

# Deer Park

2019 Annual Report

Gregory L. Grigg  
Chief of Police



# Police

# Department



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The 2019 Annual Report includes several of our employees working and playing. It also captures some of the highlights for the year.

Two Citizen Police Academies were held with 24 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.

Humane was moved under the Police Department's umbrella in January 2019. Lt. Frank Hart and Humane Supervisor Al Garces made a smooth transition. Lt. Hart received the Supervisor of the Year at the City Banquet for his work. Al was awarded the State-wide Warren J. Kilpatrick award for increasing the adoption rate almost 90% his first year as the Humane Supervisor.

City Manager Jay Stokes, Chief Grigg, Assistant Chief St. Martin, Lt. Chris Brown, and Sgt. Ian Sawtell travelled to Covington, Kentucky to receive the 5th CALEA Re-Accreditation Award for our Agency.

The Badge of Courage and Silent Hero awards from the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department were given to Officer David Bode and Telecommunicator Brittany Russell. Officers Miranda Ross and Jillian Basilone earned Life Saving Awards.

Six police officers (one returned from Hawaii), one Public Safety Attendant returned, two telecommunicators, and one Records Technician were hired.



Phase 3 of the Mentoring Program continued with the three police officers from 2018 completing it in 2019. Employees spend a year in the program learning the role of a first line supervisor. In eight years 24 employees have completed the program, and seven of them have promoted.

## GREGORY L. GRIGG CHIEF OF POLICE

The Texas Legislature designated Telecommunicators as 1st Responders effective September 1, 2019. I was voted to serve as the Vice President for the Houston Area Police Chief's Association (HAPCA).

We were awarded \$59,939 in STEP grant money, and \$11,948 for a Commercial Vehicle Traffic Enforcement Grant, which was used to conduct enforcement for DWI, various moving violations, and commercial vehicle violations. Eleven Child Passenger Check Stations were held with 53 seats checked. We had 28 injury accidents, down from 44 last year, and down from 60 in 2017, for a 53% decrease over two years.

In 2019 the Crime Control Prevention District (CCPD) funded three additional Telecommunicators, one Pro-Act sergeant, two Pro-Act Investigators, one crime prevention officer, five administrative Tahoes, four outfitted patrol vehicles, and other much needed technology, services, and equipment.

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 material support. I thank our volunteers who gave 4,749 hours of their time to assist us across almost all areas of the department. A big thank you to the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) who spent \$2,340 on bullet proof vest carriers.

ITC was a nationally covered disaster, and was lengthy in duration. I dedicate this Annual Report to the City Employees and Deer Park Fire Fighters who worked hard to protect our citizens from this fire and its effects.



**Chief of Police**

**Administrative Assistant**

05-20-2019

**Administrative Services Bureau Captain**

**Neighborhood Services Bureau Assistant Chief**

*Fiscal Affairs*  
*Grants*  
*Internal Affairs*  
*Planning & Research*

**Finance Coordinator**

**Community Liaison**

**Crime Analyst**

**Support Services Lieutenant**

**Administrative Services Lieutenant**

**Community Services Lieutenant**

**Investigative Services Lieutenant**

1 - Career Services Officer

**Dispatch**  
1 - Communications Supervisor  
13 - Telecommunicators

**Records Unit**  
1 - Records Supervisor  
3 - Records Technicians

*Alarm Management*  
*Extra Jobs*  
*Facilities Management*  
*Internal Affairs Records*  
*Quartermaster*

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

**Traffic Unit**  
1 - Sergeant  
2 - 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**

5 - Beat Investigators  
1 - Crime Scene Investigator  
1 - Sergeant Pro Act  
3 - Pro Act Investigators

**Property / Evidence Custodian**  
1 - Public Safety Attendant

**Accreditation**

**Holding Facility**  
6 - Public Safety Attendants

18 - School Crossing Guards

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

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# DEER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

## *Mission Statement*

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 Citizens 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.

## ITC FIRE - MARCH 2019

The Intercontinental Terminals Company fire response of March-April 2019 represented a major public safety challenge for the community of Deer Park. A fire that started with an 80,000 barrel (3,360,000 gallon) tank containing Naphtha expanded to include as many as twelve tanks at the site, some of which contained additional chemicals like Xylene, Toluene, and Pyrolysis gasoline. The Deer Park Police Department, Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department, and Deer Park EMS each played critical roles in the response, which extended over several weeks and included two shelter in place orders, major road closures, and city facility closures. The first shelter in place was issued on Sunday, March 17, 2019, when the fire initially began in order to conduct air monitoring and ensure public safety. The second was called on Thursday, March 21st when chemicals involved in the fire released actionable levels of Benzene into the Deer Park city limits. Both required the closing of Hwy 225 from Beltway 8 to State Highway 146 in partnership with the La Porte and Pasadena Police Departments. The second closure included creating barricaded areas in and around Deer Park to prevent residents from nearing the incident. Additionally, the City maintained consistent communications with ITC, and representatives from the police department and other city departments were staged at the EOC, ITC Incident Command, and at the Harris County Command Post to provide up-to-the-minute insight for the duration of the event.



The Deer Park Police Department has been an accredited agency through the Commission for the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 2006.

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



In August of 2019, the Deer Park Police Department completed its latest CALEA Accreditation Process (2015-2019). During this new 4-year cycle (previously a 3-year process), CALEA conducts an “off-site” assessment every year through the Power DMS web-based document management system 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 and through a detailed 4-day process which includes interviews, ride a-longs, public hearings, contact with outside entities, and a review of Proofs of Compliance, make a recommendation to the CALEA Commission whether or not the department should be re-accredited based on their findings. In November of 2019, the Deer Park Police Department, after appearing before the Commission in Covington, KY, was unanimously awarded the agency’s 5th reaccreditation award.

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.

We are currently in the 1st year of our new Accreditation process (2019-2023). During this 4-year Accreditation cycle a major change took place as CALEA moved from its previous 5th Edition Standards Manual to the updated 6th Edition Standards Manual. The new edition encompasses the ongoing review and revision required to maintain best practices with current issues affecting law enforcement service delivery.

