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ON THE MOVE WITH BEAT THE HEAT

As the saying goes “the heat is on”...and so it goes for the Tulsa County 57 HEAT Racing Team. Reserve Deputy Sam Ives and his wife, Dixie, have been busy presenting their Beat The Heat (BTH) program to the public this summer. During the summer break when schools are not in session the team’s activities primarily focus on the racing circuit where they also set up their static displays wherever possible. The racing arena provides an environment wherein team members can interact with thousands of youth and adults on a personal level. The heart and soul of Ives’ BTH program is the opportunity to make a difference in a life, particularly a young person’s life. They can, and do, get the attention of youth. Tulsa County 57 HEAT Racing Team has been honored to receive special invitation requests to participate in some prestigious events throughout the years. Last October, Speed TV taped a show called ‘Pass Time’ featuring ten BTH cars, one of which was the Tulsa County 57 Chevy.



The episode began airing on ESPN in February of this year. Show Producers

Reserve Deputy Tony Heaberlin. All representatives of TCSO made a positive impact on the visiting agency Officers, track staff and the general public which added to the success of the event. The Tulsa County 57 HEAT Racing Team also participated in the IHRA ThunderJam event in Tulsa on Saturday, August 22nd along with three other BTH teams as part of the IHRA’s exhibition show. Also part of the exhibition show were the jet-engine powered Cool Bus (school bus) and other various other jet-powered racing machines

advise the episode has had more internet hits than any of their other shows, and they are presently re-running the episode on a regular basis on ESPN television. The annual BTH Tulsa Challenge was held on June 20 this year. There were 32 BTH cars in attendance representing various agencies from Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas. Sam extends a very big and heartfelt “thank you” to TCSO Reserve Deputies and other Officers who worked the event this year, along with special recognition to Sgt. Mark Stevens, Sgt. Randy Chapman and

The Oklahoma Chapter of BTH will be hosting the 2010 Beat The Heat World Finals in Tulsa next fall and plans are presently underway for the three-day event. The World Finals event typically draws in the neighborhood of 50-60 BTH hotrods from coast-to-coast. The Oklahoma Chapter is comprised of 19 Law Enforcement Professionals and Fire Fighters from Oklahoma agencies. Sam Ives serves as the Oklahoma Chapter

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Sheriff's Corner

by Sheriff Stanley Glanz

I am sure all of you share in my sadness with the passing of Sgt. Shawn Horton. He was well-respected by his peers and fellow employees at the Jail. I know he will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him and had the opportunity to work with him.

On July 27, Sgt. Shannon Clark and I traveled to Washington D.C. and met with Fred Wilson of NSA, Jim Gondles, director of ACA, Darren Hall, Sheriff of Davison County, Tennessee, Ted Sexton, assistant secretary for the Department of Homeland Security, Dora Schiro, assistant secretary for the Department of Homeland Security and special advisor to Secretary Napolitano, and Jay Sparks, director of the ICE Standards Division. The meeting was in reference to the new jail standards that were published by ICE. During the meeting, we emphasized the difference between jails and prisons, and that issues which apply to their holding facilities should not apply to the local jails. They were

all very attentive and the ICE Standards are being reviewed and hopefully some changes will occur.

Recently, ICE made an announcement regarding a major overhaul of the agency's Immigration Detention System. Prior to this announcement our office received a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the ICE Dallas Regional Office, which included the major change of a three level custody. Level one consists of dangerous criminals, level two is persons arrested for property crimes and level three is minor offenses such as traffic. Upon reviewing the document with local ICE agents and our jail staff, we felt we could agree to the new MOU.

Since that time, our jail has been inspected by MGT, based in Austin, Texas. During the inspection we did receive some non-compliances; however, with the help of our local ICE Office, we are working through these issues. We have a great relationship with ICE and I look forward to this office keeping it positive and productive in the future.

