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# President's Message



## Don't Be In A Rush by Michael Mata

First, I want to start off by congratulating all of you that made the lists for promotions and evermore congratulate those who have been promoted in the first round and have since started your new careers in your perspective ranks and assignments. I know the amount of time and dedication that all of you put into the months of studying and the sacrifices you made to accomplish this first of many goals in climbing the ranks of the Dallas Police Department. I had the first-hand look into just how much time and effort each of you put into this because I had the pleasure of being with many of you weekly through the process for months.

The importance and value that you bring to the department and your peers is immeasurable. Each of you that have started in your new roles have a huge part in creating the future of the department. It will start with some of you training the recruits who will be the face of this department for the next hundred years. All of you can remember the first day you sat in a squad car as a fully anointed police officer after loading the trunk of your first squad car with everything accumulated over those dreadful 36 to 38 weeks of the academy. You sat in the car waiting for that Senior Corporal charged with teaching all you need to know to protect the lives of the citizens of this city but moreover to keep yourself alive and to safeguard the lives of your brothers and sisters in arms. Then the moment comes, and that trainer sits in the car and looks at you and says, "Let's go!" and that's the moment you realized sh\*% just got real. And as the days continued and the weeks progressed you started to feel less like a burden to your trainer and more like a real partner and you realize your dream had become a reality.

Moving on to you new Sergeants. You are going to get advice from every Sergeant that crosses your path, and most of that advice will be

beneficial to you so you should take note. So let me give you a little of my advice. Take your rank and your new position seriously. You have the responsibility to take care of those officers that are in your charge, and sometimes you're going to be the bad guy. When I say the "bad guy" I mean you're going to have to enforce policy and patrol procedures and sometimes that means giving corrective measures and possibly discipline. Do your job. It's easy to sit at a computer and type up a control number, but it takes more professionalism to sit and subordinate down and counsel them. When you give corrective measure, you're giving that officer a chance to learn and to take a bad decision and turn it around into something positive. If your troop was attempting to do the right thing and follow policy but made an error, this communication will allow them to grow and even pass on the positive corrections to others. Now there are times when you have no choice and you must do your job, whatever that entails, but your troops will understand and know that you as a supervisor get no joy out of creating that control number and they will respect you. Lastly, get out of that office, step away from that desk, and get in that squad car and be a part of your sector. Take the time to get to know your troops. Know if they are married, know if they have kids, know what they want to do in this profession. Do these things not because I'm telling you to, but because investing in them and their lives is the right thing to do.

Now to the new Lieutenants, I offer the same advice: talk to your officers, learn their first names, learn their life stories. Most of all, before you push that control number forward, call the officer in and give them a chance to explain, give them a chance to give you their perspective and defend their actions. Again, remember you too were once there standing in their shoes looking at your commander nervously and hoping that he or she will just listen to you and give you a chance to explain.

Lastly to all of you who have promoted, take your time in that rank. Learn that rank. Now

that promotional testing will be more often and on a regular schedule, don't be in such a rush. Spend time in this rank, get as much experience and knowledge that you can, so that you can be effective in the next rank so that the learning curve will be smaller wherever the department might send you. If you're a Sr. Cpl., train multiple rounds so that you can learn to manage and teach people with different personalities. Take a chance and be a detective and learn a different role in the department. To the Sergeants, take your time in that role, be comfortable in handling critical incidents, learn to manage multiple roles and responsibilities and produce results. Lastly, try an investigative supervisor role, learn those talents and be proficient so that you make yourself more valuable to the department and versatile to succeed in any position the department chooses to put you in.

Again, congratulations to all of you that have been promoted or soon to be. You have earned

it and it is just the beginning to a successful career in the Dallas Police Department.

Be safe and be ready,  
Michael Mata

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# Southwest Patrol Station



## Impact by Phillip Elliott

I read a quote recently by Kevin Kruse, “Life is about making an impact, not making an income.” My first thought was that we must make an income, then I began pondering the impact part. We all can choose to be an impactor or just stay the course and be impacted.

Here at Southwest Patrol, built in 1978, we have a few very special people that live their lives with their heart. The administration here understands the importance of good morale and has allowed these individuals with some vision to make changes. Senior Corporal Vergara wanted to make the ladies restroom more appealing and reached out to SW director Gracie Hernandez. After some money spent by several individuals, the two of them, with some additional help, proceeded to have the makeover completed. Wow! What a change it made. Another couple of individuals that also understand the power of influence are Senior Corporal Enrique and SW Fleet Coordinator Rafael Ortiz. These two are nonstop with making changes. They don’t take no for an answer for any issue; they are persistent and find a way to make it happen. Several projects that have been fruitful are the recent striping of the Sally Port, visual welcoming sign in the front Lobby, and the new sign in the main hall. It is very impressive by both groups, and it is such an uplifting gesture to see how it positively influences the troops.



