

To Protect and Serve



# DEER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2018

CHIEF GREGORY L. GRIGG



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# Message from the Chief of Police

## Gregory L. Grigg



Chief Gregory L. Grigg

The 2018 Annual Report includes many pictures of our employees doing what they do day in and day out. I think you will be able to tell they enjoy themselves. Statistics are included for those interested.

Two Citizen Police Academies were held with 31 graduates. The Department stayed in contact with the community with quarterly Beat meetings, National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop, attendance at community events, and by responding to citizen issues.

The Badge of Courage and Silent Hero awards from the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department were given to Officer Miranda Ross and Telecommunicator Jarrett Grundman. Officers Brandon Williams, Anthony Baggett, Jason Huff, William Chaffin, Travis Potter, Miranda Ross, Victoria Molini, and Telecommunicator Kaitlin Roark earned Life Saving Awards.

One police officer, two police cadets, two Public Safety Attendants, two Telecommunicators, and one Records Clerk were hired.

Employee development continued in 2018. Phase 3 of the Mentoring Program was continued with three police officers spending a year in the program learning the role of a first line supervisor. In seven years 24 employees have completed the program, and seven of them have promoted. Lt. Frank Hart and Communications Supervisor Kellie Bass graduated from the Bill Blackwood LEMIT Leadership Command College. This is a nine-week program designed to provide law enforcement executives with the knowledge and skills necessary for successful leadership in a modern law enforcement agency. Additionally, I was voted to serve as a Board Member for the Houston Area Police Chief's Association (HAPCA).

We were awarded \$45,000 in STEP grant money, which was used to conduct enforcement for various moving violations. Twelve Child Passenger Check Stations were held with 60 seats checked. We had 44 injury crashes, down from 60 last year for a 27% decrease.

In 2018 the Crime Control Prevention District (CCPD) funded three additional Telecommunicators, one Pro-Act sergeant, two Pro-Act investigators, one crime prevention officer, five outfitted patrol vehicles, one vehicle for Investigations, two administrative vehicles, five Watch Guard In-Car Video Systems, five Data Lux Computer Systems for Patrol Tahoes, and other much needed technology, services, and equipment.

The success of the Deer Park Police Department would not be possible without the support of Mayor Mouton, the members of City Council, and City Manager James J. Stokes. I thank them for their trust, encouragement, and material support. I thank our volunteers who gave 3,396 hours of their time to assist us across almost all areas of the department. A big thank you as well to the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) who spent \$4,519 on tactical gear, and a sign for our Gun Range.

After much sweat, blood, and tears the Deer Park Police Department Gun Range and Training Facility opened on August 20, 2018! The groundbreaking for this project occurred on May 3, 2016. It was a long two years, three months, and 17 days, but who was counting! The original thoughts on this facility began even earlier in 2011 when it was on the original Crime Control Prevention District project list. This wonderful facility would not have been accomplished without the support of many, but one group in particular faithfully supported us through it all, and for that reason I dedicate this Annual Report to the CCPD Board.

# Life Saving Awards

During the year of 2018, we had nine Deer Park Police employees receive the coveted Life Saving Award. As part of their recognition, they receive a pin to proudly display on their uniform. Here are their stories.....

On March 30, 2018, **Officer Brandon Williams**, was dispatched to the 200 block of Helgra, in reference to a subject having a seizure. Officer Williams responded and upon contacting the subject, immediately recognized that he was not breathing. Williams resorted to his training and immediately began to administer CPR and notified Dispatch. Williams continued to perform CPR until the arrival of the Deer Park EMS who took over. EMS utilized an AED, which performed electric shocks to the subject and EMS continued CPR. The subject was transported to Columbia Bayshore Hospital where he was admitted.



On July 23, 2018, **Officers Jason Huff** and **Anthony Baggett** responded to a call of a 6 year old child not breathing. Upon arrival, Officer Huff began administering CPR. Officer Baggett administered the AMBU bag and began suctioning the child's mouth with a device the mother gave him in order to clear the child's airway. As EMS arrived on scene, the child began breathing shallow so officers carried the child to the awaiting ambulance where the child began breathing normally.



On August 30, 2018, **Officers Miranda Ross**, **William Chaffin**, and **Travis Potter** responded to a subject who was unresponsive and not breathing. Upon arrival, Officer Ross assessed the subject and immediately began CPR. Officer Chaffin soon arrived and both officers began administering the AED. Officer Potter also arrived on scene and assisted with CPR until EMS personnel arrived. Had it not been for the quick actions of the three officers on scene, the likelihood of Lawton surviving this incident would have been greatly diminished. Had it not been for the overall team efforts of all personnel on scene, the results would have been catastrophic. Due to their efforts, not only will the patient be able to continue his own life, but his wife will still have a husband, and his kids will still have a father.



On December 9, 2018, **TCO Katelyn Roark** received a 911 call regarding an 8 year old child not breathing and no heartbeat. TCO Roark immediately ascertained if the family could administer CPR to which she started giving instructions. Upon arrival at the scene, **Officer Victoria Molini** and **Officer Miranda Ross** immediately assessed the situation and began emergency care. Even though Roark had instructed the caller to place the child on a hard surface, such as the floor, and the direction had been relayed, the child was still on the bed. Ross immediately placed the child on the floor and began CPR. Upon arrival of Deer Park EMS, the child was rushed to an ambulance and transported to Bayshore Hospital where she reacquired a pulse. These officers' actions for this overall short period of time will impact many lives for some time to come.



# LIFE SAVING AWARDS



Mayor Mouton and Chief Grigg recognize Officer Brandon Williams for his life saving efforts during March 2018. Officer Williams is surrounded by his family.



Chief Grigg and Mayor Jerry Mouton recognize Officer Anthony Baggett and Officer Jason Huff for their life saving efforts during July 2018.



Chief Grigg and Mayor Mouton recognize Officers Miranda Ross, Travis Potter and Bill Chaffin for their life saving efforts during August 2018.



Mayor Mouton, Dispatch Supervisor Kellie Bass, Lt. Frank Hart and Chief Grigg recognize Dispatcher Katie Roark, Officer Victoria Molini and Officer Miranda Ross (not pictured) for their life saving efforts during December 2018.

# 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.





# Chief of Police

**Administrative Assistant**

01-15-2018

**Administrative Services Bureau**  
**Captain**

**Neighborhood Services Bureau**  
**Assistant Chief**

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

**Finance Coordinator**

**Community Liaison**

**Crime Analyst**

**Career Services Lieutenant**

**Support Services Lieutenant**

**Community Services Lieutenant**

**Investigative Services Lieutenant**

- 1—Career Services Officer
- Quartermaster

- Alarm Management
- Facilities Management

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

- 1 - Sergeant
- 6 - Beat Investigators
- 1 - Crime Scene Investigator

**Fleet**

Property / Evidence Custodian  
1 - Public Safety Attendant

## Dispatch

- 1 - Communications Supervisor
- 13 - Telecommunicators

## Records Unit

- 1 - Records Supervisor
- 2 - Records Technician
- 1 - Clerk

## Traffic Unit

- 1 - Sergeant
- 2 - Officers

## Patrol

- 6 - Sergeants
- 30 - Officers

## Crime Prevention

- 1 - Officer

K - 9  
1 - Officer

School Resource  
4 - Officers

1 - Warrant Officer

1 - House Check

Accreditation

Holding Facility  
6 - Public Safety Attendants

18 - School Crossing Guards

**Legend**

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





Lt. Chris Brown, Officer Kai Zheng, Officer Scott Bauman, Officer Melynda Ramirez, Assistant Chief Sharon St. Martin, Sergeant Jason Meredith, Officer Travis Trotti, Officer Anthony Baggett at the DPPD gun range and training facility ribbon cutting.



DPPD range officers Curt Ward, Sergeant Josh Patton, Sergeant Jarrett Hill, Officer Sean Jackson and Sergeant Joe Cooper.



Members of the community attend the ribbon cutting for the DPPD gun range and training facility.



Finance coordinator Kelly Davenport and Assistant Chief Sharon St. Martin at the DPPD gun range and training facility ribbon cutting.



DPPD Honor Guard.





