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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



President, Mary Barron

I am proud to announce that I have relocated and am now working for the Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Office as Assistant Jail Administrator. My current information can be found on the Nacogdoches County website.

I hope everyone reading this issue has already made their plans to attend the 19th Annual Texas Jail Association's Spring

Conference to be held at the Omni Hotel in San Antonio, May 23 – 27, 2005. If you have not made your plans, there is still time to do so! First Vice President Kelly Rowe and 2nd Vice President Danny Downes, in addition to the Board of Directors, have been working diligently in preparing the agenda to ensure that this will be a great conference.

We have had another outstanding year of training with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. I would like to give special thanks to Terry Julian, Terry Dollar, and all their staff for making the training classes successful. It is the goal of this Association to strive for professionalism in the field of corrections. We will continue to bring education and training to officers in order to meet these goals.

If you are interested in the future of the Association, we are looking for dedicated officers to run for office in this upcoming year of 2005-2006. Please contact 1st Vice President Kelly Rowe for more information.

I hope to see you in San Antonio. Please continue to pray for our troops in the military.

Sincerely,

Mary Barron
President Texas Jail Association

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ATTENTION VENDORS!

by
Cheryl White Mynar

I would like to personally thank each exhibitor for their participation last year in the 18th Annual Spring Conference in San Antonio. We had 78 exhibitors showcasing their products to almost 500 attendees.

We also welcomed several new exhibitors including The Abby Group, Avnet Enterprise Solutions, Canteen Correctional Services, Fairview Group, and McKee Foods. I hope all the attendees had an opportunity to visit these booths and welcome them to our conference.

Important reminder: If you have not already sent in your exhibitor packets for 2005, please do so as soon as possible in order to secure your preferred "spot." Also, be sure to make your room reservations with the Omni Hotel to ensure you will be in the host hotel.

Sponsorships: Please consider participation in our sponsorship opportunities. You don't have to make major contributions to make a difference. Contributions at any and all levels help the association defer the costs of not only the conference, but providing much needed and appreciated training for our law enforcement members.

Please feel free to call me (1.866.254.7934), if you have any questions or need additional information on the conference. I look forward to seeing all of you again in beautiful San Antonio!



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TEXAS JAIL ASSOCIATION APPROVES REIMBURSEMENT OF CJM EXAM COSTS

The Board of Directors of the Texas Jail Association unanimously voted to approve a proposal to reimburse certain Certified Jail Managers for the cost of the Certified Jail Manager Examination Fee. The action was taken at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors in San Antonio on March 7, 2005.

President Mary Barron created a committee in May of 2004 to study the concept of providing reimbursement for members that became Certified Jail Managers. Past-President Wayne Dicky served as Chairman while 1st Vice-President Kelly Rowe, Treasurer Mark Dubois, and Director Robert Green served as committee members. The Committee developed the policy to establish the reimbursement program and outline requirements.

The purpose of the Certified Jail Manager Reimbursement Policy is to encourage professional development and credentialing among Association members. The Texas Jail Association recognizes that one of the many challenges to becoming a Certified Jail Manager (CJM) is cost. Many organizations do not reimburse expenditures for professional development. By reducing the cost of certification, the Association will encourage members to become Certified Jail Managers.

Members of the Texas Jail Association in good standing for at least one year are eligible to apply for reimbursement. Applicants must be the highest or second highest-ranking individuals responsible for jail operations within their agency and must have applied for examination and paid the fee after January 1, 2005. With more than 238 operational County Jails in Texas, the program will be available to hundreds of potential candidates.

The reimbursement process is simple. Applicants that meet the eligibility requirements forward a copy of the letter from the American Jail Association, providing notice they have obtained the Certified Jail Manager designation, and a letter from the Sheriff or Agency head stating they are currently employed in a position that meets the eligibility requirements. Applicants must also provide a copy of a check or other proof of personal payment of the examination fee with their request for reimbursement. The Association will review the documents and, upon approval, will process reimbursement to the applicant for the examination fee.

The Certified Jail Manager program was created by the American Jail Association and is administered by the Jail Manager Certification Commission. Certification as a Jail Manager is part of a process called credentialing. It provides documented evidence that the individual has been examined by an independent professional organization and found to possess current competency in a specialized field. Certification documents a high level of skill, experience and knowledge in the field of Jail Management.

Information about the Texas Jail Association and the Certified Jail Manager Reimbursement Policy can be obtained by contacting Executive Director Sharese Hurst at 936-294-1687 or by visiting www.TexasJailAssociation.com. Additional information about the American Jail Association and the Certified Jail Manager Program is available by contacting AJA Headquarters at 301-790-3930 or on the Internet at www.AJA.org.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS

**JOIN US IN SAN ANTONIO IN
MAY FOR
THE 4TH ANNUAL COURTROOM
CHALLENGE GAME**

**at
THE 19TH ANNUAL TJA
CONFERENCE MAY 23 – 27, 2005**

Each county may enter any number of
2-person teams
(Be Sure to Indicate Whether You Will
Participate On Your Registration Form)

Competition will take place on Tuesday and
Wednesday (May 24th & 25th)
Trophies will be presented at the Banquet
Wednesday evening, May 25th
Study the Standards and compete to take the
trophy home to your county!

