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Designed to prevent accidents. save lives:

New DPS driver training facility nearing reality

Location is 40 miles northwest of Austin, adjacent to new firearms training facility.

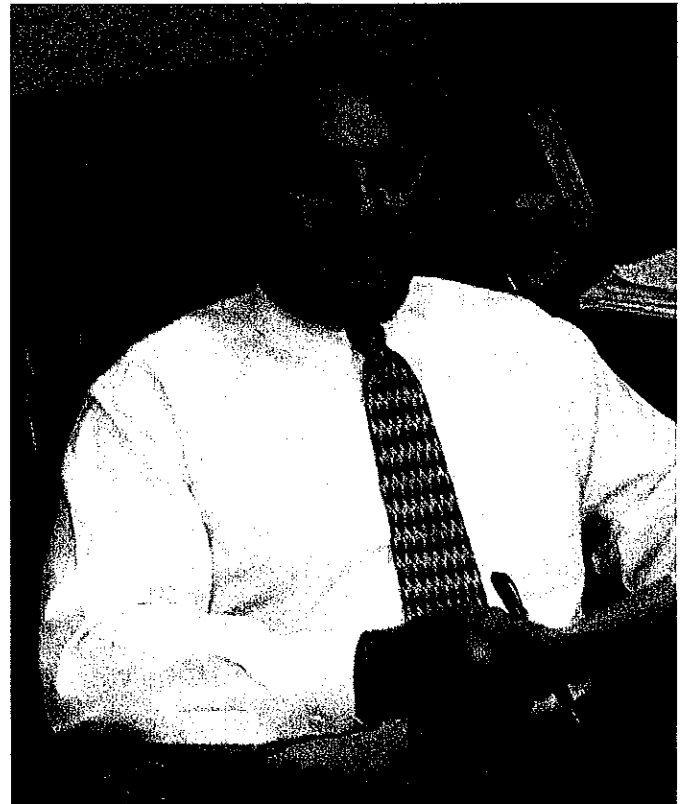
In the last seven years there has been over a 30% increase in the number of DPS vehicle accidents involving highway patrol troopers and other DPS commissioned officers. One occurred last year (2007) and three in 2006. Sixty-one (61) percent have involved commissioned officers with less than five years of service.

For years, recruits and other officers have done driver training on flat, paved parking lots, where they have been taught driving techniques. "But we know that practicing high speed and dangerous driving on a flat paved surface cannot possibly simulate the diverse terrains all over Texas," says DPS Training Academy Commander Albert Rodriguez, "things like potholes, gravel surfaces, curves and hills, and treacherous intersections."

A new state-of-the-art facility near Florence, Texas, to be called EVOC (Emergency Vehicles Operations Course) will be built on 123 Acres. It will have multiple training venues: **a highway response course, a large skills pad (800 ft. x 600 ft.), a small skills pad (500 ft. x 500 ft.), a skid pad, a simulated city area, and driver training simulators.** Utilizing these, DPS training will improve high speed highway responses, precision skills, skid control, off-road response and urban and tactical driving areas.

Commander Rodriguez, along with other high ranking Department members, has been working to get this needed facility for many years. Accompanied by some of his veteran driving instructors, he traveled to other states like California, Washington and Virginia and studied their facilities. The driver training committee asked questions, took pictures, made notes through their travels. They also consulted with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. After months and months of this, they began to develop a design, and to talk to suppliers, builders and architects.

"Through it all," says Rodriguez, "we never forgot the Texas terrain, and stayed motivated by the need to reduce



DPS Training Academy Commander Albert Rodriguez

accidents. We wanted to provide everything possible to simulate tough Texas driving conditions. Plus, we wanted to have the most advanced driving facilities in the United States."

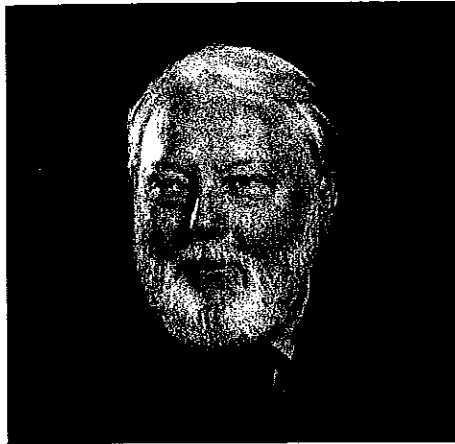
Ranking high in the DPS planners' priorities has been the electronic **Driver Training Simulators**, which Rodriguez likens to state-of-the-art units that train pilots before they ever get in an aircraft. These will be housed in classrooms and will be used to safely hone critical, decision-making skills. They will electronically preset scenarios that can confront officers as they drive at high speeds - for instance - through cities or neighborhoods - scenarios with flashing lights, railroad crossings, traffic or pedestrians. The simulators will assist with spotting driver aggression, attention deficit and reactions to distractions. Their technology will

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Court's In Session

By Judge Larry Gist



Waddell of Scotland Yard

There is no doubt in my mind that the smartest person I've ever known in the criminal justice system is Bill Waddell. I met him many years ago when he was serving as the Chief Criminologist of Scotland Yard in London.