# CALEA Accreditation

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

The Deer Park Police Department has been an accredited agency through the Commission for the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 2006. Being CALEA accredited not only limits liability and risk exposure for our agency and employees, but ultimately limits liability for the city as well. Successfully participating in this process demonstrates that internationally recognized standards for law enforcement have been met by the department. After successfully being awarded as re-accredited with “Accreditation with Excellence” in November 2015, the Deer Park Police Department then moved straight into the new 4-year CALEA Accreditation Process (2015-2019). In the new 4-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 in which a team of independent, outside CALEA-trained assessors come to the police department. After a detailed 4 day process including interviews, ride a-longs, public hearings, contact with outside entities, and a review of proofs of compliance, the assessors make a recommendation to the CALEA Board of Directors as to whether or not the police department should be re-accredited based on their findings.

We are currently in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of our 4 year Accreditation process. Our agency successfully passed the “off-site” assessments for years 1, 2, and 3. We are currently preparing for our 4<sup>th</sup> year “off-site” as well as the “on-site”, both of which will take place in 2019.

*Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.*

*Vince Lombardi*

## Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD)

The Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) will provide approximately \$1.6 million per year to the Deer Park Police Department for equipment, technology and personnel. The CCPD will expire in year 2026 unless elected to keep in 2025 by the citizens of Deer Park. From the previous elected five year term of Crime Control Prevention District, the Police Department purchased all of its fleet as well as the equipment for the patrol vehicles, added a Crime Prevention Officer, purchased new radios for the fleet and officers, equipped patrol with additional Tasers, purchased ballistic vests, assisted in the beginning of a pro-act investigations team as well as a bicycle patrol unit. The monies acquired further enabled the Police Department to design and build a Deer Park Police Department Firing Range and Training Facility. This new facility was opened, with a ribbon cutting, on August 20, 2018, and has been used numerous times for firearms proficiency training as well as classroom courses. The CCPD has become a very valuable asset to the Police Department that will continue to be a benefit for years to come.

The present Board of Directors consists of City of Deer Park citizens, Craig O’Sullivan (President), George Pinder (Vice President), Donald Zuckero, Smokey Mather, Dianna Taylor, Ray Landers, and Robert Hotten.



# Administrative Services Bureau



**Captain Wade Conner**

The Administrative Services Bureau is composed of the Communications Unit, Records Unit, Internal Affairs, Career Services and fiscal affairs for two budgets.

The Administrative Service Bureau is overseen by Captain Wade Conner. Presently the Communications 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 under the command of Lieutenant Wade Keeney and directly supervised by Records Supervisor Kathy Cobb. Records is further staffed with three Records Technicians.

Captain Conner oversees the annual budget for the General Fund and Crime Control Prevention District (CCPD) funds.

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 are extremely busy in that aside from dispatching police and fire/ambulance they are responsible for all outside radio traffic, telephone calls, 9-1-1 calls and multiple computer programs that monitor activity in the City. Our Telecommunications Operators are required to be very proficient in multi-tasking. During 2018, telecommunication operators received and monitored approximately 16,500 calls for service for either police or fire.

The Records Unit processes Public Information requests from the District Attorney's office, the general public and other police agencies internally. In 2018, the unit processed 3,776 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 2018, Records requested 11 rulings from the Texas Attorney General. Public Information requests have a restricted time limitation and must be handled promptly. The Records Unit also processed 23 orders of expunction.

During the year 2018, Career Services received 2,076 applications for all positions in the Department. Of these seven new employees were hired for various positions. Those hired filled vacancies through the department as a result of five resignations.

Other areas falling under the umbrella of the Administration Division are Internal Affairs, building maintenance, radio maintenance and extra job coordination. During 2018, 10 internal affairs investigations were assigned to various supervisors for investigation. Once the investigations were completed the records were sent to Lt. Keeney to be filed and maintained. Lieutenant Keeney also is the extra job coordinator. In 2018, 129 extra jobs were assigned.

The general annual budget for the Deer Park Police Department in 2017/18 fiscal year was \$9.4 million and was monitored and accounted for by Finance Coordinator Kelly Davenport. Davenport also monitored the Crime Control Prevention District budget of \$3.8 million (which included the cost of the firing range and training facility construction), and was in charge of payroll for all employees of the Department among other tasks.

The Crime Control Prevention District (CCPD) will provide approximately \$1.6 million per year to the Deer Park Police Department for equipment, technology and personnel, as well as new efforts that will begin as part of the renewal. The CCPD will expire in year 2026 unless elected to keep in 2025 by the citizens of Deer Park. From the previous elected five-year term of the Crime Control Prevention District, the Police Department has been able to purchase all of its fleet as well as the equipment for the patrol vehicles, added a Crime Prevention Officer, purchased new radios for the fleet and officers, equipped patrol with additional Tasers, purchased ballistic vests, assisted in the beginning of a pro-act investigations team as well as a bicycle patrol unit. The monies acquired over the five-year term enabled the Police Department to design and build a Deer Park Police Department Firing Range and Training Facility. This facility was completed in 2018. The project cost was approximately \$2.5 million and has been solely purchased using CCPD funds. An application has been filed with FEMA to pay for reconstruction of the berms damaged in Harvey.

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



# Career Services



Lieutenant 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 2018, Lieutenant John Yettevich and Officer Sam Jammass staffed the Career Services Division.

The Career Services Lieutenant supervises the communications 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 cumulatively completed in excess of 10,000 hours of training in 2018.

The Career 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 the certified fitness specialists. The recruiting officer is responsible for actively recruiting qualified candidates, processing the numerous applications received, and testing and completing comprehensive background investigations. He is also responsible for procurement and distribution of uniforms and equipment.

<b>RETIREMENTS</b>	0
<b>RESIGNATIONS</b>	3 OFFICERS
	2 TELECOMMUNICATORS
	1 RECORDS CLERK
<b>PROMOTIONS</b>	0



Officer Sam Jammass administers the physical fitness test to an applicant.

## *Did you know?*

The Career Services Division received and reviewed 2,076 total applications for all positions throughout the department. The following positions were filled from those total applications:

- 3-Police Officers
- 2-Telecommunicators
- 1-Records Clerk

# Communications



Kellie Bass

The Communications Unit of the Deer Park Police Department operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week along with law enforcement, medical and fire services. Public Safety Telecommunicators assigned to the unit dispatch police, fire and EMS services, answer 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls for service, provide pre-arrival safety instructions, activate emergency notification systems in response to weather and chemical emergencies, and provide a number of administrative and public safety related duties. The Telecommunicator's role and responsibilities are comparable to other first responder assignments in stress and complexity.

The unit is within the Administrative Services Bureau chain of command. When fully staffed, the unit is comprised of 13 telecommunicators and one communications supervisor. The Communications Supervisor, Kellie Bass, reports to the Career Services Lieutenant, John Yettevich. Staffing the unit with dedicated, service oriented employees is an ongoing challenge as ideal candidates must maintain outstanding attitudes while enduring shift work, overtime, repeat tragedies and other stressors to reap the rewards the position offers.

The scope of duties tend to be unknown to most applicants or members of the public due to being out of sight. Telecommunicators will work nights, weekends, holidays and over time. They are assigned to evening shift or night shift for years at a time. Multi-tasking requirements of the job are comparable to that of an air traffic controller or a refining-industry control-room operator. Working effectively under extreme pressure is a constant expectation. Studies have shown stressors for telecommunicators to be similar to other first responder positions, but telecommunicators will also have the opportunity to make a difference, protect responders and save lives.

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement licenses telecommunicators. Deer Park Telecommunicators receive training beyond minimum training requirements set forth by the state. In the first year alone, telecommunicators will receive over 150 external training hours in addition to months of hands on training. Many Deer Park telecommunicators will receive enough training to obtain Master level licenses, which requires over 500 hours of training and 8 years of experience.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**You can send a text message to 9-1-1 within the City of Deer Park. A voice call is still preferred, however, if a voice call is not possible, you can now send a 9-1-1 text to a dispatcher.**

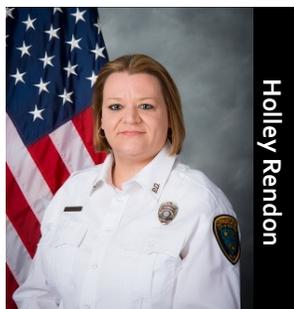


Telecommunicator Jarrett Grundman was selected for the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Departments Invisible Partner Award.



In 2018, Telecommunicators processed approximately 17,350 incoming and outgoing 9-1-1 calls, 3200 Fire and EMS calls for service and approximately 16,500 police related events.

The Deer Park City Council issued a proclamation recognizing April 8-14, 2018, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in honor of the tireless efforts of Deer Park telecommunicators. On March 24, 2018, Communications Supervisor Bass received the Invisible Partner award from the Deer Park Fire Department for the previous year. On February 1, 2019, Telecommunicator Jarrett Grundman was recognized as Employee of the Year for the City of Deer Park for 2018.



