



2022

Gregory L. Grigg
Chief of Police

Annual Report

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Message from the Chief

The 2022 Annual Report includes most of our employees still hard at work as we finally finished up with COVID-19. Assistant Chief St. Martin has written her final masterpiece before heading out to pasture, otherwise known as retirement. We had a second year of no hurricanes.

The Citizen's Police Academy was held twice this year. We held our Spring class with 18 graduates, and the fall class with 15 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 continued to come up with many schemes to entertain its followers. The second annual Woofstock was an even bigger success than last year. We will see if 2023 is better yet!

Seven Police Officers, two Dispatchers, two Humane Officers, and two Jailors were hired.

Phase 3 of the Mentoring Program continued with one police officer starting in August of 2022 learning the role of a first line supervisor. He will complete it in 2023. In ten years 27 employees have completed the program, and seven of them have promoted.

We were awarded a \$49,135 STEP grant, which was used to conduct enforcement for DWI, and various moving violations, and a \$12,545 Commercial Vehicle Traffic Enforcement grant, which was used for enforcing commercial vehicle violations.

In 2021, the Crime Control Prevention District (CCPD) funded three Telecommunicators, one Pro-Act Sergeant, two Pro-Act Investigators, one Crime Prevention Officer, a new Mobile Command Trailer, several vehicles were pushed to 2023 due to supply chain issues, 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, which is scheduled to get underway in January 2023.

The police response to the Uvalde ISD shooting was painful to watch. No police agency in the United States is trained to respond this way. We took extra steps to reemphasize the proper response to our officers using this example as a how not to do it. The Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) purchased a multi-difficulty breaching door for our officers to train on along with breaching tools to fill all patrol vehicles not already so equipped.

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 3,917.67 hours, which is down from 4,552.25 hours last year, of their time to assist us across almost all areas of the department. A big thank you to the CPAAA who held another very successful Back the Blue event at Jimmy Burke. Next year's event is already being planned.

The Police Department saw a significant turnaround in hiring this year, which was greatly needed due to shortages, pending retirements, and the adding of officer positions. I dedicate this Annual Report to the Deer Park Independent School District for taking the proactive step of partnering with the Deer Park Police Department in adding four more officers and a sergeant to the School Resource Officer Program.



Chief Gregory L. Grigg



Chief of Police

Administrative Assistant

1-7-2022

Administrative Services Bureau Captain

Neighborhood Services Bureau Assistant Chief

- Fiscal Affairs
- Grants
- Internal Affairs
- Planning & Research

Finance & Payroll Coordinator

Community Liaison

Crime Analyst

Support Services Lieutenant

Administrative Services Lieutenant

Community Services Lieutenant

Investigative Services Lieutenant

1—Career Services Officer

Quartermaster

Dispatch
1 - Communications Supervisor
13 - Telecommunicators

Records Unit
1 - Records Supervisor
3 - Records Specialists

- Alarm Management
- Extra Jobs
- Facilities Management
- Internal Affairs Records

Humane
1 - Supervisor
3 - Animal Control Officers
1 - Shelter Attendant

Traffic Unit
1 - Sergeant
1 - Officer
2 - DOT Officers

Patrol
6 - Sergeants
30 - Officers

Crime Prevention
1 - Officer

Administrative Sergeant
(Acting Lieutenant, as required.)
1 - Sergeant

Fleet

K-9
1 - Officer

School Resource
4 - Officers

1 - Warrant Officer

1 - House Check

4 - Beat Investigators
1 - Crime Scene Investigator

1 - Sergeant Pro Act
3 - Pro Act Investigators

Property / Evidence Custodian
1 - Public Safety Attendant

Accreditation

18 - School Crossing Guards

Legend

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



Mission Statement

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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.

CALEA

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.

Successfully 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 fifth reaccreditation award. After receiving reaccreditation 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 every year through a web-based document management system called PowerDMS, to ensure compliance with all applicable standards. In the fourth year of the assessment cycle CALEA also conducts an "on-site" assessment. During the "on-site" a team of independent, outside CALEA assessors come to the police department and conduct a detailed four day inspection. This process includes interviews, ride a-longs, public hearings, contact with outside entities, and a review of Proofs of Compliance, after which a recommendation is made to the CALEA Board of Directors as to if the police department should or should not be reaccredited based on their findings. During 2022, our agency took part in the third year of the four year process.

Being an Accredited agency reduces liability and risk exposure for our agency and employees, but ultimately limits liability for the City as well.

During the fall of 2022, the decision was made to move from CALEA Accreditation to Texas Police Chief's Association (TPCAF) Accreditation Program. The Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is a voluntary process where police agencies in Texas prove their compliance with 178 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices. These Best Practices were carefully developed by Texas Law Enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service, the reduction of risk, and the protection of individual's rights.

Sergeant Sawtell has served as the Accreditation Manager since 2016. Sergeant Meredith has served as the Co-Accreditation Manager since 2017.

Crime Control and Prevention District

The Crime Control Prevention District (CCPD) provided approximately \$1,094,305.71 in 2022. The Deer Park Police Department used this money for equipment, technology, personnel, and fleet vehicles. Some of the monies have been spent on designs for the future construction of a new EOC/Communications center as well as expanding the Records Unit. Architectural firm PGAL was hired in 2021 and concluded design in 2022.

The CCPD will be up for re-election in 2026.

These Crime Control Prevention District monies fund three dispatch positions, a crime prevention officer, a ProAct police sergeant as well as two ProAct investigators, a Bicycle Unit, all patrol vehicles/fleet, as well as the equipment for the patrol vehicles, new radios for the fleet and officers, equip patrol with additional tasers, and purchase ballistic vests. The monies acquired, over the years, further enabled the Police Department to design and build a 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 took place November 2022, and the construction contract was awarded to Durotech, INC.

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

Administrative Services

The Administrative Services Bureau is composed of the Communications Unit, Records Unit, Internal Affairs, Career Services and fiscal affairs for three budgets consisting of General, Crime Control and Prevention District and Humane.

The Administrative Services Bureau is overseen by Captain Wade Conner. Presently 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 has approved staffing of three Records Technicians and the Supervisor.

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 2022, telecommunication operators received and monitored approximately 55,000 calls and traffic stops for Police and approximately 3,730 calls for the Fire and EMS departments.

The Records Unit processes Public Information requests from the District Attorney's office, the general public and other police agencies internally. In 2022, the unit processed approximately 3,587 Public Information requests. It 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 2022, Records requested 15 rulings from the Texas Attorney General. Public Information requests have a restricted time limitation and must be handled promptly.

During the year 2022, Career Services received 1,093 applications for all positions in the Department. Of these, 14 new employees were hired for various positions. This number includes employees of the Humane Department which falls under the Police Department umbrella. Those hired filled vacancies throughout the department as a result of 12 resignations. Other areas in the Administration Division are Internal Affairs, building maintenance, radio maintenance and extra job coordination. During 2022, four internal affairs investigations were assigned to various supervisors for investigation. Once the investigations were completed the records were maintained and filed by Lieutenant Wade Keeney. Lieutenant Keeney is also the extra job coordinator. In 2022, 123 extra jobs were assigned.

The general annual budget for the Deer Park Police Department in 2021/22 fiscal year was \$10.3 million, and was monitored and accounted for by Finance and Payroll Coordinator Kelly Davenport. Davenport also monitored the Crime Control and Prevention District budget of \$6,358,065 as well as the Humane budget of \$237,444. She is also responsible for the payroll for all employees of the Department among other tasks.



Career Services

The Career Services personnel recruited and processed qualified individuals that have the best potential to continue the police department's reputation of providing excellent service to the community. In 2022, Lieutenant John Yettevich and Officer Sam Jammias staffed this 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 collectively complete an excess of 10,000 hours of annual training. In 2022, we conducted numerous training classes taught by our own highly skilled instructors. We also hosted many outside training providers, which brought in specific subject matter experts to our outstanding training facility.

