such as handicap parking enforcement, parades, and fun runs.

In 2021, two of the Traffic Unit Officers attended training through the Texas Department of Public Safety and became State Certified Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspectors. The function of these Commercial Vehicle Inspectors is to ensure that unsafe commercial motor vehicles are removed from the roadways. This will have a direct impact on roadway safety and will reduce commercial motor vehicles accidents.

In 2021, the Deer Park Police Department utilized the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant, also known as S.T.E.P. This too, is an integral part of traffic enforcement efforts. This program puts extra officers throughout the city, focusing on traffic violations in high crash locations and making the roadways safer.

The Traffic Unit continuously works proactively in the community to raise awareness on safety issues, and to increase voluntary compliance with traffic laws. Public Information and Education activities are an effective means of increasing compliance. Officers of the Deer Park Traffic Unit continually engage in Public Information and Education activities, such as performing car seat inspections as part of the Safe Kids Greater Houston Coalition.



Campbell Aurelius



David Bode



Clint Jackson

Bicycle Patrol

The Bicycle Patrol Unit is supervised by Sergeant Coats, and made up of two State Certified Patrol Bicycle Officers. The two officers currently assigned to the Unit, Officer Clint Jackson and Officer Campbell Aurelius, competed against fellow officers for the opportunity to be selected to the Unit. After being selected, both officers attended training courses to obtain the required certification to be a Patrol Bicycle Officer.

2021 marked the 6th year since the implementation of the Police Department's Bike Patrol Unit, which was made possible by funding through the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD).

The Bicycle Patrol Unit is a great asset to the Police Department being utilized in events such as parades, National Night Out, and directed specialized patrols and/or other assignments as needed. One of the main benefits of this unit is the one-on-one connection the Bicycle Officers are able to create with members of the community while on their bikes.

The Bike Patrol Unit is utilized as a part time position to be utilized throughout the year when a need or event arises.



Honor Guard

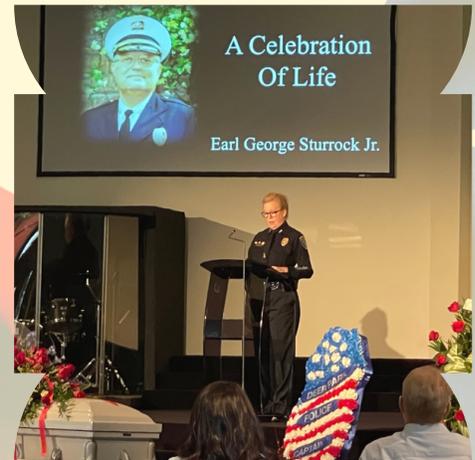
The primary mission of the Deer Park Police Department Honor Guard is conducting law enforcement honors. The trained officers of the Honor Guard also provide color guard for high profile public events and ceremonies. Officers on the Honor Guard team volunteer for this service and are selected based on their motivation, high standards of appearance and conduct, and show aptitude for ceremonial duties.

The Deer Park Police Department Honor Guard respectfully provided honors for fallen officers in Texas. In 2021, Deer Park P. D. lost retired Captain Earl Sturrock and the Honor Guard provided full honors for him at his service. Other duties also include paying proper respect at funerals for current or former dignitaries or public servants whose families request it, and providing proper courtesies to the flag at ceremonies and other formal events.

The Deer Park Honor Guard represents the City of Deer Park in numerous ceremonies throughout the year, and is proudly led by Officer Tina Taylor. Other members include Officer Bode, Officer Aurelius, Officer Guimbellot, Officer Baumann, Officer Backus, Detective Thatcher, and Detective Gonzales.



Retired Captain Earl Sturrock
12/14/1951 - 04/08/2021



Assistant Chief St. Martin delivers the eulogy at retired Captain Sturrock's funeral.



Members of our 2021 Honor Guard from left to right: Officers Scott Baumann, Shane Guimbellot, Nicholas Thatcher, David Bode, Shawn Backus, Matthew Marshall, Aaron Gonzales, and Tina Taylor



School Crossing Guards

In 2021, the Deer Park Police Department, in partnership with Deer Park Independent School District, employed 18 Crossing Guards and three substitute guards. Crossing Guards are responsible for 18 locations throughout the city. Crossing Guards are part-time employees and have become an integral part of providing safety to the children of the Deer Park Independence School District, as well as the community.