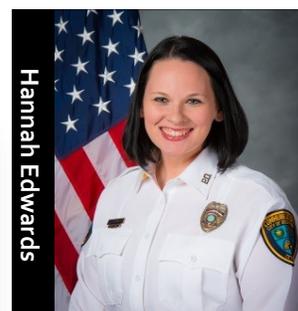
Holley Rendon



Jarrett Grundman



Zulma Veiz



Hannah Edwards



Brandi Brumley



Brittany Russell



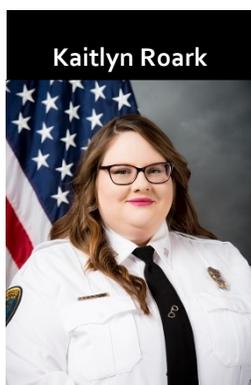
Assistant City Manager Gary Jackson presents City of Deer Park Employee of the Year, Jarrett Grundman. Pictured with Jarrett Grundman is Mayor Jerry Mouton and Council Members from left to right Bill Patterson, Sherry Garrison, Thane Harrison, and Tommy Ginn.



Clayton Hall



Desiree Casteel



Kaitlyn Roark



Nancy Calhoun



Phebe Parsons



Chief Grigg introduces new DPPD employees dispatcher Kaitlyn Roark, PSA(s) Enedelia Rios, Eduardo Valles, Officer Dustin Smiers and Officer Jay Mathur.



Sergeant Bryan Miller talks to the Deer Park High School Football team about the dangers of drunk and drugged driving.



Officer Campbell Aurelius, Crossing Guard Tonya Smith and PSA Eduardo Valles sharpen up on the CPR Skills.



Sergeants Ryan Coats, Jarrett Hill, Community Liaison Sheila Plovovich, Lt. John Yettevich and Officer Jason LaPoint at the Universal Plant Services annual golf tournament.

Officer Jeremy Stevens and Macia Aguilera of Baytown PD K-9 Unit, and Deer Park Officer Eddie Pereira celebrate the retirement of DPPD K-9 Ty.



Officers Clint Jackson, Scott Baumann, Scott Anderson, Assistant Chief Sharon St. Martin, Sergeant Jason Meredith, and Officer Christian Lopez accept "Stuffies" from Tracy's Toys founders Cindy and Steve Nitzsche and their grandson Anthony.

Chris Brown, Frank Hart, Jarrett Hill, Sheila Plovovich, Wade Conner, Tina Palomares, Kellie Bass, Kelly Davenport, Chief Grigg, Rhonda Cole, and David Bode attend the wedding of Assistant Chief Sharon Massey and Stephen St. Martin.



# Support Services

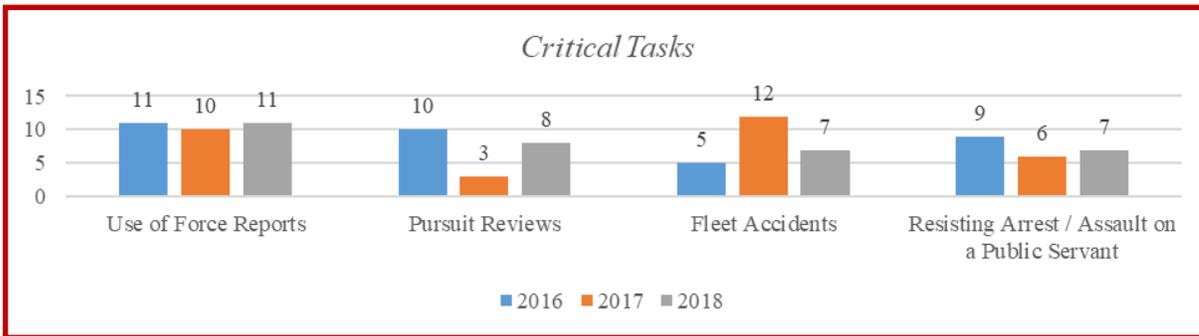


Lieutenant Wade Keeney

The Support Services Division, one of the two divisions in the Administrative Services Bureau, is staffed by members of the Records Unit and a lieutenant. The 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 which resulted in an internal affairs investigation for 2016-2018 and the disposition of those investigations are depicted below.

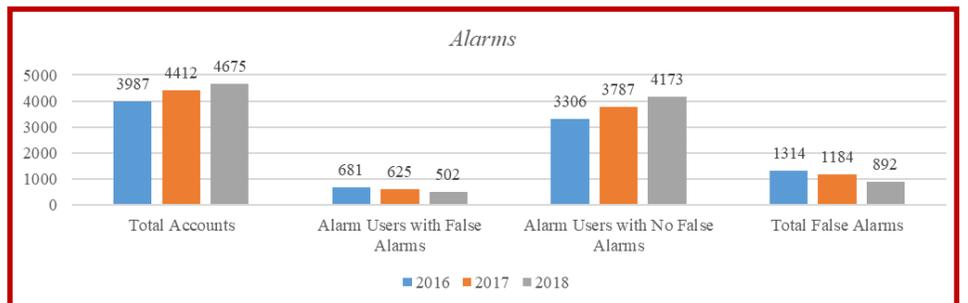


## Critical Tasks

In order to manage risk, close inspection and analysis is given to the critical tasks of law enforcement. The 2016-2018 statistics for some of those tasks are depicted left.

## False Alarm Reduction Program

False alarms result in an enormous burden in manpower and expense; which in turn reduces the time available to respond to real emergencies. In order to address this issue, the Police Department manages a False Alarm Reduction Program. Alarm statistics for 2016-2018 are depicted right.



The method by which residents, businesses and government agencies may obtain or renew an alarm permit online may be read by visiting the [Alarm Permitting](#) section of the Deer Park Police Department website.



# Records



Kathy Cobb



Amanda Teltschik



Anne Marie Hunt



Tien Walls

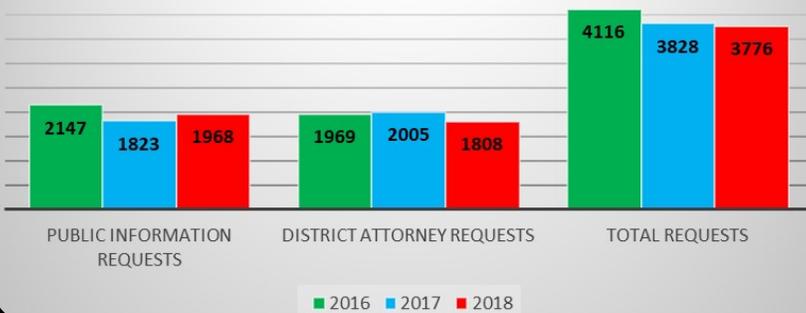


Chandra Malone

Four full time employees staff the Records Unit for the Deer Park Police Department. The Unit is supervised by Kathy Cobb, who reports to the Support Services Lieutenant, Wade Keeney. Records Technicians, Amanda Teltschik and Anne Marie Hunt as well as the Records Clerk, Tien Walls, report to the Records Supervisor.

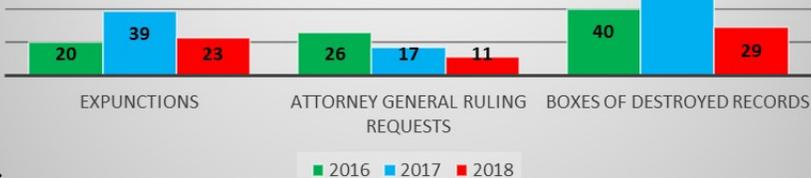
The primary function of the Records Unit is to assist the public, process requests for information, and retain departmental records in accordance with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission Retention Schedules. In 2018, Records Technician Anne Marie Hunt resigned and Chandra Malone was hired. Additionally, the Records Clerk position transitioned to a Records Technician due to an increased demand for open records information.

## Requests Handled by the Records Unit



In 2018, the Unit processed 3,776 requests for information; stemming from 56,189 event reports/calls for service, and 5,498 written offense reports, a decrease of approximately 1.5% over 2017. Each request that is processed by the unit is compared to the Texas Public Information Act and other government codes, state statutes and previous open records decisions to determine release. Public Information requests are typically processed before the 10 business days afforded under the Act. Request statistics for 2016-2018 depicted left.

