

The Henderson

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Letter from the Sheriff



We are already in the month of March this year, and with it comes a host of holidays. St. Patrick's Day is around the corner. Cesar Chavez Day and Good Friday will be here by the end of the month too. I hope as you take time to celebrate holidays, you focus on friends and family. Which is what I would like to talk about today.

What does it mean to have a loyal group of friends? I hope that everyone has a strong inner circle, a group of friends that offers you support and provides accountability. But please remember, being loyal or offering constant friendship does not excuse one's poor behavior. Make sure that any friends or partners you have keep you accountable and vice versa. No one should tolerate unethical, illegal, or morally depraved behavior. I'm very lucky to have a strong wife who keeps me accountable for my actions. That true loyalty stays with me every day, whether I'm at work or with my family, and it motivates me to always strive for excellence. This type of loyalty I know I can trust. It might not be what I always want to hear, but I know I can trust it.

Moving from one explosive event to another, I'd like to quickly review the horrible loss that occurred in Florida. My position on how to handle an active shooter situation is simple; we will always neutralize the threat if we can. I have full confidence and trust that if any TCSO Deputies or Officers arrive at such a scene, that you will perform honorably. That you will all rise up to the nobility of the office you hold and the oath that we have sworn to. I pray that we never face such a difficult task, and yet we must always prepare for trouble to show up. Moving forward, we should all keep Parkland, Florida in our thoughts and prayers.

Always at your service,

Sheriff Bill E. Waybourn

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

Sheriff Henderson



Sheriff Henderson was born on March 21, 1841, in Tennessee. He moved to Texas in 1851 and grew up in Birdville (present day Haltom City). Henderson served as Sheriff from 1876-1880, and later served as the County Tax Collector.

In 1877, a new Tarrant County Jail was built, replacing the previous one room wooden jailhouse. This new jail was proclaimed as being a “substantial and secure building that would defy all attempts of escape by inmates.” Except it didn’t have the latest patented lock system.

This meant that during Sheriff J.M. Henderson’s time in office, escapes by prisoners were common. The day the new jail opened, June 15, 1877, 6 prisoners escaped by simply removing the bolts of the doors and cells with their hands. At this time, only one jailer was on sight at a time, and could easily be overpowered by the multiple escapees at a time. Sheriff Henderson and his three Deputies spent a large amount of time tracking and apprehending escaped prisoners from the Tarrant County Jail. The real kicker? The route most escapees took to get out of town, was present day Henderson Street, named after the same Sheriff that was trying to track them down.

Jail House Rock

On March 5th, new hires entered TCSO’s Jail Academy hosted at our Training Facilities. The Basic County Corrections Course is a TCOLE mandated, licensing course designed to prepare individuals for successful careers in confinement. TCSO has the third largest jail in Texas, servicing all 902 square miles of Tarrant County, and the average inmate population in 2017 hovered around 3,800 inmates. Our Jail Academy is 7 weeks long and includes a state exam. Courses held by the Jail Academy include Inmate Rights, Cultural Awareness, and Emergency Procedures. Recently, Defensive Tactics and advanced Mental Health training have been revamped and expanded so that TCSO Detention Officers are better prepared to face current issues that have been affecting Confinement Bureaus across the nation. Upon graduation, Detention Officers must also complete Field Training hours.



Upon Graduating, Bravo Class will participate in TCSO’s Victory Run, a tradition that Sheriff Waybourn began in 2017.



TCSO Bike Patrol



The newly minted TCSO Bike Patrol, proves that just because you've met a goal, doesn't mean you can't continue to strive for excellence. One of TCSO's 2017 goals was to ensure the safety of citizens and Tarrant County employees in Downtown Fort Worth. To do this, a Ground Unit was created, consisting of four Judicial Deputies. These Deputies began to patrol the streets of Downtown Fort Worth, placing special emphasis around Tarrant County Buildings such as the Tim Curry Justice Center where there is a large volume of juror and citizen traffic. The response was immediate and by the end of 2017, the program was expanded so that there was a day and evening shift. The Ground Unit also introduced a new Bike Unit. Four Deputies are now Bike certified and patrol the streets of Downtown. The advantages of having a Bike Patrol include better impact on the environment and health, and improving community relations between Fort Worth citizens and TCSO Deputies. This is because the two have more immediate access on the streets of Downtown allowing them to interact easily. In 2018, TCSO's new Bike Patrol is looking forward to not just making sure Downtown is secure, but that a strong community is built between TCSO and Fort Worth.

Mark Your Calendars

10th Annual Marine Creek Health & Safety Fair

Saturday April 14th

10 am–1pm

Marine Creek Lake Fields at 820 and Marine Creek

Free Food & Live Entertainment!

Last Month:

TCSO assisted 1644 motorists

Responded to 195 debris in roadway calls

Performed 2064 traffic stops

Performed 61 welfare checks

Took 23 fraud reports

Had 38 calls regarding loose livestock

Special thanks to TCSO Crime Scene for the photos provided in this month's publication!

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