The Crime Control Prevention District (CCPD) provided approximately \$1,809,948 million in 2019. The Deer Park Police Department used this money for equipment, technology and personnel, as well as new efforts such as repairs to the existing firing range that was damaged during Hurricane Harvey. Some of it was also saved for the future construction of a new EOC/Communications Center as well as expanding the Records Unit. In 2020, some of these funds will be used to hire an architect to produce conceptual drawings in regard to this project. The CCPD will expire in year 2026 unless elected to keep in 2025 by the citizens of Deer Park. From previous year’s Crime Control Prevention District funds, the Police Department has funded three Dispatch positions, a Crime Prevention Officer, a Pro-Act Police Sergeant as well as 2 Pro-Act Investigators, a Bicycle Unit, all of its fleet, patrol vehicles, as well as the equipment for the patrol vehicles, purchased new radios for the fleet and officers, equipped patrol with additional Tasers, and purchased ballistic vests. The monies acquired, over the first five year term, further enabled the Police Department to design and build a Deer Park Police Department Firing Range and Training Facility. These are just a few things that have benefited the Police Department by having the Crime Control Prevention District.

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 is further staffed with 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 2019, telecommunication operators received and monitored approximately 56,000 calls and traffic stops for Police and approximately 3,600 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 2019, the unit processed approximately 3,898 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 2019, Records requested 28 rulings from the Texas Attorney General. Public Information requests have a restricted time limitation and must be handled promptly. The Records Unit further processed five orders of expunction.



**WADE CONNER  
CAPTAIN**

During the year 2019, Career Services received 1,407 applications for all positions in the Department. Of these nine 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 2019, nine internal affairs investigations were assigned to various supervisors for investigation. Once the investigations were completed the records were maintained and filed by Lieutenant Keeney. Lieutenant Keeney is also the extra job coordinator. In 2019, 124 extra jobs were assigned.

The general annual budget for the Deer Park Police Department in 2018/19 fiscal year was \$10.3 million, and was monitored and accounted for by Finance Coordinator Kelly Davenport. Davenport also monitored the Crime Control Prevention District budget of \$756,000 as well as the Humane budget of \$279,696. She is also responsible for the payroll for all employees of the Department among other tasks.

The Career Services Unit 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 2019, Lieutenant John Yettevich and Officer Sam Jammias staffed the Career Services Unit.

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 cumulatively completed in excess of 10,000 hours of training in 2019.

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

Officer Sam Jammias 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, testing and completing comprehensive background investigations. He is also responsible for procurement and distribution of uniforms and equipment.



**JOHN YETTEVICH**  
**LIEUTENANT**



Officer Sam Jammias

**RECRUITING**

The Career Services Unit reviewed 1,407 applications for all positions throughout the department. Of those applicants, the following positions were filled:

- 6-Police Officers
- 2-Telecommunicators
- 1-Records Technician
- 1- Public Safety Attendant

**Retirements**  
**None**

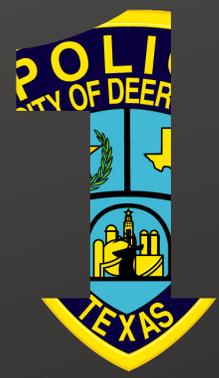
**Resignations**  
**1-Police Officer**  
**1-Telecommunicator**  
**1-Records Clerk**

**Terminations**  
**1-Telecommunicator**  
**1-Animal Control Officer**

**Promotions**  
**None**



Detective Aaron Gonzales at a recruiting event.



The Deer Park Police Department's Communications Unit operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Telecommunicators (dispatchers) are responsible for answering 911 and non-emergency calls for service, dispatching police, fire, EMS and after hour city resources, as well as many other public safety and administrative functions.

The Communications Supervisor reports to the Chief of Police via the Administrative Services Bureau Captain and the Support Services Lieutenant, in addition to coordinating with Fire and EMS supervisors for the provision of those services.

The unit is allocated 13 telecommunicator and one supervisor position. At the end of 2019, the unit was staffed with 10 telecommunicators, one supervisor and one telecommunicator in training. In 2019, one telecommunicator completed training and one trainee departed the training program prior to completion. Another trainee began the training process prior to year-end and is anticipated to be released from the training program in the spring of 2020.

The unit averages 3,500 non-emergency phone calls and 82 hours of call time per month, but that number increased to over 6,100 calls and 113 hours during March when the ITC fire increased the number of inquiries coming into the dispatch center. Over 17,000 incoming and outgoing 911 calls were handled in 2019, as were over 3,600 fire and EMS calls and 56,000 police events.

Texas telecommunicators, who were already licensed by the same state agency as peace officers, were officially recognized as first responders by legislation on September 1, 2019. Texas has taken the initiative on licensing and reclassifying telecommunicators when compared to other states. It is hoped that Texas precedent will be a motivating factor for the federal government to reclassify telecommunicators from administrative to protective services via the 911 Saves Act. The reclassification provides for additional training mandates and resources, as well as emphasizing the critical role telecommunicators play in public safety.



**KELLIE BASS**  
**DISPATCH SUPERVISOR**

While the role is ultimately rewarding, telecommunicators are subject to some of the same stress related illnesses and incidents of post-traumatic stress disorder as other first responders. Telecommunicators must learn skill sets specific to their assignment in addition to learning enough about police, fire and EMS disciplines to effectively support those roles. In addition, Deer Park telecommunicators work in close proximity to one of the largest ports and petrochemical complexes in the world. While hazardous materials incidents are not common, they do have potential to become extremely dangerous to the nearby community. Deer Park telecommunicators must work closely with the emergency operations center to stay informed of major incidents, relay critical incoming information to key personnel, notify the community of any hazards, and field an influx of calls and demands for resources pertaining to the incident. These duties must be performed with little to no error despite each incident being unique and dynamic in nature.

The City of Deer Park honored the hard work performed by the men and women of the Deer Park Police Department's Communications Unit during National Public Safety Telecommunicator week in April. Deer Park Telecommunicators were celebrated April 14-20, 2019, by Greater Harris County 911, multiple city departments including fire and EMS, administration and City Council.