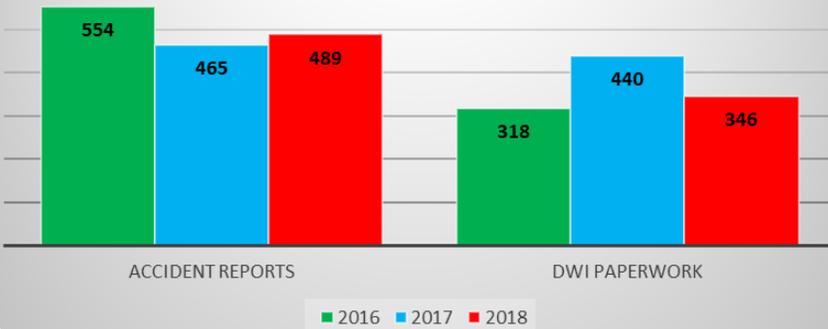
## Legal Processes



The Records Unit is also responsible for completing legal processes such as submitting legal briefs to the Office of the Attorney General for ruling requests, processing court ordered expunctions, and destroying records past retention according to the guidelines set forth by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Legal Processes statistics for 2016-2018 depicted left.

# Records

## State Paperwork

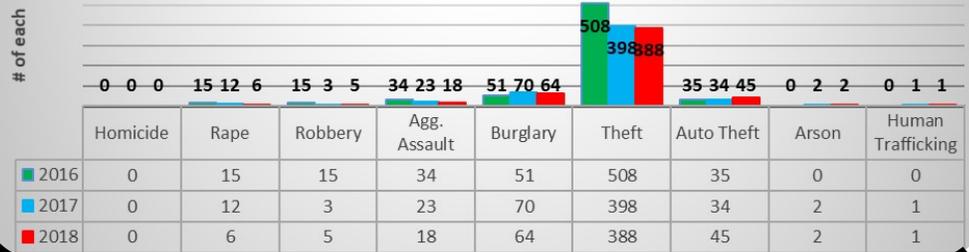


In addition to processing requests for information and completing legal processes, the Records Unit is responsible for completing paperwork and ensuring those documents make it to the proper agency for retention. State paperwork statistics for 2016-2018 depicted left.

The Records Unit is also responsible for coding and submitting crime data to the Texas Department of Public Safety in accordance with the guidelines set by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Uniformed Crime Reporting (UCR) program.

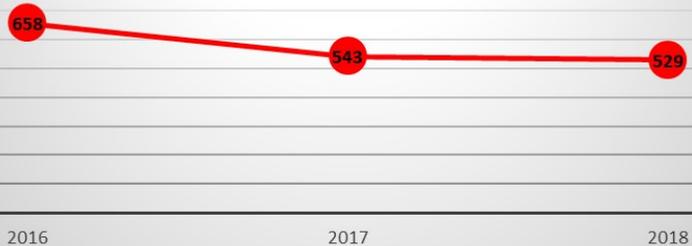
Part I crimes reported to the UCR Program for 2018 in Deer Park:

## Part I Crimes Reported to the FBI



From 2016 to 2018, Part I crimes have decreased by approximately 20% for the City of Deer Park.

## Part I Crimes





Associated Credit Union of Texas provides lunch for the entire Deer Park Police Department officers and staff.



Sergeant Jason Meredith, Sergeant Ryan Coats, Officer Doug Bailey at a National Night Out party.



Amber Buras with BACODA (Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol) joined with DPPD staff members in front of the permanent drug drop box located in the lobby of the Deer Park Police Department and available for drug drop off 24 hours a day.



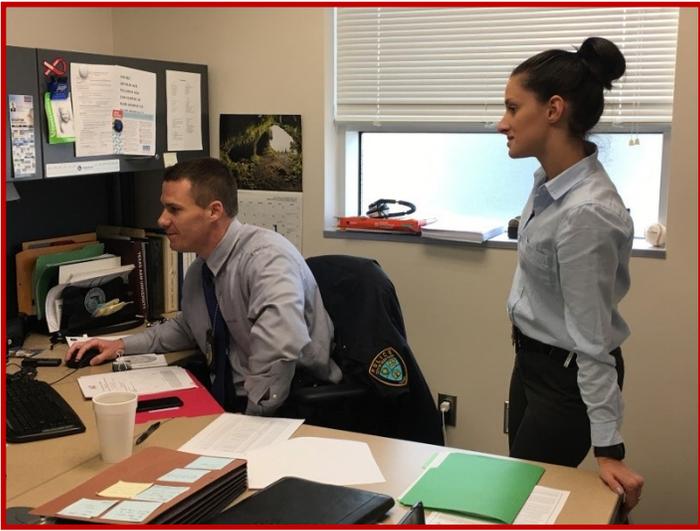
Sergeant Josh Patton, Roscoe the Rec Dog, and Sergeant Ryan Coats at a National Night Out party.



DPPD Telecommunicators (L) Jarrett Grundman, Zulma Veliz, Brandi Brumley, Kathy Cobb, Nancy Calhoun, (Front) Chandra Malone, Hannah Edwards, Katie Roark show 9-1-1 Birthday love to Greater Harris County 9-1-1.



Coffee with a Cop at Associated Credit Union of Texas.



Detective Josh Reed mentors Officer Jillian Basilone in the Investigations Mentor Program



Detective J.B. White mentors Officer Anthony Baggett in the Investigations Mentor Program



Officer Anthony Kuchinski, Sergeant Josh Patton, Officer Jason Huff and Officer Alan Thomas with neighborhood kids on National Night Out.



Dispatcher Hannah Edwards, Sergeant Danny Rouen, Officer Travis Potter, and Officer Joel Nitchman at Heritage Elementary Autism Awareness Event.



Captain Wade Conner, Chief Grigg and Lieutenant Hart are men hard at work.



Detective J.B. White trying out our new riot gear in Chief St. Martin's office.



Assistant Chief Sharon St. Martin

# Neighborhood Services

2018 was relatively calm compared to last year. The capstone for us this year was the ribbon cutting and subsequent opening of our highly anticipated Deer Park Police firing range and training facility. We wasted no time putting it to use training with our weapons regularly in a manner that we could not do when we had to borrow or rent another range facility for qualifications.

We have continued with ALERRT active shooter presentations, completed the seventh mentor program for First Line Supervisors, and the fourth for Criminal Investigations (CID). We had our third CALEA remote review and are preparing for our next accreditation on-site assessment that will take place in August, 2019.

While the overall number of traffic accidents increased, *injury* accidents were down by 27%.

K-9 Ty retired, and Officer Eddie Pereira, who had been our sole K-9 officer for the past 17 years hung up his leash and went back to patrol. Officer Joel Nitchman was chosen to fill Eddie’s vacancy, who with his new K-9, a spirited German short-haired pointer named Roni, took to the streets like a ball of fire.

The most fun program we started in 2018 was a short, multi-day, modified training session for the seniors on the Deer Park ISD High School football team, providing PD personnel the opportunity to interact in a positive manner with the team. We worked with Coach Flynn to develop a curriculum geared towards their age group. After a welcome/light breakfast/overview of the topics to be covered during the program, they were given a comprehensive tour of the police department and introduced to as many employees as possible. There were lots of hands-on activities with SWAT equipment, less lethal weapons, the jail, the restraint chair, the high water vehicles, patrol vehicles, and a sobering look at a vehicle unrecognizable after the intoxicated driver left the roadway at approximately 109 mph, cleared an 8’ fence and wrapped itself around a tree, ejecting both the driver and passenger, killing the passenger. The following two sessions were held in a more focused classroom setting at the Deer Park Police firing range and training facility, covering age-appropriate topics such as sexting/vaping/dating violence/and what to do when stopped by the police. The final session was once again more hands-on as the officers talked about DWI/DUI, the students utilized the “drunk goggles”, they were shown how to operate a radar gun and ran radar in front of the police building, and observed a SWAT presentation at the end, as there were lots of questions about flash bangs and bean bag rounds.

## DID YOU KNOW?

On October 20, 2018, after 33 years of going by the last name of Massey, Assistant Chief Sharon Massey married Stephen St. Martin. Since then, we have all had a hard time trying to remember her new name. A proponent of never, ever getting married again, it’s even harder to believe that she actually said “yes” to his proposal...:)

The men and women of the Deer Park Police Department are committed to serving the community, demonstrating the core values of integrity, honesty, professionalism, compassion, respect and accountability. I am very proud of them, and the work they do day in and day out, to keep our citizens safe.



# Community Services



Lieutenant Chris Brown

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, a Warrant Officer, the Holding Facility and Traffic Unit. This division also provides the Deer Park Independent School District with four School Resource Officers and eighteen 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.