SMITH COUNTY COURTHOUSE SHOOTING

by
Gary Pinkerton, Smith County Sheriff's Office

On February 24, 2005, it seemed to be a normal day in Smith County. At the courthouse in the 114th District Court, a hearing was being held on an inmate convicted of Capital Murder.

We had additional deputies in the courtroom along with Lieutenant Marlin Suell and me, Gary Pinkerton. It was about 1:20 p.m., I heard a loud blast like a jackhammer was ripping into cement. Then I heard the noise for the second time. I quickly exited the courtroom to investigate. As I ran down the steps, I met citizens scrambling for their lives.

Bailiff Browne Carleton and I yelled to the citizens, "Get up stairs now!" As we reached the first floor of the courthouse, we found ourselves in the middle of gunfire on the east side of the courthouse where glass windows and doors were being shot out. We did not know exactly what was happening, but we both agreed that it was bad.

Deputy Glenn Kitson had his weapon drawn and was in the line of fire, but never stopped to think of his own safety. He was escorting three ladies into the Central jury room using his body as their shield. Bailiff Carleton ran to save another lady that was exiting the elevator, not aware of the deadly situation she was walking into. I observed one lady that was in complete shock and was a sure target; I grabbed her and took her to safety.

Lieutenant Suell, Deputy Mike Strickland, and Tyler Police Detective Clay Parrett along with Bailiff Carleton ran into the gunfire to prevent the shooter from entering the Courthouse. We were not aware that Deputy Sherman Dollison and Sergeant Alan Langston had exited the building and confronted the heavily armed gunman, both deputies never considered anything but stopping the suspect. Deputy Dollison was shot 4 times and is in critical condition, Sergeant Langston has an injured shoulder, Lieutenant Suell was grazed in the back of the neck and ear, and Detective Parrett was grazed in the head. Bailiff Carleton tore ligaments in his left hand and I sustained a cut on the knee.

The gunman climbed back into his truck and slowly drove away still shooting into the courthouse nearly striking District Attorney Investigator Jim Castle. The Sheriff's deputies and Tyler Police Officers gave chase of the gunman for about 2 miles where gunfire was exchanged again. Once the subject was down it was confirmed that he was wearing body armor and a military flack jacket.

We are all banged and bruised, but we are truly thankful to be alive. We all took an oath to protect and serve; on February 24, 2005 the citizens of Smith County found that the men and women in law enforcement stand behind that oath!! I ask that you keep deputy Sherman Dollison and his family in your prayers.

PAST TJA PRESIDENT BECOMES NEW AJA PRESIDENT

On May 15 - 19, 2005, the American Jail Association (AJA), in cooperation with the Jackson County Department of Corrections, will be conducting its 24th Annual Training Conference & Jail Expo in Kansas City, MO. The Conference will bring together over 2,000 jail practitioners and service providers from around the country to train, network, and meet on issues facing our nation's jails.

AJA is a professional, membership based, nonprofit organization that provides support, information, and training to those who work in and operate our nation's jails.

During the Conference, there will be over 50 training seminars, 290 exhibits, and numerous special events. Training topics encompass legal, medical, operational, and personnel issues, to name a few, and will be addressed by practitioners and academics from around the country.

During the Annual Banquet on Wednesday evening, Major Robert W. Patterson, CJM, Administrator, Bell County Sheriff's Office, Belton, TX, will be sworn in as President of AJA.

Major Patterson was elected to the Office of Third Vice President in the spring of 2001 and moved through the various chairs. Prior to taking office as Third Vice President, Major Patterson served as a member of the Association's Board of Directors and chaired numerous committees, to include the 2004 Conference Planning Committee.

Also during the Conference, this year's Correctional Administrators, Correctional Supervisor, Correctional Officers, Volunteer, and Civilian Employees of the Year will be honored.

If you would like more information, please contact Stephen J. Ingley, Executive Director, American Jail Association at 301-790-3930.

COUNTY HELPS BOX CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

by
Krystal De Los Santos

Saturday, Sheriff Terry Box celebrated 20 years of serving as Collin County's top law enforcement officer at a party thrown by the Deputy Sheriff's Association. The barbecue dinner at Southfork Ranch included a speech by State Representative. Brian McCall, R-Plano, entertainment by country musician Ed Bursleson and an open dance floor. Before dinner, Collin County Deputy Sheriff's Association President Chuck Presley welcomed the guests, while McKinney Police Department Chaplain Rickey Hargrave led the invocation. Sheriff's deputy and vice-president of the association, Tim Overbey, then introduced McCall.

The congressman said he was hoping to "roast" Box, but couldn't find anything bad to say about him. "I thought I could work the room tonight and get people who've known Terry for quite some time to give me some dirt, some trash, some funny stories, but that's not the case, and I'm apologizing right now for failing you abysmally," he said. "I tried to get people who've known him a long time to give me dirt. They wouldn't. I tried to get people who've known him a short time to give me trash. They wouldn't. And then it occurred to me that that's probably best, because he probably has a room full of friends with loaded weapons even as we speak."