# TELECOMMUNICATORS



Zulma Veliz



Brandi Brumley



Clayton Hall



Jarrett Grundman



Hannah Edwards



Brittany Russell



Phebe Parsons



Desiree Casteel



Kaitlin Roark



Shajira Coco



Clayton Long



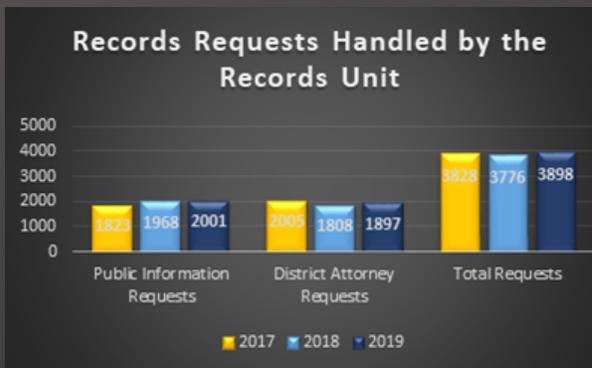
Holley Rendon

Records Supervisor Kathy Cobb and Record Technicians Amanda Teltschik, Tien Walls, and Chandra Malone staffed this Unit in 2019. Support Services Lieutenant John Yettevich was the Commander. In 2019, Records Technician Tien Walls resigned and Nannette Kyle was hired to replace her.

The Records Unit, as a part of its primary duties, processed requests for information from the public, outside agencies at the local, state, and federal level, and in response to subpoenas. In 2019, the Unit processed 3,898 requests for information; stemming from 55,593 event reports/calls for service, and 5,282 written offense reports.

Each request is processed by the unit in compliance with the Texas Public Information Act and other government codes, state statutes and previous open records decisions to determine release. Records employees drafted and submitted legal briefs to the Office of the Attorney General at an increased rate of approximately 155% over 2018. Additionally, the Unit was responsible for maintaining records in compliance with both departmental policy and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) Retention Schedules.

In March of 2019, the ITC fire generated a large number of Public Information requests from many sources. In the second quarter of 2019 Unit employees received the City of Deer Park Team of the Quarter award related to the ITC fire and another large request in March 2019.



**KATHY COBB**  
**RECORDS SUPERVISOR**



In early 2019, the department transitioned to electronic crash reporting, as mandated by State statute, allowing for submission of crash reports to the State more efficiently than the previous paper submission method. In late 2019, the department transitioned from Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS is a more comprehensive collection of data that allows for the documentation of more crime details as well as the relationships and connections among those facets. NIBRS collects more detailed information such as: expanded victim types, demographic details, drug or alcohol use, and involvement in gang activity.



Amanda Teltschik



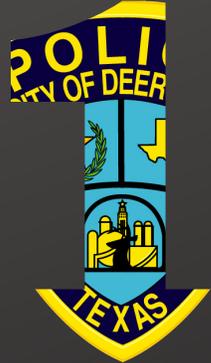
Chandra Malone



Tien Walls



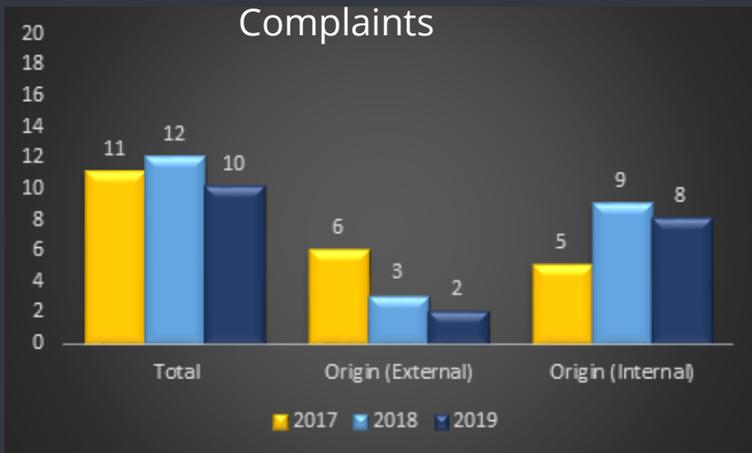
Nanette Kyle



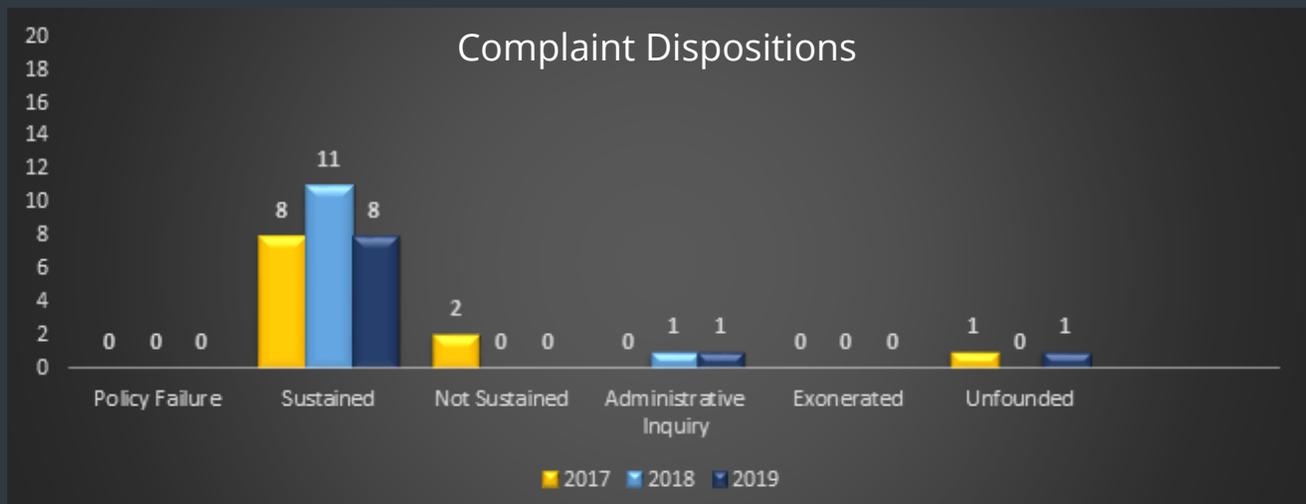
The Administrative Services Division is responsible for upkeep of disciplinary, grievance, complaint and contractual records; the early warning system; the false alarm reduction program; coordination of secondary employment; and, police facilities management.

## 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 2017-2019 and the disposition of those investigations are depicted below. Two racial profiling complaints were filed in 2019. One was investigated as an Internal Affairs complaint and the disposition was “unfounded”. The second was handled as an Administrative Inquiry and was also found to be unfounded. Each are depicted in the below graphs.