During 2018, the Community Services Division trained four new Officers including, Officer Smiers, Officer Molini, Officer Humphrey and Officer Dunn and two Public Safety Attendants, PSA Rios and PSA Valles.

*Did you know?*  
In 2018, DPPD officers submitted 3,626 pieces of evidence into our property room for safe keeping and processing for cases.





# Field Training Officers



Scott Baumann



Shane Guimbellot



Anthony Kuchinski



Clint Jackson



David Bode



Campbell Aurelius



Kai Zheng



Aaron Gonzales



Doug Bailey

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 selected 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 2018 Field Training Officers consists of Officers S. Baumann, S. Guimbellot, P. Kuchinski, C. Jackson, D. Bode, C. Aurelius, K. Zheng, A. Gonzales, and D. Bailey who all contributed to the successful training of Officers D. Smiers, N. Dunn, J. Humphrey and V. Molini.



Dustin Smiers



Natalia Dunn



Jared Humphrey



Victoria Molini



Sean Jackson

# Warrant Officer

Officer S.M. Jackson is currently assigned as the Deer Park Police Warrant Officer, an assignment he has held since 2017. The warrant officer position was created in order to assist the Deer Park Municipal Court in clearing municipal warrants, act as court bailiff during court and serve summons issued by the court. Warrants of arrest include offenses ranging from those who have failed to appear in municipal court to answer for traffic citations, and those obtained through investigative efforts made by Code Enforcement. Officer Jackson has been tasked with the clearing of more than 12,000 outstanding warrants. There are several different approaches that Officer Jackson uses to reduce the number of outstanding warrants, from utilizing current technology, such as, License Plate

Recognition and Blackboard Connect (automated telephone calls). Warrant information on the most wanted municipal warrant suspects is also posted to the Deer Park Police Facebook page. Lastly, the Deer Park Police take part in their own City wide warrant Roundup, which is an initiative to reduce outstanding warrants within the city of Deer Park and surrounding cities.

During 2018, Officer Jackson made 99 total warrant arrests and conducted 185 warrant attempts.

# 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.

2018 marked the third year since the reimplementation 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 at events such as parades, National Night Out, and directed specialized patrols as needed. One of the main benefits to this Unit is the one-on-one connection the Bicycle Officers are able to create with members of the community while on their bikes.



Officer Campbell Aurelius, City Manager Jay Stokes, and Officer Clint Jackson

# Special Weapons and Tactics



The Deer Park Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team (S.W.A.T.) is a specialized, highly trained, motivated, and disciplined unit that is comprised of ten (10) members. These officers and supervisors 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 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.

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, and Officer Moe. S.W.A.T. members are selected based upon their mental and physical capabilities as well as their willingness to function as a team member. Applicants 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 100 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. S.W.A.T. 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 vigorous training sessions. In 2018, S.W.A.T. members attended the Texas Tactical Police Officer Association training conference, A.L.E.R.R.T. Instructor training, high water rescue and survival training, as well as numerous other advanced 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, and instructed four classes for the San Jacinto College 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.





Easter at DPPD





Officers Matthew Marshall, Travis Potter, Miranda Ross, Travis Trotti, and Shawn Backus visit a lemonade stand by Kayleigh Dalton.



Records Technicians Tien Walls, Chandra Malone, Amanda Teltschik and Records Supervisor Kathy Cobb in the Christmas spirit.

Sergeant Jarrett Hill giving direction to new SWAT member Detective Lars Moe.



Officer Curt Ward being Officer Curt Ward.



Houston Show Choir members Elke Eisenhauer and Rhonda Cole (also Chief Grigg's Administrative Assistant) with Chief Grigg at the 2018 Peace Officer Memorial ceremony



# Crisis Negotiations Team

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.

The Team is currently comprised of six members. Sergeant Sawtell is the Team Commander and serves with five team members, Sergeant Meredith, Detective Thatcher, Officer Baumann, Detective Gonzales, and Officer Williams as Negotiators. All members of the Team had to compete against fellow officers and be chosen for the opportunity to become part of the Team. After selection each Team member goes through extensive continuing education as well as monthly department training 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. Most of our 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 building 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. In 2018, Sergeant Meredith, Detective Gonzales, and Officer Baumann, all successfully completed the third and final phase of Negotiator training put on by the International Association of Hostage Negotiators. Officer Williams is scheduled to complete this training in 2019.



# DWI Crash Statistics



For the year 2018, the Deer Park Police Department continued to take an aggressive approach when searching out intoxicated drivers and enforcing Texas DWI laws. All officers of the Deer Park Police Department are trained in the administration of the three Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST): Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus, Walk and Turn, and One Leg Stand. Utilizing this training allows our officers to determine if a driver is legally impaired and unfit to operate a motor vehicle safely. Deer Park Police Department participates in the Harris County - No Refusal Weekend(s) and regularly utilizes search warrants, otherwise known as "Blood Warrants", when a driver refuses to provide a requested breath and/or blood specimen. Officers worked

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers recognized Officer Anthony Baggett, Officer Doug Bailey, and Officer Jason Huff for their outstanding efforts in the fight against drunk and drugged drivers. These three officers were responsible for 221 of the 342 drunk drivers arrested by DPPD.



specific days and hours during 2018, targeting their efforts on intoxicated and impaired drivers. Deer Park Police Department has specific officers trained as Breath Test Operators who are called upon to administer a breath alcohol test when needed. In addition, Deer Park Police Department has five officers that are extensively trained as Drug Recognition Experts (DRE), who are called upon to assist in an investigation when a driver is suspected to be impaired on substance(s) other than alcohol.



*Did you know?*

During 2018, Deer Park Police Officers removed 342 drunk and impaired drivers from Deer Park roadways. Charges ranged from DWI 1<sup>st</sup> Offender, DWI 2<sup>nd</sup> Offender, DWI 3<sup>rd</sup> or More, DWI w/Child Passenger and DUI Minor.



# Accident Reconstruction Team



Sergeant Ian Sawtell

The Deer Park Police Department's Accident Reconstruction Team is utilized to investigate and reconstruct fatality and potential fatality traffic accident collisions.

The Accident Reconstruction Team is currently composed of five team members. Sergeant Sawtell is the Team Supervisor and serves with four additional team members, Sergeant Coats, Officer Nettles, Officer Baumann and Detective Gonzales. All members of the Team are State Certified Collision Reconstructionist and Total Station Operators. Members of the Team 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 the tools necessary to reconstruct accident collisions. All members of the Team are available 24/7 to respond for reconstruction. The Team recently purchased a new "Total Station" electronic measuring device, which was utilized in the reconstruction of collisions during 2018.



Sergeant Ryan Coats



Officer Doug Nettles



Officer Scott Baumann



Detective Aaron Gonzales

# Public Safety Attendants



Chris Matczak



Ryan McBride



Raul Turner

The Deer Park Police Department utilizes Public Safety Attendants (PSAs) to oversee and operate the Deer Park Police Department Holding facility. PSAs are responsible for receiving, processing, monitoring, and releasing all prisoners for the police department during their assigned shifts. The duties of a PSA include: searching the arrestee upon arrival, inventorying the prisoner's property, taking photographs/fingerprints (AFIS), and the completion of reports and documents pertaining to the booking process. Routine duties include: preparing prisoner meals three times a day, providing medical attention if needed, and maintaining proper care of prisoner property and records while in the custody of the Deer Park Police Department. PSAs are also in charge of handling bond and court paperwork, as well as receiving payments for court fines of any inmate who has an outstanding arrest warrant with Deer Park.

In addition to taking care of and monitoring inmates, PSAs make sure all lights, cell doors, and cell toilets are working properly, and that the cells and booking area are kept clean and sanitary. Daily inspections of the holding facility are done at each shift change to ensure the facility is maintained at the highest standard. They are also responsible for fingerprinting members of the public for purposes of job application requirements. They make citizen contacts by providing personal service to individuals who have responded to the lobby of the police facility with a question or other non-emergency requests.

In 2018, 2,881 prisoners were booked into the holding facility. March was the busiest month with 285 prisoners. The busiest day of the week for booking in prisoners was Friday between the hours of 11pm and 2am.

Most days, the department has two PSAs working inside the holding facility. During 2018, the holding facility was staffed with five PSAs: C. Matczak, R. McBride, R. Turner, J. Ross, E Rios, and E Valles. The PSAs work hard every day and are dedicated to upholding the highest standards of the Deer Park Police Department.



