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"Who Ya Gonna Call?"



HallowZOOeen Participants were: Carrie Knauf, Sgt. Melissa Tapper, Sgt. Jody Britt, Deputy Sue Nye, Deputy Jason Morrison, Deputy Amber Jones, DO Laura Norris, Christina Belda, Madison Belda, Julia Belda

HallowZOOeen 2009 was a huge success. Those who are committed to this relatively new and extremely fun TCSO tradition had a fabulous time representing our office and building positive relations with the children and parents of our community.

Prior to deciding this year's theme, staff at the Zoo informed us that they had numerous calls to see if we would once again be performing Thriller, and if the Ghostbusters would be on hand

to entertain the crowds. Considering the request, members of the HallowZOOeen team decided that it would be fun to incorporate Ghostbusters into this year's theme and an encore of the Thriller dance was in order since the passing of Michael Jackson this year.

The team worked for weeks to once again learn the dance and recruit new dancers. They also worked to create costumes and scenery to enhance the

area where they would be performing. The weather proved to be challenging during the event, and each day they had to go to the Zoo early to re-work their area to adjust for the effects of the rain and the wind. But, the weather did not deter the performers or the trick-or-treaters and each night there was a large crowd that had a really great time!

Carrie Knauf

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Sheriff's Corner

by Sheriff Stanley Glanz

The jail was audited by the American Correctional Association (ACA) for re-accreditation and passed with a 100% mandatory and 99.6% non-mandatory. Most of you know that we are in the process of remodeling the jail kitchen and the deterioration of it made it difficult to pass the mandatory and non-mandatory standards. While we were preparing for the audit, I had the opportunity to tour the jail with Chief Robinette and I was delighted to see all the work you accomplished to prepare the facility for the audit. I did point out some areas that needed a little work, as they are sometimes overlooked by the administration because they concentrate so hard on the items that they see everyday. The scores we received from ACA reflect all of your hard work and dedication to this office and I greatly appreciate it. Thanks for all of your hard work.

Unfortunately, we have seen some serious illnesses in our Sheriff's Office family. Deputy Talley's 19 year old daughter, Kaitlyn, has been diagnosed with two forms of rare Leukemia. On Friday, November 16th she was flown to MD Anderson Hospital in Houston. Naturally, Deputy Talley and his wife, Debbie, are in Houston with their daughter and will be there for an undetermined amount of time. Deputy David Long donated one of his prize rifles to encourage donations to help the family. Thousands were raised and the generosity of our employees is truly to be commended. Also, Deputy Eric Beck been diagnosed with some serious health issues. We need to insure that we are there to help him with anything he may need and keep him in our prayers. Also keep Deputy Ron Philpot and his family in your prayers. His sister Joyce Hodge, who retired from the Sheriff's Office, is still in ICU at St. John's Hospital.

I want to remind everyone that during the month of December we will receive our paychecks on Wednesday, December 23rd. The next check does not arrive until January 29th of 2010. This year we are unable to give the longevity pay. The sales tax collections, for operation of the jail, is down significantly. The impact of the economic downturn on the Ad

Valorem property taxes has not been determined. Fortunately, our office has not had to furlough or eliminate positions like many other law enforcement organizations across the United States. I, along with other members of the staff, are actively seeking additional revenue sources. Hopefully this downturn will be short in duration and we will be able to return to our normal operating position.

The 2009 United Way Campaign was successful; we reached a 100% of our goal. I want to commend everyone who participates with the automatic deductions from your paychecks. I also would like to thank those who participated by supporting the special events that were put on by our United Way Committee, as well as those sponsored by other County Departments. The special events contribute to our success in this worthwhile endeavor. I want to commend our committee and all who have worked on this campaign. They include Chief Robinette, Sheryl Stedham, LaDonna Penny, Barbara Garrison, Josh Turley, Gwen Buggs, Cyndi Johnston, Mark Lechtenberg, Lorraine Mathis, Ginger Daulton, Beverly Ayers, Theron Richardville, Jennifer Johnston, and Carrie Knauf. Congratulations on a successful campaign during a year of economic difficulty, our organization should be proud that we continue our tradition of service and commitment to our community. Thank you for the jobs that you do in fulfilling our mission.

December Supervisor Training Reminder

By CALEA standards ALL Staff members, Captains and Sergeants must attend supervisors training. This is the last time this year supervisors training will be presented. The training schedule is for a 40 hour CLEET certified Supervisors Training Program held at DLM. All supervisors are required to have 16 hours per year of supervisor training. Supervisors are REQUIRED to attend the Day 1 and

The Mike Clancy Food & Toy Drive

The Annual Mike Clancy Food and Toy Drive is in full swing! Our drive is named after "Irish" Mike Clancy, a former Deputy who used to dress up as Santa around Christmas and help the needy and less fortunate. Mike had a heart of gold and always helped anyone that needed it.