**WADE KEENEY  
LIEUTENANT**



One of the most significant events that occurred within the Neighborhood Services Bureau during 2019 was the transfer of responsibility for the Humane Department to the Police Department in January. Not only did we assimilate the Animal Control employees into the PD, but we also had the responsibility of overseeing the completion of the new animal shelter building. Lt. Frank Hart was appointed as the project manager and did such a fantastic job that he was presented with the City of Deer Park's Supervisor of the Year award at our annual awards banquet. The new shelter, run by Animal Control supervisor Al Garces, adopted out a record number of pets to forever homes. Al was recognized by the Texas Animal Control Association in November when he was presented with the Warren J. Kilpatrick Award for outstanding work in the animal care and control profession.

In March, the City of Deer Park held its collective breath as the ITC fire blazed for several days and put us on the national news map. The police department morphed into critical incident mode and worked round the clock to keep the citizens of Deer Park safe.

In August, outside CALEA assessors spent four days with us to conduct a site-based assessment after we completed the new four-year cycle. The assessors were predominately looking at critical issues impacting our organization since the last assessment in 2015.



**SHARON ST. MARTIN**  
**ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE**

The issues identified were community involvement, training, recruitment and succession planning. At the conclusion of the on-site, the assessors provided a report to the CALEA Commission which culminated in the agency receiving our 5th reaccreditation award at the CALEA conference held in Covington, Kentucky in November. We were honored to have City Manager Jay Stokes attend the committee hearing and award ceremony.

In September, Officer Kai Zheng stepped in to the role of Crime Prevention officer and hit the ground running. Her presence is noticed on Facebook with posts promoting Coffee with a Cop at Starbucks, Shipley's and Dunkin' Donuts. She is a fixture on a quarterly basis at the Maxwell Center, Providence Town Square and the Waterford, where she educates seniors on crime trends and scammers. We look forward to more great things from Officer Zheng in 2020.

As we head into 2020, be reassured that the men and women of the Deer Park Police Department are here for you and are constantly working on deterring crime in our community to keep you safe.

The Community Services Division strives to provide the highest quality of police service to enhance community partnership and reduce crime. In 2019, the division expanded to include the new 7,500 square foot Animal Shelter and staff. The Community Services Division includes Patrol, Crime Prevention, Traffic, CALEA Accreditation, Fleet, K-9, School Resource Officers, Warrant Officer, SWAT, Hostage Negotiations, Holding Facility, Animal Control and the School Crossing Guards. The Community Services Division is the home to 8 Sergeants and 1 Animal Control Supervisor who help with the direct supervision of the 75 full and part-time employees within the division.

In 2019, the Field Training Program successfully trained two new Officers, C. Lopez and B. Schwausch and two returning Officers, S. Anderson and C. Banogon.

The Patrol Division also added two (2) Back-up Crime Scene Investigators, Officers T. Potter and A. Baggett.

The Community Service Division strives to build positive community relationships to promote the community policing philosophy to solve problems. Some of the community programs that were utilized in 2019 include; National Night Out, Are You Okay, Vacation House Checks, Vacation Safety School, Citizen Ride-Along, Lock Box Program, the Shepherd Program and Child Safety Seat installation. The Division also works closely with several volunteers who assist with daily operations.

The Community Service Division also participates in the Big Red Program, Autism Awareness, Career Day, and Student Government Day.



**FRANK HART  
LIEUTENANT**



Officer Melynda Ramirez



Officer Candace Bonner and  
Officer David Bode

# FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS

The Deer Park Police Department Field Training Officer (FTO) program is a 4 month instructional process designed to equip the Probationary Police Officers (PPOs) with the tools and knowledge to become Police Officers. The Field Training Officers are experienced police officers who are responsible for the training and evaluation of the PPOs. The FTO Program utilizes a coaching based training aimed to enhance the performance and learning abilities of others. The FTO training is intensive and detailed for both the FTO and PPO with the goal to prepare the PPO for solo assignment. This is done through a Field Training Period consisting of 4 phases of training with each phase having a minimum of 20 days of instruction. Each phase is filled with training tasks and objectives and the PPO is tasked with more of the workload as they progress through the phases. During the 4th Phase, the PPO assumes 100% of the primary contact and the FTO observes and grades the manner in which the PPO handles the calls/incidents. After successful completion of the 4th Phase, the PPO is ready for a solo assignment and assigned to a shift.

The 2019 Field Training program consisted of Field Training Officers S. Baumann, A. Kuchinski, C. Jackson, C. Aurelius, D. Bode, K. Zheng, S. Anderson, D. Bailey and S. Guimbellot and is supervised by Sergeant Jason Meredith.

The Field Training program oversaw the successful training of Officer C. Lopez and Officer B. Schwausch.



Scott Baumann



Jason LaPoint



Kai Zheng



Campbell Aurelius



Anthony Kuchinski



David Bode



Shane Guimbellot



Clint Jackson



Doug Bailey

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. Currently Officer S.M. Jackson is assigned as the Deer Park Police Warrant Officer, and has held the position since 2017. Warrants of arrest include offenses ranging from failure to appear in municipal court, to traffic citations, and to those obtained through investigative efforts made by Code Enforcement. Officer Jackson has been tasked with the clearing of more than 12,000 outstanding warrants. Officer Jackson uses several different approaches to deter and reduce the number of outstanding warrants within the city. Officer Jackson utilizes current technology, such as, License Plate Recognition (LPR's), automated telephone calls, and the internet where warrant information is posted to the Deer Park Police Facebook page to post weekly updates of the most wanted municipal warrant suspects. Lastly, the Deer Park Police take part in a city wide warrant roundup, which is an initiative to reduce outstanding warrants within the City of Deer Park and surrounding cities.

During 2019, the Deer Park Police Department added a backup Warrant Officer position to assist Officer S. Jackson with the growing number of warrants within the city. Officer C. Jackson was selected in October 2019 as the backup Warrant Officer.