The primary responsibility of a Crossing Guard is to ensure children have the means to safely cross the street while traveling to and from school. Crossing Guards are on duty each morning and afternoon during the school year. The job may look easy to someone just passing by, but no matter what the weather, walking into traffic several times twice a day to cross children is not without its challenges. Many of the Crossing Guards are tenured employees who have been at their same assigned intersections for many years. This has allowed them to develop valuable relationships and rapport with the parents and students they interact with on a daily basis. They are in good positions to report crime, disruptions or suspicious activity, and have a direct line of communication to Deer Park Police Dispatchers. This ensures a quick response from police, fire and/or ems personnel when needed.

Crossing Guards are equipped with handheld radios, whistles, reflective stop signs, and reflective clothing. They receive monthly departmental training on topics related to their assignments, as well as emergency training, such as CPR.

The Crossing Guards also assist with public events such as fun runs and parades. They work to ensure traffic is controlled in a manner that makes the events safe for all participants.

At the end of the school year, the Deer Park Police Department hosts a Crossing Guard Appreciation Luncheon as a way to say, "Thank You" for all they do for the children of Deer Park. During this event, Crossing Guard Laura Aubry received the Deer Park Police Department 2021 Crossing Guard of the Year Award. This year, Crossing Guard Duane Sims received the American Legion Crossing Guard of the Year Award.

In September 2021, we lost our beloved crossing guard Tonia Smith to Covid. Tonia started her career with Deer Park on September 11, 1996 and was just shy of 25 years of service. Tonia will be greatly missed.



Chief Grigg, Assistant Chief St. Martin, Tonia Smith and Sergeant Sawtell



Chief Grigg with Crossing Guard of the Year Laura Aubry and Sergeant Sawtell.



American Legion Crossing Guard of the Year Duane Sims with Chief Grigg and Sergeant Sawtell



2021 Deer Park Crossing Guards

K-9 Unit

During 2021, Officer Nitchman and K-9 Roni worked together to interdict and seize illegal narcotics and cash money derived from illegal drug sales. K-9 Roni is a black and gray German Shorthaired Pointer who works strictly as a narcotics detector dog, assisting the patrol division with free-air sniffs of vehicles during traffic stops. In addition, K-9 Roni and Officer Nitchman work with the Criminal Investigations Division – Pro Act Unit, assisting them in various narcotics investigations and search warrants.

Rigorous training is conducted each week to keep K-9 Roni proficient at detecting the odors of methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin and marijuana. In 2021, the Deer Park Police Department partnered with Houston K9 to assist with training, by providing expert instruction and highly structured training scenarios for Roni to stay in peak condition. Officer Nitchman and Roni are members of the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association (NNDDA), a professional, nonprofit organization dedicated to the utilization and proficiency of scent detector dogs for the benefit of Law Enforcement.

For 2021, Officer Nitchman and K-9 Roni were responsible for 251 searches, resulting in the following seizures: 5.64 Grams of Cocaine, 65.42 Grams of Heroin, 8.73 lbs. of Marijuana, 2.35 Grams of MDMA, 327.24 Grams of Methamphetamine and 5,579 Grams of other controlled substances. In addition to the above listed illegal narcotics, \$22,598 in cash and assets were seized from illegal drug sales.



Officer Joel Nitchman and K-9 Roni searching a vehicle.



Officer Joel Nitchman and K-9 Roni



Officer Joel Nitchman and Roni with a friend at Halloween.



Crime Prevention

The three elements that must be present for a crime to occur is desire, ability, and opportunity. The goal of the Crime Prevention unit is to deny a person's opportunity to commit crime, thus ultimately reducing crime itself. Our strategies to reduce the opportunity to commit crimes come from distributing valuable information to the public, in person, and by social media. In 2021, the unit increased the interactions on Facebook between the public and the police department significantly, with 31,012 Facebook "Likes." In 2021, we uploaded weekly posts on topics relating to recent crime trends, public information & education, and recent changes in the law.