One of his duties at that time was to administer what was called then the "Black Museum". It's currently called the "Crime Museum" but in spite of the name change, everything else remains the same.

This relatively small area deep inside of Scotland Yard is a catalog of items involved in the most infamous crimes of English history. It's a training site for detectives and over many years it has become a very effective tool.

Bill Waddell came to this important position after extensive service on the Metropolitan Police force, and with subsequent training in law, medicine and science. During his distinguished career, he has been involved in many national and international investigations. He retired several years ago, yet when dignitaries visit the Crime Museum, they often personally request that he accompany them and explain the new techniques used in fighting crime.

Several years ago, Bill came for the first of many trips to Texas. We visited a local prison and as we walked through the lobby, he noticed a table set up with signs indicating: "Join in an IRA today." I noticed he looked a little upset and as we left, we later passed the same table again. He mentioned that he could not understand why we would be soliciting people to join the terrorist organization he had been fighting for years! Individual Retirement Account vs. Irish Republican Army! Do we or don't we share a common language with our British colleagues?

The Crime Museum at Scotland Yard is the oldest museum in the world put together purely for recording crime. The idea was conceived by an Inspector Neame who had already collected items with the intention of giving police officers practical instruction on how to detect and prevent crime. And in 1874, official authority was given for a proper crime museum to be opened.

The first record of visitors was made in 1877 when Commissioner Sir Edmund Henderson reviewed the exhibits.

There was a steady increase in visitors and the registration book looked like a "Who's Who" of England. One of the early visitors was Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who would later author the Sherlock Holmes novels. The museum ultimately developed into a venue for CID training.

The present museum is in two parts; the old room, which is meant to capture the feel of the room as it was in 1880, and the new room, containing more modern criminal artifacts. The old room contains an extensive collection of weapons, and display items from famous cases such as "Jack the Ripper."

There is a morbid display of the death masks of people hanged at Newgate Prison which adorn a high shelf and look down on visitors. At that time it was thought that people convicted of murder had some common facial characteristics that officers could use to identify suspects. There's also a display of all of the different types of ropes and knots used in official executions before England abolished the death penalty.

The museum is not open to the public and is now used as a lecture theater for police dealing with criminology, forensic science, pathology, law and other investigation techniques.

The enduring mystery of Jack the Ripper continues to fascinate people all over the world. And Bill Waddell is certainly one of the recognized experts in the case. He often smiles discussing it, wondering why the case continues to get such attention when so many other mass murderers with more victims have failed to gain the same degree of public notoriety.

The name Jack the Ripper has become the most infamous in the annals of murder. Yet the amazing fact is that his identity remains unproven today. The case is shrouded in myth and mystery. Bill likes to point out that this most notable case has never been solved by Scotland Yard, yet their reputation for being outstanding investigators remains intact.

Waddell has written a number of books on criminal investigation and appeared on numerous television documentaries dealing with crime. He is a fascinating man with a combination of skills few can equal. Over the years, he worked on many occasions with the FBI and various other U.S. and international law enforcement agencies.

His advice for becoming a first class investigator is to learn as much as you possibly can about everything we

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New Caney Troops: An army of friends helping cancer-battling Trooper Heath Westfall

Trooper Heath Westfall, New Caney-HP, has been fighting cancer for a full year. With the support, prayers and help of many good people, he seems to be winning.

One of the very big and meaningful things that Westfall's New Caney trooper buddies and friends have done was to organize and put on a chili benefit dinner last fall – designed to help pay Trooper Westfall's huge medical bills. The event was organized, advertised and held at New Caney's (Montgomery County) large Friendship Center in Bullsalles Park. An auction was a part of it. New Caney civilians really turned out, as did scores of law officers. Several New Caney troopers cooked and served the chili while others helped in handling money.

Result: they raised a large amount of money and presented it to Westfall and his wife Lora, who were overwhelmed with the gift. New Caney Sgt. Jeff Shipley was a busy coordinator in the event, and personally collected lots of donated items that were auctioned for cash.