This year, as in the past, I am looking for families that may have fallen thru the cracks or just not know where to go for assistance.

Typically each family that requests assistance will receive a couple of toys for each child, a clothing item and a food gift card for the family.

The deadline for applying for assistance has been extended to December 4, 2009 at 8 am.

As soon as the list of persons and families needing assistance is compiled, I will be coming around to solicit a monetary donation or ask some of you to shop for a gift for the less fortunate.

If you know of a family that needs assistance, please call me with any questions: Sgt. Bob Darby at (918) 284-1282.

Day 2 of training, the other days are voluntary. The training will be held at DLM from December 7 – December 11, 2009 from 0900 to 1730 hours each day. There are no sign up sheets for this training. Please refer to the Training Calendar for more details.

***If you attended the Supervisors Training previously, you do not need to attend the December training.**

TULSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COPS AFTER HOURS



Corporal Al "Bear" Wilson heads up the Investigations and Security Unit at David L. Moss. On December 13th, he will receive one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a member of the Masonic Order - he will be inducted as a 33rd Degree Mason. In the Masonic Order, this is a degree that is awarded only to Master Masons who have achieved the very highest level of respect and admiration from their fellow Masons as a result of their service to the Order, their contributions to our community and their support to the various charitable organizations supported by Masons. Many Master Masons can spend an entire lifetime as Masons and never achieve this distinction. Congratulations on your achievement, "Bear"!



Corporal Al "Bear" Wilson

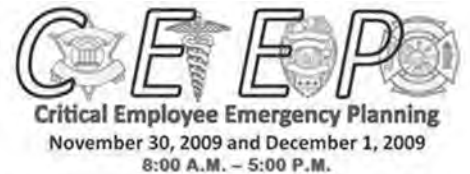
CALEA

Standard 12.1.4 - A written directive establishes procedures for communication, coordination, and cooperation among all agency functions and personnel.

4-ALDF-7E-05 - Reasonable accommodation is made to ensure that all parts of the facility that are accessible to the public are accessible and usable by staff and visitors with disabilities.

NEW IN TRAINING

Please plan to attend this one-of-a-kind Department of Homeland Security funded course. It will be held at the Tulsa Technology Center's Lemley Campus - Career Services Building, Section C (behind Training Center), 3420 S. Memorial Drive.



A FREE, 8 hour, one-day CLEET accredited course that will be offered twice.

www.tcsso.org/tcsoweb/CEEP.aspx

CEEP (pronounced 'KEEP') Training provides Emergency Responders, Government and Critical Infrastructure agencies and personnel with policies and planning tools for employees' families before, during and after every kind of disaster or catastrophic event. This course was created with the experience, advice and guidance of responder employees AND FAMILY MEMBERS who have experienced hurricanes, 9/11 Terrorist Attacks, the 2007 tornadoes in Kansas and other catastrophic events.

For more information or to enroll, please contact Bonnie Fidler @ 918.596.4512 or bfidler@tcsso.org.

Beginning in the January 2010 Shield, the calendar on the back page will be used to list our training schedule for the month. Class names may be abbreviated, so be sure to check our TCSO website - tcsso.org - for a full training schedule.

PROMOTIONS



Congratulations!

On November 2, 2009, Deputy William "Bill" Adams was promoted to Corporal

SHERIFF'S WASHINGTON VISIT



**Sheriff Stanley Glanz &
Vice-President Joe Biden**

On November 12, 2009, Sheriff Stanley Glanz along with four other representatives of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) Executive Board of Directors, were honored to be chosen to attend a meeting with the United States Vice-President Joe Biden and the United States Attorney General Eric Holder. The meeting was scheduled to discuss issues and concerns affecting law enforcement nationwide. This meeting took place in the Roosevelt Room of the Presidential White House in Washington D.C., which is the same room that the President of the United States uses when meeting with his Cabinet. The meeting began with a general introduction from NSA Executive Director Sheriff Arron Kennard (Retired). During the opening, Sheriff Kennard introduced NSA current President Sheriff John E. Zaruba from Dupage County, Illinois. Sheriff Zaruba initiated the group dialogue by highlighting the specific issues of discussion, which included: the COPS Hiring Program (CHRP), the Crime Commission Bill sponsored by United States Senator Jim Webb, drug policies and the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA).