McCall joked about Box taking public service seriously with an anecdote about one of his previous law enforcement jobs. On Box's first day as a dispatcher for the McKinney Police Department, McCall said, he looked "like Barney Fife" with a starched shirt, cap and ironed pants. "No one had ever seen anybody show up as dispatcher in the McKinney Police Department like that before," he said.

McCall added he was glad to be "honoring a good man in a good way for the right reasons, who has done things the right way for the right reasons for 20 years for Collin County, and even more than that as a law enforcement officer."

McCall then recognized some public officials in attendance, including State Representative. Jodie Laubenberg, R-Wylie, county commissioners Jack Hatchell and Phyllis Cole, judges Chris Oldner, Greg Brewer and Corrine Mason, constables Joe Barton, Bob Bell and Johnny Todd, District Attorney John Roach, Plano Police Chief Greg Rushing, Justice of the Peace Johnny Lewis, Anna Mayor Kenneth Pelham and Rick Neudorff, chair of the Collin County GOP.

Lisa Smith presented Box with a Senate resolution on behalf of State Senator Florence Shapiro, R-Plano. McCall authored a similar resolution which was approved by the Texas House of Representatives on March 1, 2005.

McCall then read a letter from U.S. Representative Sam Johnson, R-Plano, congratulating Box. "You're a man of strong moral character and one who exhibits high ethical beliefs. Your lifetime dedication to law enforcement and public service is very evident in all of the things you've done and the contributions you have made," Johnson said in the letter. "You continue to serve the citizens of Collin County and Texas well." Along with the letter, Johnson sent Box a flag that had flown over the U.S. Capitol.

Ruth Staton, president of the North Collin County Republican Women and Deputy Tim Overbey, Vice President of the Deputy Sheriff's Association, presented Box with gifts from their organizations. The deputies also gave Box's wife a gift certificate to a day spa.

After accepting the gifts, Box took the microphone and thanked those in attendance. "I want to thank my wife first of all for everything she's done for me. A lot of folks vote for her instead of me, I know. I've been told that several times," he said.

He added, "The reason I've been here for 20 years is because of the employees. The employees of your sheriff's office are the greatest group of employees from top to bottom you could find anywhere in the United States," he said.

"That's what makes my job easy and that's what gets me re-elected. I want to personally give a thank you from the bottom of my heart to all my employees for all your dedication and all the work you've done for me and the sheriff's office."

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More information will be given at the conferences!



**Texas Jail Association
 19th Annual Spring Conference
 Omni Hotel San Antonio
 May 23 – May 27, 2005**

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Texas Jail Association 19th Annual Spring Conference Tentative Agenda

Monday, May 23rd

9:00 am – 10:30 am Pre-Conference Board Meeting
 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm Golf Tournament
 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Participant Registration
 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm Exhibitor Setup
 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Dancing with Darkness-DRE
 5:00 pm – 11:00 pm Hospitality Rooms

9:00 am Exhibitor Showrooms Open
 10:00 am – 10:30 am Refreshment Break
 10:30 am – 12:00 pm *Ethics and Professionalism (Repeat)*
Mental Health Issues in Corrections (Repeat)
Legislative Update (Repeat)
 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch {on your own}
 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm *Threat Group Management Topic TBA*
MRSA in Jails

Tuesday, May 24th

7:30 am – 12:00 pm Participant Registration
 8:30 am – 8:45 am Welcoming Remarks
Mary Barron – TJA President
Sharese Hurst – TJA Executive Director
Dan Richard Beto - CMIT Executive Director

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Refreshment Break
 3:30 pm Exhibitor Showrooms Close
 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm *Threat Group Management (Repeat)*
Topic TBA (Repeat)
MRSA in Jails (Repeat)
 6:00 pm – 12:00 am Buses to Riverwalk

8:45 am – 9:30 am Keynote Address
Judge J.Q. Warnick, Jr.

9:00 am Exhibitor Showrooms Open
 9:30 am – 10:00 am Refreshment Break
 10:00 am – 10:15 am Introduction of Candidates
 10:15 am – 11:30 am Opening Session and Special Speaker
J. Mark Warren - TAC

Thursday, May 26th

8:30 am – 10:00 am *Hearing Impaired Inmates Topic TBA*
Judges & Commissioners Panel
 10:15 am – 10:30 am Refreshment Break
 10:30 am – 12:00 pm *Hearing Impaired Inmates (Repeat)*
Jail Commission Program
 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Lunch {on your own}
 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm *Generation X: Different Values, Similar Goals*
C.E.R.T. Debate Topic TBA
 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Refreshment Break
 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm *Generation X: Different Values Similar Goals (Repeat), C.E.R.T. Debate (Repeat) Topic TBA (Repeat)*
 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm Awards Banquet

11:30 am – 1:30 pm Lunch {on your own}
 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm Courtroom Challenge
Attorney General of Texas Gang Resource System
State Ready Update
Medication Administration in Jails

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Refreshment Break
 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm *Attorney General of Texas Gang Resource System (Repeat)*
State Ready Update (Repeat)
Medication Administration in Jails (Repeat)

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm President's Reception
 7:00 pm Exhibitor Showrooms Close