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, the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and a member of the San Jacinto College Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

Officer Sam Jammias 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.

Resignations:

- 3-Officers
- 3-Telecommunicators
- 1-Part-time Animal Shelter Attendant
- 1-Records Specialist
- 1-Animal Control Officer
- 3-Public Safety Attendants (two of these became Police Cadets)

Retirements:

None

Promotions:

None

Recruiting

The Career Services Division reviewed 1,093 total applications for all positions throughout the department. The following positions were filled from those total applications:

- 7-Police Officers
- 2-Telecommunicators
- 2-Public Safety Attendants
- 1-Animal Control Officer
- 1-Part-time Animal Shelter Attendant
- 1-Crossing Guard



John Yettevich
Lieutenant



Officer Sam Jammias 7

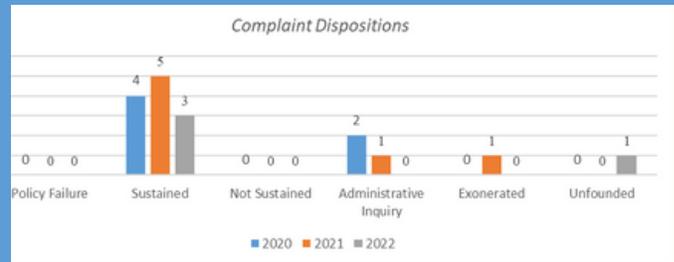
Internal Affairs

The Administrative Services Division is responsible for 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 / Compliments

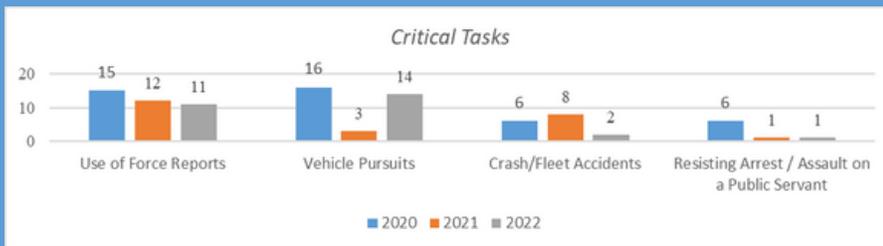
The method by which a citizen may commend or file a complaint on employees of the Deer Park Police Department (DPPD) and the manner in which commendations and complaints are handled may be read by visiting the Complaints/Compliments section of the DPPD website.

The number of complaints for 2020-2022 and the disposition of those investigations are depicted below. No racial profiling complaints were received in 2020. One racial profiling complaint, which was classified as "Administrative Inquiry", was received in 2021. No racial profiling complaints were received in 2022.



Critical Tasks

In order to manage risk, close inspection and analysis is given to the critical tasks of law enforcement. The 2020-2022 statistics for some of those tasks are depicted below.



Website:

<https://www.crywolfservices.com/deerparkt/>

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Phone: 855-905-0611

Mail: Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program

P.O. Box 844908

Dallas, TX 75284-4908

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 2020-2022 are depicted below.



Wade Keeney
Lieutenant

Records

The Records Unit for the Deer Park Police Department has allocated four (4) full time employees, including one (1) Records Supervisor and three (3) Records Specialists. The unit falls under the overview of the Support Services Lieutenant and reports through the Administrative Bureau. These employees are primarily responsible for the proper dissemination of all requested police department and animal control records in accordance with State statute, judicial decisions, and other applicable laws and ordinances. All employees work in conjunction with other City departments to produce requested information all while under a statutory deadline with the goal of providing transparency for departmental records and excellent customer service. A secondary, but important, function of the unit is the proper maintenance and destruction of departmental records. These records are stored in accordance with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) retention schedule. Unit employees are also responsible for the expunction or sealing, of records, as required, under court order, which is separate from the records retention function.

During 2022, with the implementation of SB 111, there was an increase in demand on the unit for production of public information from the public as well as other law enforcement partners. Unique to the police department, compared to other city departments, is the role these records employees take in procurement of information. These employees compiled records from various locations and databases to ensure timely submission or response to the individual requesting parties as well as the Harris County District Attorney's Office. Timely submission is important as it ensures compliance with SB 111 and contributes to the successful prosecution of criminal cases.

The numbers:

In 2022, the unit processed 3,587 requests for information; stemming from 39,441 event reports/calls for service, and 4,188 written offense reports. The unit worked together to process these requests, in accordance with statute, while being short staffed for a large portion of the year. With dedicated effort, unit employees properly and promptly assisted our community members in receiving requested information, in a timely manner, allowing for transparency of government while providing excellent customer service.



Kathy Cobb
Records Supervisor



Amanda Teltschik



Nannette Kyle

Dispatch

Telecommunicators, otherwise known as dispatchers, are responsible for the 24 hour a day provision of public safety by answering calls for service and dispatching appropriate resources under both emergency and non-emergency circumstances. The Communications Unit is in the Deer Park Police Department chain of command, but also dispatches for fire, EMS and other city departments.

Telecommunicators in the state of Texas are licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE); the same commission that licenses peace officers. They must pass the same thorough background check and work the same shifts as the police.

In addition to mastering the role of public safety dispatcher, telecommunicators must become proficient in their understanding of multiple public safety disciplines including law enforcement, emergency medical services, and firefighting to become truly proficient.

There are typically only two telecommunicators on duty. Unlike larger agencies, Deer Park Telecommunicators are not isolated to specific tasks such as only call taking, only dispatching patrol or only answering 9-1-1 – they must greatly diversify their skill set. They must simultaneously answer emergency and non-emergency calls, dispatch police, fire and EMS resources over different radio channels, log all activity, and perform numerous administrative and emergency duties.

Deer Park telecommunicators are also unique in that they must understand the infrastructure and hazards associated with the petrochemical refining district and experience hurricanes, floods, freezes and tornados alongside other first responders.

There is a high degree of multi-tasking skill required to succeed as a telecommunicator; this is in addition to shift work, learning mass amounts of information about numerous disciplines in a short period of time, performing well under stress and devoting one's self to the service to others. Ideal candidates thrive under pressure working atypical hours resolving complex issues while providing exceptional service to responders and citizens alike. Individuals with such skills and a heart for service are a challenge to find, but lead a fulfilling career that makes a difference when they find their way to public safety roles.

In 2022, the unit assisted with processing approximately 38,500 law enforcement events, 3,500 EMS calls and 230 fire calls. In addition, approximately 15,000 incoming/outgoing 9-1-1 calls and over 40,000 non-emergency phone calls are processed annually.

The unit was comprised of ten telecommunicators, one telecommunicator in training and one supervisor at the end of 2022. Phebe Parsons, Shajira Cocco and Jennifer Johnson resigned and are pursuing other career opportunities. Abbey Spruill and Melisa Muniz joined the unit. The unit is seeking to hire two more telecommunicators to reach full staffing.

The planning of a new joint Emergency Operations Center and Dispatch Center was completed in 2022. Telecommunicators are excited to be moving to an up to date, larger space before the end of 2023 to further enhance abilities to provide public safety services to the City of Deer Park and the surrounding area.



Kellie Bass
Dispatch Supervisor

Dispatch



Zulma Veliz



Brandi Cox



Clayton Hall



Jarrett Grundman



Hannah Edwards



Brittany Russell



Desiree Casteel



Katie Bryant



Clayton Long



Abbey Spruill



Melisa Muniz

Neighborhood Services

As I went over my notes in preparation for writing this recap, I couldn't help but notice that peppered throughout the year were entries such as, so & so tested positive and was sent home; so & so is still out with Covid; so & so is back from Covid; so & so's family all has Covid, but he shows no symptoms. It's about time that herd immunity has finally set in, as we are all sick of Covid and now pretty much treat it the same way we do a nasty cold.