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## **April 2022 Calvin Scudder**

Calvin Scudder, #9852, began his career as a Dallas Police Officer at Southeast over 10 years ago before being assigned to his current position as a detective with the Department's Gang Unit and FBI Task Force Officer.



Detective Scudder has built a reputation among his peers as being both a proactive leader and team member, ready to offer knowledge and advice and unapologetically make tough decisions. He continues to play an integral role in the success of major drug and gang investigations. This is no doubt why he is constantly called upon by individuals and the different agencies with whom he works.

Throughout his career, he has been the recipient of the Project Safe Neighborhood Officer of the Year award, Attorney General's Award of Excellence in Law Enforcement and NLLEO Officer of the Month. Now, Detective Scudder can add April's Cops' Cop award to his list of 45 other internal commendations, including three Certificates of Merit.

## **May 2022 Chris Hauffe**

Christopher Hauffe, #6683, started his law enforcement career in New Jersey but 2022 will mark his 31st year with the Dallas Police Department. He currently works in the Central Patrol Division Neighborhood Policing Unit where he is well respected by his peers and community.

Two years after graduating the academy, he was selected as an original team member of the Central Deployment Unit and remained there until the unit was disbanded in 2019. Presently, he works at Central Patrol and frequently gives presentations and hosts community meetings on relevant crime topics, statistics, and overall trends.

Given that Senior Corporal Hauffe will have 35 years of law enforcement experience this year, it is no surprise that he has over 160 awards including the Johnny Sides Rookie of the Year Runner Up, a Certificate of Merit and a Life Saving Award. Hauffe has certainly earned the title of May's Cops' Cop.



# *Congratulations*



## **June 2022 Jay Dickson**



Senior Corporal Jay Dickson, #9480, has won this year's June's Cops' Cop. Dickson is currently a Field Training Officer assigned to the Northwest station and has distinguished himself as a truly impeccable trainer among his colleagues.

Apart from being a dedicated husband and father to his three daughters, it's clear his passion at work is with training and mentoring newly appointed police officers. SC Dickson is known to focus on the quality of the report with his trainees, not just the quantity of calls answered during a shift. He takes the time to answer questions, direct his rookies in the best possible course of action, and explain why those policies and procedures should be followed.

Senior Corporal Dickson has displayed the necessary qualities of a great police officer time and time again. He views each call as a new opportunity to better his trainees, his fellow officers and himself.



**Clay Shoot Calamity!!**  
By: Kevin Janse - Northwest Director



Webster defines a calamity as an event that causes damage or destruction. At the recent 6th Annual Kevin James Clay Shoot, the damage was broken - and that's a good thing!

Once again, the annual Kevin James Clay Shoot took place on April 15th and raised more money than ever. Over the last six years, the clay shoot has raised over \$100,000 for vendors and volunteers, with a special thanks to Beth Sullivan for her help in making an event, make sure you have these women on your calendar.

The day started with a roaring fire to kill the early morning chill by Central Market, while shooters milled about the huge market away with new shotguns.

After a few housekeeping items and a quick safety briefing, two courses, 15 stations each and 100 shots later, it was time to play. If you don't know what shotgun golf is, let my TRY to explain (it's a fundraiser) on a giant slab of cold hard steel, stand behind the line to fly in the air like a golf drive off a tee. The one to shoot the farthest (3) won a pistol.

From there it was time for an awesome lunch provided and cooked by our own Double 6 BBQ Team (a huge shout out to them). The day ended with awards being presented to top shooters. The weather could not have been better, or the support from our members or shoot. You all made Kevin proud, I'm sure.

For those that don't know, Christopher Kevin James was killed in duty in 2001. The Kevin James Endowment and Kevin Janse are proud to support the event. The event sells out every year, with most of the shooters looking next April for the 7th Annual Kevin James Clay Shoot.





causing great and often sudden damage. Well, the only James Clay Shoot was over 17,000 clay targets being

ay Shoot, benefitting the Assist the Officer Foundation, year for the foundation than any of the previous years. 40,000. A huge shout out to all the shooters, sponsors, andquist, Caroline Ivey and Vicky White (If you ever put committee).

ing chill, followed by a huge breakfast spread provided raffle prize area. Several people would eventually walk



ing, it was off to the golf carts with shotguns in hand. back to base camp for the now famous shotgun golf. plain. You put a golf ball (that you buy... remember, it's behind the ball and shoot just behind the ball, causing it not the ball closest to the hole (picture a very short par



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ers in multiple categories and the shotgun raffles. The n fellow officers who took the time to either volunteer

as a Dallas Police Officer who was killed in the line of times Clay Shoot were created to keep his memory alive. rs always saying to count them in for next year, so be root.