There has been other good news in Trooper Westfall's

battle with cancer. In a recent MRI, the result came up cancer free. Today, he's on light duty at the DPS office.

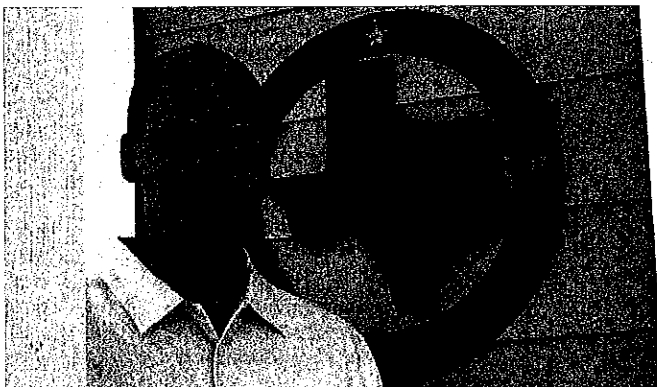
Heath, his wife Lora and the entire New Caney trooper "back-up" team were immensley cheered by this. The couple has two children: a son Nickolas (10), and a daughter Morgana (5). Heath Westfall has been a Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper for five years. He hails from the Midland/Odessa area. His wife Lora is a Special Education teacher in New Caney.

A host of New Caney troopers that formed the enthusiastic Westfall support team were at the TSTA Galveston party, seated at the same banquet table. Trooper Don Bender, banquet moderator, pointed them out to TSTA editor Jack Lawler, who had the honor of meeting them all, (with their pretty wives) took their picture and learned their story.

We all know about the DPS family, but sometimes we forget about a lot of little DPS families within the big one – families like the New Caney troopers and their DPS staff. If there are several other small DPS families all over the state like this New Caney bunch, then the big DPS "family" is truly tight and far reaching. Congratulations, New Caney troops, for all the great support work. Here's TSTA's best wishes to Trooper Heath Westfall and his wife Lora, for a total recovery soon. We're honored that we could help a little.



New Caney troops and their wives



Trooper Heath Westfall



Nickolas, Heath, Lora & Morgana



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A Letter to the Colonel: Quotas

January 17, 2008

Texas Dept. of Public Safety
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Austin, Texas 78773

Re: "Quotas" and Personnel Evaluations

Dear Colonel Davis:

As you know, the issue of "quotas" has recently come up again. We understand the Department's position that section 720.002 of the Transportation Code doesn't apply to "contacts" or DWI arrests or penal offenses. We believe that the Legislature's intent was broader than the words it used, but we can "agree to disagree" about how the statute, as written, should be interpreted. In advance of the 81st Session of the Texas Legislature, we will be discussing this issue with elected officials, and I am interested to hear your views concerning the amendment of the quota law to refer not only to citations for traffic offenses, but to "contacts" and DWI arrests as well.

Whether or not it imposed an illegal "quota," we were alarmed by the tone and substance of Sgt. Bunyard's memorandum, which was leaked to the media and shared with a member of the Legislature. We hope that you were as well.

As Don Dickson stated recently in a commentary on our web site, the issue of quotas is really part of the broader issue of how to evaluate a Trooper's job performance. We recognize that raw numbers are not unimportant; the state and federal governments insist that the Department compile, report and analyze raw numbers of enforcement actions for an entire spectrum of purposes, and the biennial Appropriations Act itself makes reference to the raw numbers the Legislature expects to see as an output measure of the Department's effectiveness.

Even so, raw numbers can be and often are over-emphasized, particularly when it comes to evaluating the performance of an individual officer. In a report, which was distributed last year to members of the Public Safety Commission and the Legislature, a thoughtful commentator suggested that the Department needs to change the process by which its commissioned personnel are evaluated. We agree wholeheartedly. Among our membership there has been a longstanding unity of opinion that the evaluation process (1) over-emphasizes raw numbers; (2) lacks consistency from one officer to the next in the interpretation of what the raw numbers mean; (3) all but ignores individual factors which bear on the raw numbers (such as extended injury leave, "off-service" and non-patrol assignments, and other things which don't "show up in the box scores"); (4) that middle-level supervisors who did not personally observe the employee's work have too much influence over the contents of evaluations; and (5) that the process has on countless occasions been a source of conflict and discord between employees and supervisors (and even between supervisors), not the constructive and refreshing exercise that evaluation was meant to be, and should be.