As if Covid wasn't satisfied with the increase in our over-use of sick time, it evidently felt the need to jack with our vehicle supply as well. An unprecedented global chip shortage pretty much ensured that everything we ordered was delayed. To date, we have only received one patrol vehicle and one support car from the order we placed in the 2022 budget for seven vehicles. We had to repurpose one of the Tahoes that was scheduled to go to auction as a support vehicle, and the new humane vehicle, which was ordered in January of 2022 has not shown up yet. This, in turn, forced us to increase our vehicle maintenance budget by almost 50% in an effort to prolong the life of our fleet. Yup, still (and forever) thumbing our noses at Covid. One bright light shown through the Covid cloud though...we did take possession of our new Mobile Command Trailer...and the better news is, we haven't yet had to use it.

After coming out of a hiring drought, we hit the police officer jackpot and ended up with seven new officers in 2022. Two came from our pool of PSAs, a third was one of our former college interns, and another was a lateral transfer from Tomball PD, which meant he was ready to hit the street with minimal training. Three more of our PSAs are in the academy as we speak, so we are in desperate need of PSAs. If you know of anyone who would love to work in a very clean jail setting and handle all of our prisoner's needs, please send them to see our recruiting Officer, Sam Jammass.

2022 reluctantly gave way to a facial-hair trial policy for police officers. While I like facial hair on most guys, I've never been a fan of it on officers in uniform. The Grizzly Adams look just doesn't seem to go hand in hand in dress blues. But, the times they are a changing, and sometimes we have to change with them as well. I will say, I was shocked at how much older the beards made some of these kids look. They have all stayed well-groomed within policy, so I believe beards are probably going to be here to stay.

The tragic school shooting in Uvalde highlighted the lack of training and leadership responding officers possessed when dealing with that mass casualty incident. The failure of police to quickly subdue the shooter has faced widespread public condemnation and criticism from fellow law enforcement officials, as doctrine dictates that officers immediately confront active shooters, not retreat and wait for backup after coming under fire. DPPD trains continuously on responding to active shooter incidents while maintaining an open dialogue with our DPISD administration. This year, in addition to the breaching equipment we already have in our possession, we purchased a breaching door for practice, and outfitted 22 vehicles with hammer/halligan tools so our officers have the ability to breach most any door. Those that we can't get through with a halligan? We have no problem ramming a police car through it. We will let nothing get in our way or stop us when we are running towards a threat. I would like to add, many of the tools were provided by a grant from Shell, and/or purchased by our Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association, for which we are extremely grateful.



Sharon St. Martin
Assistant Chief

As the country descends a slippery slope and seems to be going to hell in a hand basket when it comes to its moral compass, DPPD said good-bye to CALEA, as they seemed to have “woke”n up one morning, forgetting that politics and social commentary have no place in the delivery of excellence in law enforcement services. We, on the other hand, have never strayed from our mission, so have transitioned to the Texas Police Chiefs Association, Best Practices Accreditation program. While similar to CALEA, it is easier to administer, less expensive, and designed specifically for Texas law enforcement agencies. If we hadn’t told you we changed organizations, you would never be able to tell it based on the level of excellent police services we provide.

Friends, our DOT unit has totally changed my perspective when driving on 225, or any other highway or freeway in the USA. Our two DOT guys performed a total of 1,132 inspections last year. They found 4,361 violations; 43 out of 48 trucks that hit the scales were overweight, and 505 trucks (almost half) were placed “out of service” because they were deemed too unsafe to be driven any further. I will never see an 18-wheeler on the road again and not think twice about it. You shouldn’t either.

Catalytic converter thieves still plague the area. It seems as fast as we arrest them, another group comes along. Oh, no, wait. It’s the same ones. The ones that the District Attorney’s office won’t accept charges on, or, if charged, the judges won’t put them in jail. Nothing is going to change, until YOU make it happen. Your voice, your vote.

2022 was also the year that Earl David Worden, registered sex offender and well-known local “first amendment” auditor, was found guilty by a jury of his peers and sentenced to 20 years in prison for sexual assault after an outcry in 1996. It was reported to Pasadena PD, who referred it to HPD, where it fell through the cracks and was never investigated. Detective Josh Reed stumbled across the case when he was working another non-related case, and ran with it. He was selected as the DP Officer of the Year for the work he did on it, which spanned two years and uncovered several other victims. The case lingered in the courts for three more years, constantly getting reset for trial, while we feared it would eventually get dismissed. At last, the case went to trial and Worden was finally locked up in prison where he belongs. A definite win for Texas law enforcement, and for the numerous victims Worden preyed upon.

So, that wraps up another year for me. I won’t be here for the next one; I have finally decided that it’s time to retire. My last official day will be April 30th. I’m excited, but find as the time grows closer, I almost hyperventilate thinking about it. I’ve thought about pulling my papers once or twice, but there are four Lieutenants and nine Sergeants behind me, all with a shot at moving up who would probably engineer an “accident” if I did! It is such a bittersweet pill...I love my job, the people I work with, the city and the citizens we serve. But, no one on their death bed ever said they wished they had spent more time at work, and there are a few more adventures I want to have while I’m still healthy and able. It has been an absolute honor and a privilege to be a member of this police department. I will always be grateful to Chief Grigg for allowing me the opportunity to serve in the capacity of Assistant Chief, and for his guidance, trust, and subtle reminders (to all of us) of how sacred the privilege of leadership is. I will miss you all, think of you often, and pray for your safety daily. I hope when you think of me, you know that I have always had your best interests at heart. 501...10-42.



Community Services

The priority of the Community Services Division is to safeguard life and prevent crime through professional and excellent service. This is accomplished in part by developing and fostering a partnership with the community.

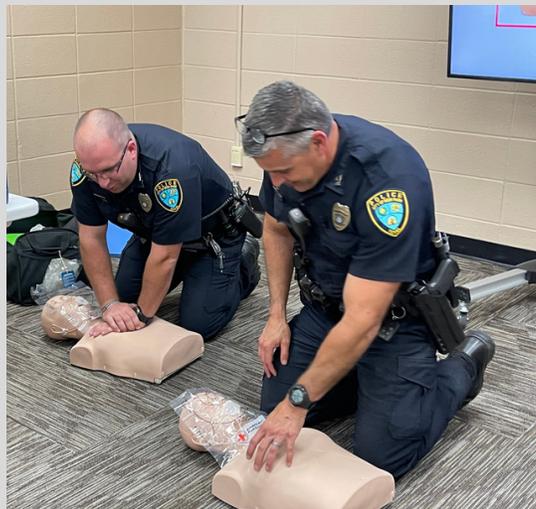
The Community Services Division is responsible for the implementation and maintenance of many community programs that are designed to facilitate the mission of the department. These programs include: Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, National Night Out, Are You Okay, the Shepherd Program, Residential Security Inspections, Volunteer Program, Citizen Radar Program, Vacation House Checks, Lock-Take-Hide, Lock Box Program, Citizen Ride-Along Program, Child ID, and Child Safety Seat installation programs.

The Community Services Division also houses the K-9 Officer, Warrant Officer, Holding Facility, Traffic Unit, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit, Humane, SWAT, SRG, and the Crash Reconstruction Team. This division also provides the Deer Park Independent School District with four School Resource Officers and 18 School Crossing Guards.

The Division maintains the Police Department's Community Policing philosophy and uses the proactive programs to form a partnership with the community.



Public Safety Attendant
Chris Matczak



Officers Jason Huff and David Bode



Officer J.B. White and Chucky



Members of the Deer Park S.W.A.T. team



Frank Hart
Lieutenant



Officers Melynda Ramirez, Jason Huff, Stacey Bridges and Shane Guimbello support Officer Scott Baumann and his family.



Chief Greg Grigg, Assistant Chief Sharon St. Martin, Kelly Davenport, Captain Wade Conner and Rhonda Cole at Puttin on the Ritz.



Detective Aaron Gonzales, Officer Scott Baumann, Sergeant Ryan Coats, Sergeant Ian Sawtell, and Officer Doug Nettles



Back the Blue Real Estate Crew providing officers with muffins and coffee.