On August 15, 2009, I was honored to receive a 20 Year Service Award from the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association (OSA) during their annual conference banquet. They also recognized many other TCSO personnel for their exceptional contributions. I congratulate Sgt. Shannon Clark and Cpl. Michael Schmauss for receiving a Recognition Award. I also congratulate Sgt. Jody Britt, Deputy David Long and Deputy Todd Jeffrey for receiving a Life Saving Award. I want to express my enthusiasm for Reserve Deputy Larry Zane Johnson who received the Reserve Deputy of the Year Award and for Chaplain Jose R. Lozano who received the Chaplain of the Year Award. The Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association works hard to improve the office of the Sheriff throughout Oklahoma; I look forward to our continued support in their efforts. I am extremely proud of everyone who was recognized and I had a great time visiting with each of you during the banquet. Thank you for your dedication and hard work.

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Director and TCSO Sgt. Paul Tryon is the Secretary-Treasurer. The team also has a number of local community events on their schedule. If you are interested in having a BTH presence at an area event you can email Sam and Dixie Ives at 57sam@cox.net or reach them by telephone (918) 630-0361, 629-7164 or 250-6411; or contact Sgt. Mark Stevens or Sgt. Paul Tryon.

Dixie Ives

FOR THE RECORD MARRIAGE



Congratulations to TCSO employee, Andy Titsworth, on his marriage to Sarah Gillis on July 18, 2009.

PASSING



Sgt. Shawn Horton passed away on August 4, 2009. Shawn was assigned to the Detention Division and had been with the Sheriff's Office since 1995, when the Sheriff gained control of the David L. Moss Criminal Justice Center operations. Prior to his employment with our office, he was with the Kansas Department of Corrections, where he retired as a Captain.

Sgt. Shawn Horton's passing has effected more than just his immediate family. Shawn mentored many employees during his time with our office. So many of us have great memories of seeing him in the hallway, always smiling and upbeat. When word made it to the officers on his shift of his sudden illness, they made arrangements, on their own, to have someone sitting with the family at the hospital - 24 hours a day. A hand written letter was received by a supervisor on Shawn's shift, after his passing, from an inmate. The inmate commented on several encounters the inmate had with Sgt. Horton - stating that Shawn was fair, just, and respected by those incarcerated here. We are all better people for having known Shawn, and his big heart and smiles will be missed.

Chief Michelle Robinette

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations!

Deputies Matt Fleenor and Michael Schmauss were promoted to Corporal in July, 2009.



Left to Right: Sheriff Glanz, Deputy Matt Fleenor, Deputy Michael Schmauss, Chief Haralson

FOR THE RECORD BIRTH



Congratulations to Deputy Robert Meisinger on the birth of his daughter, Paizley. She was born on August 24th and weighed 6lbs.12oz.

OWLE Poker Run

On October 3, 2009, Oklahoma Women In Law Enforcement will host a Poker Run from Tulsa to Eskimo Joe's in Stillwater, OK. Bikes and Autos are both welcome to participate and you can call Sgt. Stephanie Hatter, 596-4973 for additional information.

Public Acclaim

Deputy Rick Shavney received recognition from Terry Gartside for his assistance with a Sheriff's sale property.



Roger Wright, Emergency Preparedness Officer for Jenks Public Schools, commended Bill Bass, Billy Dobbs, Tony Foreman, Brandon Hendrix and Terry Dashner for helping to plan and participate in the Jenks Schools' multi-jurisdictional emergency exercise, which took place in May.



Deputies Jason Morrison and Lamont Hill have received high praise from Sandy Hakey, Director of Blossom Child Care, for the personal attention they give to the children in the center. Ms. Hakey says, "When the deputies visit the children, they talk to them in a way that they can understand. The deputies let the children know that police officers are here to help, and not to be afraid of."