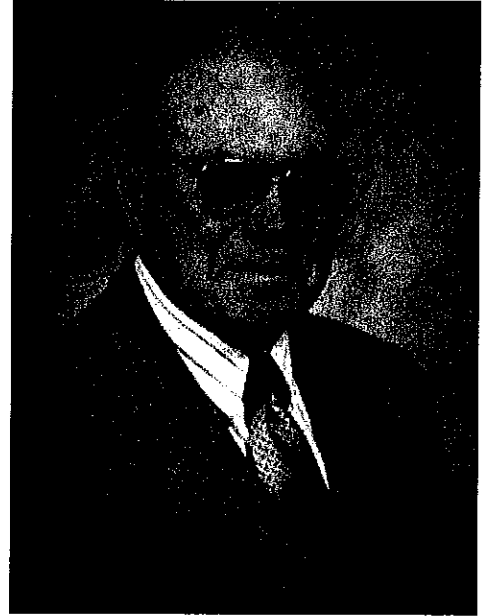
It is no coincidence that the quota issue has resurfaced in the same month in which the Troopers are undergoing their annual evaluations. We respectfully urge you to form a task force of stakeholders, in which we would like to be invited to participate, to identify "best practices" in police officer evaluation, and to suggest to you and to the Commission how the Department can change the evaluation process in ways which improve morale and productivity, and which produce a more accurate picture of how the individual officer has contributed to the achievement of the Department's objectives from year to year.

Very truly yours,

Claude A. Hart
Executive Director
Texas State Troopers Association

Fought in 2 wars as Marine **Retired DPS Veteran** **Al Stone passes away** **in January**

**38 year career: HP-Trooper,
Physical Training Instructor,
Fleet Safety Coordinator**



Alfred R. Stone died at his Austin home January 26, 2008. He had suffered from Parkinson's disease. He was born and raised in Marlin, Texas. He joined the Marines during WWII and fought in the battle of Iwo Jima at age 19. Al saw the flag-raising atop Mt. Suribachi. After his USMC discharge, he joined DPS and served in the highway patrol four years. When the Korean War broke in 1950, he was in the Marine reserves and was called back to fight a second war.

In a battle with the North Korean enemy, he was wounded while trying to rescue a fallen wounded comrade. He was hit by a sniper bullet that shot out his left eye. He was awarded the Purple Heart medal for his Korean War service. After discharge, he returned to DPS, which re-hired him as a physical training (PT) officer working with recruits. He held Black Belt judo status and taught hand-to-hand combat, including boxing. After several years as PT instructor, he was promoted to the post of Fleet Safety Coordinator where he taught driver safety for recruits, the highway patrol and other officers.

During these years he wrote several law enforcement books, plus one book on his experiences with the battle of Iwo Jima.

He is survived by his wife Oleta, two daughters, two brothers, and seven grandchildren. DPS Honor Guard maintained a casket vigil at Al Stone's funeral. At graveside, a Marine Honor Guard did a rifle salute, blew "Taps" and ceremonially presented the flag to Mrs. Stone.

Metcalf and the memorial monument trail: "Finding my way around Texas"

"Richard Metcalf, my deceased brother started setting monuments in 1995 for DPS officers killed in the line of duty. One of the problems back then was finding the right location where surviving families wanted the monument placed, and afterwards documenting the location for future reference. Rick's monument files were in his hip pockets. After he died and I took over the program, I did not know where all the monuments were. About 45 of them were scattered all over Texas. I still do not know them all, but I'm making progress."


"Well, now I have a remedy to that problem because last Christmas I received one of these fantastic Garmin Nuvi 780 GPS Systems. Now all I need to know is a city, or an address or a GPS coordinate and I can plug it into this unit and it will Show Me The Way. Literally it will display a moving map, voice prompts tell how many miles, turns and when I can expect to arrive. Now this gadget has other useful merits like letting me know about an accident, or road closures, or road construction and then providing alternate routes. It can locate restaurants, motels and gas stations with prices in route. It can even sync up to my mobile phone and allow me hands free calling. By the way the Nuvi 780 is also used as a hand held unit so I can remove it from the windshield mounting, take it on walking tours and have all the same information. The other really neat thing is this unit prevents me from hearing those dreaded words from my dear wife when she says, "I told you, you were going the wrong way!"

"Most importantly now when we arrive at a monument location we can request GPS coordinates. Once displayed we can save these coordinates under the troopers name for future reference."