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# Spouses BEHIND THE BADGE



We had such a wonderful time at Mill Creek this year! It was a smaller group than families over the weekend. We had amazing food thanks to the DPA cook team, an exciting tournament benefitted the Assist The Officer Foundation.

If you are interested in joining us next year (April 21-23, 2023), reservations can be made through the Association or the Assist the Officer Foundation to receive the group rate (cottage \$1

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in previous years, but it allowed us to enjoy more leisure time with our friends and playing cornhole tournament, and great company. Proceeds from the dinner and cornhole

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# Police Week



## Officer Nevils Goes To Washington by Anthony Andujar

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge in Washington, DC to participate in several planned events which honor those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. This year, Senior Corporal Rodney Nevils #4665 was selected to attend as a representative of the Dallas Police Association and the Dallas Police Department.

Rodney has been a member of the Dallas Police Association since he joined the department on March 22, 1982, over 40 years ago - and it's the first time he has ever been to Police Week. During his 40 year career as a police officer, Rodney has earned a reputation among his peers as being a reliable, good-natured officer, as well as a devoted Christian and dedicated husband and father.

It was a week of firsts for Rodney from the very start. We were waiting for our flight to board when he mentioned that he had not been on an airplane in over 30 years. It would be an understatement to say he was nervous and truthfully, we were all a little nervous for him because he normally drives everywhere he goes. But when we were all on board, everyone laughed when he remarked, "I didn't know they had seatbelts on planes?"

We arrived in one piece, and our first event was the Candlelight Vigil on Friday at the National Mall. The vigil is attended by thousands of officers from all over the country. As officers entered the quad, they are given a single candle and a pamphlet of the names of every officer listed by state killed in the line of duty in the past year.

This year, 563 names were read and added to the memorial wall. After the reading of the names, the candles are lit from one person to the next and the Mall is covered in a wave of light until there are thousands of candles that shine in the darkness.

There weren't any ceremonies to attend on Saturday so Rodney took full advantage of his free time. He wore out his most comfortable shoes walking around the city hitting all the tourist spots before grabbing a bite to eat with the team. That night he was feeling particularly adventurous when he decided he would try an oyster. The look on his face was priceless!

Sunday, May 15th was National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and our group was getting ready to attend the Memorial Service on the U.S. Capitol Lawn. The ceremony always includes a speech for the president and another listing of the 564 names by state. While the names are read, surviving family members place a wreath at the foot of the stage. After the ceremony completes, the wreaths are escorted by officers to the Law Enforcement Memorial site and placed at the wall. Honor Guards from all over the country, including our own from Dallas, stand watch until midnight.



There were a lot of things over the weekend that impressed Rodney, but what stood out the most was this ceremony. Being in the presence of so many officers from all over the world made him realize that his entire career with the Dallas Police Department is just a tiny piece that makes up the law enforcement community.

While at the ceremony Rodney became a bit of a celebrity. Officers from other departments observed all the French fries (service stripes) on Rodney's sleeve. They stopped to count them and asked Rodney how many years he had on the job and even asked if they could take a picture with him. While he has always been proud to be a police officer, that day he felt

especially proud to be able to represent the Dallas Police Department at such an important event.

Assistant Chief Angela Shaw also had this to say about Rodney: "Having been the FTO Sergeant at Central while Rodney was there, I constantly depended on Rodney to be part of my Field Training rotations partly because I knew he was dependable and always willing to step up for any task without question. His friendly and calm demeanor was always helpful when dealing with rookies and the public. There is no doubt that his years of service are an asset in so many ways. So, I was completely shocked when I ran into him in Washington D.C. He explained this was his first National Police Week and he was very humble to have been given the opportunity to represent the Dallas Police Department. For a 40-year veteran of the department, this trip consisted of many other "firsts" for Rodney, and it was a joy to see him outside of the work environment. I know this trip was good for him and I believe he will take back his experiences and pass them down to his rookies and co-workers."



Rodney said, "Every officer should attend Police Week at least once in their career." He also said, if you attend make sure you bring plenty of patches and coins. He didn't realize how many officers traded them. Ten or fifteen will not be enough, and it is a good way to talk to other officers from around the country. Two things Rodney regrets is that he didn't attend Police Week earlier in his career and his biggest regret is that his wife couldn't be here to experience it with him. Take the time to experience it now, don't keep putting it off and waiting for the "right" time. It may never come.

Rodney said, "I would like to attend Police Week next year but next time I'll drive!"



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Police Week From A Spouse  
By: Elizabeth Klusman

I'm not a cop, but I'm about to marry one. Every year my fiancé takes the DPD's National Police Week 5k Running Team up to D.C. to participate in Saturday's run. In previous years for me, it seemed like Police Week was just a whole week in the month of May when cops from all over the world would meet in D.C. and go to the ceremonies, drink, exchange coins or patches, eat, drink some more, and then part ways until the next year. And yes, while that is the most basic, impersonal description I could come up with, this year, Police Week meant so much more. It's the first time we've gone as an engaged couple, and I was looking at it from a whole other point of view: as a spouse.

