When you turn 75, it’s time for a party. We’ll have six days of festivities across the state starting in late July and ending on August 6 in Austin.

Kicking off the 75th Anniversary celebration is a motorcycle ride to each of the regional headquarters’ celebrations—a nod to our heritage: the first vehicles at DPS were motorcycles. The ride will honor all 83 DPS officers who have died in the line of duty.

Motorcycle ride participants will carry the DPS Diamond Jubilee flag, which will be flown at each regional celebration, as well as uniform items from two motor patrolmen who graduated in the 1930s. One of the items will be from Arthur Fischer, the first Texas Highway Patrolman killed in the line of duty.

Here’s the regional celebration schedule:

Region 1: Tuesday, July 27, at the regional HQ in Garland. Celebration runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Exhibits will include the Command One communications trailer and a K-9 Unit demonstration. There will be a hamburger/hotdog cookout with entertainment will be provided by The Lawmen Country Band.

Region 2: Monday, July 26, at the regional HQ in Houston. Celebration runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Events includes a BBQ lunch, short memorial program, plus DPS historical items/memorabilia display.

Region 3: Tuesday, August 3, at the McAllen Convention Center, 700 Convention Center Blvd. Celebration starts at 10:30 a.m. The event will include displays by various DPS services (Aircraft, Crime Lab, etc.) and a memorial wreath. Entertainment will be provided by mariachis.

Region 4: Friday, July 30, at the Ysleta Port of Entry Commercial Vehicle Enforcement facility in El Paso. Celebration runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Exhibits and demonstrations including DPS Aviation, K-9 units and a memorabilia display. Employees and guests will enjoy a catered lunch.

Region 5: Wednesday, July 28, at the regional HQ in Lubbock. Celebration runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Among the events will be the placement of a memorial wreath and tours of the building,

Sig Sauer is accepting orders for the 75th Anniversary Commemorative firearm. This limited edition, one-of-a-kind firearm is ONLY available to employees, retirees and friends of the Texas Department of Public Safety. There are no plans to make it available to other members of the public in the future.

The firearm and commemorative knife must be ordered online. Please send an e-mail to Glen Wood (glenndwood@sbcglobal.net) for information on how to access the website to order the firearm or knife.

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Awards

Deputy assistant Director Mike Lesko, Crime Records Austin, was honored with the 2010 Gary R. Cooper Meritorious Award for his outstanding work in the field of criminal justice information systems, policy and leadership. The award was presented by the nonprofit group SEARCH—The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics. A Governor-appointed SEARCH member since 2003, Lesko is also a board member.

Briefs

Forms Repository

The new TxDPS Forms Repository is now online!

On TxDPS Intranet: DPSNet > DPS Forms (on left hand menu) or (http://hqimss056/intranetforms/default/default.aspx) – all TxDPS numbered forms

On TxDPS Internet: TxDPS Homepage > DPS Forms (on right hand menu) or (http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/internetforms/default/default.aspx) – TxDPS numbered forms applicable and/or designed for use by the public.

Please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section in the TxDPS Forms Repository for questions you might have.

Speir Scholarship deadline

Wilson E. Speir Scholarship applications will be accepted through Aug. 15. Students must be classified as full-time criminal justice majors and enrolled in Texas universities. Two scholarships will be awarded for $500 per semester for up to two semesters. Applicants should submit resumes and transcripts of completed college work to: Director’s Office, c/o DPS, P.O. Box 4087, Austin TX 78773-0110.

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Promotions
Office of General Counsel
Daniel Philip Adkins, Asst. Gen. Counsel, OGC Austin to Deputy Chief, OGC Austin.

Highway Patrol Division
Gary P. Albus, Capt., CVE Lubbock to Major, HP Lubbock; Joe R. Dennett, Lt., CVE Waco to Capt., CVE Lubbock; Norberto Gonzalez, Jr., Cpl. III, CVE Rio Grande City to Sgt., CVE Laredo.

Criminal Investigations Division
George E. Rhyne, Capt., CID Houston to Major, CID Houston; Robert “Chris” Callaway, Tr. II, HP Gilmer to Agent, CID McAllen; Enrique Uribe, Tr. V, HP Houston to Agent, CID Corpus Christi;

Patrick Steven O’Connor, Sgt., Protective Services Austin to Agent, CID Laredo; Robert Lee Mayton, Tr. II, Vehicle Services Houston to Agent, CID Laredo; Odunaen Lawrence Igbinomwanhia, Tr. II, HP Houston to Agent, CID El Paso;

Davela Krista Maynard, Tr. II, HP Lubbock to Agent, CID El Paso; Eustacio Galvan, Tr. III, HP Lubbock to Agent, CID El Paso; J. Rodney Odom, Tr. II, HP Plano to Agent, CID El Paso;

David Ryan Lee, Tr. II, HP Sonora to Agent, CID El Paso; Samuel Gonzalez, Sen. Tr., CVE Alpine to Agent, CID Alpine; Jacob Collin Weaver, Tr. II, HP Henrietta to Agent, CID Alpine;

Rafael Ortiz, Tr. II, HP Pampa to Agent, CID Alpine; Joel Dewayne Timms, Tr. III, HP Baird to Agent, CID Alpine; Coyse Eugene Allen, Tr. II, HP Dumas to Agent, CID Amarillo;

Law Enforcement Support

Nola D. Worthington, Sen. Communications Operator, LES Childress to Communications Supv.; LES Childress; Kermit D. Ford, Sen. Communications Operator, LES Houston to Communications Supv.; LES Sulphur

On the mend...