Friday, May 27th

Wednesday, May 25th

7:30 am – 8:30 am Prayer Breakfast
 8:15 am – 8:30 am Sheriff's Photo
 8:30 am – 9:00 am Jail Administrator's Photo
 8:30 am – 5:00 pm Courtroom Challenge
 8:30 am – 10:00 am *Ethics and Professionalism*
Mental Health Issues in Corrections
Legislative Update

8:30 am – 10:00 am *Working Smart: Communicating for Results*
 10:00 am – 10:15 am Refreshment Break
 10:15 am – 11:30 am *Working Smart: Communicating for Results (Continued)*
 10:45 am – 11:30 am Association Board Meeting
 11:30 am Program Concludes

**EARLY REGISTRATION
BY
FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2005**

**TJA Members - \$130.00
Non-Members - \$150.00**

**LATE REGISTRATION
AFTER
FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2005**

**TJA Members - \$160.00
Non-Members - \$180.00**

For conference information contact either Sharese Hurst at (936) 294-1687 or Amy Coates at (936) 294-3075.

Checks for the conference should be made payable to the Texas Jail Association.

Cancellations must be made in writing and received by the Correctional Management Institute of Texas at Sam Houston State University no later than **May 13, 2005**, in order for a full refund to be processed. **NO REFUND** will be given to participants that **NO-SHOW**.

**HOST HOTEL
OMNI HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER**

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San Antonio, Texas 78230

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Rates: \$80.00 room

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AmeriSuites Northwest: (210) 561-0099

Best Western: (210) 691-9550

Drury Inn & Suites: (210) 561-2510

**GOLF TOURNAMENT
INFORMATION**

DATE: Monday, May 23, 2005
TEE TIME: 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm
PLACE: Silverhorn Country Club
FEE: \$65.00 per person
TYPE: Four Man Scramble

Silverhorn is a Soft Spike only course and proper attire is required (shirts with collars). For questions regarding the golf tournament, contact Bob Patterson at (254) 933-5409 (office) or (254) 778-1091 (home).

All entry forms and checks should be mailed to:

Texas Jail Association Golf Tournament
ATTN: Bob Patterson
Correctional Management Institute of Texas
Sam Houston State University
Huntsville, Texas 77341-2296

Name: _____

Agency: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax Number: _____

Team: _____

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COURTROOM CHALLENGE – 2 Person Team Tournament

Tuesday, May 24th – Wednesday, May 25th

Please complete and return with registration form County: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____



Texas Jail Association

JIM WHITE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

For More Information go to www.texasjailassociation.com

The Texas Jail Association offers scholarships to eligible students pursuing an academic degree at a college or university. In addition the Texas Jail Association offers a scholarship to law enforcement individuals seeking to further their education at either the Community College, college or university level. These funds are managed by the Texas Jail Association for award to qualified individuals. The scholarships are awarded in the Spring and Fall of each year.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

- Applications must be submitted to the Texas Jail Association. Application for Scholarship form with all supporting information attached.
- Applications must be received in the Texas Jail Association office by March 1 each year for the Spring Semester and by October 15 each year for the Fall Semester.
- A new application must be submitted for each semester. Only *one* application needs be submitted with current supporting information for each semester.
- Applicants are only eligible to receive two scholarship awards.
- Students applying for scholarships must meet the general requirements of the Texas Jail Association. Law enforcement individuals must be active members of the Texas Jail Association.

TEXAS JAIL ASSOCIATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Must be enrolled in a College or University in an academic course of study.
2. Must be less than 25 years of age at time of application. (Youth Scholarship only)
3. Must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5.
4. Must have completed at least one semester of college.
5. Must be enrolled as a full time student during semester the application is submitted. The general rule will be for 12 semester hours undergraduate, 9 semester hours for graduate students. (Youth Scholarship only)
6. Must not have been convicted of a crime, which would make an individual ineligible for employment in his/her field study.
7. Must submit with application a brief biographical sketch and narrative, written in the applicant's own words, stating why the applicant believes he/she is deserving of a scholarship award. May include personal accomplishments, activities and experiences, and may not exceed two (2) typewritten, double-spaced pages in length.

SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

JIM WHITE MEMORIAL YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

A son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter or grandchild of an Active Texas Jail Association member serving the State of Texas, pursuing a degree.

JIM WHITE MEMORIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

An Active Texas Jail Association member pursuing a degree.

Active Texas Jail Association Member:

Member in good standing for at least one full year and current on membership dues for year applying.

Return Completed Applications to:

Sharese Hurst
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Texas Jail Association
Correctional Management Institute of Texas
Sam Houston State University
Huntsville, TX 77341-2296

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

William Butler Yeats

Let this scholarship be the match!

MIKE BARBER TO SPEAK AT THE TJA PRAYER BREAKFAST

Mike Barber was one of the most sought after high school athletes in the country when he graduated from White Oak High School in White Oak, Texas. He was an All-State quarterback and linebacker for the White Oak Roughnecks in 1971. Mike was selected to the Prep All-American team at linebacker and played in the Texas High School Coaches Association



All-Star in 1972. His high school career totals include 31 touchdowns, 26 touchdown passes, 2,329 passing yards and 1,489 rushing yards. Mike also led White Oak to a state title in track, winning the 120-yard high hurdles and the 440-yard relay. In March, 2000, Mike was inducted to the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame, as a member of the Millennium Team, representing the 1970's. After high school, Mike went on to play college football at Louisiana Tech in 1972, but did not stay at the quarterback position for long. Because of his speed, he was switched to receiver then moved to the tight end position the following season. With a college career of 17 touchdowns and 1,226 yards, Mike was elected to All America's First Team twice during his years at Louisiana Tech.