The Deer Park Police Department currently offers the following crime prevention programs:

- Lockbox Program
- Are You OK Program
- Bicycle Registration Program
- Vacation Safety School
- Shepherd Program
- Crime Prevention Security Survey

In the past year, officers engaged in numerous in-person events in our community. Officers hosted quarterly Senior Safety Talks at Morada of Deer Park (formerly The Waterford), Maxwell Adult Center, and Providence Town Square. We hosted a total of 17 events throughout the year. Examples of these events are Coffee with a Cop, public relation events with H.E.B., Lubrizol of Deer Park, Girl Scouts of America, Sodalis, Serenity Gardens, Deer Park Gardens Apartment, The Falls of Deer Park Apartments, San Jacinto College, local hotels, and local churches. We organized Drug Takeback in collaboration with D.E.A. (Drug Enforcement Administration) and BACODA (Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol), in the spring and fall. The police department increased our educational engagements with students and actively participated in the Police/School Partnership Committee meetings on a quarterly basis. Also, officers taught police topics at Deer Park Jr. High for two semesters, via the Big Red Program, as well as engaged in community events with the FFA. Officers also lectured on topics from the Criminal Justice class curriculum and Mental Health CTE (Career and Technical Education) class at Deer Park High School. In 2021, Officers continued to take part in the Criminal Justice class, teaching both during and after school, in order to help them succeed. Other student interactions with DPHS have included the "Adopt a Cop" initiative, where the Criminal Justice Club periodically gave appreciation gifts to our police officers. The school also hosted a Law Enforcement Appreciation breakfast at the end of the 2020-21 school year, as recognition for teaching them throughout the year.

During the 2021-22 school year, elementary schools within DPISD began participating in the Rolling Readers project. Rolling Readers is an outreach project where police officers read to students from grade K-3rd grade. This interaction, not only promotes literacy, but allows the younger generation to have positive interactions with law enforcement. Rolling Readers was set to begin in January of 2020, but did not start until 2021, due to COVID. Rolling Readers has received an overwhelming response from the public.

In the summer season, officers gathered area hotel staff, as well as area church staff, for training on Church and Workplace Active Threat. Automobile service businesses continued to help the Crime Prevention unit disperse hang tags to their customers that reminded the drivers to "Look Before You Lock," to prevent heat-related deaths/injuries of children.

The Crime Prevention unit has also provided citizens with a Crime Prevention Security Survey, which is a technique to safeguard homes and businesses to reduce being an easy target for intruders.

In 2021, the Crime Prevention Unit provided the following services:

- Lockbox Program serviced 70 participants
- Are You OK Program serviced five participants
- Bicycle Registration Program serviced 58 participants
- Vacation Safety School serviced 36 students between the ages of 7 and 14
- Shepherd Program serviced 22 participants
- Crime Prevention Security Survey serviced three participants

It is our expectation in the next year to increase community engagements, in-person and online, to provide the highest quality of police service, thus improving the quality of life for the community of Deer Park.





Officer Shane Guimbellot at Rolling Readers



Officers Kai Zheng, Jason Huff, and Miranda Hudson at Skate with a Cop,



Lt. Wade Keeney at Rolling Readers



Officers Kai Zheng, Travis Potter, Teyanda Payne and Chad Banogon



Officers Kai Zheng, Brandon Williams, Veronika Minor and Detective Aaron Gonzales



Officer Veronika Minor at Vacation Safety School



Detectives Aaron Gonzales and Lars Moe



Future Deer Park Police Officer at Vacation Safety School



Officer Kai Zheng and PSA Chris Matsczak at Rolling Readers





Officer David Bode at Coffee with a Cop



Officer Sean Jackson, Community Liaison Sheila Plovovich and Officer Miranda Hudson at Coffee with a Cop.



Officers Kai Zheng and Veronika Minor at Coffee with a Cop



Officer Joel Nitchman at Big Red



Officers Kai Zheng, Scott Baumann, Veronika Minor, Miranda Hudson and Detective Aaron Gonzales at BBQ with a Cop



Officer Stacey Bridges at DPHS CJ program breakfast



Officer Veronika Minor at Drug Take Back



Deer Park Officers with DPISD Criminal Justice Students.

Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center

The Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center started the year incredibly strong by adopting out 42 animals in January.

In an effort to stay in touch with our community, we regularly engaged the public on social media. The shelter posted a snake capturing video that had 343,000 views on Facebook. Several videos were released throughout the year, which the public shared and gave the shelter many new Facebook followers.