••• Our History •••

TCSO History

By Retired Sgt. Lyndall Cole
TCSO Historian

ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF GUNNED DOWN

PART I

It was almost 11:00 p.m. on a Saturday night, December 9, 1933. Three men were attempting to break into the Minton flour mill in the small town of Sand Springs. Assistant Police Chief Jesse Huskey, working his last night before he was to take another job, and Merchant Policeman George Burkett, were talking near a gas station when someone notified them about three suspicious men at the local mill. When the two officers arrived, they noticed three men running down the MK&T railroad tracks. The two officers yelled for the men to halt, but the three suspects continued running down the tracks, with the officers following in foot pursuit. The two lawmen soon lost sight of the men and started searching a nearby engine house. During their search, the officers heard someone inside and shouted for him to give up. The reply was a volley of shots from a distance of about eight feet. Chief Huskey was hit, the bullet traveling through one arm and into his heart. Both officers returned fire, Chief Huskey firing his weapon twice, but the suspect (s) escaped. Officer Burkett dragged Huskey to the street and called for help, but Huskey died before medical personnel could arrive. Chief Huskey, 48, a Sand Springs officer for seven months, was survived by his wife Leva, one daughter, and two sons. Joe Davis, special agent for the Sand Springs railway went to the mill about 11:45 pm and learned Chief Huskey had died. Special Agent Davis returned the next day and searched the crime scene. Behind the elevator building, he found about six bullets lying on the ground, along with an exploded cartridge. The rounds that Special Agent Davis found were home-made "dum-dum" rounds.

The following Sunday morning, Chief Criminal Deputy John Evans led deputies in search of Chief Huskey's killer. By Monday morning, four suspects had been taken to the county jail for questioning. After further investigation, all four men were

released. Deputies had very little evidence to work with. Ballistic experts were examining a bullet recovered at the crime scene. The Sheriff's Office had meager clues upon which to work with, so the investigation stalled until July of 1934, when Benny Elliott, a local car thief, confessed to the Huskey murder. Elliott was currently serving a two-year sentence for car theft at the Algea Prison Farm in Jefferson City, Missouri. Deputy Phil Stone and Chief Huskey's partner the night of the shooting, Officer George Burkett, traveled to Missouri to obtain Elliott's confession. Elliott stated that he and other youths were attempting to burglarize the feed mill when they were surprised by the two officers, and admitted that he was the one who had fired at Huskey. Although he had confessed, Deputy Stone and Officer Burkett were skeptical about his story. Tulsa County Attorney Anderson, after a trip to Missouri, found that Elliott's confession was apparently a fabrication. On August 30, 1934, two more suspects were arrested by the Sheriff's Office. Otis Greenfield, a wrestler, was arrested in Sand Springs, and the second suspect, Jim Johnson, was found in Joplin, Missouri and arrested earlier in the day by local authorities. New information leading to these two suspect's arrests was obtained by Chief Deputy John Evans and Sand Springs Chief of Police Homer Akers, because the "underworld talked too much." Law enforcement officials believed these two men knew something about Huskey's murder but both suspects were later released after questioning. Even though the sheriff's office was diligently following every lead possible, it would be another two years before they would make any more arrests in their investigation of Chief Huskey's murder. In 1936, Sheriff A. Garland Marris and Assistant County Attorney M.S. Simms had secretly reopened the investigation into Huskey's case. On Tuesday, August 11, 1936, T.P. Minton, the former owner of the grain

elevator where the shooting took place, was arrested. Minton was arrested Tuesday and was grilled by county authorities throughout Wednesday. County authorities questioned Minton's wife at the courthouse the same day as her husband. Also arrested Tuesday were three brothers from the Sand Springs area; Sam, Bill and Joe Russell. (Sam and Joe Russell had been questioned by deputies shortly after the slaying but were later released.) Deputies also arrested three men in Osage County and brought them to the county jail for questioning. Following these arrests, Sheriff Marris stated to the press; "We simply have some new information which we are checking." On Friday, August 21, 1936, murder charges were filed against two of the Russell brothers, 39-year-old Joe Russell, and 31-year old Sam Russell. Sheriff's officials released Bill Russell and the three men from Osage County. The mill's owner, T.P. Minton, was placed under bond as a material witness. When arraigned on their charges before Judge Bert Johnson, both of the Russell brothers pleaded not guilty. Sheriff Garland Marris said, "An investigation by John Jones, deputy, showed that Huskey was apparently slain when he interrupted a robbery of an illicit liquor delivery." Unknown to deputies at the time of Chief Huskey's murder, the mill's owner, T.P. Minton was a bootlegger, selling whiskey at the Sand Springs flour mill. He always told his customers that he would have a shipment on a certain day, and they could pick up their whiskey on that particular day. Minton used this ploy to mislead his customers, and others, because he did not want anyone to know that he was actually running his own still inside the mill. One of his frequent customers was Joe Russell, one of the three Russell brothers who lived in Sand Springs. A preliminary hearing was held in September of 1936, the defendants pleaded not guilty,