In 1976, Mike was the first draft choice of the Houston Oilers. During his 10-year NFL career, Mike played for the Oilers (now the Tennessee Titans) and the Los Angeles Rams (now the St. Louis Rams). He still holds the record for both teams for the most receptions by a tight end in one season. In his 10 years in the NFL, Mike became the prototype NFL Tight End. He had the size, hands, and speed to make him one of the league's best.

What makes Mike special today is not just what he did as a ball player, but what he does with his time now. Upon his retirement from the NFL in 1986, he and his wife DeAnne responded to God's call into full-time prison ministry. Since January 1987, the Barbers have been in prisons all across the country, hosting crusades known as "*Weekends of Excitement.*" Mike considers the greatest team he has ever played with to be the team that goes into the prisons with him to "PRO-CLAIM liberty to the captives."

The fastest growing industry in America today is the prison industry, but Mike and DeAnne Barber and

their team are seeing first-hand that Jesus Christ is truly making a difference!

Mike also volunteers at Grace Preparatory Academy, a private school in Arlington, Texas. Under his leadership, Grace Prep won the State AA Football Championship two years in a row (1998 and 1999), and the State 4A Football Championship in 2002, 2003, and 2004.

Mike's positive influence on the students has caused many of them to turn to the Lord. His goal is to help steer today's youth in a positive direction, thereby keeping them out of trouble. The Barbers' philosophy is, "If we can get to them now, we can avoid the painful experience of seeing them when we minister behind prison walls."

Barber will be speaking at the 19th Annual TJA Conference Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30AM. We hope you can join us for breakfast, Mike's story and good fellowship.

TEXAS SIZED RECEPTION TO HONOR A TEXAS SIZED PRESIDENT

Texas Jail Association Past President Bob Patterson will be installed as the 2005 President of the American Jail Association during their annual conference in Kansas City, Missouri. The conference will take place May 15-19, 2005. Major Patterson is a Certified Jail Manager and currently serves as the Jail Administrator of the Bell County Jail in Belton, Texas. He previously served four years as an Inspector for the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Major Patterson was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the American Correctional Health Services Association. He will be the first past-president of the Texas Jail Association to serve as President of the American Jail Association. Major Patterson was also a Hall of Fame award recipient in 1995.

Sheriff David Gutierrez is coordinating a "Texas sized reception to honor a Texas sized President of the American Jail Association." The reception will be held at the Kansas City Downtown Marriott on Tuesday, May 17, 2005. Only a few Texans make it to the American Jail Association Conference each year, but this year we really want to make Major Patterson feel at home. It would be great to have a couple dozen Texas Sheriffs in attendance. If all goes well, it should be pretty easy to spot some hats and boots Tuesday night. If you want more information about the A.J.A. Annual Conference contact Wayne Dicky at 979-361-4168 or go to www.AJA.org.

COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS COMPLETES TRAINING FOR NEW SHERIFFS

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards completed a series of classes for newly elected Sheriffs and Jail Administrators in March. "The Basics" class included instruction on everything from State Statutes governing jail operations to food service and inmate programs. Commission staff developed the curriculum with a focus on common problem areas of jail operation. The course also served as a good refresher course for some that have been operating jails for decades. Bell County Jail Administrator Bob Patterson and Brazos County Jail Administrator Wayne Dicky presented the course. Both instructors are Past-President of the Texas Jail Association.

The course was held in four geographic areas of the state. Sheriff Ralph Lopez and Jail Administrator Amadeo Ortiz hosted the program in Bexar County at St. Mary's University. 73 participants from 31 unique counties traveled to San Antonio. Sheriff Dee Anderson and Jail Administrator Bob Knowles hosted the program in Tarrant County with 71 participants from 23 counties. Sheriff David Gutierrez and Jail Administrator Jerry Baggs rolled out the red carpet in Lubbock with 51 participants representing 19 counties. Executive Director Terry Julian presented an 8 hour version of the program in El Paso with host Sheriff Leo Samaniego. The Texas Jail Association would like to thank these Sheriffs for hosting this valuable program.

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards and the Texas Jail Association have worked diligently to provide practical training to Sheriffs and detention officers throughout the State. This partnership has resulted in thousands of hours of training at no cost to Counties.

GOING HOME FROM WORK THE SAME WAY WE CAME IN

by
Carmella Jones Smith

When you ask a detention officer, what their primary goal is at the start of a shift in the jail, most will say the title of this article. "Going home from work the same way we came in" involves more than just working a shift. The physical impairment and mental distress of a regular routine day can cause damage that is not easily repaired. How are we getting hurt? After reviewing

the workers compensation reports for correction officers for the past two years, a few facts have become known.

