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Letter from the Sheriff

PROTECT AND SERVE

Our mission is to **PROTECT** by courageously standing between evil and good with honor while we strive to **SERVE** with respect, always putting others before self.

HELOS

Our 5 Core Values

- H— Honorable Character:** Doing what is right, even when nobody is looking
- E— Empowerment:** Everything begins with mutual trust and respect
- L— Lead:** We all must lead and serve with competency, consistency, and transparency
- O— Our Team is Our Priority**
- S— Strive for Excellence:** We must strive for excellence, honor, and integrity in everything we do



As the month of February rolls in, it brings with it not just cold weather, but also St. Valentine's Day. I often talk about respect and relationships, which in many ways goes hand and hand with Valentine's Day. This month reflect on any significant relationships in your life. Prioritize those relationships, especially from loved ones which offer an incredible amount of support to you. I encourage us all to take moments each day to honor and build on these, because our tomorrows are based on the

relationships that we maintain today. Personally, I hope I practice Valentine's Day not just in February but most days— though admittedly some are better than others!

Always at your service,
Sheriff Bill E. Waybourn



*Sheriff Waybourn
with members of
TCSO's Honor Guard*

On the Job



“My name is Trent Hill, and I am a Deputy and Certified Paramedic assigned as a tactical medic to the Fort Worth PD Tactical Medic Unit. The position was created this year to help ensure the safety of our deputies.

The FWRPD Tactical Medic Unit was formed in 2013, and I became a member of the team in August of 2017. The unit is composed of 9 crossed-trained police officers who are also certified as Paramedics. The team has instructed over 1,200 officers in the Tactical Lifesaver course, which teaches lifesaving self aid and buddy aid skills to Officers on the streets. We are excited that we will be offering this

course to operational Deputies in the near future.

My duties include being available to deploy in Tarrant County and Fort Worth for both SWAT teams, SRT teams, narcotics, CID and other units that request our assistance. When not deployed with specialized units we supplement patrol by responding to calls where medical care may be needed, either for our officers, or for citizens. Qualifications for the unit include: EMS certification, Basic SWAT Medic Course, Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) Certificate, CPR certification, a medical protocol test and medical director interview, and to be able to keep up with how physically demanding the job is. On top of our normally scheduled work hours, we rotate on call after hours, so that someone is always available.” — Deputy Trent Hill



2017 IN NUMBERS

- 1 million citizens were screened at security entrances by Judicial
- 14 TCSO team members received Life Saving Awards
- 100 Emission's Task Force Cases
- 157 Detention Officers graduated from our Jail Academy
- Over 15,000 Warrants served
- 4,500 Law Enforcement Personnel received training from our Academy

TCSO Memoirs

Sharing employee's stories

Chief Deputy Randy Cundiff



My first day at TCSO was March 4, 1999. I found out about TCSO from a friend I'd gone to high school with, David Deniz. I didn't know what to expect working in the jail. I'd never worked in an

environment like that before, and I'd be lying if I didn't say I was a little nervous walking into the jail for the first time.

I parked in the Tandy parking lot and rode the subway into the Tandy mall. This would end up being my daily routine to get to work. Assigned to the Corrections Center on 2nd watch, I went to briefing in the 6th floor ODR. Several officers introduced themselves to me, but I remember that veterans sat together and all the 'new boots' had to stand up during briefing. I was definitely welcomed and I felt like I was part of a team almost immediately, but there was that pecking order. I had never worked anywhere with a hierarchy such as captains, lieutenants, and sergeants, so I really didn't have any idea what that all meant.

Officer Timothy Springer was my training officer. We were assigned to 60D, known as the "God Pod," because a church based program was housed there. They only played religious TV and videos, and I remember there being a piano in the pod. I felt intimidated walking in a pod of 72 inmates. My training officer was very knowledgeable and willing to share everything he knew with me. I remember looking at the floor copies and being fascinated at the charges the inmates were in jail for. I'd never worked with inmates, so I looked at a lot of the information in disbelief. Shortly after my first shift started, an inmate

came back from court after receiving a 150 year sentence. While conducting an hourly observation with my FTO, we found him with his wrists cut by a razor blade. Officer Springer called a Code 6 Signal 2.

Then it was lunch time. Eating ODR food was an experience to say the least. The rest of my first day was spent getting familiar with day to day operations of working a pod. After the end of my first shift, I walked with the other officers to their cars in the Tandy parking lot because the subway was closed by the time our shift ended. We'd always walk back to the parking lot as a group, usually talking about our day at work. Walking together in a group after work on my first day, that was the moment when I realized I was officially a part of the team.

I won't ever forget my first day at TCSO. It was such a new experience, one that I never imagined would lead me to my current position. I credit my success to the amazing people I've had the honor of working beside and under. Two people who had a huge impact early on in my career are Sergeant Thomas Smith and Sergeant Harry Ballard. I fully realize that the Detention Bureau could not be what it is today if it weren't for the continued dedication of so many men and women throughout the decades.

TCSO Memoirs is a column meant to celebrate employee's experiences. If you know someone with a story that needs to be told contact:

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