In July of 2021, the shelter released a promotional video for "Woofstock" which received lots of attention not only in Deer Park but even from other states including Florida. Woofstock (based off of Woodstock) was an adoption event that included shelters from Deer Park, La Porte, Friendswood and Humble. The event took place on September 25th. Several animal rescue agencies also attended the event and were able to find homes for their adoptable pets. There was live music and approximately 80 vendors at the event, which was highly praised by the visitors and attendees.

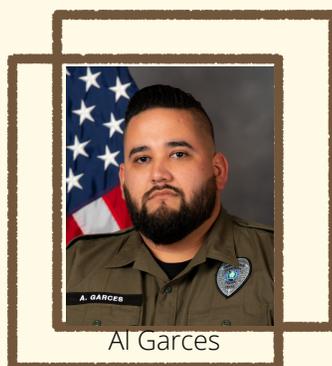
Throughout 2021, the shelter continued to find ways to keep their followers entertained. In October, a Halloween video was released featuring Bella the "ghost dog" and the Doggy Ghostbusters. The video was filmed at the Deer Park Police Department and featured several police officers in the parody.

2021 also brought employee recognitions within the department. Al Garces was awarded with the Coy D. Willis Award by the Texas Animal Control Association for his dedication to animal wellbeing and his creative videos that have led to animals being adopted. Al Garces was also asked to teach at the Texas Animal Control Association Conference.

The end of 2021 was capped off with the Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center's video entitled "Hound Alone 2," which was a parody of the holiday favorite Home Alone. The video takes its viewers on a journey where two ex-cons were released from jail and immediately began trouble in town. Their plans quickly deteriorated when they ran into their old friend "Bella" who had other things in mind.

2021 brought its unique set of challenges, but the adoption center reached its goals for adoptions and community engagement. 2022 will be full of new promotions and videos, with one goal in mind; serve the Deer Park community and do right by the lost animals of Deer Park.

The adoption center is staffed by Animal Control Supervisor Al Garces, Animal Control Officers Celeste Saenz, Jeff Eaton, Madelyn Ruiz and Traci Bailey. Lt. Frank Hart with the Deer Park Police Department oversees the Animal Shelter and its employees.



Al Garces



Celeste Saenz



Traci Bailey, Al Garces,
Celeste Saenz, Jeff Eaton



Jeff Eaton



Traci Bailey



Madelyn Ruiz





Humane Supervisor Al Garces with members of our armed forces.



Records Specialist Amanda Teltschik and her rescue puppy Tawny.



Sergeant Jason Meredith with members of our Fire Department



The granddaughter of Officer Sean Jackson at Vacation Safety School.



Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police Rhonda Cole and Finance Coordinator Kelly Davenport



Dispatch Supervisor Kellie Bass



Crime Analyst Tina Palomares, Records Supervisor Kathy Cobb with her fur-baby Sophie, Dispatch Supervisor Kellie Bass, Community Liaison Sheila Plovovich and Records Specialist Amanda Teltschik

Criminal Investigations

The Deer Park Police Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is composed of five parts which all work together in their mission to conduct in-depth investigations of criminal activity in our community and provide the best quality of life possible. These five parts include four general detectives, four ProAct Investigators, one Crime Scene Investigator, one Property and Evidence Custodian, and a Victim Assistance Volunteer.

Criminal Investigators

The Criminal Investigators are primarily responsible for follow-up investigations that have been initiated by patrol, and cases referred to us by outside entities. These cases range from minor theft to murder, and everything in between. The Detectives assigned to CID during 2021 were Joshua Reed, Mason Moore, Lars Moe and Aaron Gonzales. The city is divided into quadrants, with a detective assigned to each one. Their job is to investigate the crimes occurring within their area and utilize both reactive and proactive approaches to dealing with trends and problems as they arise.

During 2021, the Detective Unit was responsible for following up on over 948 cases of which 72% were resolved with a final conclusion.



Josh Reed



Aaron Gonzales



Mason Moore



Lars Moe



Lt. Christopher Brown

Volunteer Victim Assistance Program

The Volunteer Victim's Assistance Program operated in its 10th year during 2021. This program operates to improve the services provided to crime victims and improve the communication between the Police Department and the community it serves.