Sean Jackson



Tina Taylor



Jason LaPoint



Doug Nettles



Del Wilcoxson

The Deer Park Police Department along with the Deer Park Independent School District has built an alliance in the community by placing an emphasis on the safe and healthy environment for our children to prosper during their learning endeavor. This alliance brought about the School Resource Officer (SRO) program, which provides the highest quality of police service in order to improve the quality of life for the students and faculty of the schools of Deer Park. This program, started in January 2000, has helped strengthen and solidify an already outstanding relationship between the School District and the Police Department. The SROs continue to develop relationships with the children while working together with the School District to identify and resolve issues affecting public safety in our schools and 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 case the student's emotional state may present a risk to the administrator. SROs assist school administrators in emergency crisis planning and building security matters.

During the 2019 School year there were four School Resource Officers housed within the schools. SRO Tina Taylor and SRO Jason LaPoint were assigned to the South Campus. SRO Del Wilcoxson was assigned to the North campus and SRO Doug Nettles was assigned to the junior high schools and elementary schools as the roving SRO.

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 2019, S.W.A.T. members attended 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.



The Deer Park Police Department utilizes its six-officer Crisis Negotiation team to resolve special threat situations including, but not limited to suicide attempts, barricaded suspects and hostage incidents through the process of specialized negotiation techniques. The primary goal of the Negotiations team is to bring these types of situations to a peaceful resolution, thus reducing loss of life and harm to citizens and officers.

In 2019, the team members were Sergeant Sawtell who served as the team Commander along with Sergeant Meredith, Detective Thatcher, Officer Baumann, Detective Gonzales, and Officer Williams. Each team member 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. In 2019, 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 a great avenue for making relationships with other Crisis Negotiations teams throughout Texas. In 2019, several members of the team attended the International Association of Hostage Negotiations (I.A.H.N.) Level III training, which resulted in all team members successfully completing Level I, II, and III of the I.A.H.N. The team also has advisers available to them from the Houston Police Department, the FBI, and the mental health community should they be needed.



As in years past, the Deer Park Police Department continues to take an aggressive approach to enforcing Texas DWI Laws. Deer Park Police Department recognizes that human life is precious and the danger intoxicated drivers pose to our community is great. Seeking out and arresting intoxicated and impaired drivers is viewed as one aspect in exercising our "duty to protect and serve." Removing intoxicated drivers from the roadways is of high priority. Deer Park Police Department was recognized by the Houston Chapter of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) for its continued efforts in DWI enforcement.

During 2019, Deer Park Police Department participated in DWI Initiatives in conjunction with MADD, Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office, Harris County Pct 8 Constable's Office and Pasadena Police Department. In addition to the initiatives, Officers worked specific days and hours during 2019, targeting their efforts on intoxicated and impaired drivers in and around the City of Deer Park. Deer Park Police Department has specific officers trained as Breath Test Operators who are called upon to administer a breath alcohol test when needed.

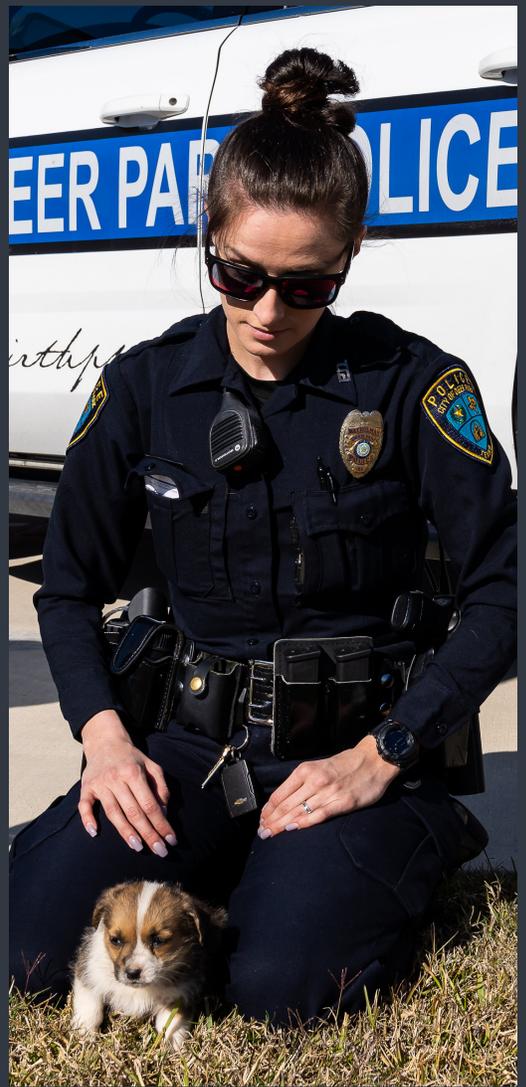
Intoxicated driving is not isolated to only alcohol, but ANY substance that can impair a person's ability to operate a vehicle safely. Because of this, Deer Park Police Department has officers that undergo extensive training as Drug Recognition Experts (DRE). A DRE is called upon to assist in an investigation when a driver is suspected of being impaired on a substance other than alcohol. During 2019, Officer Trotti successfully completed his DRE training, bringing the total number of DRE's in the Department to six.



Lt. Frank Hart, Officer Anthony Baggett, Officer Doug Bailey and Officer Jason Huff.

**During 2019, Deer Park Police Officers removed 360 drunk and impaired drivers from Deer Park roadways. Charges ranged from DWI 1st Offender, DWI 2nd Offender, DWI 3rd or More, DWI w/Child Passenger and DUI Minor.**





The Deer Park Police Department has 11 officers trained in riot/crowd control tactics. This program began in 2017, and by 2019 all of the officers on the team were fully trained. This was completed with the assistance of the Houston Police Department as they provided the training free of charge to outside agencies. The initial training was a 40 hour class and 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 police unit. During the middle of the week, each officer had to go through CS gas for an exposure to familiarize themselves with the possible chemical munitions that are used. The "SRG" (Special Response Group) team trains annually on familiarizing themselves with the formations and tactics used. The SRG team was formulated to be used in crowd control/civil unrest situations where the need for specialized crowd management arises. In 2019, Deer Park SRG team assisted Galveston Police Department in crowd control during Mardi Gras in the month of February. This event drew an estimated 300,000 attendees over the 6 days of the festival.



Officer Scott Baumann, Officer Travis Potter, Sergeant Ryan Coats and Officer Joel Nitchman work crowd control at Mardi Gras in Galveston.

