

TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

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5th TCLEOSE Executive Director is sworn in 09/09/11



AUSTIN, Texas – The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) swore in its 5th Executive Director in its 46 year history during a ceremony held on Friday. Kim Vickers was sworn in by Presiding Officer Charles Hall replacing Chief Timothy Braaten who served as the agency's Executive Director and Chief of Police since 2005. Prior to assuming his new role, Chief Vickers served as the agency's Director for Education and Credentialing Services and as a Field Agent for West Texas region.

Chief Vickers began his law enforcement career with the Abilene Police Department in 1979 and continued to serve until his retirement in 2006. During his 27 years with the Abilene Police Department he served in many capacities, such as training officer with oversight of the applicant

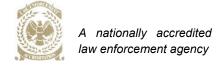
selection process, School Resource Officer, Detective, Public Information Officer, and Commander of the Critical Missing Response Team (CMRT). It was while he was the commander of this team they gained nationwide attention when they handled and quickly solved the first Amber Alert stranger kidnapping case in Texas. He is nationally recognized as an expert instructor and consultant in the area of Family Violence dynamics and law. He has drafted several pieces of Texas family violence law; testified as an expert witness before the Texas legislature; and is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the National Council on Family Violence and National Domestic Violence Hotline.

Chief Vickers has 26 years of teaching and education experience including teaching a variety of courses for universities, academies, associations, and law enforcement departments across the state of Texas.

Chief Vickers has been married to his wife, Chrys, for 38 years and has two children and two grandchildren. His son, Eric, is a crimes against persons detective with the Abilene Police Department and daughter, Jennifer, is a medical doctor in New York City.

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