Sheriff John Carry Bittick, from Monroe County, Georgia, introduced discussions regarding the Federal COPS

Hiring Program and its overall impact across the nation. Sheriff Bittick outlined specific deficiencies within the program and its implementation. The COPS Hiring Program is one of the most prominent federal programs for law enforcement agencies, and the only one available to assist with the rising cost of hiring law enforcement professionals. Sheriff Bittick stated a case of how Sheriff's Offices are some of the most financially challenged agencies, yet receive little of the monies available to fund new positions. Sheriff Bittick showed that, according to Federal records, out of the 7,272 CHRP applications received, only 1,046 or 14.5% of the requests were awarded. Out of this number, 1,203 were requested, by Sheriff's Offices with only 77 agencies or 6.4% receiving funding compared to the 909 requests that were awarded to police departments. Vice-President Biden (author of the CHRP in 1994 while in Congress) believes that the prerequisites used to determine eligibility gave preference towards police departments and the funding they received were intended to be stimulus monies. The formula used to determine eligibility is different from the formula previously used in the past.

Vice-President Biden committed to working toward securing more funding through this program for Sheriff's Offices and ensures that funds are proportionately distributed. Attorney General Holder concurred with the thoughts of the Vice-President.

Sheriff Mike Leidholt, from Hughs County, South Dakota, introduced dialogue on the Crime Commission Bill being sponsored by U.S. Senator Jim Webb (D-VA). This bill is being sponsored in order to take a comprehensive look at the entire criminal justice system at the federal, state and local level and to provide to congress recommendations on areas that need improvement. The Crime Commission Bill has strong support by the Obama Administration but has faced some criticism from numerous law enforcement agencies including the NSA. The panel discussion concurred that a very conservative comprehensive examination of the language would have to occur before all sides would agree on the changes.

Sheriff Larry A. Dever, from Cochise County, Arizona, was selected to discuss the drug policies affiliated with state and federal jurisdictions. Congressman Bobby Scott (D-VA) and Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) have introduced legislation in Congress that would significantly reduce the sentences imposed on offenders involved with crack cocaine and create a 1:1 ratio in convictions associated with powder cocaine. The NSA officially opposed the legislation but agreed that further research should be conducted on the sentencing disparity between the two dangerous narcotics. The topic of medical marijuana was also discussed. In regards to this topic, Attorney General Holder announced formal guidelines for federal prosecutors to follow in states where medical marijuana is legal. Currently there are fourteen states that have legalized marijuana for medicinal

SHERIFF'S WASHINGTON VISIT, CONTINUED



Sheriff Stanley Glanz & Attorney General Holder

purposes. At this time the government believes that it should remain at the state level and the federal government should eliminate their protectoral involvement. The NSA did not take an official stance on this topic; however, it is being tabled for the NSA Drug Enforcement Committee during the 2010 Winter Conference.

Sheriff Stanley Glanz, from Tulsa County, Oklahoma, was chosen to discuss issues involving the very costly Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). PREA is an act that originated in 2003 and that created a national commission to study the policies and practices regarding the prevention, detection, response and monitoring of sexual abuse in federal, state and local incarceration facilities. On behalf of the NSA executive panel, Sheriff Glanz discussed how costly it would be to add the necessary requirements for the implementation of the program to already burdened correctional facilities. Additionally, PREA imposes significant standards that make the assumption that jails and prisons operate in similar manners. Sheriff Glanz pointed out that establishing a commission that imposes standards and audits for compliance, forces local facilities to face the possibility of increased and unnecessary frivolous litigation. He also suggested that the

implementation of PREA would be extremely burdensome to smaller facilities. The other NSA members present concurred with Sheriff Glanz based upon the concerns relative to their respective facilities. Attorney General Holder determined that all the information would be examined by his office before discussing the issue in greater detail.

Sheriff Glanz truly believes that being invited to the Nation's Capitol to speak on such significant issues facing the future of law enforcement in this country was a historical event. After the official one and a half hour meeting, Vice-President Biden and Attorney General Holder remained with the attendees taking pictures and visiting. Upon returning home, the Sheriff shared an event that had greatly impressed him. The President of the NSA brought his fifteen year old son with him to witness this historical event hosted by two of America's most prominent leaders. Vice-President Biden was so impressed with the young man's attendance that at the conclusion of the event, he took him to his office and wrote his teacher a note asking that the young man be excused from school for that day. Sheriff Glanz was awed at the candor and simplicity

displayed by two of our nations' leaders.