In 2019, the Deer Park Police Department's Accident Reconstruction Team was utilized to investigate and reconstruct fatality and potential fatality traffic accident collisions.

In 2019, the Accident Reconstruction Team was composed of five team members. Sergeant Sawtell served as the Team Supervisor and served with the following four additional team members, Sergeant Coats, Officer Nettles, Officer Baumann and Detective Gonzales.

All members of the team are State Certified Collision Reconstructionists and Total Station Operators. To become a member of the team officers have to compete against fellow officers and be chosen for the opportunity to become part of the Accident Reconstruction Team. After selection each team member must successfully complete the State certified Advanced and Reconstruction Accident schools, as well as go through extensive continuing education along with bi-monthly department training to maintain proficiency in the tools necessary to reconstruct accident collisions. All members of the team are available 24/7 to respond for reconstruction.

In 2019, the team not only conducted its own bi-monthly department training, but also conducted joint trainings with surrounding agencies.



Sergeant Ian Sawtell, Sergeant Ryan Coats, Detective Aaron Gonzales, and Officer Scott Baumann. Not pictured: Officer Doug Nettles

Public Safety Attendants (PSAs) are responsible for receiving, processing, and monitoring all incoming prisoners for the police department or other agencies as needed. This includes searching the prisoner, inventory of property, taking of photographs and fingerprints, and completion and filing of related reports and documents. Routine duties include preparing prisoner meals, obtaining medical attention, and maintaining proper care of prisoner property and records. PSAs perform required inspections for the holding facility for safety, supplies, security and sanitation. They assist in the arraignment of detainees with the Municipal Judge and arrange transfers to other facilities. They are also responsible for fingerprinting members of the public for job application requirements.

In 2019, 2,612 prisoners were booked into the holding facility. January was the busiest month, with 275 prisoners being booked in during that month. The busiest day of the week for booking in prisoners, was Friday between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. Most days, the department has two PSAs working inside the holding facility. During 2019, the holding facility was staffed with six 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.



Chris Matczak



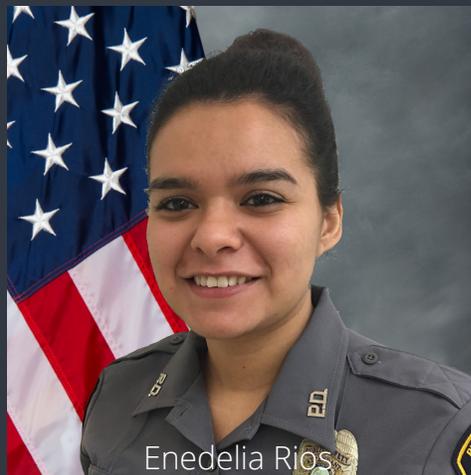
Ryan McBride



Raul Turner



Jesse Ross



Enedelia Rios



Eduardo Valles

The Deer Park Police Department Traffic Division is overseen by Sergeant Sawtell, and consists of 2 Traffic officers, 18 Crossing Guards, and 2 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 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.

In 2019, the Deer Park Police Department utilized the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant known as S.T.E.P., as an integral part of traffic enforcement efforts. This program puts extra officers on the streets to target traffic violators in designated problem locations. The program focuses on hazardous moving violations such as speeding, distracted driving, impaired driving, etc.

In 2019, the S.T.E.P Program Grant produced over 900 additional hours of traffic enforcement which resulted in 2,774 additional traffic stops, and 26 additional arrests.

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 as part of the Safe Kids Greater Houston Coalition.



Officer Clint Jackson



Officer Campbell Aurelius





In 2019, the Deer Park Police Department employed 18 Crossing Guards and 2 substitute guards, which are responsible for 18 locations throughout the city.

Crossing Guards are tasked with ensuring the safety of the children at their assigned intersections. Many of the Crossing Guards are tenured employees who have been at their same assigned intersections for numerous years, which has allowed them to develop valuable relationships and rapport with the parents and students they encounter day to 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.

Crossing Guards are equipped with handheld radios, whistles, stop signs, and reflective clothing. They receive monthly departmental safety and briefing training's on topics related to situations related to their assignments, such as shelter in place procedures, and traffic safety issues.

In 2019, Crossing Guards also assisted with numerous public events such as fun runs and parades.

Unfortunately in 2019, two of our crossing guards, Ray Gordon and Mamie Berry, both passed away. We very much appreciate their service and dedication to the children of Deer Park and the Deer Park Police Department and they will be sorely missed.



Mamie Berry



Ray Gordon

The K-9 unit currently consists of Officer Joel Nitchman and his K-9 partner Roni, a black and grey German short-haired pointer. Roni is certified in narcotics detection, 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 as a method of certification for court purposes. 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 2019, Officer Nitchman and Roni conducted 198 searches resulting in the seizure of 32.12 grams of powder cocaine, 17.11 grams of crack cocaine, 1.2 lbs. of methamphetamine, 90 tablets of MDMA, 28.10 grams of powder MDMA, 19.06 oz. of marijuana, 7.7 grams of heroin, 36.44 ounces of THC oil, 30.73 grams of THC wax, along with 529 tablets of illicit prescription medications. In addition to the seizures of illegal narcotics, Officer Nitchman and Roni also seized \$15,780 in cash.



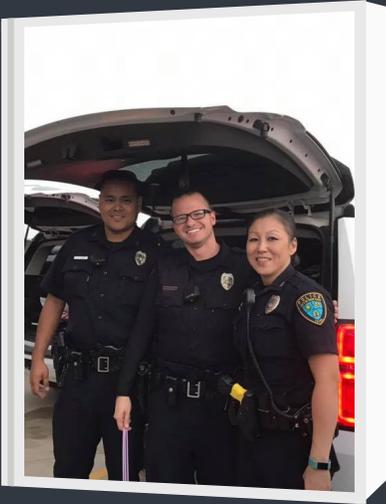
Throughout the year, the Deer Park Police Honor Guard represents the City of Deer Park by providing proper courtesies to the flag at ceremonies that involve dignitaries within our community. The primary purpose of the Deer Park Honor Guard is to provide proper funeral honors for fallen officers. The Honor Guard is composed of officers within the department who are interested in representing the Police Department. They are screened for their sincere desire to represent the department in high profile – distinguished events. Furthermore, they are evaluated on their willingness and ability to learn the drill and ceremony aspects of the position, and present a positive image to the public. The Deer Park Honor Guard represents the City of Deer Park in numerous ceremonies throughout the year. In addition to fallen officer's 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 attends Mayor Mouton's State of the City Address and opening ceremonies for the City of Deer Park Senior Olympics.