"Recently we gave it a real test. I knew the location of two monuments in Sealy for fallen troopers Mark Allen Fredrick and William P. Kohleppel. I drove to the location and took my first GPS coordinates of the roadside monuments. With these coordinates anyone with a GPS can key these coordinates and press "go" and get directions on how to get to that exact spot. I will probably move a couple of monuments soon. My GPS will be of great help in finding them. I love this thing! All praise to new technology."




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Col. Davis answers TSTA letter on quotas

February 8, 2008

Mr. Claude A. Hart
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Dear Claude:

I have reviewed the Department's position on "quotas" and performance evaluations and have no plans to study the matter at this time.

Should my decision change, consideration will be given to your request to participate in the study process.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Davis, Jr.

Thomas A. Davis, Jr.
Director

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permit linking of multiple simulators to produce scenarios such as multiple pursuit coordination, environmental changes, aircraft presence and "deadly force" situations that go from driving to firearms use.

Another value of the simulators is that, when their revelations are correlated with classroom instruction by experienced DPS driver training instructors, the overall lessons learned get into driver mental processes and prevent accidents. Trooper recruits and other officer trainees are taught to analyze the risk involved in a high-speed "chase". Factors such as: is the offender I'm pursuing merely running from a misdemeanor? Is he a murder suspect? Does the need justify the risk?

A **highway response course** will occupy approximately 6.2 miles of road surface, most of it paved with concrete. Other parts of the course will be gravel roads, a divided highway, a multi-lane highway, and a two-lane highway with both improved shoulders and unimproved shoulders. Curves and dips will allow trainers to emphasize control. Each road section would allow low, moderate and high-speed maneuvers.

A critical part of this course will be the long straight away sections for high speeds. Although the driver will only be able to achieve and maintain a speed of 106 mph or more for a short time, it will allow the instructor to evaluate the students ability to operate while making critical decisions.

The EVOC will include a **large skills pad** (800 x 600 ft.) and a **small skills pad** (500 ft. x 500 ft.), both designed to train drivers at low and moderate speeds. Rodriguez and his planners hope to start construction on the pads several months ahead of other EVOC facilities, as they can easily be utilized early by recruits and others. A **Skid Pad** will be built nearby, wetted by an irrigation system. This facility will permit vehicle control training under real-life skid recovery during rain or fog conditions. Weather is always a factor with highway and CVI troopers.

An **Urban/Tactical Area** will enable training of officers who must drive at high speeds in city or congested areas. It will simulate exits from rural roads and highways into urban areas. Drivers may be confronted with sudden visual barriers or dips or inclines – also pedestrians, dangerous slow speed exits and abrupt traffic lights. It will provide training scenarios for covert following, dignitary protection and transition from a patrol car to a simulated live fire situation. This area can also simulate approaches to a crime