Enadelia Rios



Jesse Ross



Eduardo Valles



# Traffic Unit



Sergeant Ian Sawtell

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

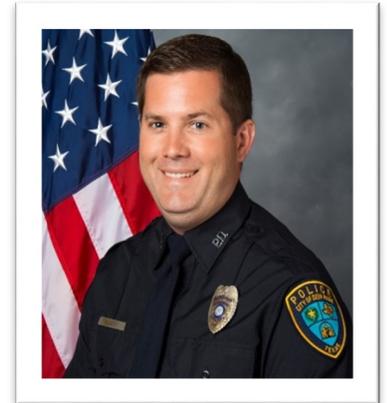
Currently the Deer Park Police Department Traffic Division is overseen by Sergeant Sawtell, and consists of 2 traffic officers, 18 crossing guards, and 3 substitute crossing guards. The Traffic Division also relies on numerous specialized volunteers throughout the year to help with items such as

handicap parking enforcement, parades, and fun runs.

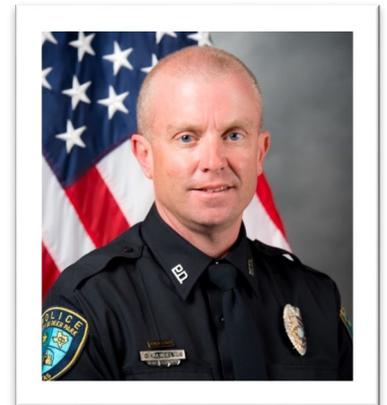
The Deer Park Traffic Division works proactively with the community to raise awareness on safety issues, and to increase voluntary compliance with traffic laws. One of the most popular means available to assist with speeding concerns is by deployment of one of the department owned radar trailers to problem areas.

Public information and education activities are an effective means of increasing compliance through education and driver 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 as part of the Safe Kids Greater Houston Coalition.

The Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, known as S.T.E.P., is an integral part of traffic enforcement. This program puts extra officers on the street to target traffic violators in designated problem locations. The program focuses on hazardous moving violations such as speeding, distracted, and impaired driving.



Officer Clint Jackson

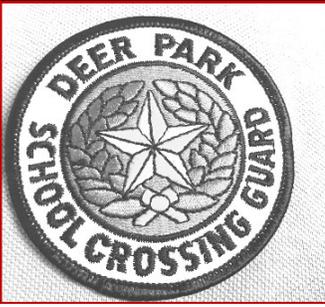


Officer Campbell Aurelius

## Special Response Group (SRG)

The Deer Park Police Department initiated a plan to equip and train 11 officers in riot/crowd control tactics and created the Special Response Group (SRG). This was completed with the assistance of the Houston Police Department as they provided the training free of charge to outside agencies. We had three different groups of officers attend the training; two at the HPD academy and one group completed the training in Galveston. The 40 hours of training consisted of learning and becoming proficient with the different riot control formations, completing the formations and drills in full riot gear, becoming comfortable wearing a gas mask and working alongside of HPD's mounted patrol unit. During the middle of the week, each officer was required to experience a CS gas exposure to familiarize themselves with the effects of the chemical munitions that are used. The Deer Park Police Department made a big step forward in preparing itself in the event civil unrest occurs in this city or the surrounding agencies. In 2018, the Special Response Group assisted HPD with crowd control during the President Trump Rally at the Toyota Center and in 2019, we will assist Galveston Police Department with Mardi Gras crowds.

# Crossing Guards



The Deer Park Police Department currently employs 18 crossing guards and 3 substitute guards. Crossing guards are equipped with handheld radios, whistles, stop signs, and reflective clothing. They receive monthly departmental safety and briefing trainings on topics such as shelter in place procedures and traffic safety issues. In 2018, crossing guards served in numerous public events such as fun runs and parades.

Many of the crossing guards are tenured employees who develop valuable relationships and rapport with the residents and students they encounter every day. Crossing guards become very familiar with their assigned areas and with the children and adults that frequent the area, and are in a good position to report crime or disorder. Additionally, crossing guards are deserving of respect for their dedication, irrespective of weather or traffic conditions.

Every year the Deer Park American Legion Post 319 recognizes a Crossing Guard of the Year, and at the close of each school year, all crossing guards are invited to a City sponsored appreciation luncheon. Unfortunately, we can only pick one Crossing Guard of the Year. The 2018 American Legion Crossing Guard of the Year was awarded to David East.

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## Crossing Guard of the Year—2018



# Peace Officer Memorial



# K-9 Unit



Officer Joel Nitchman and K-9 Roni

The K-9 unit currently consists of Officer Joel Nitchman and his K-9 partner Roni, a black and grey German shorthaired pointer. Roni is certified in narcotics detection only, and is specially trained to detect the odors of methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin and marijuana. To stay proficient, Officer Nitchman and Roni train on a weekly basis and are also members of the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association (NNDDA). The NNDDA is a professional, nonprofit organization dedicated to the utilization and proficiency of scent detection dogs for the benefit of law enforcement. The purpose of the NNDDA is to provide training pertaining to the laws of search and seizure, utilizing scent detection dogs, and a method of certification for court purposes. This past May, Officer Nitchman and Roni attended the NNDDA Conference where they placed 18 out of 85 K-9 teams. The primary use of the K-9 unit is to conduct drug interdiction and assist the patrol division with free-air sniffs of vehicles during traffic stops. Aside from normal patrol operations, Officer Nitchman and Roni connect with the community during special events and often interact with the schools and local businesses.

During 2018, Officer Nitchman and Roni conducted 311 searches resulting in the seizure of 8.74 grams of powder cocaine, 7.69 grams of rock cocaine, 536.16 grams of marijuana, 6.43 grams of heroin, and 620.80 grams of other controlled substance. The total street value of the seized narcotics was approximately \$14,935.00. In addition to the seizures of illegal narcotics, Officer Nitchman and Roni also seized \$3,300 in cash.



Officer Nitchman and K-9 Roni along with Officer Eddie Pereira and K-9 Ty at the Heritage Elementary Autism Awareness event.



Officer Nitchman and K-9 Roni at the Heritage Elementary Autism Awareness event.



Officer Nitchman and K-9 Roni at the DPJH Big Red Program.



**Retired Narcotics K-9  
Ty**

Officer Eddie Pereira is a twenty-seven year veteran of the *Deer Park Police Department*, hired in January 1991. For the past almost 17 years, Officer Pereira has been the departments *K9 Narcotics Officer*. His first canine partner, *Charly*, worked the streets with him just short of nine years retiring on September 24, 2010.

On September 28, 2010, Officer Pereira began working his second canine partner, Ty. Ty was purchased from Mark Green, a retired *Phoenix Arizona Police Department* K9 Trainer and owner of *Waddell Kennels* in Phoenix, Arizona.

Ty was a nationally specialized canine certified through the *National Narcotic Detector Dog Association*, the largest police service dog association in the USA.

Officer Pereira, a sixteen-year member of the *NNDDA* attended seven *NNDDA* Nationals and Competitions with K9 Ty. Ty placed five times in the top ten competing against hundreds of canines.

During his tenure, Ty completed many community service assignments for the department and he and Officer Pereira conducted numerous canine demonstrations and drug awareness programs for the *Deer Park Independent School District*.

Between January 1, 2011 and the time of Ty's retirement in August 2018, Officer Pereira and K9 Ty conducted 6,347 traffic stops for the department.

DOG ACTIVITY ONLY

Searches including buildings, vehicles, articles, packages, etc.	1,107
Interdiction including motels, and parcels	5
Assist Other Agency	22

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Between January 1, 2011—August 21, 2018 the items listed in each of these three (3) boxes contain the activity, number of items found and the amount and value of narcotics found by Deer Park Police Department K-9 Ty.

Amount of Drugs Found	Value of Drugs Found	Number of Items Found	
Cocaine Rock	28.97 grams = 1.02 oz.	\$663.00	21
Heroin	46.05 grams = 1.62 oz.	\$691.00	12
Other Controlled Substance	1106.8 grams = 39.04 oz.	\$7,573.00	43
Cocaine Powder	437.62 grams =15.44 oz.	\$8,935.00	35
MDMA	856.69 grams = 30.22 oz.	\$9,700.00	12
Methamphetamine	579.35 grams = 20.44 oz.	\$20,576.00	81
Hydroponic Marijuana	4083.9 grams = 9 lbs.	\$25,843.97	136
Marijuana	7661.32 grams = 16.89 lbs.	\$11,176.00	247

**Cash Found \$139,613.00**



# Honor Guard



The Honor Guard represents a long tradition of honoring fallen comrades or providing services for ceremonies. The Deer Park Police Honor Guard is composed of volunteers who are carefully screened for their physical ability and dexterity. They are highly motivated and maintain high standards of appearance and show aptitude for ceremonial duty. The Honor Guard can be identified by the distinct addition to their uniforms. The Deer Park Police Honor Guard wears a white ascot in lieu of a tie, a white shoulder chord and white gloves. In addition to funerals, the Honor Guard also participates in the Peace Officer Memorial Service at the City of Deer Park Court and Theater. This prestigious event is in conjunction with the National Police Week to honor fallen comrades nationwide and includes Taps and a 21 gun salute. The Honor Guard also participates in Mayor Mouton’s State of the State of City Address.