In 2019, our Honor Guard represented the Deer Park Police Department for three fallen Officers in the state of Texas: Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal, Houston Police Sergeant Christopher Brewster, and Nassau Bay Police Sergeant Kaila Sullivan.

The 2019 Deer Park Police Department Honor Guard members include: Officer Tina Taylor, Officer Shane Guimbellot, Officer Scott Baumann, Officer Aaron Gonzales, Officer Nicholas Thatcher, Officer Campbell Aurelius, Officer David Bode, Officer Doug Bailey and Officer Mason Moore.



Deer Park has two state certified Patrol Bicycle officers, Officer Clint Jackson and Officer Campbell Aurelius. 2019 marked the 4th year since the implementation of the Police Department's Bike Patrol unit, which was made possible by funding through the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD). The Bicycle Patrol Unit is a great asset to the Police Department and is utilized at events such as parades and directed specialized patrol as needed. One of the main benefits of this unit is the one-on-one connections the bicycle officers are able to create with members of the community while on their bikes.



The Crime Prevention Division is a branch in the Community Services Division and works directly under the Administrative Sergeant.

Crime prevention is defined as the attempt to reduce and deter crime and criminals. Crime occurs when the criminals have the desire, ability, and opportunity to commit crime. It is the purpose of the Crime Prevention Division to create different community programs and engagements between officers and citizens to reduce the desire, ability and opportunity for criminals to commit crime.

Our officers participate in a number of highly visible programs and events in our community each year. During the last year our officers attended events addressing senior citizen safety, Coffee With a Cop events, and events in our schools to encourage reading and literacy. Our officers have also engaged in activities to educate the public about issues related to fraud, credit and debit card abuse, burglary and theft prevention, as well as automobile safety.

Our department also utilizes a social media platform via Facebook to distribute crime prevention messages and announce upcoming community engagement events.

Ongoing crime prevention programs offered by the Deer Park Police Department include the Lockbox Program, the Are You OK Program, and the Bicycle Registration Program. The Lockbox Program served up to 72 participants during 2019. The Are You OK Program served 17 participants in 2019, and the Bicycle Registration Program had 42 participants in 2019.

The Crime Prevention Division is also bringing innovative new ideas and programs in 2020 to watch out for.

In January of 2019, the Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center became a part of the Deer Park Police Department. Moving this department from Public Works to the Police Department allows for improved capabilities as an institution. Currently, the adoption center is staffed by Animal Control Supervisor Al Garces and Animal Control Officers Jeff Eaton and Celeste Saenz. Lt. Frank Hart with the Deer Park Police Department oversees the adoption center and its employees.

In May of 2019, the Deer Park Animal Shelter and Adoption Center moved into their new facility located at 4221 Luella Avenue. This new 7,500 square foot facility has 30 dog kennels, 21 cat cages, two cat get-to-know rooms, a get-to-know room for dogs and two get-to-know outside courtyards.

Throughout 2019, the adoption center was able to break adoption records. 413 adoptions were completed.. Additionally, 234 animals were successfully returned to their owners. The adoption center started a volunteer program which received over 100 applicants and has helped the shelter carry the workload. Currently, Animal Control Officer Saenz serves as the adoption center's Volunteer Coordinator.

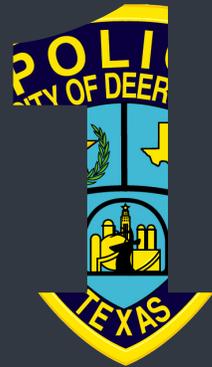
There were three employee recognition's within the department in 2019. Celeste Saenz was awarded with the Employee of the Quarter for her dedication to animal well-being and her work creating animal profiles to get animals adopted. Al Garces was recognized statewide by the Texas Animal Control Association and received the Warren J. Kilpatrick award for raising the adoption rate nearly 90% in just his first year as supervisor. This award can only be given to an individual once in their animal control career. Lt. Frank Hart was awarded Supervisor of the Year for his hard work and leadership while overseeing the Animal Shelter.

No doubt 2019 was a record-breaking year in many categories, but the adoption center plans to have an even better 2020!



Celeste Saenz, Al Garces, Jeff Eaton





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 five parts include four beat detectives, three ProAct Investigators, one crime scene investigator, one Property and Evidence Custodian and a Victim Assistance Volunteer.

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS

The Criminal Investigators are primarily responsible for follow-up investigations which have been initiated by Patrol. These cases range from minor theft to murder and everything in between. The Detectives assigned to CID during 2019 were: Aaron Gonzales, Lars Moe, Mason Moore and Joshua Reed. 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 2019, the Detective Unit was responsible for following up on over 923 cases.



**CHRIS BROWN**  
**LIEUTENANT**

## VOLUNTEER VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Volunteer Victim's Assistance Program finished its 8th year during 2019. 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 providing 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 over 138 victims, both through written communication and over the phone.

## PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE

The Deer Park Police Department's Property Division consists of a Public Safety Attendant who is certified as the 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 transporting items to the proper lab for analysis, preparing copies of case documents, videos, and photos as requested by the District Attorney's Office, and also conducting research to determine the final disposition of cases. Evidence and property that was seized will be destroyed, sold at auction, converted to city use, or returned to its owner, depending upon the conclusion of the case and its disposition. The Evidence Custodian oversees the safekeeping of over 24,000 pieces of property with multiple items being received and released daily.

## CRIME SCENE UNIT

The Deer Park Police Department's Crime Scene Unit consists of 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 crime scene, locating patent and latent evidence such as fingerprints, footwear impressions, hair, fibers, biological matter, and locating additional evidence. The Crime Scene Investigator also serves in a back-up role to the Evidence Custodian and assists with those responsibilities.

## PRO ACT UNIT

During 2019, the Pro-Act Team was commanded by Sergeant Tryon, who has served in that position for three years. The unit, which consists of Sgt. Tryon and three investigators, primarily focuses efforts on narcotics, organized crime, identity theft rings and prostitution. The Division regularly receives tips from the community then works to determine their validity and scope of criminal conduct. The unit has been instrumental in suppressing criminal activity in and around the Deer Park area.