First, let me point out that being in a relationship with a police officer is not the easiest thing in the world. They work long hours and extra jobs, criticize your driving, and complain about back aches from their heavy belts. Also, I can't not mention all the little quirks like them needing to sit facing the entrance whenever you go out to eat. However, there are pros as well. I get a police escort wherever we go, there are always great stories to tell, and we have a constant support system from our blue family. All that being said, sign me up!

Now, getting back to police week... we attended the Candlelight Vigil, shaded names at the Police Memorial, ran the 5k, made friends from Sandusky, Ohio at Tent City, and stood under the sun for hours at the Memorial Ceremony. The Police Memorial Wall proved to be the most significant part of our trip for me because I could relate to it. For those that have never been, this memorial is an entire city block dedicated to our fallen officers. You walk up and immediately notice the lion statues guarding four-foot stone walls on either side. The walls are carved with the names of law enforcement that died in the line of duty and are covered from top to bottom with special remembrances placed there by loved ones. I was amazed at some of the things that were there - family pictures, flower wreaths, blue and black ribbons, teddy bears, prayers, and even full bottles of alcohol complete with shot glasses.

The family pictures are what really stood out to me. It's one thing to see unfamiliar names of deceased people in stone, but it's another to see them in pictures as husbands or wives and parents surrounded by their families. They're celebrating birthdays, spending time with their kids, taking selfies on vacations... things that all of us have done with our loved ones at one time or another. Now that I'm about to enter into that life, walking among the names and mementos I realize that it's even more important to enjoy the time we have with each other now. Sure, we'd all like to think it could never happen to us, but we truly don't know if something so devastating will or not. All we can do is pray it doesn't happen, offer love and support to the survivors that it has happened to, and remember and celebrate the lives of their fallen heroes. That's why we go to Police Week.



# Carry The Load



## Carry The Load National Relay, West Coast Team by Anthony Andujar

I have written about Carry The Load many times in the past, mostly because I have participated in the CTL Dallas Memorial March since 2013. Also, because CTL is an organization with a mission that I feel strongly about and believe in completely. Even though I have participated for the last ten years, this year was different. This year I was invited to take part in the National Relay and was assigned to the West Coast Team.

Carry The Load was started in 2011 here in Dallas by two former Navy Seals, Clint Bruce and Stephen Holly. They wanted to bring back the true meaning of Memorial Day and honor America's true heroes who gave all for this country. From the beginning, the organization wanted to recognize veterans and First Responders and they invited Assist The Officer to be a non-profit partner. The whole idea was to raise money for Police, Fire and Veteran organizations that provided services, such as mental health, physical injuries and therapies to its members.

The first year in 2011, the event was held at White Rock Lake and participants walked around the lake for 20 hours and 11 minutes. White Rock Lake proved to be logistically difficult, so the following year it was moved to Reverchon Park and the Katy Trail, where it is still held today.

Over the years the event has grown bigger and bigger. Soon after the formation of the Dallas March, CTL decided to have a national presence and formed the National Relay. The first national team was the East Coast team. They started at West Point, New York and made their way to the 9/11 site in Manhattan and walked their way down the coast and back to Dallas just before Memorial Day.

The National Relay has now grown to five routes, East Coast, West Coast, Mid-west, Mountain States and New England. Each relay team starts in different cities and on different dates near the beginning of May. They walk or ride bikes at designated segments along the route. The segments can be as short as a couple miles and as long as 50 miles. The teams live on a tour bus for the entire journey. They live, eat and sleep in very tight quarters. Along the route the teams visit local fire stations to shower and sometimes eat. Living on a bus for any length of time gives you a whole new respect for submariners.

Along the way, towns hold rallies, and people are invited to come out to walk with team members. Everyone has their own reasons why they come out to walk. Some of them tell the stories of the loss of a loved one or the loss of a buddy, some walk silently, and some shed a few tears. Some people carry a backpack or flag and the walk becomes a type of therapy session. As people walk, they share some of the pain and grief that they carry with them with people that understand. Usually after walking a few miles most of them feel some sense of relief. This is why it is called Carry The Load and the phrase "Who are you carrying?" is to provoke reflection and conversation.

All the teams work their way back to Dallas, and on the Sunday before Memorial Day, they all walk together for the final leg into Reverchon Park. When the teams enter the park, it marks the official beginning of the Dallas March. This year the Dallas March went for 20 hours and 22 minutes. The end time is determined by the last two numbers of the year, so this year it ended at 12:22 PM.