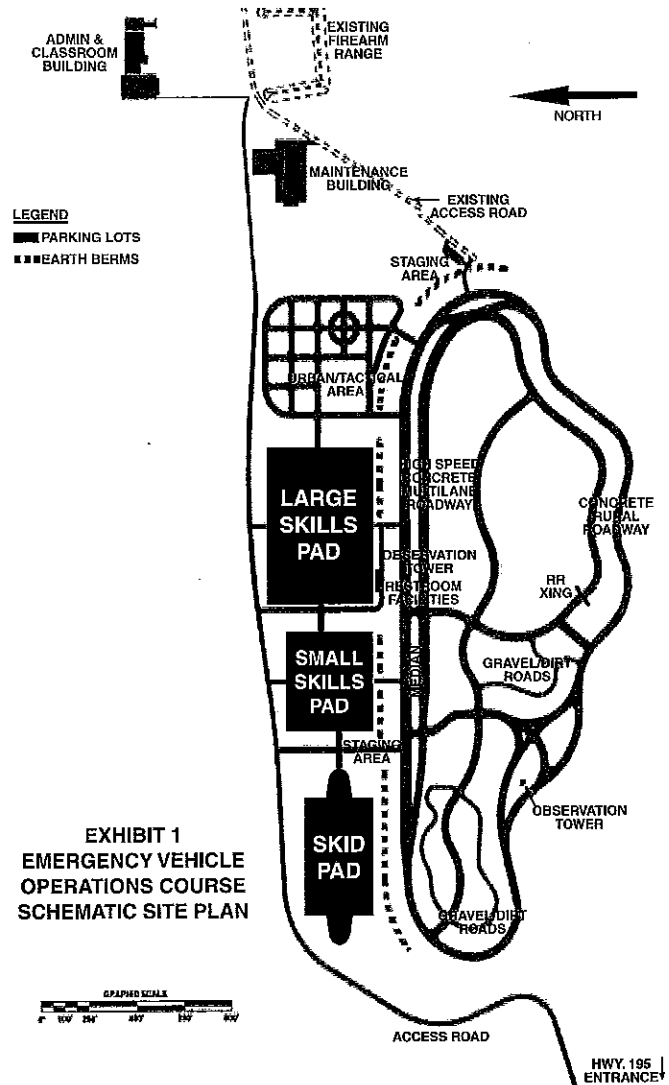


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EMERGENCY VEHICLE
OPERATIONS COURSE
SCHEMATIC SITE PLAN

in process, crash scene, felony stops, SWAT operations and riot control. This large and sophisticated driver training facility of 23,000 sq. ft. will include a classroom/administration building that will have multiple functions 1) "house" the staff; 2) provide classrooms; 3) house the simulators. It will also include a serving cafeteria for the driving students and also trainees from the adjacent firearms range.

The tough treatments of the training vehicles will be a large cost factor, the key word being *maintenance* – lots of quality maintenance for engines, transmissions, tires and fuel that will be steady costs, but this is all in the budget. A 14,900 sq. ft. **maintenance shop** will be constructed to take care of the recurring needs of brake and tire replacements, lubrications, oil changes and other automotive needs. This large shop will house emergency equipment for responding to crashes. There will be many job opportunities for civilians. Mayor Paul Ward of the little town of Florence thinks the entire facility, with its staff, civilian employees and continual training visitors will provide a significant economic increase to his town.

Construction on this major DPS facility will start soon, as financing was approved by the legislature last Nov. 6. It will be done in phases, with total completion within three

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years. Training Academy Commander Rodriguez, after all the miles of travel looking at other facilities and the years of studies and planning, will supervise the entire construction, with help from his experienced officers. Then he will continue to command driver training at the new location with the futuristic new facilities.

"I never dreamed the project would become this big," says Rodriguez, "but I am excited about it. I will have lots of experienced help, which will include one lieutenant and several sergeants. It's going to be more than just a driving school. With all the electronic scenarios, experienced instructors and ample facilities, we can teach more people simultaneously. It will change the mindset of recruits and other drivers, which can prevent accidents and save lives. One of the best features is that it will increase the amount of 'behind the wheel' training time for everyone we teach."

Texas sheriffs' officers, police departments and other agencies will be permitted to use the EVOC. This can reduce driving accidents, injuries and deaths for all Texas officers. Law officers who want to check the location or see the DPS EVOC under construction can take Highway 95 off I-35 north of Georgetown, west to Florence. Total DPS property there, 1000 acres, will ultimately accommodate other expansion needs.

The finest law enforcement driver training facility in the United States: that's what Cmdr. Rodriguez and his people want. It can become a reality soon.

A call to action – Reduce sodium consumption

It's time for Americans to kick their heavy sodium habit to help lower blood pressure, according to the American Medical Association (AMA). And, the effort needed goes way beyond reducing consumption of table salt (sodium chloride).

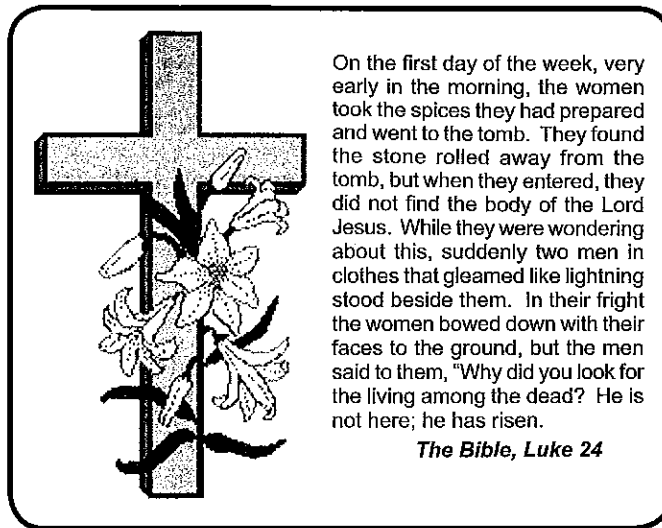
In a strongly worded statement in the Sept. 26, 2007, issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, AMA officials say a successful effort will depend heavily on restaurants and companies that process food reducing the amount of sodium they add to food.

It's estimated that nearly 80 percent of sodium in the U.S. diet comes from processed and restaurant foods. Salt added at the table only accounts for about 6 percent of daily intake for most people.