As you see in the diagram Top Causes of Injury, almost half of the total number, is fights with inmates. This does not surprise anyone who has worked in a jail. We are dealing with people who do not want to be in our facility. We are talking to individuals who are not happy about their current situation. Most of these individuals have been in irritating situations before they arrived. If we know these things about the people that are in our jail, then we also know that communicating with inmates from the moment they step into the door is critical. Studies have shown that the officers who survive in corrections, mentally and physically, are those officers who are good communicators.

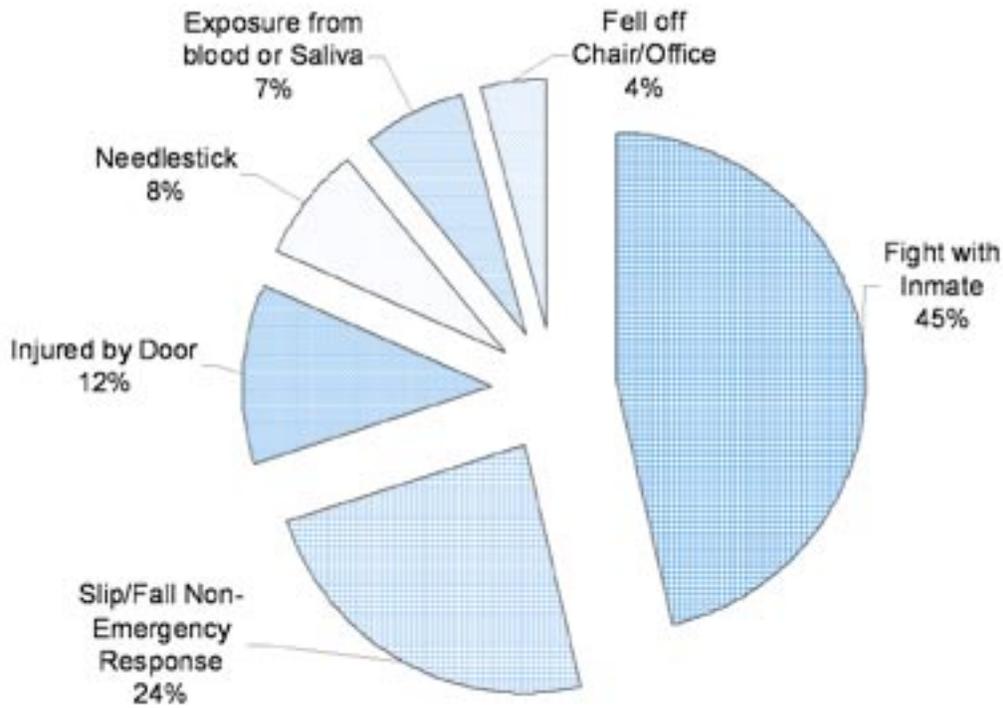
Slips and falls account for the second most common cause of injury. Jails can be slippery places. That is why it just makes sense to wear shoes with soles composed of slip resistant materials. Leather soled boots may look "mighty fine," but in a jail with concrete floors, when you add a little liquid, the slipping, falling and busting the first thing that hits the floor is not "mighty fine".

The third cause of injury is doors. This is another glaringly apparent source. There are a lot of doors in a jail. There are almost as many doors in a facility as there are inmates. Sometimes the inmates are more obedient than the doors. Think about the doors in your facility. These are heavy, strong, metal, locking doors. There are doors we have control over, others we do not. Some doors are opened and closed by persons that may or may not have a visual picture of you and your hands. Doors are just another essential element of the job. Depending on the facility and the situation, the officer may be doing several other things and monitoring inmate behavior. Officers are watching prisoner's hands and not their own. We must not be distracted around doors. Focus on the job at hand and your own hands.

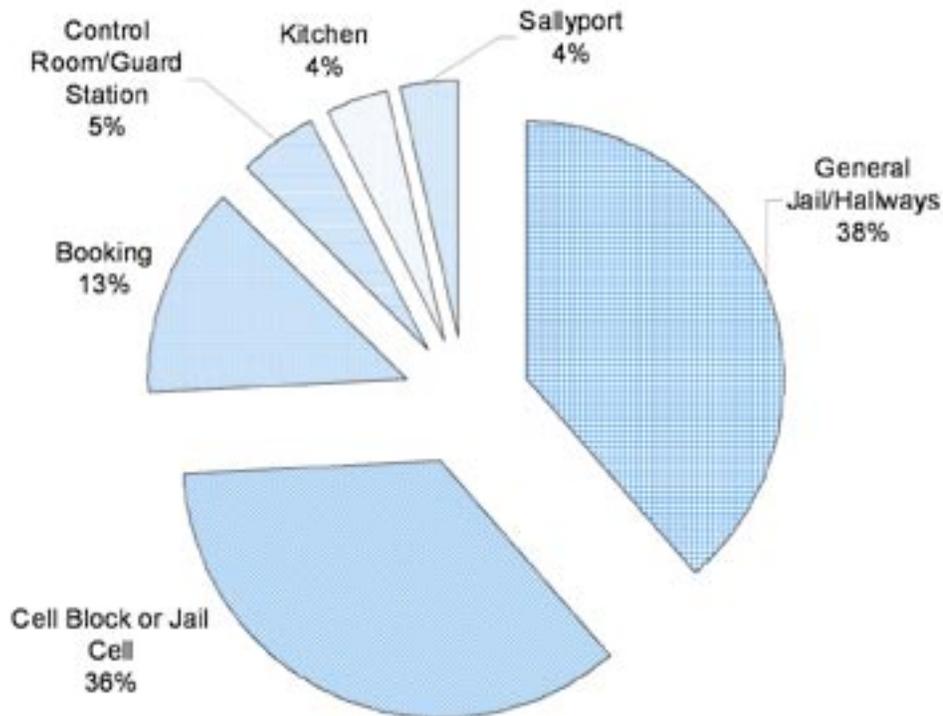
So, what do we know for sure? If we want to go home from work the same way we came in, it sifts out to a couple of things. First, is good communication, that means listening, explaining, interacting, being alert and focused, and using communication skills to diffuse rebellion. Second, is wearing the right and appropriate equipment. Third, is paying attention to your surroundings. Be attentive and watchful, focused and aware, conscious and cautious, responsive and reactive. Almost half of officer injuries in the jail result from altercations with prisoners. But what about the fact that more than half result from things, inanimate objects and structures?