Teresa Vargas, HP Laredo, injured in a traffic crash during a vehicle pursuit.

Tr. Larry M. Vaughan, HP Winnsboro, shot during fugitive arrest.

Tr. Charlie P. Potter, HP San Marcos, injured when unit struck by alleged drunk driver.

Great news! Tr. Ruben R. Soliz, HP Alice, and Carlos Rodriguez, HP Harlingen, have returned to work.
Springs,

Michael J. Chernivec, Communications Operator IV, LES Austin to Communications Supv., LES Austin.

Retirements

Lee Edward Richards, Agent, CID Georgetown, 29 yrs., 4 mos., 17 days; Brenda K. Mashburn, Accountant, Finance Austin, 26 yrs., 6 mos., 28 days; Glafira M. Gonzalez, Customer Service Rep., Information Technology Svc., 12 yrs., 9 mos.;

Bradley R. Bearden, Design Analyst, LES Austin, 7 yrs., 4 mos., 10 days; Ollieam Davis Rose, Examiner, DL Ballinger, 37 yrs., 2 mos.; John Marvin Brannon, Asst. Chief Pilot, Aviation Garland, 30 yrs., 4 mos., 22 days;

Angela Aurora Garza, Tech., DL Brownsville, 29 yrs., 8 mos.; George Michael Coyle, Sgt., HP Wichita Falls, 29 yrs., 4 mos., 17 days; Michael K. Duncan, Sen. Tr., HP Henrietta, 28 yrs., 2 mos., 28 days;

Harvey Ray Stamper, Sgt., HP Atlanta, 28 yrs., 2 mos., 21 days; Stephen Slater, Major, CID Houston, 25 yrs., 11 mos., 18 days; Allan Clark Steed, Custodian, HP Tyler, 25 yrs., 6 mos., 19 days; Kevin Don Davis, Sen. Tr., DL Arlington, 25 yrs., 2 mos., 3 days;

Martin L. Jackson, Lt., Aviation Austin, 24 yrs., 1 mos., 14 days; Juan Antonio Lopez, Sen. Tr., CVE Plainview, 23 yrs., 11 mos., 20 days; Dorine Laverne Sistare, Clerical Supv., Audit and Inspection Austin, 19 yrs., 1 mo., 16 days;

Joseph Edmund Touchet, Tr., Capitol Complex Austin, 16 yrs., 8 mos., 3 days; Mary Isabel Henderson, Tech., DL Dumas, 15 yrs., 6 mos.; Devon T. Collins, Clerk, Regulatory Services, 13 yrs., 9 mos., 5 days;

Deaths

James Andrew Connally, Supv., Vehicle Service Corpus Christi, 12 yrs., 3 mos., 14 days; Marilyn K. Huckabee, Admin. Asst., LES Austin, 7 yrs., 10 mos.; Robert Elwood O’Bryan, Tech., HP Pearland, 6 yrs., 10 mos., 17 days;

Peggy Ann Burghardt, Tech., Accounting & Budget Control, Austin, 12 yrs., 6 mos., 17 days; Jean M. Schaefer, Operator III, Information Technology Austin, 12 yrs., 6 mos., 17 days; Vidal Vasquez Limon, Officer II, Capitol Complex Austin, 12 yrs., 4 mos., 8 days;

Charles Thomas Moncrief, Officer, Capitol Complex Austin, 6 yrs, 6 mos., 24 days;

as well as equipment displays and other exhibits.

Region 6: Thursday, August 5, at the regional HQ in San Antonio. Celebration runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with an honor guard and memorial program, plus a Dive Team display, the Command One trailer and a helicopter on display. Includes an employee/guest luncheon.

The main celebration in Austin will be held at Headquarters on Friday, August 6, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The celebration is free and open to DPS employees, their families and all members of the public.

The August 6 event in Austin will feature numerous static displays depicting the agency’s history, as well as demonstrations by the DPS SWAT, DPS Aviation, DPS K-9s and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers. Tours of the Headquarters facility will be available, and a special film about DPS’s proud history is being produced for viewing at the celebrations.

A barbecue lunch will be available in Austin, and tickets for the lunch will be available for purchase before the event. The Austin event will feature a special children’s area with age-appropriate activities and a rock-climbing wall.

For a schedule of all regional events, to see souvenirs for sale or to purchase BBQ tickets for the Austin celebration, please visit http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DiamondJubilee/index.htm.

Please note that souvenir items also will be available for purchase at each of the regional and HQ celebrations.

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