Officer Sam Jammias, Sergeant Ryan Coats, Officer Kai Zheng and Evidence Custodian Raul Turner accept a kind gesture from Planet Fitness



Officer Travis Trotti and Cadet Samuel Marrero



Officer Bill Chaffin

School Resource Officers

The Deer Park Police Department partners with the Deer Park Independent School District to provide police officers within the school. Those officers work within specific campuses with the DPISD administration to maintain the safety of the students and all staff. The primary assignment is enforcing the law and safety; however, the officers work diligently to also create relationships with the students and staff at the schools.

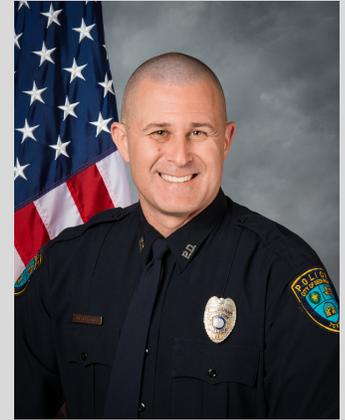
The officers give presentations on various law enforcement topics to the students within the schools. Officers speak in the Forensic Science classes, Health Science classes, Health and Counseling classes, JROTC, Criminal Justice classes and others, as requested. There have been programs developed by the officers to create an environment for officers and students to get to know each other. One of those programs is the Cops and Counselors program at Deer Park High School South Campus 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, abused, etc. There is an environment set up for the students to know they are in a safe place where officers and counselors are working to help provide coping mechanisms and assistance, as needed. This was established to help students feel comfortable to contact the officers or counselors on campus. There is also the Big Red program at Deer Park Jr. High School that allows officers to have a full unit of study with the students teaching them about the different aspects of the police department. They learn about crime scene investigations, patrol, the criminal investigations division, dispatch, and much more. Officers also assist them with the Paige Project that raises money to aid students in the district diagnosed with major medical issues.

Deer Park High School South Campus has Criminal Justice courses and those students participate in various competitions throughout the year. Deer Park Police Department officers assist in preparing those students to participate. That assistance led to students being very successful with 22 advancing to District and 21 to State. In the Fall of 2022, the Criminal Justice program began a new class at Deer Park High School North Campus for ninth-grade students.

With the incident at Uvalde, Texas, Deer Park ISD with the Deer Park Police Department have increased security measures even more at DPISD. There are now officers working at the elementary schools, junior high schools, and high schools. The four School Resource Officers (SRO): Officer Doug Nettles, Officer Jason LaPoint, Officer Tina Taylor and Officer Del Wilcoxson will be joined by Officer Scott Anderson and Officer Stacey Bridges in 2023 to increase the number of SROs in the schools in Deer Park.



Doug Nettles



Jason LaPoint



Tina Taylor



Del Wilcoxson

Field Training Officers

The Deer Park Police Department Field Training Officer (FTO) program oversees all aspects of a probationary police officer's training. The training starts with FTOs who are selected amongst their peers as being the highest quality officers. These officers are reliable and go above and beyond the normal calls for duty. FTOs are tasked with training new officers 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 probationary officer in training. The main goal for an FTO is to get a probationary officer through FTO and to solo patrol as a confident and prepared officer.

The 2022 Field Training Officers consisted of Officers S. Baumann, S. Guimbellot, J. Huff, C. Banogon, J. Basilone, S. Anderson, T. Trotti, A. Kuchinski, J. B. White and are supervised by Sergeant R. Coats



Ryan Coats



Scott Baumann



Shane Guimbellot



Jason Huff



Chad Banogon



Jillian Basilone



Scott Anderson



Travis Trotti



Anthony Kuchinski



J.B. White

S.W.A.T.

The Deer Park Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) is a specialized, highly trained and motivated unit within the agency. SWAT 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.

SWAT team members are selected based upon their mental and physical capabilities as well as their willingness to function as a team member. These officers and supervisors are primarily assigned to various divisions of the police department, and have volunteered for the extra responsibility as SWAT Officers.

The team is typically called upon to handle situations that exceed the capabilities of general patrol duties. These critical incidents include but are not limited to: hostage rescue, high risk warrant services, barricaded subjects, high water rescue, dignitary protection, and any other situation where a measured and coordinated response is required.

All SWAT team members 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.

Team members are also subjected to annual physical fitness testing to ensure that they are fit and capable for duty. SWAT members are routinely tested on weapons proficiency and decision-making skills through vigorous firearm and scenario training sessions.

In 2022, SWAT members attended training to include Command Decision-Making and Leadership, Less Lethal Impact Munition, Distraction Device, Chemical Munition, Training Management and Risk Mitigation for SWAT, as well as numerous other advanced courses.

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

In 2022, Sgt. J. Hill, Officer S. Jackson, Officer C. Ward, and Officer D. Nettles resigned from the SWAT team after decades of dedicated service. These four members have been an asset to the team and will be missed.



S.W.A.T. team members: Officer Doug Nettles, Sergeant Bryan Miller, Officers Scott Anderson, Chad Banogon, Mason Moore, and Curt Ward



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 types of situations to a peaceful resolution, thus reducing loss of life and harm to citizens and officers.

In 2022, the Police Department purchased an Incident Command Trailer, to be utilized during significant events including negotiation incidents. The Incident Command Trailer was custom designed to fit the needs of the Police Department, as well as other departments within the City. This Incident Command trailer was purchased to replace the previous Incident Command trailer, which was over 22 years old. The purchase was made possible by funding through the Crime Control and Prevention District.

The Team is currently made up of the following six members; Sergeant Sawtell, Sergeant Meredith, Detective Thatcher, Officer Baumann, Detective Gonzales, and Officer Williams, all which have extensive training in negotiation techniques and are State Certified Negotiators. All members of the Team had to compete against fellow officers and be selected for the opportunity to become part of the Team. 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 SWAT team or with other area police negotiation teams. All Team members have also successfully completed all three phases of the International Association of Hostage Negotiators training blocks. Team Members attend an annual training conference that is presented by the Texas Association of Hostage Negotiators and the Federal Bureau of Investigations, which focuses on recent issues relevant to negotiations, and is a great avenue for making relationships with other Crisis Negotiations Team 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.

Sergeant Jason Meredith (left) and Detective Aaron Gonzales (right) speak to the CPA about our mobile command trailer





Deer Park Police Supervisors Retreat from left: Sgt. James Tryon, Humane Shelter Supervisor Al Garces, Investigations Lt. Chris Brown, Capt. Wade Conner, Sgt. Joe Cooper, Lt. John Yettevich, Lt. Wade Keeney, Records Supervisor Kathy Cobb, Chief Grigg, Asst. Chief Sharon St. Martin, Sgt. Jason Meredith, Sgt. Jarrett Hill, Sgt. Bryan Miller, Lt. Frank Hart, Sgt. Danny Rouen, Sgt. Josh Patton, Sgt. Ian Sawtell, Sgt. Ryan Coats, Mentee Travis Potter and Telecommunications Supervisor Kellie Bass



Rhonda Cole celebrates 25 years of service to the Deer Park Police Department



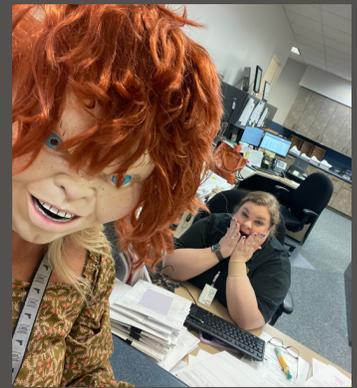
Officers David Bode, J.B. White, Scott Baumann, Chase Erickson, Lt. John Yettevich, Officers Miranda Hudson, Eddie Salazar, and Chief Grigg with members of Community First E.R.



Officer John Garza, Sgt. Jason Meredith, Officers J.B. White and Jason Huff with members of Community First E.R.



Officers John Garza, Miranda Delamorena, Jillian Basilone, Lars Moe and J.B. White at the Deer Park Fire Department 911 Stair Climb



Records Supervisor Kathy Cobb



D.W.I.