As I said previously, this was my first year to participate on the National Relay as a member of the West Coast Team. The Team started April 28th in Seattle, Washington. I met up with the team on May 5th in San Francisco, California. The team had already been on the road for 8 days, and I was the FNG rotating into the unit. My first leg (segment) would be

at 0700, where we walked across the Golden Gate Bridge for 3.8 miles and ended at San Francisco National Cemetery. That day we made our way from San Francisco to Redwood City, California. We arrived at Menlo Park at about 2200 and stayed the night, on the bus, at Menlo Park Fire Station.

We continued along the route day after day, working our way to our end goal each day. The days always started early, usually at 0700, and ended around 2100 or 2200. Each walking leg varied from 2 to 6 miles and each team member (Leg Captain) is assigned 2 or 3 legs per day. My longest walking day was 14.6 miles and I averaged 6 to 8 miles a day.

Along the way I met some fantastic people and saw some amazing sights. I also heard some sad stories. Some stick out more than others but one will really stick with me. On the third day, we pulled into the town of Clovis, California around 2100. We were staying the night in a church parking lot and the members of the church had a BBQ feast waiting for us. At first, I had no idea why we were in Clovis but soon I would find out.

Clovis is a small town in the California Central Valley. The Valley is home to hundreds of farms. They mostly grow everything you

put in a salad: lettuce, tomatoes, artichokes, strawberries, you get the idea. The area is populated with working class people. This area of California is also very patriotic. They have a strong sense of pride and service to this country and therefore after graduating from high school many of their children serve in the military. After dinner at the church, we learned the story of the Buchanan 8. In a six-year period, 8 young men, who all graduated from Buchanan High School, were killed in action while serving in the military. The town of Clovis has lost a total of 10 men, all in service to the country. This small community of farm workers has paid a very heavy price for freedom.

The next morning, we walked 2.8 miles, to a Veterans ceremony held at Buchanan HS, where we heard from two sisters of Tony Butterfield, one of the Buchanan 8. They spoke from the heart and recalled the memory of their brother. It was the first time they had ever spoken publicly about their loss. After the emotional ceremony we were off again, heading south to Bakersfield, Los Angeles and then to San Diego.







# People

## Our Deepest Sympathy

The family of **Retired Police Officer Joe Bailey Jones, #1710**. Officer Bailey retired in 1981 and served the department for 20 years.

The family of **Retired Senior Corporal James A. Pierce, #2175**. Senior Corporal Pierce in 1990 and served the department for 20 years.

The family of Mrs. Salado Terrell, mother of **Senior Corporal Tonya T. Taylor** (Operational Technology).

The family of **Retired Police Officer Ricky J. McGee, #5461**. Officer McGee retired in 2018 and served the department for 32 years.

The family of **Retired Sergeant Walter M. Clifton, Jr. #4016**. Sergeant Clifton retired in 2010 and served the department for 32 years.

The family of **Retired Lieutenant John W. Sullivan, #3344**. Lieutenant Sullivan retired in 2002 and served the department for 29 years.

The family of Ms. Wilma Avalos, mother-in-law of **Major Samuel Sarmiento** (Northwest).

The family of **Retired Senior Corporal Howard "Randy" Hulse, #4001**. Senior Corporal Hulse retired in 2009 and served the department for 31 years.

The family of Ms. Guadalupe Nunez, mother of **Sergeant Alfred Nunez** (Robbery Unit).

The family of Mr. Jonathan S. Andrews, husband of **Police Officer Kamesha N. Andrews** (Open Records).

The family of Mrs. Virginia Swearengin, grandmother of **Senior Corporal Stacey Avila** (Property Crimes) and grandmother in-law of **Senior Corporal Benustiano Avila** (Property Crimes).

The family of Ms. Nancy Jo LeMay, mother-in-law of **Senior Corporal Melissa Scott** (Communications) grandmother of **Police Officer Megan Kerr** (Southwest) and mother of **Retired Senior Corporal James Scott**.

The family of Mr. Michael C. Pederson, brother of **Police Officer Richard R. Pederson** (Northwest).

The family of Ms. Shirley Hudson Burnside, grandmother of **Senior Corporal Dion Burnside** (SWAT).

The family of Ms. Juana (Ramirez) Balderas, mother of **Senior Corporal Rene Dominguez** (Southeast).

The family of Mr. Robert Eugene Schmidt, grandfather of **Police Officer Bradley Hanlon** (South Central).

The family of **Retired Senior Corporal Charles T. Grady, #3497**. Senior Corporal Grady retired in 2004 and served the department for 31 years.

The family of Ms. Shirley J. Graham, mother of **Police Officer Aaron A. Graham** (North Central).

The family of Mr. Jessie Lee Leonard, brother of **Police Officer Anthony D. Leonard** (South Central).

The family of **Retired Police Officer Melvin H. Bell, #2671**. Police Officer Bell retired in 2002 and served the department for 33 years.

The family of Mr. Harry F. "Big Dawg" Nunley, father-in-law of **Sergeant Samuel L. Digby** (Central).