The upper limit of daily intake to prevent or treat high blood pressure is 2,400 milligrams (mg) of sodium. But according to the AMA statement, it's not uncommon for one serving of processed food to contain 1,000 mg or more of sodium. Restaurant meals typically run the sodium tally up to 2,300 mg, and even as high as 4,600 mg.

Based on estimates, a 50 percent reduction in sodium intake nationwide would translate to a 20 percent lower prevalence of high blood pressure (hypertension). Deaths due to heart disease would decrease by 9 percent and stroke deaths by 14 percent.

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On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why did you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen.

The Bible, Luke 24

Home Safety Tips

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain.

It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around... after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And, remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.



The beach at Galveston, seen from the 9th floor balcony of the luxurious San Luis Resort Center, site of last month's TSTA Christmas in February trooper party.

There are no routine stops.

"Christmas in February": TSTA Galveston Party, fun, food and great fellowship

A rare day of February sunshine preceded the dinner/dance, and troopers, their wives and other guests walked Galveston's sandy beaches and enjoyed the day, as the white caps rolled in from the gray-blue gulf. Then it was lots of great food, recognition of special guests, awarding of door prizes and dancing.

Retired Trooper Larry Engelke, TSTA Director's Assistant, recognized TSTA Executive Director Claude Hart and his wife Judy, TSTA's editor Jack Lawler, attorney Don Dickson and lobbyist Deborah Ingersoll. He also praised Don Metcalf for his unselfish work in putting up memorial monuments to DPS officers killed in the line of duty. He then turned the brief agenda over to Trooper Don Bender, PSB Humble and banquet moderator.

Bender recognized Mr. "Red" Moore of Williams Construction Company (Houston) for his annual solid financial backing of the Gulf Coast trooper party, which made possible many valuable door prizes. Bender also praised Houston's Gallery Furniture for its financial support and generous door prizes. Gallery's generosity enabled several officers to receive \$500 gift certificates from that outstanding furniture store.

Those troopers who produced the most community support received the more valuable prizes and awards, most of which was merchandise.

Later in the evening the dance floor got very crowded, with couples of all ages. One trooper couple seemed to dance the night away, well – it was their wedding anniversary! To complete what was an elegant, romantic evening for many, a full moon rose over the Gulf of Mexico. Several watched it from their high-rise balconies, which was just outside the luxurious San Luis Resort Center.



WE CARE
Texas State Troopers Association

The generosity of these Houston area businesses made the TSTA Galveston trooper party a success! Patronize them!



"Red" Moore (left) of Williams Bros. Construction Co., and Trooper Richard Castro

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Barcelona Sporting Goods	Houston
Best Redi-Mix Co.	Houston
Best Sand & Trucking Co., Inc.	Houston
Bill Heard Chevrolet	Sugar Land
Bluebonnet Coachman Club	Burnet
Buster Brown Propane Service	New Caney
Callaway's Collision Specialist	Humble
Carl Tolbert	Magnolia
CDL Express	Houston
Charles & Sally Egbert	New Caney
Cotton Fire & Water Damage	Katy
D & D Collision	Humble
D & D Collision Specialist	Spring
Delton Hayes Custom Jewelers	Humble
Dixon Jewelers	Humble
Don McGill Toyota	Katy
Dorsett Brothers Concrete	Pasadena
Dorthey Manhart	Porter
Earth Color	Houston
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JA Services	Humble
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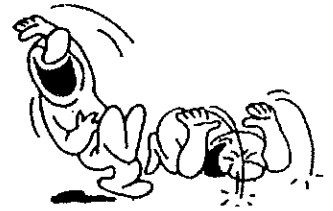


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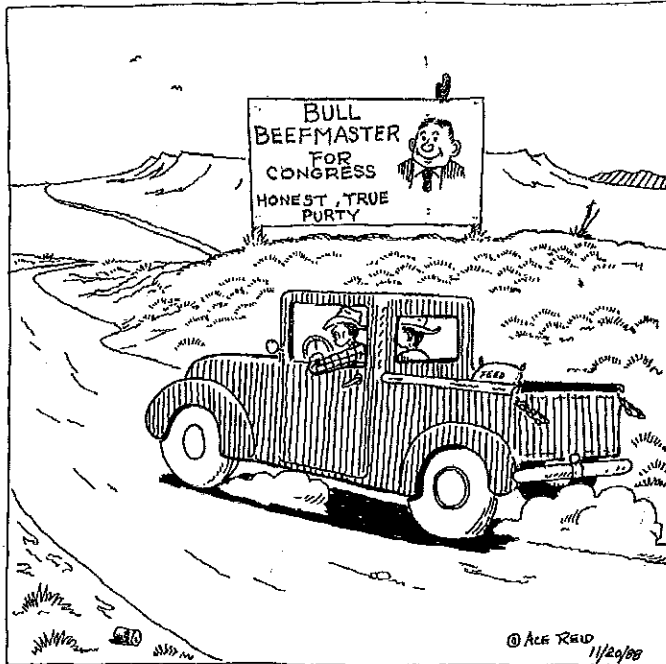
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By Ace Reid