Take control of the injuries and go home from work the same way you came in.

Top Causes of Injuries



Most Common Locations of Injury Occurrences



TEXAS JAIL ASSOCIATION BULLETIN BOARD

Collin County Sheriff's Department

Sergeant **George White** was promoted to Lieutenant effective February 28, 2005. Lieutenant White started as a Detention Officer in January 2000 and was promoted to Sergeant in August of 2002.



Sheriff Terry G. Box presented Jail Case Officer **Rhonda Hoy** a plaque commemorating her 30 years of service to the Collin County Sheriff's Office. Ms. Hoy started with the Sheriff's Office in February 1975 as a Records Clerk. During her career, she has worked as a Detention Officer and Chief Jailer before becoming a Jail Case Officer in Pre-Trial Release.

Brazos County Sheriff's Department

Lieutenant **David Drosche**, Sergeant **Pauline Alonzo**, and LVN **Michelle Ziegelmann** earned professional certification in the field of correctional health care on January 1, 2005. Each achieved the designation as a Certified Correctional Health Professional (CCHP). To become a CCHP, Lt. Drosche, Sgt. Alonzo, and LVN Ziegelmann demonstrated mastery of national standards and the knowledge expected of leaders working in this field. They join nearly 1,800 correctional health care professionals nationwide who have earned this distinction.

CCHP is highly regarded as a symbol of accomplishment and self-improvement, and provides immeasurable benefits. It promotes correctional health care professionals' knowledge, understanding, and application of standards and guidelines essential to the delivery of appropriate health care in the correctional environment; their role in delivering that care; the basic legal principles underlying their practice; and their ethical obligations. Some institutions make certification a condition of employment or a prerequisite for pay raises and bonuses, and for all CCHPs, the credential enhances their professional standing in the community.

Established in 1989 by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, the CCHP certification program was the first to recognize professionalism and excellence among individuals employed in correctional health care. The credential is awarded to professionals who have met the program's eligibility requirements and who pass a national examination. The program is governed by the CCHP Board of Trustees, which is composed of ten correctional health care experts from a variety of health professions.

As an organization, the Brazos County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing professional law enforcement and detention services to our community. We are certainly proud of Lt. Drosche, Sgt. Alonzo, and Nurse Ziegelmann for their accomplishments and their dedication to their profession. These certifications are evidence of their interest in providing quality care for our detention centers.

Brazos County Sheriff's Department

Lieutenant David Drosche of the Brazos County Sheriff's Office recently graduated from the Leadership Command College of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. The program, taught by a consortium of universities throughout Texas, provides law enforcement administrators and executives with the skills necessary to effectively manage police agencies and deliver a high level of service to their communities. Module I, focusing on leadership, is taught at the Center for Executive Development at Texas A&M University. Module II at Texas Women's University focuses on the political, legal, and social environment of law enforcement. The program concluded on March 18, 2005, with training in law enforcement administration in the third module, held at Sam Houston State University.

Each of the 3-week modules attended by participants in the program is taught by top national and international law enforcement experts. Topics include leadership, professional ethics and integrity, communication, and personal

management issues. The Command College curriculum also strives to keep participants on top of contemporary issues in Criminal Justice.

This program is one of many offered by the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, headquartered on the campus of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. The Institute, known as "LEMIT," has been training law enforcement managers and executives since its inception in 1987. LEMIT offers numerous seminars, training for police chiefs, and the leadership program, which is one of the premier law enforcement academies in the nation. No tax monies are necessary to support LEMIT, which is funded by a surcharge on criminal court costs. The Texas legislature has mandated that eligible managers and executives attend all training without cost to them or their community. Between one and two thousand Texas law enforcement personnel benefit from LEMIT training each year.

Lieutenant Drosche has been employed by the Sheriff's Office for 8 years and currently serves as the Lieutenant overseeing the Inmate Services Division. Lt. Drosche also serves as the Commander of the Sheriff's Office Detention Response Team.