The 2018 Deer Park Police Department Honor Guard members include: Officer Tina Taylor, Officer Shane Guimbellot, Officer Scott Baumann, Officer Aaron Gonzales, Officer Nicolas Thatcher, Officer Campbell Aurelius, Officer David Bode, Officer Doug Bailey and Officer Mason Moore.



Tina Taylor



Shane Guimbellot



Scott Baumann



Nick Thatcher



Campbell Aurelius



David Bode



Doug Bailey



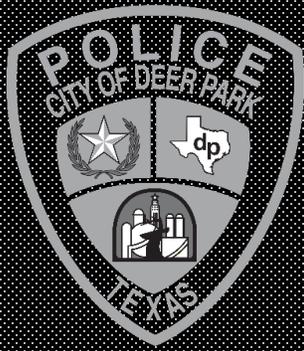
Mason Moore



Aaron Gonzales



# School Resource Officers



Jason LaPoint



Tina Taylor



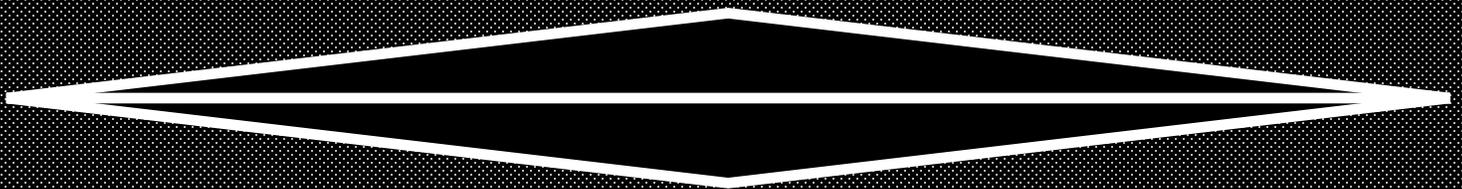
Doug Nettles



Del Wilcoxson

Beginning in January of 2000, the Deer Park Police Department and the Deer Park Independent School District created a partnership to establish and implement a School Resource Officer Program to be housed within the school district. Establishing a School Resource Officer Program has been very beneficial for the school district, police department and most importantly, the student body. School Resource Officers play an integral role in the school system and have many positive impacts on the students they are involved with. The SROs are able to initiate interaction with students in the classroom and general areas of the school building. They also promote the profession of police officer as a positive role model and are able to increase the visibility and accessibility of police to the school community.

There are many duties the School Resource Officers are tasked with; they investigate allegations of criminal incidents and establish and maintain a close partnership with school administrators in order to provide for a safe school environment. SROs ensure school administrator safety by being present during school searches which may involve weapons, dangerous controlled substances, or in such cases that the student's emotional state may present a risk to the administrator. SROs assist school administrators in emergency crisis planning and building security matters.



# Criminal Investigations



Lieutenant Frank Hart

## Criminal Investigation Division

The Deer Park Police Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is composed of five parts which all work together in their mission to conduct extensive investigations of criminal activity in our community and provide the best quality of life and security possible. These four parts include: four beat detectives, three Pro-Active investigators, one Crime Scene investigator, one Property and Evidence custodian and one Victim Assistance volunteer.

## Criminal Investigators

The Criminal Investigators are primary 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 2018 were Joshua Reed, Mason Moore, Lars Moe and JB White. In November, Aaron Gonzales replaced JB White when he transferred to the Pro-Act Unit. 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 2018, the Detective Unit was responsible for following up on over 1074 cases of which 65% were resolved with a final conclusion.

## Pro-Act Investigators

The ProAct Investigators are responsible for following up and self initiated investigations into narcotics, organized crime, and VICE related activities. The unit operates under the supervision of Sergeant James Tryon with assigned Investigators Nick Thatcher and JB White. During 2018, the unit made 69 arrests for the possession of various drugs including meth, THC wax, GHB, tranquilizers, and marijuana. The unit also focused on identity theft rings and arrested several key players in the Deer Park area.

## Volunteer Victim Assistance Program

The Volunteer Victim's Assistance Program operated in its 8th year during 2018. This program provides services to crime victims and improves 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 any 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.



# Criminal Investigations Cont'd.

## Property and Evidence

The Deer Park Police Department's Property Division consists of one Public Safety Attendant, Eddie Salazar, who is certified as 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 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 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 16,000 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 also 3 other officers who have been trained in crime scene processing and who 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 the role to the Evidence Custodian and assists in those responsibilities.



Officer Christian Lopez submits evidence to Evidence Custodian Eddie Salazar.



Officer Veronika Minor uses a blue light to attempt to lift fingerprints.

## Did you know?

During 2018, DPPD collected approximately 700 pounds of unused and unwanted medications from our Drug Take Back events and our permanent Drug Drop Box.

# Crime Analysis



Ernestina Palomares

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 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.

Crime analysis supports various department functions including patrol deployment, special operations, investigations, planning and research, crime prevention, and administrative services.

## Did you know?

*In 2018 the Crime Analyst provided the following:*

- ⇒ 209 requests for statistics, and intelligence products, from within the department,
- ⇒ 34 translation assistance requests (Spanish to English),
- ⇒ 57 requests from the Proactive unit,
- ⇒ 8 external requests from Houston PD, La Porte PD, & Pasadena PD



# Citizen's Police Academy



Sheila Plovovich

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 how our police department operates.

The CPA is held twice a year; once in the spring and again in the fall, with classes running 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 SWAT team operations. Students participate in reverse-role scenarios such as family disturbances and traffic stops. Learning also takes place through hands-on activities that include patrol ride-a-longs, lifting fingerprints, shooting Simunitions, experiencing the effects of Fatal Vision Goggles, and much more.

In 2018, a total of 31 citizens participated in the Citizen's Police Academy. Many of our graduates join the Alumni Association (DPCAAA), which supports the police department with volunteer services and donations. The Alumni also assist in coordinating new CPA classes and hold promotional drives to obtain applications for new students in future academies.

## Did you know?

Citizens on Patrol (COPS) is a popular volunteer program that allows citizens the opportunity to assist Deer Park Police in a variety of ways. COPS provides "eyes and ears" to the Department, as well as supporting our DPPD team at special events. COP members are graduates of the 14 week Citizen's Police Academy and three (3) hour Citizen's on Patrol training class.



CPA members from class 37 and 38 demonstrate the variety of topics discussed. Multi-tasking for dispatch, S.W.A.T. gear and K-9 are just a few of the DPPD units covered in the Citizen's Police Academy.



# Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS)

In 2018, the Deer Park Citizen’s Police Academy Alumni Association (DPCPAAA) and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) logged a total of 3,396 hours with the Police Department. During 2018, the DPCPAAA provided services to the Deer Park Police Department and the City of Deer Park during events such as Shred Days, Concerts and Movies in the Park, Child ID and Fingerprinting events, World Wide Day of Play, Coffee with a Cop, San Jacinto Day Festival, and much, much more.

Additionally, their volunteer time was spent:

- \* Assisting in Evidence and Property
- \* Handicap Parking Enforcement
- \* Assisting with Drug Take Back
- \* Citizens on Patrol program
- \* Assisting with Vacation Safety School
- \* Performing vehicle equipment inspections
- \* Purchase of a second Red Man Defensive Tactics Suit
- \* Purchased a DPPD wall plaque for the new Firing Range and Training Facility
- \* Assisting with Police Officer Memorial Week and video presentation.
- \* Maintaining training certificates and educational advancements for staff
- \* Working traffic control for the beginning of school and parades
- \* Hosting a Holiday Tamale Fundraiser to raise money for the police department
- \* Participating in the Volunteer Victim’s Assistance program
- \* Purchase t-shirts for officers and civilian staff who participated in the Jailbreak fun run
- \* Provide BBQ lunch for the entire police department
- \* Feed officers, telecommunicators, and jailers on holidays



Assistant Chief Sharon St. Martin and Chief Greg Grigg with several of our volunteers and the new wall plaque that was purchased by them for the DPPD Gun Range and Training Facility.

