



2021-2022 TJA BALLOT INFORMATION

CANDIDATES FOR 3RD VICE PRESIDENT ONE POSITION OPEN



Bill Jennings



Johnny Jaquess



Terry McCraw

Bill Jennings

Jail Administrator, Comal County Sheriff's Office

Bill Jennings was hired at the Gregg County Sheriff's Office on January 16, 2002. He advanced through the ranks from Jailer to Lieutenant and is currently the Jail Administrator for the Comal County Sheriff's Office.

Bill is a Certified Jail Manager through the AJA, a 2013 graduate of NJLCA Class #12 and a graduate of Jail Management Operations through the Correctional Managements Institute of Texas. He currently holds a Master Peace Officer Certificate and a Master Jailers Certificate from TCOLE. Bill has been a member of the Texas Jail Association for over a decade. He was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2013 by President Scott Simonton and was elected to the Board of Directors for a three year term in 2018.

Bill actively promotes continuing education and training for his staff and has a strong passion and commitment toward professionalism in the field of corrections.

Johnny Jaquess

Captain, Lubbock County Sheriff's Office

Captain Johnny Jaquess "JJ" has a bachelor's degree in Human Services/Criminal Justice. He also has Master Jailer and Master Peace Officer licenses with 23 years of service at Lubbock County. JJ currently serves as a Watch Commander for the Lubbock County Detention Center. He is a graduate of the National Jail Leadership Command Academy, Jail Executive Development Program and is a Certified Jail Manager through the American Jail Association. JJ also served in the Army as a Commissioned Officer.

He is an instructor with a passion for subjects including Firearms, Leadership, and Mental Health. JJ has served on the TJA Board as Director, Sergeant-At-Arms, and is proud to be a lifetime member. He has served on several committees including Training, Technology, and Entertainment. JJ is proud to have negotiated the agreement with OSS Training Academy and initiating Family Game Night as the Entertainment Committee Chair. Go Vote JJ for TJA!



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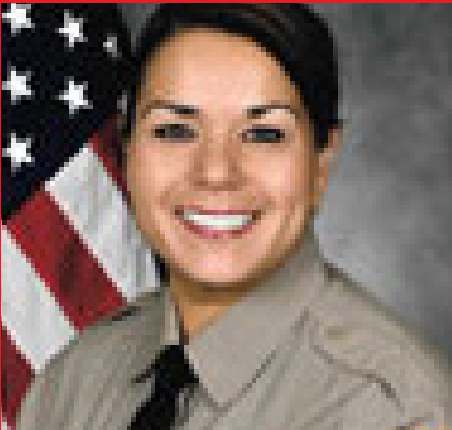
Terry McCraw

Assistant Chief, Collin County Sheriff's Office

Assistant Chief Terry McCraw began his law enforcement career at the Collin County Sheriff's Office in 1995 after serving 4 years in the United States Marine Corps. In 1998, he was promoted to Sergeant and to Lieutenant in 2000. He was promoted to rank of Captain in 2010 and is currently serving as Jail Administrator for the Collin County Sheriff's Office since January 2017. He spent two decades on the Detention Response Team and has served on the Collin County Veteran's Court/North Texas Regional Veterans Court and Mental Health Manage Counsel Advisory Board. He currently holds a Master Peace Officer License, Master Jailer License and is certified as a Mental Health Peace Officer.

Terry is currently serving as on the Board and has served on the TJA membership committee since 2017.

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR THREE POSITIONS OPEN



Frances Dembowksi



Rowdee Edwards

Greg Pilkington

Frances Dembowski

Lieutenant, Travis County Sheriff's Office

Frances Dembowski is employed by the Travis County Sheriff's Office as a Lieutenant in the Corrections Bureau, with over 20 years of service. Frances is dually certified with a Master Jailer and Master Peace Officer License. She also has an associate degree in criminal justice. Frances is a graduate of the Department of Public Safety's Fitness Institute and is certified as a law enforcement fitness specialist. She graduated from the National Jail Leadership Command Academy, Class #31.