The family of **Retired Sergeant John A. Reeves, #2424**. Sergeant Reeves retired in 1999 and served the department for 31 years.

Have a birth to announce in The Shield? Email [info@dallaspa.org](mailto:info@dallaspa.org) for a submission form.

The family of Mr. Jerre Allen Hinton, father of **Senior Corporal Daniel L. Hinton** (Financial Investigations).

The family of Mr. Wayne G. Harder, father of **Police Officer Matthew Harder** (South Central).

The family of Mr. Noel C. Lozano, the nephew of Supervisor Rene Lozano (Communications) and **Police Officer Frederick Lozano** (Southwest).

The family of Mr. Lamar Walton, father of **Senior Corporal Christopher Walton** (Homicide).

The family of **Retired Sergeant Ricardo Terrones, #5041**. Sergeant Terrones retired in 2014 and served the department for 30 years.

The family of **Retired Senior Corporal Tommy "Stick" Akins, #2702**. Senior Corporal Akins retired in 2002 and served the department for 32 years.

The family of Ms. Francys Ann Shivers, stepmother of **Sergeant James Shivers, Jr.**, (Northwest) and wife of **Retired Senior Corporal James Shivers**.

## Thank You

Thank you for the endless support and messages during this time of the loss of our mother.

The Nunez Family

Our family thanks DPA and the officers for the special flower arrangement and thinking of our family during this difficult time.

Sam & Angelina Sarmiento & Avalos Family



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are with you.*

**BACK THE BLUE**  
DALLAS POLICE ASSOCIATION

# Birth Announcement



Theodore was born to parents Detective Calvin Van Scudder (Gang Unit) and wife Leah on April 20, 2022. Theodore weighed 8lbs. 5oz. and 21.5 inches.



Sister Elianna (2) is proud to welcome baby brother Daniel Alexander to the family. Daniel Alexander was born to parents Daniel Ponce #10459 (IAD) and wife Suraiya on May 18, 2022. Daniel weighed 8lbs. 2oz. and 22 inches.





Sister Jayla (11), brother Jeremiah (10), brother Jayden (3) and brother Jacob (1) are proud to welcome baby sister Janaya Marie Woodburn to the family. Janaya Marie was born to parents Christina Hernandez #10432 (Southeast NPO) and Kevin Woodburn #8956 (Financial Crimes) on March 14, 2022. Janaya Marie weighed 6lbs. 15oz. and 20 inches.



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I understand the Dallas Police Association will disburse the death benefits as described in the Dallas Police Association Constitution, Article III to the beneficiary (ies) as listed above while I am an active member of the Dallas Police Association as described in the Dallas Police Association Constitution. I further understand I am responsible for submitting a new Beneficiary Designation Form when there is a change in my beneficiary designations.

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This form can be mailed to the Dallas Police Association, 1412 Griffin Street E, Dallas, TX 75215; emailed to: [info@dallaspa.org](mailto:info@dallaspa.org) or delivered to the Dallas Police Association offices.

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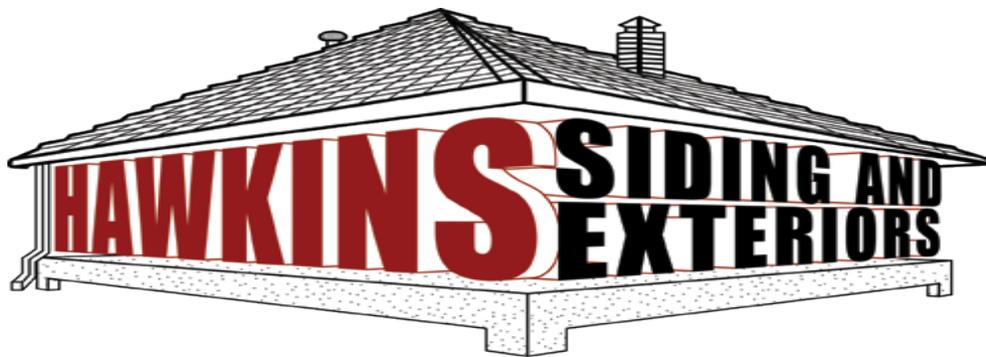
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# Baker To Vegas



Baker To Vegas  
By: Sgt. Mark Rickerman

On April 9, 2022, 216 teams representing law enforcement agencies from across the U.S.

and Canada lined up on a quiet stretch of highway in Death Valley. Wave after wave of runners waited for the starting gun to signal the beginning of the 36th running of the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. Amongst those teams was Team #160, the DPD Running Team. This year marked the 23rd year that Dallas Police Officers have represented the Department in this 120-mile foot race from Baker, California to Las Vegas, Nevada. The race is divided into 20 legs ranging in length from 4 miles to 10.7 miles long. Each leg offers a different experience for the individual running it. From desolate strips of desert to high mountain peaks and the lights of Las Vegas, every leg challenges its runner in a unique way.

The Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club, Inc. (LAPRAC) began hosting this race in 1985 and has invited law enforcement teams from across the globe to participate ever since. What began as 19 teams from LAPD now draws 200+ teams each year. Teams from South America, Europe, and Australia are often seen battling the elements and their competition on the course. Today it is the largest law enforcement event of its kind in the World.

This year the DPD Running Team prepared to begin its turn at the contest. Last minute roster changes, alterations to the racecourse, and a heat wave moving in left the team feeling uncertain about their chances this year. After a three-year break from the race, the team was cautiously optimistic about the outcome. From a 1:00 pm start with an air temperature of 101 degrees and a surface temperature of 140 degrees, through the 5600-foot ascent and descent of Mountain Springs Pass, to the winding route through the streets of Las Vegas, the DPD Running Team exceeded all expectations and completed the race with an impressive finish. After 17 hours and 12 minutes on the course,

Assistant Chief Reuben Ramirez crossed the finish line completing the 2022 Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup for the DPD Running Team. When the times were calculated and the scores were tallied, the team finished 5th in their division and 58th overall. This allowed the team to receive one of the coveted “Baker to Vegas Mugs” - a fitting tribute to such a difficult undertaking.

Completing something as daunting as the Challenge Cup Relay is no easy task. If not for the hard work and dedication of the entire team, something like this would not be possible. The runners training tirelessly in preparation for their legs, the vehicle drivers and alternate runners spending unending hours driving through the desert, and the support staff working behind the scenes before, during and after the race all play a valuable role in making this happen. Even their lone volunteer sitting in the middle of the desert at stage 14 (thanks, Tasha) is a key piece to the success of the team. The end results of this event are truly the culmination of the teamwork exhibited by this group.

For the DPD Running Team to continue to represent the Department at this race and others, it needs 3 things: runners, supporters and funding. The team is always on the lookout for people interested in competitive running, folks interested in helping the team out, and ways to fund the team’s participation in events. If you’d like to assist with any of those needs, please reach out to Detective Gilbert Arevalo or Sergeant Mark Rickerman.

As the team begins preparations for the 37th running of the Challenge Cup Relay, they welcome you to join them in the desert April 1st and 2nd, 2023. Whether as a runner, support staff, or just as part of the fan club, they’d love to see you there.



Have something you'd like to see in The Shield? Contact DPA at 214.747.6839 or [info@dallaspa.org](mailto:info@dallaspa.org) for more information on being a guest contributor.

# Business



## DALLAS POLICE ASSOCIATION FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE 716 MINUTES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### April 2022

The Board of Directors, Dallas Police Association, FOP Lodge 716, met at the offices of the Dallas Police Association (referred to as "DPA"), 1412 Griffin Street East, Dallas, Texas 75215 on April 12, 2022 at 10:04 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Michael Mata.

The following proxies were received: Elliott to Hernandez; Williams to Hernandez; Phillips to Garrett.

Minutes of the meeting.

- Invocation given by Pease.
- The minutes of the March 8, 2022 Board of Director's Meeting was presented to the board for approval.

\*\*\*MOTION\*\*\* by Taglienti seconded by McMillan to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passes, no opposition.

•Turner and Andujar gave a presentation on the spring Board Meeting of the FOP in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They made a bid to host the fall 2022 FOP Board Meeting in Dallas, Texas. The DPA won the bid and will host the meeting from September 13 to 18, 2022. Discussion and questions by the Board.

•Mata stated the promotion packets for the Senior Corporal Promotions have been sent out for completion. The DPD is still awaiting the final scores for the recent Sergeant Promotional Examination. Currently there are 39 vacant lieutenant positions and 5 major rank openings. Questions and discussion by the Board.

•Mata stated the DPD has presented the framework of the updated transfer policy. Detectives are to be grandfathered in their positions. The final draft is to be ready on April 14. Discussion and questions by the Board.

•The DPD National Police 5K Running Team requested support to attend the Police Memorial Day activities in Washington DC.

\*\*\*MOTION\*\*\* by Smith seconded by Clore to donate \$1000.00 to the DPD National Police 5K

Running Team. Motion passes, no opposition.

•Upcoming Events: Kevin James Clay Shoot - April 15th; ATO BBQ/Fundariser - April 22-24th (Mill Creek); Carry the Load - May 29-30; and Bags for Badges - July 22-23.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m., April 12, 2022 .

The minutes of the Dallas Police Association were duly recorded on April 12, 2022.

Original Signed

E. J. Brown

Recording Secretary

### May 2022

The Board of Directors, Dallas Police Association, FOP Lodge 716, met at the offices of the Dallas Police Association (referred to as "DPA"), 1412 Griffin Street East, Dallas, Texas 75215 on May 17, 2022 at 11:05 a.m.. The meeting was called to order by the President, Michael Mata.