“Protect and serve” is a duty we take seriously. During 2022, the Deer Park Police Department took an aggressive approach enforcing Texas DWI Laws. Searching for and arresting impaired drivers are goals we achieve to keep our community safe. Deer Park Police Department recognizes the danger intoxicated drivers pose to our community. Driving while intoxicated (DWI) is a selfish act that can end in horrific consequences, both for the driver(s), their families, and members of the community.

DWI Initiatives call for officers to work specific days and hours, targeting their efforts on intoxicated and impaired drivers in and around the City of Deer Park. 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.

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 2022, Deer Park Police Department had five (5) officers specifically trained as DRE's.



Officers Travis Trotti and Brooke Schwausch recognized by M.A.D.D. for their continued efforts in DWI enforcement

During 2022, Deer Park Police Officers removed 251 drivers from Deer Park roadways, suspected of being impaired on alcohol or other substances.



Accident Reconstruction

The Deer Park Police Department's Accident Reconstruction Team is used to investigate and reconstruct fatality and serious bodily injury collisions.

In 2022, the Accident Reconstruction Team was composed of five team members; Sergeant Coats, Sergeant Sawtell, 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 selected 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 schools. After completion, team members go through extensive continuing education, along with bi-monthly department training, to maintain proficiency in all aspects necessary to reconstruct 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 Investigators, Deer Park Drug Recognition Experts, as well as Deer Park PD Detectives to assist in the accident investigation.

The Reconstruction Team also trained on the mapping software that is used to take the points from the total station and reconstruct the scene in a computer program.



Detective Aaron Gonzales, Sergeant Ryan Coats, Officers Scott Baumann and Doug Nettles

Crisis Intervention Team



Officer Basilone, Officer Williams, Sergeant Rouen and Officer Hudson

The Deer Park Police Department started the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) in 2017 to address a steady increase in calls dealing with people in mental health crisis. 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 four specially trained officers, was created to respond to initial calls for service involving people in a mental health crisis. Team members are subject to 24 hour call out in case of an urgent mental health situation. The 2022 team consisted of: Sgt. Danny Rouen, Officer Miranda Hudson, Officer Brandon Williams, and Officer Jill Basilone. During the year, team members worked with local health facilities and mental health service providers, and the counseling staff with the Deer Park Independent School District, to ensure that they are able to diligently address the issue of mental health affecting public safety. In addition, team members taught several classes at Deer Park High School, informing students of mental health and assistance that was available. There was a sharp increase in 2022 with 62 Emergency Detention Orders (EDO's) having been obtained to get treatment for persons in mental health crisis. This was an increase of 24%, from 2021.

Warrant Officer

Providing security for the Deer Park Municipal Court, serving summons, and clearing outstanding municipal warrants are the responsibilities of Officer S.M. Jackson as the Warrant Officer. Officer Jackson, having been assigned to this position in 2018, has been tasked with the clearing of more than 13,750 outstanding warrants. In following best practices and staying innovative in methods to reduce warrants, Officer Jackson has implemented several alternatives to notify people who have outstanding warrants. These range from automated calls and notifications, letters sent to home addresses, and direct phone calls from officers and volunteers with the Deer Park Police Department. The ultimate goal of the Warrant Officer is not to arrest people with outstanding warrants, but to get them to take care of the warrants through the municipal court, prior to arrest. In addition to his duty as Warrant Officer, Officer Jackson also serves as Court Bailiff for the City of Deer Park Municipal Court. The role of Court Bailiff is to ensure the safety of the judge, prosecutor and all courtroom participants.



Officer Sean Jackson



Honor Guard

In 2022, the Deer Park Police Department Honor Guard respectfully provided honors for fallen officers in Texas.

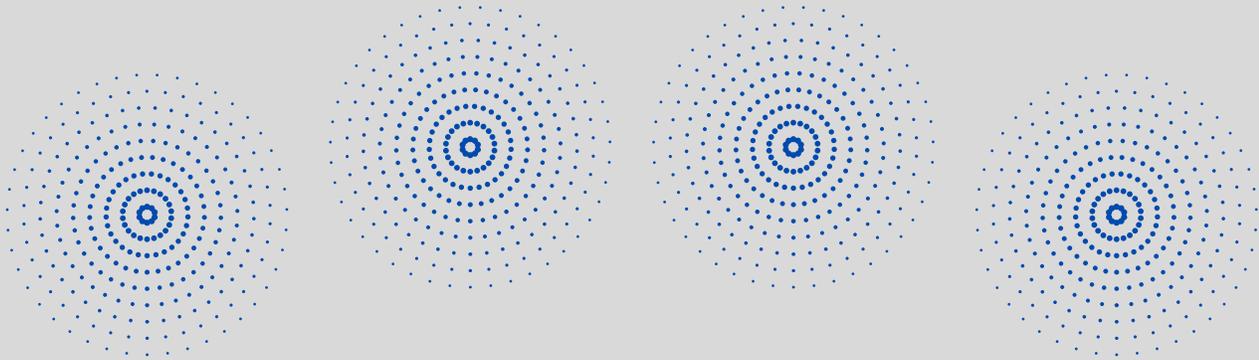
The trained officers of the Deer Park Police Department Honor Guard provide color guard for high profile public events and ceremonies. Officers on the Honor Guard team volunteer for this service and are selected based on their motivation, high standards of appearance and conduct and aptitude for ceremonial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

The primary mission of the Deer Park Police Department Honor Guard is conducting law enforcement honors. 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 also 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.

Special Response Group

The Deer Park Police Department has 11 officers that are trained in riot and crowd control principles. To become a SRG member you have to be selected and attend a 40 hour rigorous training to become proficient with different riot control formations. Training includes hands on experience with different riot control gear, distraction devices, as well as working alongside HPD's mounted patrol. During this week of training, officers are exposed to CS gas and receive training on utilizing gas masks. In the past the SRG unit has assisted Galveston with Mardi gras, HPD with a Trump rally, and also a protest downtown. The Deer Park Police Department is committed to preparedness in the event civil unrest occurs in this city of the surrounding area.



Public Safety Attendants

Public Safety Attendants (PSAs) are responsible for all 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.

In 2022, 2,914 adult prisoners and 34 juveniles were booked into the holding facility. During 2022, the holding facility was staffed with six PSAs: C. Matczak, R. McBride, R. Turner, J. Ross, W. Hale and C. Spencer.

In addition to the booking and releasing of prisoners, PSAs have additional responsibilities and duties. 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. PSAs assist in the arraignment of detainees with the Municipal Judge and arrange transfers to other facilities as necessary.



Chris Matczak



Ryan McBride



Raul Turner



Jesse Ross



Wyatt Hale



Caleb Spencer

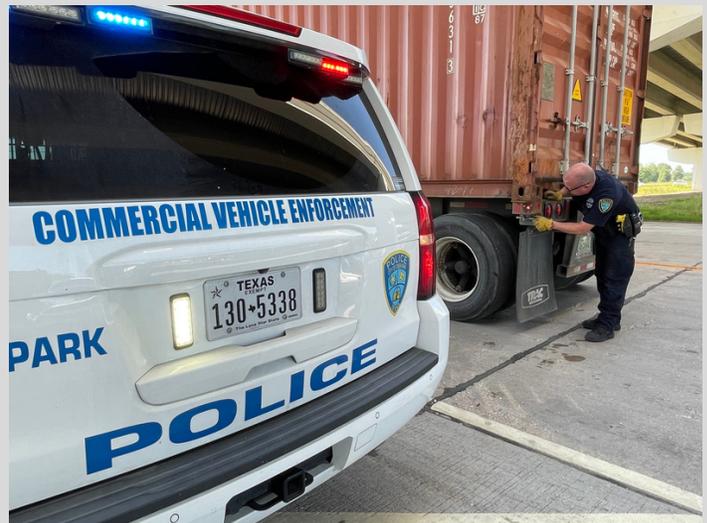
Traffic Unit

The primary function of the Deer Park Police Traffic Division is to reduce the number of traffic-related calls for service and reduce the number of vehicle collisions in Deer Park. This is accomplished through traffic enforcement, public education, and engineering under the umbrella of problem solving with fellow officers and the community.

