

TPCA Committee Reports

Welcome

New Members 2014

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Lt. Jeremy T. Hundley
Borger PD

Captain Marc Bane
Schertz PD

Captain
Glynnell Horn, Jr.
Stafford PD

Asst. Chief David Perkins
Aransas Pass PD

Asst. Chief Anthony Griffin
Borger PD

Chief Jeffrey D. Yarbrough
Tulia PD

Lt. Jason Jack
Tulia PD

Chief Darrell Gibson
Corrigan PD

Lt. Billy D. Rich
Brenham PD

Lt. Trey Gully
Brenham PD

Lt. Dant Lange
Brenham PD

Lt. Morris Davis
Eagle Lake PD

SAIC Joseph M. Arabit
Drug Enforcement
Administration/El Paso
Division

Chief Jimmy Womack
Mansfield ISD PD

Deputy Chief
Guy Gilmore
Wichita Falls PD

Chief Chad Wilhelm
Kerens ISD PD

Chief Eric Edwards
Bartlett PD

ALARM COMMITTEE REPORT

As the Alarm Committee Chair, I was asked and have been appointed to the Partnership for Priority Video Alarm Response (PPVAR), a group of representatives from the alarm industry and law enforcement, working toward video alarm best practices. Involvement in PPVAR is important for those of us in law enforcement, to have significant input in the emerging trend of video alarms. Unfortunately, we were not asked to be at the table when the traditional alarm best practices were established and we have been paying the price since then.

We believe video alarms will prove to be a significant advancement in terms of reducing false alarms, increasing apprehensions, enhancing officer safety, reducing property loss and preventing and deterring crime. I sit on the PPVAR Committee with all facets of the alarm industry, as well as large city police departments, such as Chicago, Phoenix and Houston. Working with the PPVAR group to create new standards for video verified alarms should strengthen our partnership with the alarm industry in an effort to make our communities safer.

Submitted by Grand Prairie PD Chief Steve Dye, Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Fifty new chiefs were presented with the TPCA membership opportunity at the New Chief's Development Program at LEMIT in November, 2013; about half of the attending chiefs were already members. Via email the Regional Directors were sent the names of non-member chiefs attending the Chief's Leadership Series in September. About half of the 46 chiefs attending that training series were already members.

"As the outgoing Committee Chair, I encourage our Regional Directors and our members to support the new Membership Committee Chair Rex Phelps. I also urge our Regional Directors to continue a membership conversation with the chiefs in your region and promote membership to the seconds in these agencies. I appreciate the support I've received from the Board and the Regional Directors in our membership efforts....building the goals of TPCA and strengthening our voice for public safety in Texas," Out-going Chair Brent Stroman said.

Submitted by Waco PD Chief Brent Stroman

Beards Raise Funds for Kids

Granbury PD Patrol Sergeant Michael Holly came up with an 'outside' the box idea for a fundraiser this year for GPD's first Annual Santa Cops Program.

The department decided to support a local group called 'Kids Armor of Hope.' This group supports abused, neglected, and abandoned kids from the area, and takes them to the 'Royal Family Kids Camp' each summer. In December, they plan a Christmas Party for all the kids that went to camp and their families.

The department tries its best to provide each child there with a gift, because for most of them, it will be the only gifts they receive. When speaking to the camp leaders, they informed us that they would need approximately \$5,000 to be able to provide gifts for all the kids who went to camp.

So, the goal was set and Sgt. Holly came up with the idea to allow officers to raise money by growing 'Santa Beards.' The idea was formed because no one ever sees police officers with beards or any other facial hair other than mustaches. By growing their Santa Beards, the community would inquire as to the new-found growth on officers' faces, giving officers the opportunity to tell them about the camp-kids project.

It was such a smash hit in the community that we blew the goal of \$5,000 out into space! The Santa Beards project raised over \$23,000 and a check was presented at a City Council meeting to camp leaders!!

Granbury PD Chief Mitch Galvan said, "I am so proud of my guys for such a tremendous effort in raising money for this very worthy cause." **Submitted by Granbury PD Chief Mitch Galvan**