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Monday, December 14, 1936, nearly three years to the day after Chief Jesse Huskey was murdered. A jury was selected and the trial of Joe and Sam Russell for the murder of Chief Huskey had finally begun. Prosecuting the case for Tulsa County were attorneys Tom Wallace and M.S. Simms, and defending the Russell brothers were defense attorneys Joe Simpson and Floyd Freeman. Testifying for the prosecution, T.P. Minton admitted that due to several robberies at his mill, he had started an inspection routine every night at odd hours. He testified that on the night of the shooting, he had not inspected the northwest corner of the mill's property where Chief Huskey was shot. Minton also admitted that most of his business at the mill was the manufacture and sale of whisky but that he always talked to whisky customers of having a shipment in to hide the fact that he actually made it. Minton testified that Joe Russell was a good whisky customer. He said that on the day of the murder, Joe had come to him to buy whisky. Minton said Joe showed him some .45 cartridges loaded with .44 bullets that had been scored to make them into dum-dums. He added that Joe had informed him that bullets like this would not take on the distinguishing marks of the pistol from which they were fired. T.P. Minton testified that several days before the shooting, he had seen Joe Russell with some cartridges in which the bullets had been crushed and cut. (This description matched bullets found at the scene the following day by Special Agent Joe Davis). Minton also testified that he saw Joe and Sam Russell near the mill the night Chief Huskey was killed. Minton testified that on the day of the Huskey murder, Joe Russell had come to Minton three times to buy whiskey, but Minton had told him he did not have his shipment in yet, and would run him off. Minton stated, "I had sold whisky but didn't have any at the time." Minton added, "I heard Joe say that Huskey is always snooping around and someone ought to bump him off."

Part II next month

Celebrating Safe Communities

The Tulsa County Sheriff's Office will be hosting a "Celebrate Safe Communities" event at LaFortune Park, 5323 South Yale Avenue (Gardens Arera), on October 17, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. October is Crime Prevention month and we have invited all Tulsa County safety professionals to participate in this event. The event is designed to showcase area law enforcement organizations and encourage Tulsa County citizens to meet their local public safety professionals in a positive learning environment. This event is our way to promote neighborhood spirit and our police community partnerships. There will be fun for the kids, food, while it lasts, and plenty of crime prevention and safety tips served up. Come and join us in the fun. The following agencies who have been asked to participate are: Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Tulsa Life Flight, Bixby Police and Fire, Broken Arrow Police and Fire, Collinsville Police and Fire, Owasso Police and Fire, Skiatook Police and Fire, Tulsa Police and Fire, Jenks Police and Fire, Glenpool Police and Fire, Sperry Police, Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines.

Sgt. Judy Pounds

CALEA JACKETS

We still have black and navy blue fleece jackets from the CALEA conference for sale. They are a great quality jacket and only \$15.00. Please contact LeAnna Cook, 596.4974, if you are interested.

VINCENT'S VIEW

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra

Starring: Dennis Quaid, Sienna Miller

by Detention Officer Vincent Fesler

If you are expecting another action packed comic book style movie, you will not be disappointed in G.I. Joe. It seems this is becoming a familiar trend in Hollywood – taking a comic book and turning it into a big budget movie. Since this movie was produced by Hasbro, (the makers of the G.I. Joe action figures and toys), you will not be let down in what went into making this movie.

It has a good script, made better by an excellent cast. Dennis Quaid is General Hawk, and despite his age, he is in good enough shape to pull it off. Sienna Miller is The Baroness, who is the only character that does not follow the original G.I. Joe story line. She gets to play both a good guy and bad guy. What will surprise you is a cameo appearance by Brandon Frazier as Sgt. Slaughter. He will probably have a larger role in the next movie, and yes, there's no doubt in my mind that there will be another one. Though this is a violent movie, it will be one the kids and adults alike will enjoy. So leave your stress at the door and go see a movie.

GRADUATES

Congratulations to our July, 2009 Mini Academy Graduates:

- Matt Johnson
- Rachel Berkowitz
- Marcus Berry
- Larry Crawford
- Robert Golliday
- Allen Goodson
- Phyllis Langley
- Santiago Rodriguez
- Ademola Sonowo
- Justin Tesson
- Greg Greer