Sheriff Glanz expressed how privileged and honored he felt to be selected to talk before such distinguished ranking Presidential Cabinet members on topics that potentially could effect every law enforcement agency in America. Sheriff Glanz recognized that his selection was partially based on his involvement with the NSA Executive Board. However, he also attributes this honor to his continued contributions to the American Correctional Association and the National Institute of Corrections. After attending this meeting, Sheriff Glanz feels a renewed respect for both the Vice-President and the Attorney General of the United States. The Sheriff expressed how comfortable the meeting was and that the entire White House staff went out of their way to make them feel welcomed and accepted.

Sergeant Shannon Clark

Public Acclaim

Deputies Mark Penley, Kelly Messenger and Will Ramsey received a special 'Thank You' from a Tulsa family for assisting them with an emergency writ of assistance, regarding a family member. Our deputies were commended for their exceptional patience and understanding during this ordeal.



Sharon Andrew, Controller for Correctional Healthcare Management (CHM), praised Lisa Van Meer for the excellent service provided to CHM regarding our medical account for DLMCJC. Ms. Andrew wishes to personally congratulate Lisa for her above-and-beyond customer service!

••• Our History •••

TCSO History

By Retired Sgt. Lyndall Cole
TCSO Historian

Tulsa County's Kangaroo Court

In 1926, Sheriff Bob Sanford abolished the 'kangaroo court' in the Tulsa County Jail. A week later, prisoners rioted, damaging plumbing fixtures in the jail. The leaders were placed in solitary confinement, but five hundred dollars worth of damage had been done.

The prisoners in the jail asked Sheriff Sanford if they could re-establish the kangaroo court to keep order inside the jail. After receiving a promise from the inmates to conduct the court along proper guidelines, the sheriff agreed. After the court was re-established, the jail was kept cleaner and the prisoners were in a better frame of mind.

Three years later, after defeating incumbent Sheriff Bob Sanford in the 1928 general election, Sheriff Charles Price took office in January of 1929. Sheriff Price retained just eight of Sanford's former staff, virtually starting from scratch with his deputy force.

One of his first actions was dealing with the kangaroo court within the county jail. Federal Judge Franklin Kennamer had just recently lifted the ban of holding federal prisoners in the county jail and Sheriff Price was not about to lose the federal prisoners again.

United States Marshal Grant Victor informed the county jails in his northern district that the tradition of allowing inmates to participate in kangaroo courts would not be tolerated. "The government does not approve of the kangaroo court

practices and endeavors to fully protect every prisoner from such molestation," Victor said. Marshal Victor informed Sheriff Price that he was not to permit the payment of kangaroo court fines imposed on any federal prisoner. Much like today, inmates' money was held in the jail office in their personal accounts. Inmates could give a written order for the release of funds to pay court fines, including those imposed by the kangaroo court.

Sheriff Price didn't waste any time, announcing Saturday, January 12, 1929, that he eliminated the kangaroo court within the county jail. The following Sunday, several deputies searched every cell within the jail. The deputies were looking for any type of weapon or any instrument of punishment in carrying out the sentences of the kangaroo court, or to escape from the jail.

Sheriff Price also made some effective changes in the classification and organization of the county jail, most we still adhere to today. He relocated the jail trustees from the hangman's room to the old dining room. This move allowed visitors to use the jail corridor. He permanently closed a door between the male and female cell areas, allowing only female matrons to work inside the women's section of the jail. He created individual cells for federal prisoners and juveniles, keeping these two groups separate from the other county prisoners.

Speaking about the juveniles Sheriff Price stated, "I've been an officer so long I know the young boys shouldn't be mixed with the older prisoners."

Even with these changes, some old ways still persisted. A common practice used by the inmates to bring contraband into the jail was to shred a blanket or sheet into strips. These strips would be tied together to form a long rope. The rope was placed through a jail window to bring items in from someone on the outside. Knowing inmates used this system to bring in contraband, including weapons, deputies would patrol the grounds outside the county jail looking for this type of activity. On a Wednesday night in 1929, Deputy Flay McDonald saw two women during one of his patrols passing something on a rope to the jail. A federal prisoner used this system to bring in a pint of whisky delivered to him by the two women Deputy McDonald had caught outside. This practice was generally referred to as 'fishing' when I worked in the county jail at 6th and Denver in the 1980s, and I'm sure the same terminology was used back in 1929. But, I'm sure in the 80s it was much more difficult to locate a fish from 9 stories up, than from 4. (the 1929 county jail was on the top floor of the old county courthouse, the 4th floor, while in the 80s, although located on the top floor again, it was now the 9th floor.)