The Deer Park Police Department Traffic Division is overseen by Sergeant Sawtell, and consists of three (3) Officers. Two (2) of the Officers are certified Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Inspectors, specializing in Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement. In 2022, the CMV Officers attended additional training to become certified in Haz-Mat and Cargo Tank inspections. This training provides the officers additional tools to ensure that dangerous/unsafe commercial motor vehicles are removed from the roadways. In turn this will proactively prevent and reduce commercial motor vehicles accidents, making the roadway safer for all residents.

In 2022, there were a total of 1,132 CMV Inspections conducted. These inspections resulted in 505, or 45% of the vehicles inspected, to be placed out of service. In addition, 4,361 violations were found, resulting in 795 citations being issued. Of the 48 vehicles suspected of being overweight, 43 were found to be in violation.

In 2022, the Deer Park Police Department utilized a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant known as S.T.E.P., as an integral part of traffic enforcement efforts. This program puts additional officers throughout the city, for the purpose of focusing on traffic violations in high accident locations. This is utilized in an effort to reduce vehicle collisions and make the roadways safer throughout the City. The Deer Park Traffic Division 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 through education and behavioral modification for drivers. Officers of the Deer Park Traffic Division continually engage in public information and education activities throughout the year, such as performing car seat inspections, and attending community events.



Officer Campbell Aurelius performing a DOT inspection



Officer Clint Jackson teaching the Citizen's Police Academy



Officer David Bode performing a car seat safety check

Bicycle Patrol

The Bicycle Patrol Unit is supervised by Sergeant Sawtell, and consists of five (5) State certified patrol bicycle officers. The five (5) officers currently assigned to the Unit are, Officer C. Jackson, Officer C. Aurelius, Officer J.B White, Officer C. Banogon, and Detective L. Moe. Each officer competed against fellow officers for the opportunity to be selected to the Unit. After selection each officer attended training courses to obtain the required certification to be a patrol bicycle officer. The Unit is a part-time position, secondary to the officer's primary role in the Police Department.

Prior to 2022, the Bicycle Unit only consisted of a supervisor and two (2) Bicycle Officers. In 2022 three (3) additional officers were added to the Unit (Officer White, Officer Banogon, and Detective Moe).

2022 marked the 7th year since the implementation of the Police Department's Bike Patrol Unit. The implementation of the Unit was made possible by funding through the Crime Control and Prevention District.

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



Officer J.B. White and Detective Lars Moe

School Crossing Guards

Under the supervision of Sergeant Ian Sawtell in 2022 the Deer Park Police Department, in partnership with Deer Park Independent School District, employed 18 Crossing Guards and 3 substitute guards, which are responsible for 18 locations throughout the city. Crossing Guards are part-time employees and are an integral part of providing safety to the students of the Deer Park Independence School District, as well as the community.

A Crossing Guard's primary responsibility is to ensure students have the means to safely cross the street while traveling to school each morning and afternoon. This job may look easy to someone just passing by, but no matter what the weather, stepping out into traffic twice a day to safely cross the students is not without its challenges. Many of the Crossing Guards are tenured employees who have been at the same assigned intersections for many years. This has allowed them to develop valuable relationships, friendships, and rapport with the students they protect, as well as their parents. Crossing Guards are vigilant and able to report crime, disruptions, injuries, vehicle collisions, etc. through their handheld radios, which provides them an immediate direct line of communication with Deer Park police dispatchers. This ensures a quick response from police and/or fire personnel when necessary.

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

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

In 2022, due to her dedication to the students, as well as her fellow employees, Margaret Robertson was named the American Legion Crossing Guard of the Year.



2022 Crossing Guard Appreciation luncheon

K-9 Unit

During 2022, 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. This year, Nitchman and K-9 Roni were tasked with assisting night shift patrol. K-9 Roni was able to assist night shift officers recover illegal drugs, currency, and other evidence of crimes on numerous occasions.

In 2022, Officer Nitchman and K-9 Roni were responsible for 178 searches, resulting in the following seizures: 3.18 grams of cocaine, 9.10 grams of crack cocaine, 2.33 grams of heroin, 92.68 grams of marijuana, 257.77 grams of methamphetamine, and 154.32 grams of other controlled substances. In addition to the above listed illegal narcotics, \$29,034.00 in cash and assets gained from illegal drug sales were seized.

Rigorous training is conducted each week to keep K-9 Roni proficient at detecting the odors of methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin and marijuana. Officer Nitchman and K-9 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.



Officer Joel Nitchman and K-9 Roni



Officers Scott Baumann, Melynda Ramirez and Joel Nitchman



Officer Joel Nitchman and K-9 Roni with CPA Class 46



Officer Joel Nitchman and K-9 Roni

Crime Prevention

Crime Prevention is an integral part of Community Policing, which is the philosophy of the Deer Park Police Department. Our unit continues to achieve a harmonious relationship with the community, in person and via social media.

Crime Prevention Officer Kai Zheng coordinated seven (7) Coffee with a Cop events at various locations including, The Ugly Crust Bakery, Cuban Café, McDonald's, Whataburger, Starbucks, Maxwell Center, and the Deer Park Police Department.

The interactions on Facebook between the public and the police department started with 31,012 Facebook "Likes" in 2021. As we continued to grow our followers, we ended up with 32,265 Facebook "Likes" by December of 2022. We consistently uploaded weekly interactive posts on topics related to recent crime trends, Public Information & Education (PIO), and other comical posts that presumably acquired new followers. One post in particular, posted in March of 2022, was featured on a Fox 26 News article. The post was where we were "Thinking out loud..." regarding the spike in gas prices, which may entice criminals to steal gas from consumers. The post urged the public to protect their gas tanks to avoid being victims of gas theft.

During the end of 2021-2022, and into the following school year, the DPISD elementary schools continued to participate in the Rolling Readers project. Rolling Readers is an outreach project where police officers go to each elementary school to read to students grade K-3rd throughout the school year. This interaction not only encourages reading amongst the posterity, but allows them to have positive interactions with law enforcement.

Throughout the year, the Crime Prevention unit joined patrol and trained in Church and Workplace Active Threat, and provided valuable education to local businesses. In the summer months, the automotive service businesses resumed the project to help disperse hang tags to their customers that displayed a prevention message of heat-related deaths/injuries to children, "Look Before You Lock." We hosted quarterly Senior Safety Talks at the senior citizen venues where we educated on prevention and crime trends.

Our officers also devoted their time during and after school, to assist with guiding the Criminal Justice Club students of Deer Park High School to compete in Skills USA, state and district competitions. Involvement with the students not only brings success in their education, but develops a camaraderie amongst the students and the police officers.

Crime Prevention offered the following programs in 2022:

- Lockbox: 69 participants
- Bicycle Registration: 39 participants
- Are You OK: six (6) participants
- Vacation Safety School: 34 students between the ages of 7 and 13
- Shepherd Program: 14 participants
- Crime Prevention Security Survey: two (2) participants

Our goal in the next year is to continue to flourish in community engagements.