Community Volunteers assigned to the program are responsible for contacting crime victims and providing them information such as case status, financial and counseling assistance they may qualify for, and how to provide new information related to their cases. The program has been extremely successful and welcomed by the community. Over this last year, Volunteer Eva Weverink, has communicated with several hundred victims both through written communication and over the phone.



ProAct Investigators

The ProAct investigative unit is a branch of the Criminal Investigations Division (CID). The unit operates under the supervision of Lieutenant C. Brown and Sergeant J. Tryon, with assigned investigators in 2021, D. Bailey, N. Thatcher and J. B. White. The ProAct unit is responsible for utilizing limited personnel and resources to proactively investigate criminal activity in ways that favorably affect the citizens of Deer Park. The ProAct Unit Investigators are responsible for self-initiated investigations into narcotics, identity theft, vice, and other types of organized criminal activity. The unit utilizes crime analysis information in strategic planning as it relates to crime trends, crime prevention, and criminal investigations. During 2021, the ProAct unit worked criminal cases, partnering with Special Agents from the United States Postal Inspectors Office, DPS, and other surrounding agencies, identifying and resolving issues affecting public safety.



Sgt. James Tryon



Nick Thatcher



Doug Bailey



Jonathan White

Property and Evidence

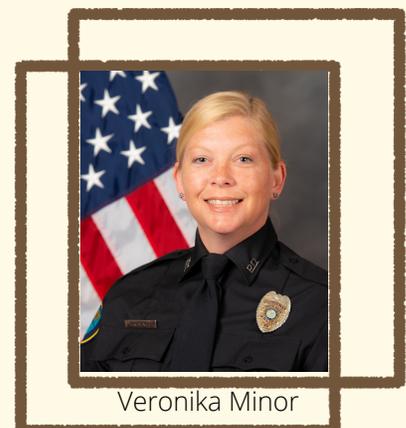
The Deer Park Police Department's Property Division consists of one Public Safety Attendant, Eddie Salazar, who is certified as an Evidence Custodian and has extensive training in all aspects of properly managing a police property/evidence room. The Evidence Custodian's main areas of responsibility include, but are not limited to, the storage, security, destruction, proper packaging, and documentation of all incoming and outgoing evidence and property. The Evidence Custodian is also responsible for transferring items to the proper labs for analysis, preparing copies of case documents, videos, and photos as requested by the District Attorney's Office, and also conducting research to determine the final disposition of cases. Evidence and property that was seized will be destroyed, sold at auction, converted to city use, or returned to its owner, depending upon the conclusion of the case and its disposition. The Evidence Custodian oversees the safekeeping of over 24,000 pieces of property, with multiple items being received and released daily.



Eddie Salazar

Crime Scene Investigator

Crime Scene Investigator Veronika Minor is a licensed police officer who has specialized training and skills in processing crime scenes and handling evidence. There are three additional officers, Brandon Williams, Travis Potter, and Victoria Molini, who have been trained in crime scene processing and who serve in a "back-up" role to the Crime Scene Investigator allowing for a "24/7" response to major scenes. Processing a crime scene may include taking photographs, mapping the scene, locating patent and latent evidence such as fingerprints, footwear impressions, hair, fibers and biological matter and locating additional evidence. The Crime Scene Investigator also serves in a back-up role to the Evidence Custodian and assists in those responsibilities.



Veronika Minor

Crime Analysis

The Crime Analysis Unit carefully reviews all information received including crime reports, calls for service, arrest reports, and alerts from other agencies to determine if any crime series, sprees, trends, or similarities exist. If one is identified, the unit disseminates this information to patrol officers to assist them in identifying the offender, the offender's modus operandi, or the offender's vehicle. Identifying and analyzing crime issues are of the utmost importance to the Crime Analysis Unit. Information that is disseminated from the Unit assists the Patrol and Investigation Commanders develop strategies to address any emerging, potential, or ongoing, crime problems. The crime analysis function also encompasses statistical reporting for both internal and external users. Reports are available, by request, to the citizens of Deer Park that summarize crime, or accident data, by location.