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David L. Moss Weight Loss Challenge

David L. Moss Weight Loss Challenge is a prototype program that is designed to solicit employees from the Jail that need help and assistance in losing weight. The length of the Challenge is twenty-one weeks. The idea of the Challenge is to provide employees with the tools, education and training habits that would ultimately result in a lifestyle change. The Challenge was first presented to the employees of the Jail this past July, but was postponed until after the Fair.

We felt that allowing the program to run its course through and well beyond the

Holidays would be more beneficial to the participants. Chief Robinette was very generous, supplying the Challenge with weekly rewards and tools to help encourage the participants. Workouts are held either in the squad room or weight room here at the Jail. Workout times are every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 0715, 1300 and 1515 hours. Every TCSO employee is welcome to attend the workouts.

The Challenge started on Monday, October 26th with the first weigh-in being two weeks later on Friday, November 6th, 2009.

Weekly weigh-ins are now every Friday, with the weekly winner being notified on the following Monday.

The weekly winners are:

November 6th, DO Norris with a loss of 9.8 lbs
November 13th DO Meyer with a loss of 15.2 lbs.

Congratulations to all Participants - total loss of 73.8 lbs and 19% body fat!

Deputy Billy McKelvey



VINCENT'S VIEW

• 2012 •

Starring: John Cusack, Billy Glover, & Woody Harrelson

by Detention Officer Vincent Fesler

This is a good movie - not great, but entertaining none the less. With that said, if special effects are the reason you go to movies, this is the movie for you. The scenes of California falling into the ocean are pretty cool. Mr. Cusack gives a decent performance as the star of the movie, as

does Billy Glover, but the one to watch is Woody Harrelson. He gives the 'I'm not quite sane' character that extra something, that really makes you believe he isn't quite right in the head. Maybe it's the 'crazy eyes' thing he can do. But all in all, a nice little movie even if it is 2 1/2 hours long. So leave your stress at the door and go see a movie.

Expressions of Appreciation

by Undersheriff Brian Edwards

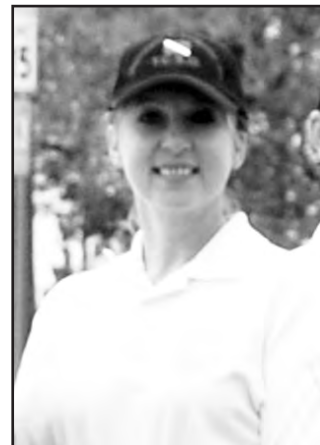
During the first week of November, the David L. Moss Criminal Justice Center underwent an audit conducted by the American Correctional Association, ACA. The audit was a great success, thanks to the commitment and hard work of TCSO personnel. While each staff member, detention officer and administrative personnel contributed in varying degrees, no one person can produce a victory on his or her own. Each member of this Detention Team played his or her part, and played it well. Everyone worked hard to make sure our audit was a complete success. The jail met the standards set forth by ACA with glowing reports from every area. The auditors stated that there is a great ownership pride that is present in the leadership of our personnel. They felt that we have formed a family atmosphere at the jail and were very impressed with the training that our detention personnel receive. Auditor Marsha Travis expressed that she was looking to improve our facility; however, she said she wanted to take suggestions back to her place. Richard Caldwell said that if he had a family member that was incarcerated, he would be pleased to have them in our

medical facility. Our final audit score was 99.66%. I want to thank everyone who contributed to making sure that our facility was in tip-top shape for our ACA audit. I would also like to thank Mark Lechtenberg and Cpl. Roland D'Souza for their hard work in preparing all of our files and making sure everything was available for the auditors. Chief Robinette, you are doing an awesome job leading your employees in a manner that is overwhelmingly productive. Keep up the great work!



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
TO ALL OF OUR
FAMILY &
FRIENDS!**

History Maker!



After receiving her Bachelors of Science in Biology and Chemistry in 2007 from Northeastern State University, Deputy Betty Shelby pursued a career in law enforcement because she felt it would 'be rewarding, challenging, and offer many opportunities for advancement'. She joined TCSO in June 2007 and, upon completion of CLEET, was assigned to Court Operations. Deputy Shelby first began scuba diving in 2001 for the adventure, after listening to the exciting stories her husband would share about his dive trips and the call-outs that he responded to with his department's dive team. Scuba diving played a significant part in her under-graduate research project in biology where she studied the various underwater "man-made" habitats for fish. In May 2009, Deputy Shelby became a member of our dive team. Joining the dive team gave her the opportunity to utilize the skills she had learned and help our office to assist the public in times of need. At the same time, she says she 'has the pleasure of working with a great group of people who share a common interest with her...scuba diving'.

Sheryl Stedham