The following proxies were received: Hernandez to Garrett; Clore to Taglienti; Stolarzyk to Turner; H. Bowen to J. Bowen; Hollins to Andujar.

Minutes of the meeting.

- Invocation given by Pease.
- The minutes of the April 12, 2022 Board of Director's Meeting was presented for approval.

\*\*\*MOTION\*\*\* by Janse seconded by Hertel to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passes, no opposition.

•Mata nominated S. Hollins to serve out the unexpired term of B. Taylor and M. Taglienti to serve out the unexpired term of P. Gordon caused by transfers within the Dallas PD.

\*\*\*MOTION\*\*\* by Helms seconded by Hertel to approve the nominations as presented. Motion passes, no opposition.

•Castro presented the May 2022 Cops' Cop Award to Christopher Hauffe.

•Mata discussed the upcoming promotions to take place for the ranks of sergeant and senior corporal. Discussion and questions by

the board members.

- Mata discussed the new transfer policy for the Dallas Police Department to be released in the next several days. Everyone who currently holds a position is grandfathered in their positions until they decide to transfer. The new policy will also contain a sunset provision for those officers who are planning retirement in the near future. Discussion and questions by the Board.

- Mata introduced DPA Attorney Robert Rogers who discussed the recent indictments by the Dallas County District Attorney's Office of Dallas and Garland Police Officers. Discussion and comment by the Board Members.

- Mata urged members who live in Collin County, Texas to vote in the primary runoff elections. Board Member Frederick Frazier is a candidate for the Texas Legislature.

- Mata discussed the Police Week activities in Washington DC from May 13 to 16, 2022.

- Andujar discussed the Carry the Load activities scheduled for May 29-30, 2022. He used the membership to participate in this event which recognizes the fallen military members as well as first responders. In addition this event benefits the Dallas Police Association's Assist the Officer Foundation.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m., May 17, 2022 .

The minutes of the Dallas Police Association were duly recorded on May 17, 2022.

Original Signed

E. J. Brown

Recording Secretary

## June 2022

The Board of Directors, Dallas Police Association, FOP Lodge 716, met at the offices of the Dallas Police Association (referred to as "DPA"), 1412 Griffin Street East, Dallas, Texas 75215 on June 14, 2022 at 11:09 a.m.. The meeting was called to order by the President, Michael Mata.

The following proxies were received: H. Bowen to Williams; J. Bowen to Williams; Hertel to Clore; Smith to McMillan; Randolph-Phillips to Garrett; and Hernandez to Garrett. Minutes of the meeting.

- Pease gave the invocation.

- The minutes of the May 17, 2022 Board of Director's Meeting was presented to the Board. B. Helms pointed out spelling error on page 2 of the minutes which should read: "Andujar discussed the Carry the Load activities scheduled for May 29-30, 2022. He assured the membership...."

- \*\*\*MOTION\*\*\* by Helms seconded by Williams to accept the minutes of May 17, 2022 as corrected. Motion passes, no opposition.

- Castro presented the June 2022 Cops' Cop Award to Jay Dickson.

- Mata stated the new transfer policy , General Order 407.00 has been released. Each Board Member presented a copy of the General Order. Questions and discussion by the Board.

- Mata presented the Internal Affairs Division statistics for the year to date. External Complaints 364 as compared to 456 for year 2021. Internal Complaints 83 as compared to 79 for 2021. Discussion by the Board.

- Mata discussed the crime statistics. Violent crimes are increasing. Discussion by the Board.

- Lieutenant J.C. Gonzalez addressed the Board and stated he has been appointed the duties of Legislative Liaison for the Dallas PD. He stated the priorities are Target hardening of schools; Family Violence prevention measures; Enhancing Road Rage penalties among other issues.

- Frazier thanked the members of the DPA who assisted in his run for the Texas Legislature.

- A discussion began over the purchase of a new vehicle for the Dallas PA with the question on when it will be purchased.

- \*\*\*MOTION\*\*\* by Taglienti seconded by Belew to spend up to \$55,000.00 for the purchase of a new vehicle for the use of the Dallas PA. Motion passes, no opposition.

- Turner and Andujar discussed the following events where the Dallas Police Association will be involved. Andujar stated the National FOP Board Meeting is scheduled in September 2022 and there is a need for some petty cash to organize this event.

- \*\*\*MOTION\*\*\* by Taglienti seconded by Williams to provide \$20,000.00 for the planning and organization for this event. Motion passes, no opposition.

- Turner and Andujar stated there is a need

for volunteers to assist in the following events: Crimes against Children's Conference, August 9, 2022; National Forensic Nurses Association, September 29, 2022; International Police Chief Conference October 12, 2022.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m., June 14, 2022 .

The minutes of the Dallas Police Association were duly recorded on June 14, 2022.

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