Tina Palomares

In November 2021, the Unit regained the responsibility of submitting National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) crime data, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) via, the Texas Department of Public Safety (TXDPS). NIBRS reporting provides a robust view of crime, as NIBRS collects detailed information, such as expanded victim types, relationships of victims to offenders and offenses, demographic details, the offender's suspected use of drugs or alcohol, the involvement of gang activity, and if technology devices were used in the commission of the crime. In 2021, our Part 1 crimes reduced by 12.5% over the previous year 2020; crimes with large reductions were Robbery (-29%) and Theft (-22%).

In October 2021, our City Protect website, which allows residents to search, or set alerts, for crime(s), in an area, on an interactive map, experienced a system outage that we are working to restore. Monthly crime maps are posted to our department's Facebook page, that provide an overview of all reported crime in our city. If there is a particular area that residents would like to view, they can submit a request via our Records Department

Crime analysis also supports various department functions including patrol deployment, special operations, investigations, planning and research, crime prevention, and administrative services. In 2021, the unit provided the following:

- 339 requests for statistics, and intelligence products, from within the department,**
- 24 translation assistance requests (Spanish to English),**
- 59 requests from the Proactive unit, and**
- 31 assistance requests from neighboring law enforcement agencies**



Crime Analyst Tina Palomares, Officers Brandon Williams, Melynda Ramirez, and Scott Baumann with friends from The Health Nut.



Citizens Police Academy

The Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) is a condensed version of a basic police academy, and is coordinated by Community Liaison, Sheila Plovanich. Police officers, dispatchers, and other police employees who are experts in their respective areas of law enforcement, instruct the classes. The participants are local citizens who are interested in learning about the inner workings of the police department.

The CPA is held one night a week for a period of 14 weeks (42 hours). Students learn about law enforcement related issues such as patrol duties, community oriented policing, crime prevention techniques, dispatch dexterity, use of force, defensive tactics, firearm safety, crisis negotiations and S.W.A.T. team operations. Students also participate in reverse role scenarios such as family disturbances and traffic stops. Learning also takes place through hands-on activities such as patrol ride-a-longs, lifting and taking fingerprints, shooting simunitions, Fatal Vision Goggles, and much more.

In 2021, Citizen's Police Academy Class 43 commenced in the spring with a total of 16 participants. Class 44 began in the fall with 11 total participants, for a total of 27 participants in 2021.

Additionally, CPA graduates may join the Alumni Association (DPCPAAA), which supports the police department with volunteer services. The Alumni assists in coordinating new CPA classes, and facilitating promotional drives to obtain applications for new students for future academies.



CPA Class 44



Deer Park Police Citizens Police Academy Class 44 with members of Deer Park Police Department at the CPA graduation.



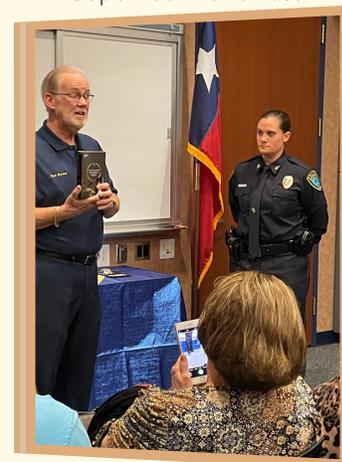
Chaplains Eva Weverink and Timothy Kelley with Dispatch Supervisor Kellie Bass

Chaplain Program

In 2021, the Deer Park Police Department Chaplain Program had its seventh full year. There were eight professional clergy members from various denominations who volunteered their services to the Department and members of the community for fellowship, and during times of crisis, sorrow, or conflict.

Pastor Rick Brown, Youth Pastor Angie Hughes, Father Reginald Samuels, Chaplain Eva Weverink, Chaplain Craig Weverink, Pastor Jason Morse, Chaplain Timothy Kelley, and Pastor William Wesson all served as DPPD Chaplains during 2021.

Police Chaplains were on-call 24 hours a day to assist police personnel with a variety of situations in the field such as death notifications, child deaths, lost or missing persons, and suicides. Our Police Chaplains were also present at monthly birthday breakfasts, socials and the annual Peace Officer Memorial. During 2021 our Deer Park Police Chaplains unselfishly donated many hours to the Department.



Chaplain Rick Brown presents Officer Miranda Delamorena with a bible at her swearing in.

Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and Volunteers in Police Service

In 2021, The Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association was selected as the Citizen's Police Academy of the Year by the Texas Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association.. The below write up was submitted as their nomination for this prestigious award. We are grateful for the continued support we receive from the DPCPAAA and couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments.