Officer Kai Zheng 29



Officer Zheng and a multi agency collaboration for safe travels



Officer Curt Ward at Vacation Safety School



Officer Mary Ann Salas



Officer Zheng at WoofStock



Officer Zheng and Hamburglar



Sheila Plovanch and Officer Zheng



Sheila Plovanch, Officer Zheng, a tortoise and a hare



Officers Kai Zheng, Candace Bonner and Sergeant Jason Meredith



Coffee with a Cop at Maxwell Center



Officers Scott Baumann and Chris Marchesani with members of our community



Sergeant Ryan Coats, Lieutenant Chris Brown, Sergeant Ian Sawtell and Lieutenant Frank Hart with deliveries from Whataburger



Members of DPPD and DPFD at DPJH First Responders breakfast



Members of our community provide hand-made quilts for officers to hand out to those who need them



Chaplain Angie Hughes presents a bible to Officer Dustin Parman



Lieutenant Wade Keeney at Rolling Readers



PSAs Chris Matczak and Ryan McBride



Officer Shane Guimbello and a future DPPD officer



Detective Lars Moe, Lieutenant Frank Hart, Sergeant Jarrett Hill, Sergeant Ryan Coats and Lieutenant Chris Brown at McDonalds Breakfast with a Cop

Animal Shelter and Adoption Center

The Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center had an incredible year during 2022 reaching new adoption numbers and meeting goals that were set by staff.

In an effort to stay in touch with our community, we regularly engaged the public on social media. Throughout the year the shelter came up with funny content from creative photos with adoptable pets and even a throw back boy band music video about dogs. We released several other videos throughout the year which the public shared and led to many new Facebook followers.

As the year moved on the shelter continued to find ways to keep their followers entertained. In October a Halloween video was released as a parody to the classic "SCREAM" movies. The staff loves making entertaining content for our city and has been very successful at reaching new followers online. Adoption numbers have benefited from all of the new followers who have engaged with their online content.

In November, the shelter proudly held its second annual Woofstock event. Woofstock (based off of Woodstock) was an adoption event that included several other shelters including Deer Park, La Porte, Dickinson, and Galveston. The event took place on November 5th from 12pm-6pm. Several animal rescue agencies also attended the event and were able to find homes for their adoptable pets. There was live music and approximately 50 vendors at the event which was highly praised by the visitors that attended.

2022 also brought employee recognitions for the Humane Department. Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center was awarded the Animal Control & Welfare Agencies Award by the Texas Animal Control Association for their dedication to animal wellbeing and their creative videos that have led to animals being adopted. Shelter Supervisor Al Garces was invited to be a guest speaker at the Texas Animal Control Association Conference due to the shelter's social media success.

The end of 2022 was capped off with the Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center's "RAP VIDEO" which has now been the theme two years in a row.

2022 brought its unique set of challenges, but the adoption center was proud to have reached its goals for adoptions and community engagement. The next year will be full of new promotions and videos all with one goal in mind: serve the Deer Park community by reducing the stray and lost animal population in Deer Park.

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



Al Garces
Supervisor



Celeste Saenz



Madelyn Ruiz



Jeff Eaton



Al Garces



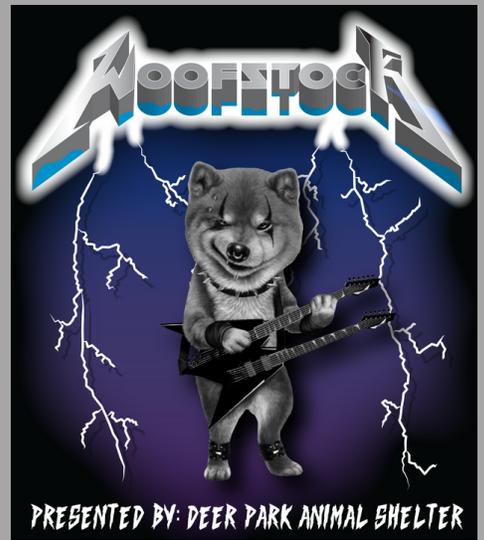
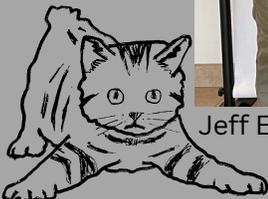
Madelyn Ruiz



Celeste Saenz



Jeff Eaton, Madelyn Ruiz, Al Garces, and Celeste Saenz



PRESENTED BY: DEER PARK ANIMAL SHELTER



Madelyn Ruiz



Celeste Saenz



Madelyn Ruiz (right) with Christy Crow

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 and security possible. These five parts include four general detectives, three ProAct Investigators and one ProAct Sergeant, one Crime Scene Investigator, one Property and Evidence Custodian, and one Victim Assistance Volunteer.

Criminal Investigators

The Criminal Investigators are primarily responsible for follow-up investigations which 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 2022 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 2022, the Investigations Unit was responsible for following up on over 592 cases of which 79% were resolved with a final conclusion.



Josh Reed
Detective



Mason Moore
Detective



Lars Moe
Detective



Aaron Gonzales
Detective

ProAct Investigators

The ProAct unit is a subsidiary of the Criminal Investigations Division, which is overseen by Lieutenant C. Brown. The ProAct unit was led by Sergeant J. Tryon until October 2022 when Sgt. J. Meredith took over. Within the unit are two investigators, N. Thatcher and D. Bailey. ProAct is responsible for a variety of crimes, to include: narcotics investigations, vice investigations, follow up investigations, and trending crimes, such as tire theft and catalytic converter theft. The goal of the ProAct unit is to utilize undercover officers and technological tools to apprehend offenders by on-viewing the criminal offense. During 2022, the ProAct unit worked investigations involving prostitution with the assistance of the Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance, gambling, narcotics, and identity theft.



Sergeant James Tryon

Volunteer Victim's Assistance

The Volunteer Victim's Assistance Program operated in its 11th year during 2022. 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.



Chris Brown
Lieutenant

Investigations

Property and Evidence

The Deer Park Police Department's Property Division consists of one Public Safety Attendant who is certified as an Evidence Custodian and has extensive training in all aspects of properly managing a Police Property/Evidence Room. The position had been held by Eddie Salazar until July 2022 when he transitioned to Police Officer. Salazar was replaced by Raul Turner who had been serving the department as a Public Safety Attendant. 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 getting 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 Custodian Raul Turner

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 22,000 pieces of property with multiple items being received and released daily.

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 two additional officers, Brandon Williams, and Travis Potter, who are trained in crime scene processing and serve in a "back-up" role to the Crime Scene Investigator allowing for 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.



Crime Scene Investigator Veronika Minor and students from DPISD

Crime Analysis Unit

The Deer Park Police Department 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 to develop strategies that 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.

In 2022, the Unit assisted the department with the following requests:

- 265 requests for statistics and intelligence products,
- 21 translation assistance requests (Spanish to English),
- 30 requests from the ProAct unit, and
- 19 assistance requests from neighboring law enforcement agencies

In 2022, our Part 1 crimes reduced by 4% over the previous year 2021; crimes with large reductions were Robbery (-60%) and Motor Vehicle Theft (-17%).

Our City Protect website, which allows residents to search, or set alerts, for crime(s), in an area, on an interactive map, is still unavailable. Our department is in the process of transitioning to a new software system that will allow us to bring back City Protect to our residents. We will continue to update our Facebook page with Monthly crime maps 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. Moving forward, the Unit will be an integral part of the new software suite, Motorola Solutions PremierOne.



Tina Palomares
Crime Analyst

Chaplain Program

In 2022, the Deer Park Police Department Chaplain Program had its eighth 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, Pastor William Wesson all served as DPPD Chaplains during 2022.

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 2022 our Deer Park Police Chaplains unselfishly donated many hours to the Department.



Father Reginald Samuels presents a personalized bible to Officer John Garza at his swearing in ceremony

Citizen's Police Academy

The Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) is a condensed version of a basic police academy, and is coordinated by Community Liaison, Sheila Plovovich. 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 topics such as patrol duties, community oriented policing, crime prevention techniques, dispatch dexterity, use of force, defensive tactics, firearm safety, crisis negotiations, and SWAT 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-alongs, lifting and taking fingerprints, shooting simunitions, Fatal Vision Goggles, and much more.

In 2022, Citizen's Police Academy Class 45 commenced in the spring with a total of 18 participants. Class 46 began in the fall with 15 participants, for a total of 33 participants in 2022.

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 46 fun

Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association and Volunteers in Police Service

In 2022, the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (DPCPAAA) and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) logged a total of 3,917.67 hours with the Police Department.

