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Quarterly Newsletter



New Inscriptions on Peace Officers' Memorial

End-of-Watch Dates Represent Over 150 Years of Sacrifice

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Photo by Jason Ball

On April 26th, the State Preservation Board had the Commission's most recent list of fallen peace officers inscribed on the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial. In addition to the names of officers who gave their lives in the line of duty over the past two years, the list contains names and dates from historical files that date back to the early half of the 19th century. The 87 new inscriptions can be found in the center of the bottom row of both the north and south sections of the memorial.

For more information about the memorial, and to learn how you can help support its restoration and maintenance, visit the website below.

www.texaspeaceofficersmemorial.org

Upcoming Events:

- Golf Tournament Fund-Raiser by the "Friends of the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial"

May 23, 2011



It's not too late to sign up!

As of the end of April, there are still plenty of foursome spots and sponsorships available for the golf tournament! Visit the website below (left) and select "Events" for more information — [now!](#)

- Last Day of the Texas Legislature's 82nd Regular Session

May 30, 2011

- Quarterly Commission Meeting

June 2, 2011

Heroes on the Wall

From the Executive Director

Heroes are ordinary people confronted with an extraordinary event who perform extraordinarily.

We saw it in New York City at the Twin Towers, when thousands of New Yorkers were running from the dangerous situation. While thousands were running from danger, a few hundred heroes were running toward the danger to give aid and safety to those victims of this incomprehensible crime.

When these hundreds of average citizens awoke on 9-11, they did not intend to spend this day, and many their last day, being a hero. No one chooses to be in a high-risk, life-threatening situation that requires extraordinary effort and skill. Ordinary citizens just don't plan on becoming heroes.

When confronted with an incomprehensible, dangerous situation, ordinary citizens often apply their training, their determination, and their strength of character and perform exceptionally, even heroically. Regrettably, many of our heroes are injured and many die performing these heroic acts. Many of our heroes make the ultimate sacrifice, and we will always be in their debt.

During police week each May, and on Peace Officers' Memorial Day — May 15th of every year — we pause to remember our Texas heroes. Many left their family and loved ones behind when they gave completely of themselves for the safety of others. They are the people who run to the problems of our society. They deserve our reverence on this day, and we should all pause to whisper a short and respectful thank you to each of the fallen; and to the families and loved ones left behind, we should whisper a short promise . . . a promise that says, "We will never forget you and your loved one, and the sacrifices you forever endure. We will never forget. Never."



In Case You Don't Already Know ...

A Few Quick Reminders to Avoid Problems and Extra Paperwork With the Commission

All Licensees:

The commission uses your driver license address for regulatory correspondence. Make sure your address is current with the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS). You can use an online service to change your address at: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/dlfork.aspx?action=change>.

All Peace Officers:

79R-SB1473 requires all peace officers to complete Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). If you do not complete ONE of the following courses by August 31, 2011, you may receive a reprimand: #3840- CIT - Train the Trainer, #3841- Crisis Intervention Training, #3842- CIT(16hr)-BPOC, or #4001- Mental Health Officer Training Course.

All Peace Officers except Police Chiefs and Constables:

You are required to obtain 40 continuing education hours for the 2009-2011 training unit and a separate 40 hours for the 2011-2013 training unit. You must also take the "State and Federal Law Update" course in each unit. If you do not yet have an intermediate peace officer certificate, there are also several other specific courses that are required (such as Cultural Diversity).

Police Chiefs:

Each chief must complete at least 40 hours of continuing education through the Bill Blackwood Institute during the current 2 year training unit (see Texas Education Code 96.641). Chiefs who have been newly appointed or elected for the first time are required to complete course #3780 (New Chief's Education) no later than the second anniversary date of appointment or election (see Texas Education Code 96.641(h)). Chiefs who have already completed the requirements of a newly-elected or appointed chief must complete course #3740 (Chief's Continuing Education) in each two-year training unit.

Constables:

Each constable must complete at least 40 hours of continuing education through the Bill Blackwood Institute during the current 4 year training cycle (see Texas Occupation Code 1701.3545). Newly elected or appointed Constables must take course #3742 (New Constable's Course) within 2 years of appointment or election (see Texas Occupation Code 1701.3545(d)). Constables who have already completed the requirements of a newly elected or appointed constable must take Course #3743 (Constable's Continuing Education) once during each four-year training cycle (see Texas Occupation Code 1701.3545(d)).

Chief Administrators and their Designees:

You must submit an F-5 (Report of Separation Form) within 7 business days when a licensee resigns, is terminated, or separates from your agency.



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