Describe program(s) or activities initiated by nominee or by individual under nominee's supervision:

The Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association is thriving under the direction of President and Vice President Adell Boren and Charles Thomas. They, along with their board members and volunteers have not waned over the past year in COVID times. Our alumni association has continued to provide invaluable support to our police department by way of fundraising, feeding the officers, providing community wide shred days twice a year, patrol vehicle inspections and maintenance, assistance with evidence and property, performing quality control audits in our quartermaster room, maintaining training certifications for all PD personnel, initiating a Christmas package pickup program to help curtail porch package thefts during the holidays, providing parking lot patrols during our high school graduation ceremonies, assisting with Peace Officer Memorial ceremonies, traffic control for parades and special events, assisting at our Humane Shelter and Adoption Center, helping with our Victim's Assistance Program among many other tasks they are not afraid to take on.

Describe the impact of nominee's leadership or achievements: The impact this association has brought to our police department and our community has been immeasurable. Their continued fundraisers allow for the purchase of unbudgeted items, their assistance with parking lot patrols as well as Christmas package pickup has curtailed calls for service, their availability to feed our officers, especially during the great freeze of 2021 and during the unforeseen, ongoing Corona virus pandemic boosted the morale of the entire police department. Our Alumni Association's continued commitment to providing services to our community through shred day events, Christmas Cocoa and Cookies with a cop (drive-by edition for Christmas 2020), and their dedication to fundraisers through holiday tamale sales has been amazing. Over \$9,000 was raised in 2020. All this during the 2020 global pandemic and they were able to find a way to make it all happen.

Continuity of support (one-time or on-going): The Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association has been providing all the above listed services to the Deer Park Police Department and the City of Deer Park for several years. They are currently working on a joint Back the Blue BBQ challenge, 5k fun run and festival with our neighboring agencies (Pasadena PD and LaPorte PD) to help promote networking among our police departments and alumni associations as well as promote awareness and support for all law enforcement agencies. This year, in June 2021 the Deer Park CPAAA hosted a very successful Region 1 meeting with over 45 people in attendance. Our association provided wooden cross plaques, handmade by our very own Vice-President Charles Thomas. A cross was presented to every agency that attended the Region 1 meeting. See attached photos.



Alumni member Stephanie Alexander, DPPD Community Liaison Sheila Plovovich, Alumni Vice President Charles Thomas, Alumni President Adell Boren and Alumni member Margaret Robertson.



Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and Volunteers in Police Service



Members of the Deer Park Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association are recognized by City Council for their Citizens Police Academy of the Year Award.



Brian and Donna Orner of the DPCPAAA and members from the La Porte CPAAA working the Back the Blue Festival



Community Liaison Sheila Plovnich, Chief Grigg and DPCPAAA President Adell Boren receiving a check from the Deer Park Rotary



DPCPAAA member Margaret Robertson restocking the patrol tahoes.

Awards and Commendations

Officer of the Month for 2021

January	Officer Anthony Baggett
February	Officer Brooke Schwausch
March	Officer Travis Potter
April	Officer Mason Moore
May	No Nominations
June	Officer Miranda Hudson
July	Officer Eddie Pereira
August	Officer Joshua Reed
September	Officer Mason Moore
October	Officer Lars Moe
November	Officer Veronika Minor
December	Officer Joshua Reed

Officer of the Year 2021 - Eddie J. Pereira ***Rotary Officer of the Month for 2021***

January	Officer Stacey D. Bridges
May	Officer Joel D. Nitchman
July	Detective Mason W. Moore

School Crossing Guard of the Year - 2021 - Laura Marie Aubry

Life Saving Awards - January Officer Stacey D. Bridges

American Legion Officer of the Year - 2021 - Officer Travis Trotti

American Legion School Crossing Guard of the Year - 2021 - Duane Sims

City - Employee of the Quarter - 2021

<i>1st Quarter</i>	Hannah L. Edwards (Support)
<i>2nd Quarter</i>	Police Department (Team)
	Scott Anderson
	Eddie Pereira
	Brooke Schwausch



Officer of the Year **Eddie Pereira**



City Council members Tommy Ginn, T.J. Haight, Sherry Garrison, and Ron Martin along with Chief Grigg present Officer Eddie Pereira with the Officer of the Year Award.