The Brazos County Office of Sheriff now employs 5 graduates of the Leadership Command College including Jail Administrator Wayne Dicky, Lieutenant Clarence Henry, Lieutenant Theresa Pittman, and Lieutenant Bill Manry.



Smith County Sheriff's Department

On March 8, 2005 Chief Deputy **Bobby Garmon** was presented with his Service Pin and Certificate of Appreciation for 25 years of Service to the Citizens of Smith County. Chief Garmon began his career with Smith County as a Deputy on March 10, 1980 and has worked his way through the ranks to become that of Chief Deputy. He and his wife Cheryl have two sons, Robert and Terrance. Robert is a senior at Sam Houston State University, while Terrance attends John Tyler High School and is a junior.

The Garmon family attends Ebenezer AME Church in Tyler, where Bobby serves on the Usher Board, Stewart Board and finance committee. Bobby graduated from Jasper High School, Tyler Junior College and the East Texas Police Academy, where he holds a Master Peace Officer License.



Chief Garmon is very active in the community and was the first African-American to serve as President of the Tyler Jaycees and the East Texas Peace Officers association. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Tyler Chamber of Commerce, Azelway Boys Ranch, March of Dimes, United Way and the Ebenezer Daycare Center. He is an active member of the Texas Jail Association and the Board of Directors for the Chief Deputies Association.

Chief Garmon credits his parents his success and his faith in God.

Our View: A Small Thing Makes A Big Difference

It was just paperwork - and aren't most government offices cursed with it anyway? What can be done? Sheriff Tommy Gage didn't accept that fatalistic view of paperwork, especially when he realized it might be delaying officers from getting back on the streets.

Before Gage took office, law enforcement officers booking prisoners into the County Jail might have expected to take up to an hour processing their prisoner. Part of the holdup was the six to seven pages of paperwork officers were required to fill out before dropping off their prisoner.

Thanks to new rules implemented by Sheriff Tommy Gage, officers have trimmed the processing time down to about 15 minutes per prisoner. Instead of six to seven pages, arresting officers now have to fill out just one sheet of paper, front and back. Other changes as well have helped streamline the process.

So, 45 minutes saved per prisoner. Big deal, right? Very big. Multiply those 45 minutes saved by 20 prisoners a day at a minimum, and law enforcement officers just gained back 15 more hours a day -hours that can be better spent serving the community. Multiply those 15 hours by the days in the week, the weeks in a month, the months in a year -well, you get the picture. With no extra cost, Sheriff Gage's decision essentially has helped put more officers on the streets. Not bad for a little more than a month on the job.

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UPCOMING TRAINING Texas Jail Association

May 15 - May 19	American Jail Association's 24th Annual Conference	Kansas City, Missouri
May 23 - May 27	Texas Jail Association's 19th Annual Conference	San Antonio, Texas
August 22 - August 25	Texas Jail Association's Jail Management Conference	South Padre Island, Texas

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

The Texas Jail Association's Officers and Board of Directors would like to welcome the 53 new members who joined the Association since January 1, 2005. They are: **Anthony Daggett**, Bexar County Sheriff's Department; **Diana Berry**, **Gilbert Gardner**, **Phillip Newton**, **Steve Upton**, and **Charles Wagner**, Brazoria County Sheriff's Department; **Javier Rodriguez**, Brazos County Sheriff's Department; **Jason McCullough**, Garland Police Department; **Johnny Burks**, Coryell County Sheriff's Department; **Dan Blake**, Denton County Sheriff's Department; **Nora Koteris**, Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department; **Myron Riser**, **Joyce Vines**, and **Trence Hicks**, Harris County Sheriff's Department; **Franky Scott**, Hartley County Sheriff's Department; **Roy McGee**, Hunt County Sheriff's Department; **Charles K. Hardy**, Jasper County Sheriff's Department; **Russell Absher**, **Bill Drewell**, **Joseph Gilliam**, **Mary Jane Gonzales**, **Jeremy Greve**, **Libby McLain**, **Mike G. Monzingo**, **Perry Mull**, **Kevin Payne**, and **Joel Smith, Jr.**, Lubbock County Sheriff's Department; **Nestor Hernandez** and **Tomas Herrera**, Maverick County Sheriff's Department; **Cynthia Foster**, **Michael Garrett**, and **Jimmy Stone**, McLennan County Sheriff's Department; **Tommy Gage**, **Randy McDaniel**, and **Ron Mericle**, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department; **Jack Cox**, **Fritz Kloecker**, **Larry McCaig**, **Rose Miller**, and **Fredia Wafer**, Navarro County Sheriff's Department; **David Short**, Reagan County Sheriff's Department; **Glen Deason** and **Sharon Williams**, Rusk County Sheriff's Department; **Jim Dewees**, Sherman County Sheriff's Department; **Koy Smith**, Taylor County Sheriff's Department; **Teresa Tovar** and **Raul Treviño**, Tom Bowles Detention Center; **George Flowers, Jr.**, Van Zandt County Sheriff's Department; **David Bertling** and **Richard Elliott**, Williamson County Sheriff's Department; **David Walker**, Wise County Sheriff's Department; **Bryan Walls**, Young County Sheriff's Department; **Jon Walker**, Prison Health Services.



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