Frances has been actively involved with the TJA Board of Directors for over five years. First appointed to Director, and then



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CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR CONTINUED

as the Board's Secretary, Frances ran for Director and was elected by the membership. She finds serving the Association and its members to be a rewarding experience. It has been an honor and a privilege to be a part of the training opportunities and support offered through TJA.

Rowdee Edwards

Sergeant, Hockley County Sheriff's Office

Rowdee Edwards started his career in Law Enforcement at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in October 2008. He realized that he wanted to work in Corrections at the county level and went to work with Hale County Sheriff's Office in December of 2012.

Rowdee has worked as a corrections professional for the past 12 years. As of October 2014, he found his place at Hockley County Sheriff's Office. His eagerness and dedication earned him a promotion to Sergeant in April of 2015. Rowdee's most recent accomplishment is becoming a graduate of the National Jail Leadership Command Academy. He also has an Intermediate Jailer's license, is a TCOLE instructor, Less Than Lethal force instructor for the Detention and Law Enforcement Divisions and Aided in forming the Hockley County Jail Training Officer program.

Greg Pilkington

Captain, Tarrant County Sheriff's Office

Captain Greg Pilkington is Director of Inmate Services with the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office. He started his law enforcement career in 1993 with the Parker County Juvenile Services. In 1998, was hired by the Dallas County Sheriff's Office working in Detentions. In 2000, Greg was hired by the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office in Detentions. In 2001, he promoted to Corporal and in 2003 was promoted to Sergeant. In 2004, Greg received the Supervisor of the Year Award. In 2005, he promoted to Lieutenant and was assigned as a Watch Commander. In 2006, Greg promoted to Captain and became a Unit Commander. He commanded all five Tarrant County Jails during his 15 years as Captain. In November of 2019, he became the Inmate Service Director over Jail Programs. Greg is a National Certified Correctional Manager and a Master Jailers Licensee. He is currently serving as Director on the board of TJA.

SUGGESTED BY-LAW CHANGE

Section 2: Nominations

A. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members: 1. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall be the First Vice-President; 2. One (1) member shall be the Second Vice-President; and, 3. One (1) shall be a member of the general membership, as appointed by the First Vice President.

B. The Nominating Committee shall nominate ~~at least two (2)~~ individuals for the offices of Third Vice-President, Treasurer, and each vacancy on the Board. The committee shall ensure that the nominees have met all eligibility requirements and verify the support of their Sheriff(s) prior to formally nominating them.



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CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER ONE POSITION OPEN



Abby Belangeri

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Lieutenant, Brazos County Sheriff's Office

Abby Belangeri has worked for the Brazos County Sheriff's Office for 13 years. She is a graduate of the National Jail Leadership Command Academy, Class 28 and served as class president. She is currently a lieutenant over the Support Services Division. She also has experience in jail floor operations and intake/release. In addition, she holds a Master Jailer license. She has attended the Mental Health Jail Officer and master trainer courses and is assisting in facilitating continued mental health jail officer training. Abby has also implemented a Jail CIT team at the Brazos County Detention Center. Abby has a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Central Michigan University and is currently pursuing her graduate degree at Sam Houston State University in the Criminal Justice Leadership and Management program. Abby has served on the TJA board of director's the last two years in the capacities of Director and Treasurer.



2021-2022 ELECTIONS ARE OPENING SOON!

**The 2021-2022 Electronic Ballot will open on April 9, 2021
and will close May 12, 2021 at 3:30pm CST.**

A Voting PIN will be required to cast your vote. This unique number will be emailed to eligible voters the week of April 5-9, 2021. This number will also be printed on the nametags of eligible voters who attend the 35th Annual Conference. If you do not receive an email and believe you should be eligible, contact Sharese Hurst at sharese@shsu.edu.

**In order to be eligible to vote, members must have a
current TJA membership as of the morning of April 5, 2021.**