New Officer Swearing In



Chief Grigg swears in Officer Miranda Delamorena



Awards and Commendations



Rotary member Beckie Stockstill-Cobb and Chief Grigg present Detective Mason Moore and Officer Joel Nitchman with their May and July Rotary Officer of the Month Awards.



Sergeant Jarrett Hill, Assistant Chief Sharon St. Martin, Chief Gregory Grigg, and Rotary member Beckie Stockstill-Cobb present Officer Stacey Bridges with the Rotary January Officer of the Month Award.



Dispatch Supervisor Kellie Bass and Chief Grigg present Dispatcher Hannah Edwards with her Employee of the Quarter award.



Lt. Frank Hart, Assistant Chief Sharon St. Martin, Chief Grigg and Beckie Stockstill-Cobb present Officer Brooke Schwausch with the Rotary Officer of the Month Award

New 2021 Employees



Sandy Guzman
Records Specialist



Caleb Spencer
Public Safety Attendant



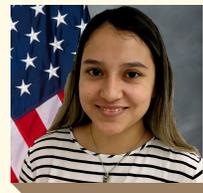
Miranda Delamorena
Police Officer



Dustin Parman
Police Cadet



Madelyn Ruiz
Animal Shelter
Attendant



Jessica Guerra
Dispatcher



Jennifer Johnson
Dispatcher



Deer Park Police Officers Association



The Deer Park Police Association is a non-profit, charitable organization, which is compiled of sworn police officers employed with the Deer Park Police Department. The Deer Park Police Association's primary mission is to assist the Deer Park Police Department and its' employees in endeavors including hardships, education, charitable cause and civic/ fraternal activities. Additionally, the Association focuses on outreach to the community. In 2021, The Association was re-launched and was able to provide to our local community through a major school supply drive and food drive. We continue to strive for this relationship with our amazing citizens in 2022, and hope to be able to create more events in which we can give back to those in need.



Police Association members receive school supplies from Shell Oil



Detective Aaron Gonzales, Officers Melynda Ramirez, Miranda Hudson, Jillian Basilone, Detective Lars Moe, Officer Jason LaPoint at their school supply drive



Detective Lars Moe and Officer Shane Guimbellot





Officer Mary Ann Salas with the Criminal Justice students from DPISD



Officer Melynda Ramirez



Brandi Cox, Officer Jason Huff and Sgt. Jason Meredith



Chief Grigg, Sergeant Patton, Kellie Bass, Sergeant Rouen, Officer Joel Nitchman and Nannette Kyle with local girl scouts



Officer Unknown



Sergeant Ryan Coats



Members from Deer Park Police Department and the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce



Officer Shane Guimbellot



Sergeant Joe Cooper

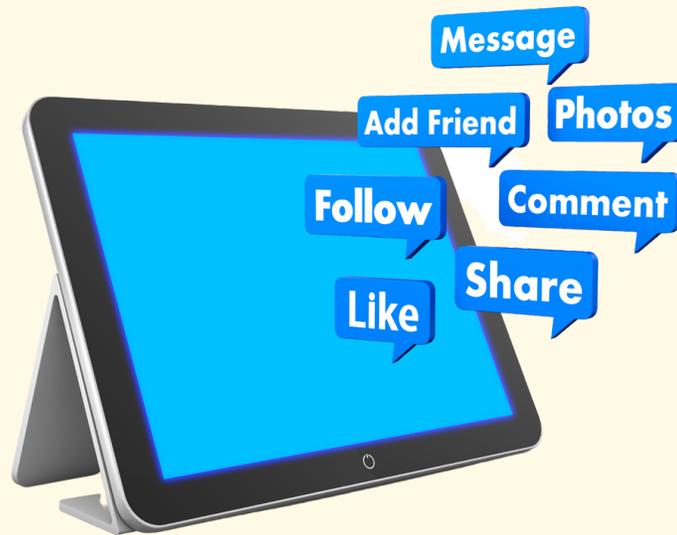


Officer Veronika Minor, Sgt. Jarrett Hill, Officer Melynda Ramirez, Officer Kai Zheng and Officer Sam Jammias receive Tracy's Toys from Steve and Cindy Nitzsche



Officer Jillian Basilone





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