*Volunteers who contribute their time can earn Presidential Volunteer Service Award Pins. Those who contribute up to 249 hours in a 12 month period earn a bronze lapel pin. Those who contribute between 250-499 hours receive a silver lapel pin, and 500 or more hours contributed earns a gold lapel pin. Special mention goes to the following volunteers for their achievements in receiving the Presidential Volunteer Service Awards pins:*

<b>Margaret Robertson—Gold</b>	<b>Adell Boren—Silver</b>
<b>Charles Thomas—Silver</b>	<b>Linda Brown—Bronze</b>
<b>Don Brown—Bronze</b>	<b>Belva Cheney—Bronze</b>
<b>Ruth Cook—Bronze</b>	<b>Alice Dovey—Bronze</b>
<b>Donna Orner—Bronze</b>	<b>Art Souza—Bronze</b>
<b>Eva Weverink—Bronze</b>	



# VOLUNTEERS



Mary and Mark Edmonson support Officer Travis Potter and his wife Heather, at the Back the Blue Jail Break Run.



Members of the DPCPAAA present Chief Grigg and DPPD officers with funds to purchase a new tactical training suit.



The Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association cooked a fantastic BBQ lunch for all DPPD officers and staff.



Volunteers Mark and Mary Edmonson work the October 2018 Drug Take Back



Volunteer Margaret Robertson (center) with from left to right: Sergeant James Tryon, Lieutenant Frank Hart, Chief Greg Grigg, Assistant Chief Sharon St. Martin at the Peace Officer's Memorial Ceremony.



Members of the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association cut the ribbon after joining the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce.

# Chaplain Program

In 2018, the Deer Park Police Department Chaplain Program had its fourth full year. There were nine 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 Charlie Ellison, and Pastor William Wesson all served as DPPD Chaplains during 2018.

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 swearing in ceremonies, monthly birthday breakfasts, and the annual Peace Officer Memorial. Police Chaplains rode along with patrol officers, sat in with dispatch and attended briefings. Additionally, 2018 saw many trials and tribulations for police officers around the nation. Deer Park Police Chaplains organized a "Prayer at the Police Flag Pole" event to bring the community together to pray for Deer Park Police Officers and all first responders.

Our Police Chaplains unselfishly donated many hours to the Department in 2018.



Back row L to R: Chaplain William Wesson, Chaplain Craig Weverink, Chaplain Rick Brown, Chaplain Jason Morse. Front row L to R: Chaplain Charlie Ellison, Chaplain Eva Weverink, Chaplain Angie Hughes.  
Not pictured: Father Reginald Samuels.



Pastor Dave Graham, Captain Wade Conner, City Councilman Ron Martin, Mayor Jerry Mouton, City Councilwoman Rae Sinor, City Councilman Tommy Ginn, and DPVFD Assistant Chief Phillip Arroyo attend Prayer at the Police Flag Pole.



Chaplains Rick Brown and Angie Hughes sing at Prayer at the Police Flag Pole.



Citizen's gather for Prayer at the Police Flag Pole



Chaplain Eva Weverink at Prayer at the Police Flag Pole.

# LAYWOMAN OF THE YEAR CHAPLAIN EVA WEVERINK

During 2018, Deer Park Police Chaplain Eva Weverink was named Deer Park Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Laywoman of the year. Eva was recognized at the 2018 Mayor's Evening of Community Praise.



CHAPLAIN EVA WEVERINK

Eva was nominated by her husband, who is also a Deer Park Police Chaplain, Craig Weverink. Below is his nomination submission for Eva.

*"Eva is a Chaplain of the Deer Park PD and has ministered to several citizens in need. She is constantly volunteering to serve in any way she can at the PD and in the City. Eva does Victim Assistance, Chaplain and is always looking for ways to minister. I've watched her ministering to the victims of Hurricane Harvey every day at the shelter. Eva has an awesome heart and has gone to PD relatives funerals and even felt a need to go to attend the memorials for the shooting victims of Sutherland Springs, Tx., and three downed police officers. She is always looking to expand her ministry to anyone who is needing ministry. As I write this, she is driving to San Antonio to visit a DPCPAAA member in an assisted living facility. She is my wife but I honestly believe she is very deserving of this award."*

- Craig Weverink



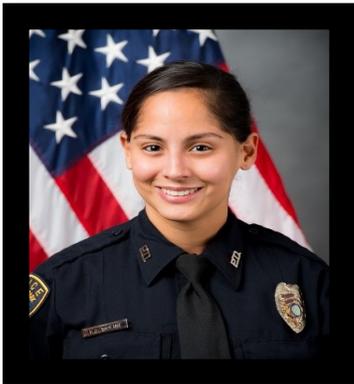
# New Sworn Officers of 2018



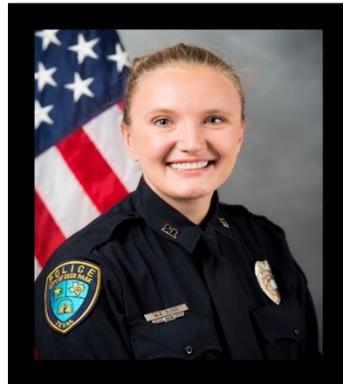
**Officer Dustin Smiers**  
02-05-2018



**Officer Jay Mathur**  
02-05-2018



**Officer Victoria Molini**  
05-25-2018



**Officer Natalia Dunn**  
05-25-2018



**Officer Jared Humphrey**  
05-25-2018



**Officer Scott Anderson**  
12-14-2018



**Officer Christian Lopez**  
12-14-2018



Detective Mason Moore is recognized as Officer of the Year by Mayor Mouton and City Council members, along with Assistant City Manager Gary Jackson and Chief Grigg.



Sergeant Jason Meredith is recognized for his 20 years of service by Mayor Mouton and City Council members, along with Assistant City Manager Gary Jackson.



Detective Josh Reed is recognized for achieving the Male Overall Wellness winner by Mayor Mouton and City Council members, along with Assistant City Manager Gary Jackson.



Records Technician Tien Walls is recognized for achieving the Female Overall Wellness winner by Mayor Mouton and City Council members, along with Assistant City Manager Gary Jackson.



Crime Analyst Tina Palomares and Records Technician Amanda Teltschik, along with other city employees are recognized for their 5 years of service by Mayor Mouton, City Council members, and Assistant City Manager Gary Jackson.



Police Chief Greg Grigg, Detective Josh Reed, along with other city employees are recognized for their 10 years of service by Mayor Mouton, City Council members, and Assistant City Manager Gary Jackson.



Telecommunications Officer Jarrett Grundman is recognized as Employee of the Year by Mayor Mouton, City Council members, and Assistant City Manager Gary Jackson.



# Awards and Commendations

## Officer of the Month 2018

January	<b>Officer Matthew Marshall</b>	February	<b>Officer Miranda Ross</b>
March	<b>Officer Travis Trotti</b>	April	<b>Officer Jonathan White</b>
May	<b>Officer Joel Nitchman</b>	June	<b>Officer Aaron Gonzales</b>
July	<b>Officer Joshua Reed</b>	August	<b>Officer Nicholas Thatcher</b>
September	<b>Officer Douglas Bailey</b>	October	<b>Officer Mason Moore</b>
November	<b>Officer Travis Trotti</b>	December	<b>Officer Shawn Backus</b>

### Rotary Officer of the Month

January	<b>Sergeant James Tryon</b>
May	<b>Officer Sean Jackson</b>
July	<b>Officer Jonathan White</b>

### Life Saving Awards for 2018

March	<b>Officer Brandon Williams</b>
July	<b>Officer Anthony Baggett</b> <b>Officer Jason Huff</b>
August	<b>Officer William Chaffin</b> <b>Officer Travis Potter</b> <b>Officer Miranda Ross</b>
December	<b>Officer Victoria Molini</b> <b>Officer Miranda Ross</b> <b>TCO Kaitlin Roark</b>

### City Employee of the Month

1st Quarter	<b>Jarrett Grundman</b> <b>Eddie Salazar</b>
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### City Supervisor of the Month

February	<b>Katherine Cobb</b>
August	<b>Lieutenant Franklin Hart</b>

**American Legion Officer of the Year— Officer Jonathan White**

**American Legion Crossing Guard of the Year—David East**

*OFFICER OF THE YEAR*

**DETECTIVE MASON MOORE**





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