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.

In October, the Unit assisted in officer training, and transition, from Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) to the National Incident-Based Reporting System. This data transition will allow the Unit to view more “facets” of crime, as NIBRS collects detailed information, such as expanded victim types, relationships of victims to offenders and offenses, demographic details, the offender’s suspected use of drugs or alcohol, the involvement of gang activity, and if a technology devices were used in the commission of the crime.

In mid-December, our Crime Reports website, which allows residents to search, or set alerts, for crime(s), in an area, on an interactive map, also transitioned to a new website called City Protect <https://www.cityprotect.com> at the moment, the website is optimized for mobile devices.

Crime analysis also supports various department functions including patrol deployment, special operations, investigations, planning and research, crime prevention, and administrative services. In 2019, the unit provided the following:



**Ernestina Palomares**

**268 requests for statistics, and intelligence products, from within the department;**

**22 translation assistance requests (Spanish to English);**

**41 requests from the Proactive unit.**



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 including 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 2019, a total of 24 citizens participated in the CPA. Many of our graduates join the Alumni Association (DPCPAAA), 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.



In 2019, the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (DPCPAAA) and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) logged a total of 4,749 hours with the Police Department. During 2019, 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, Coffee with a Cop, and much, much more. Additionally, their volunteer time was spent:

- Assisting in Evidence and Property
- Providing Handicap Parking Enforcement
- Assisting with Drug Take Back
- Performing vehicle equipment inspections
- Maintaining training certificates and educational advancements for staff
- Citizens' on Patrol program
- Working traffic control for the beginning of school and parades, Strides for Schools fun runs and the Independence Bike Tour
- Assisting with Vacation Safety School
- Hosted several Holiday Tamale Fundraisers to raise money for the police department
- Participating in the Volunteer Victim's Assistance program
- Performed quality control audits of our quartermaster closet
- Volunteering to help at the Animal Shelter
- Held a CPR training class
- Conducted Child ID and fingerprinting for churches and businesses
- Held Eddie Eagle gun classes teaching children about the importance of gun safety.

In addition, in 2019 the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association purchased several items for the police department. These items include but are not limited to rifle vests, fingerprint scanners, software for the Police Memorial service, and ERAD software for CID.



In 2019, the Deer Park Police Department Chaplain Program had its fifth 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 and Pastor William Wesson all served as DPPD Chaplains during 2019. In January of 2019, Pastor Charlie Ellison resigned his position as Chaplain with Deer Park Police Department to serve the community of Sherman, Texas.

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, promotional 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, 2019 saw many trials and tribulations for police officers around the nation. In September 2019, 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 2019.



Deer Park Police Chaplains Angie Hughes and Rick Brown



Deer Park Police Chaplain Reginald Samuels



Deer Park Police Chaplain Jason Morse and Officer Chad Banogon



Deer Park Police Chaplain Timothy Kelley and Officer Brooke Schwausch

# New Officers

2019



Chief Grigg swears in  
Brooke Schwausch



Chief Grigg swears in  
Chad Banogon



Chief Grigg swears in  
Teyanda Payne



Chief Grigg swears in  
Cody Smith



Chief Grigg swears in  
Pedro Jimenez



**Lieutenant Franklin Hart**  
Supervisor of the Year



**Assistant Chief Sharon St. Martin**  
35 Years of Service



**Captain Wade Conner**  
30 Years of Service



**Officer Stacey Bridges**  
15 Years of Service



**Officers Lars Moe and Mason Moore**  
10 Years of Service



**PSA Raul Turner and Officer Anthony Baggett**  
5 Years of Service



**Officer Shawn Backus**  
**Rotary Officer of the Month - January**



**Capt. Wade Conner, Sgt. Ian Sawtell, Chief Grigg and Mayor Mouton CALEA Accreditation**



**Officer Jillian Basilone**  
**Life Saving Award**



**Officer Miranda Ross**  
**Life Saving Award**

On 04/15/19 at approximately 1823 hours, Officers were dispatched to the track south of Deer Park Junior High School to assist EMS for an unconscious subject, who was not breathing and had no pulse. Due to the track being fenced off, Officer Basilone immediately jumped the 6' chain link fence and assessed the patient, a 21 year old male that had been running around the track. Basilone immediately began CPR. Officer Ross ran around to the gate and arrived with an AED. Upon connecting the AED to the patient, a shock was advised and administered by Ross. Shortly afterwards, the patient regained a pulse and began breathing on his own.

It is with great pride that I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Officer Jillian Basilone and Officer Miranda Ross for their outstanding efforts in the saving of this life. These officers' actions for this overall short period of time will impact many lives for some time to come.

# Awards and Commendations

## Officer of the Month

**January** No nominations

**February** Officer Mary Ann Salas

**March** Officer J.B. White

**April** Officer Jillian Basilone and Officer Miranda Ross

**May** Officer Jason Huff

**June** No Nominations

**July** Officer Anthony Baggett

**August** No Nominations

**September** Officer Jason Huff

**October** No Nominations

**November** Officer Lars Moe

**December** Officer Jason LaPoint

## OFFICER OF THE YEAR - OFFICER JASON HUFF

### ROTARY OFFICER OF THE MONTH

**JANUARY** - SHAWN BACKUS

**MAY** - MARY ANN SALAS

**JULY** - ANTHONY BAGGETT

### LIFE SAVING AWARD

**APRIL** - OFFICER JILLIAN BASILONE AND OFFICER MIRANDA ROSS

## SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR - CITY OF DEER PARK

LIEUTENANT FRANKLIN HART

### CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

2ND QUARTER - AMANDA TELTSCHIK

TEAM: AMANDA TELTSCHIK

KATHY COBB

CHANDRA MALONE

3RD QUARTER - OFFICER TINA TAYLOR

4TH QUARTER - CELESTE SAENZ (Humane)

### CITY SUPERVISOR OF THE MONTH

**MARCH** - AL GARCES, ANIMAL SHELTER SUPERVISOR

**MAY** - LIEUTENANT FRANKLIN HART

**AUGUST** - SERGEANT JASON MEREDITH

**NOVEMBER** - SERGEANT IAN SAWTELL

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