2022 brought many blessings to the Alumni Association with a very successful Back the Blue BBQ festival and 5K fun run. The Back the Blue Festival is a collaboration between Deer Park and La Porte Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Associations and Deer Park and La Porte Police Departments. This event earned \$91,314.48 in revenue. Back the Blue profited \$58,343.72 with \$55,000.00 being divided between Deer Park and La Porte Alumni Associations for a total of \$27,500.00 each.

The Alumni Association was able to provide volunteer services to the Police Department and the City of Deer Park by offering events such as community wide shred days, assisting in coordinating a benefit for Officer Scott Baumann's daughter, Camy, and Back the Blue.

The Alumni Association also provide volunteer services by:

- Assisting in Evidence and Property
- Providing Handicap Parking Enforcement
- Performing vehicle equipment inspections
- Maintaining training certificates and educational advancements for staff
- Citizens' on Patrol program
- Working traffic control for the beginning of school as well as parades
- Assisting with Vacation Safety School
- Participating in the Volunteer Victim's Assistance Program
- Performed quality control audits of our quartermaster closet
- Volunteering to help at the Animal Shelter
- Worked Deer Park High School graduation
- Provided Cocoa with a Cop at Christmas
- Christmas package pickup
- Feeding officers and PD staff members

Additionally, the Alumni Association purchased a breaching door, breaching tools, two Toughbook laptops for patrol vehicles, seven (7) tasers for patrol officers, an over street banner to advertise the Citizen's Police Academy, a Deer Park Police Department personalized pop up canopy for sun shade, Stop the Bleed kits, and much more.

We are forever grateful for the continued love and support we receive from our volunteers and our Alumni Association members.

Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association and Volunteers in Police Service



Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



Volunteers assist with Peace Officer Memorial



Deer Park Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association purchased two Toughbook computers for DPPD



Citizen's Police Academy Alumni members at the 2022 State Convention



Officer Chad Banogon and members of the DPCPAAA



Lieutenant Chris Brown, Officer Travis Potter and Sergeant Josh Patton at DPHS Feed the Officers



Officers Stacey Bridges, J.B. White, Jason Huff and Detectives Aaron Gonzales and Mason Moore with members of Community First ER



Sergeant Ryan Coats, Sergeant Jason Meredith, Lieutenant Frank Hart, Brian Berry, Community Liaison Sheila Plovovich, Deer Park Rotary President Justin League and Captain Wade Conner delivering food to Deer Park Interfaith Helping Hands Food Bank



Deer Park Police employees getting ready for National Night Out 2022



Women in Law Enforcement at top: Officers Stacey Bridges, Kai Zheng, Veronika Minor, Tina Taylor, Jillian Basilone, Assistant Chief Sharon St. Martin, Officers Melynda Ramirez and Miranda Hudson



Officers from various agencies pay their respects to Deer Park Police K-9 Ty



Swearing In



Chief Grigg with new officer Dustin Parman, sworn in May 26, 2022



Chief Grigg with new officer John Garza, sworn in June 6, 2022



Chief Grigg with new officer James Hartley, sworn in October 10, 2022



Chief Grigg with new officers Christopher Marchesani, Eddie Salazar, and Chase Erickson, sworn in December 13, 2022

Awards and Commendations

Officer of the Month for 2022

January	Officer Eddie Pereira
February	Officer Joshua Reed
March	No Nominations
April	Officer Scott Baumann
May	Officer Jonathan White
June	Officer Eddie Pereira
July	Officer Aaron Gonzales
August	Officer Chad Banogon
September	No Nominations
October	No Nominations
November	Officer Stacey Bridges
December	Officer Joshua Reed

Officer of the Year for 2022

Joshua Derrick Reed

Rotary Officer of the Month for 2022

January	Officer Brooke D. Schwausch
May	Officer Joshua D. Reed
July	Officer Aaron J. Gonzales

American Legion Officer of the Year — 2022
Officer Joshua D. Reed

American Legion School Crossing Guard of the Year — 2022
Margaret A. Robertson

2022 — Animal Control & Welfare Agency Award
Deer Park Animal Shelter & Adoption Center

Al Garces, Supervisor — Celeste Saenz — Madelyn Ruiz — Jeff Eaton

Awards and Commendations



Beckie Stockstill-Cobb presents Detective Josh Reed with the May 2022 Rotary Officer of the Month award, pictured with Chief Grigg



Mayor Jerry Mouton presents Detective Josh Reed with the 2022 Police Officer of the Year award



Members of American Legion Post 319 present Detective Josh Reed with the 2022 Police Officer of the Year award



Madelyn Ruiz and Al Garces Shelter of the Year 2022 Award



American Legion Post 319 recognizes Margaret Robertson as Crossing Guard of the Year 2022



July 2022 Rotary Officer of the Month Detective Aaron Gonzales with Chief Grigg



American Legion Post 10462 present Officer Bill Chaffin with the September 2022 Law Enforcement Award



January 2022 Rotary Officer of the Month Officer Brooke Schwausch



In March of 2022, Chief Grigg was presented the 2021 Citizen of the Year Award by the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce. This recognition was overlooked in our 2021 Annual Report but we think it's only fitting that we correct our mistakes



Officer Doug Nettles presented with a 35 year service award



Councilman Bill Patterson, Mayor Jerry Mouton, Councilwoman Sherry Garrison, Councilman Tommy Ginn, Assistant City Manager Sara Robinson, Councilman T.J. Haight, Councilwoman Georgette Ford, and City Manager Jay Stokes present Rhonda Cole, Sheila Plovanch and Officer Del Wilcoxson with 25 year service awards



Lieutenant John Yettevich, Chief Grigg, Sergeant Hill and Assistant Chief Sharon St. Martin attending Sergeant Hill's graduation from LEMIT

Police 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 2022, the Association hosted annual food drives and school supply drives. The Association was able to select a family in need for Christmas and was able to provide help with plumbing, roofing, and gifts. We additionally held and assisted in local fundraiser which provide money we can invest back into our police department, officers and community. The Association partnered with the Deer Park High School Criminal Justice Club, assisting with costs of competition and awarded four senior students from Deer Park High School with scholarships. Finally, we held our first ever meet and greet with city council and mayoral candidates prior to the annual elections.



Officers Jason Huff, Mary Ann Salas, Melynda Ramirez, Lars Moe and Scott Baumann, all members of the DPPOA at the Kami Baumann Benefit



Police Association President Lars Moe presents DPHS Criminal Justice teacher Mike Burgess with a check from the Police Association to help with student costs during their state competition



Officers Sean Jackson and Doug Nettles present students from DPISD with scholarships from the Police Association



Police Association President Lars Moe presents Margaret Robertson a Citizen of the Year 2022 award



Members of Deer Park Rotary present the DPPOA with a check recognizing their charitable efforts in the Deer Park community. Pictured from left Chief Grigg, Detective Lars Moe, Justin League, Officer Melynda Ramirez, Officer Jillian Basilone, Lynn Baker, Officer Shawn Backus, Officer Shane Guimbello and Amanda DeAlejandro



We overlooked the recognition of Police Association members presenting Charles Thomas the Citizen of the Year 2021 award. Pictured from left Sergeant Josh Patton, Officer Shane Guimbello, Charles Thomas, Officers Jillian Basilone, J.B. White, Melynda Ramirez and Tina Taylor



Officer Shane Guimbellot



Officer Jason LaPoint, Chief Grigg, Ivan Dominguez with Apache, Officer Zheng, and Lieutenant Hart



Officer Sean Jackson and Rhonda Kouba at NNO



Volunteers with TCO Katie Bryant, Kellie Bass and Zulma Veliz



Sergeant Danny Rouen



Dispatch Supervisor Kellie Bass and TCO Jarrett Grundman



Sergeant Jarrett Hill, Officers Jillian Basilone and Bill Chaffin



Sergeants Ryan Coats, Ian Sawtell and Jarrett Hill



Officer James Hartley



Sergeant Bryan Miller



Officers Travis Potter and Teyanda Payne



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