"Bull oughtta be a good congressman. He bought a bunch of steers off me once, started a fillibuster at the scales. I figure they shrunk 10 per cent!"

Money isn't everything, but it keeps the kids in touch.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

Gun Control is using both hands.

The original point and click interface was a Smith and Wesson.

I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial."

- Irvin S. Cobb

"He is not only dull himself, he is the cause of dullness in others."

- Samuel Johnson

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork."

- Mae West

Sometimes, you have to be alone to be enlightened.

One advantage to being old or ugly is that kidnapers are not so interested in you.

When you're 15, 35 seems ancient. When you're 35, 15 seems juvenile.

Don't date because you're desperate. Don't marry because you're miserable.

Victory does not always belong to those who finish first.

Some cause happiness wherever they go. Others, whenever they go."

- Oscar Wilde

"He has the attention span of a lightning bolt."

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TSTA intends no indictment of those of supervisory rank through their exclusion as members of this organization. We do understand, however, that no association can be all things to all people. Therefore, we have chosen to represent those who need our services more: first-line troopers. This policy negates the probability of conflict of interest that stems from multi-class representation.

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I understand that any unreasonable failure to assist a fellow member of the Texas State Troopers Association will result in this membership being cancelled by the board of directors at their option.

I also understand this membership will terminate immediately if I am promoted to any supervisory rank of sergeant or above.

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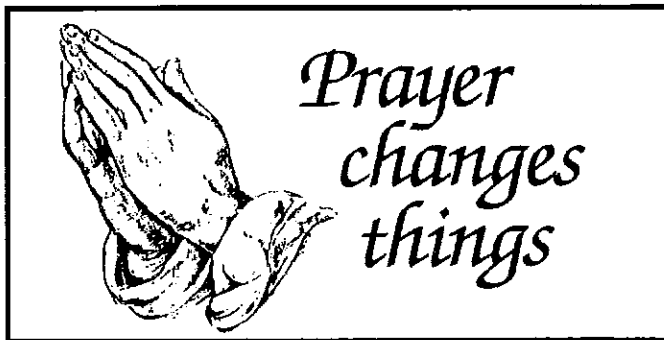
deal with in life. To illustrate this wise suggestion, I remember years ago when he described being called into an assault investigation. The victim was unconscious and the investigating detectives were lost as to the type of weapon used in the assault.

They called upon Bill Waddell for help and when he saw photos of the wound, he immediately asked if the detectives had a suspect that worked in or around an antique store. Amazed, they indicated that in fact such a person was a suspect. "Then that's your man," he said. For as only a person with his intensive background could recognize, the wound was caused by a weapon used in trench warfare during the First World War. Today, such items can only be found in private collections or antique stores. Sure enough, the suspect he pointed to turned out to be the villain and once again, justice was attained because of his remarkable skill.

Not too long ago while visiting here on vacation, the local police asked for his help in trying to solve a murder case that was several years old. Although the crime remains unsolved, he did point out several significant factors that were not noticed in the original investigation and which may someday bring the killer to justice.

Scotland Yard has a great reputation for producing some of the best detectives in the world. Much of that can be traced to the training and skill of their now retired Chief Criminologist, and the most remarkable, wise and distinguished man I've ever known in this business.

So until next time, you'all be careful out there, you hear.



TSTA MEMBERS! Your TCLEOSE Hours Can Become College Credits, Enhance Your DPS Career

TSTA has been contacted by Mountain State University asking for our help in advising our members about their degrees in Criminal Justice through their distance learning program.

Obtaining your degree from a respected, nationally accredited institution is the key to advancing your criminal justice career. Earning a degree can boost your earning potential and increase your chances of getting a promotion. Employment for Criminal Justice professionals is expected to increase 36% or more through 2008. As more qualified candidates enter the field, the best opportunities will go to those with advanced degrees.

Finding time to study while maintaining your professional and personal obligations can, at times, be difficult. Mountain State University recognizes this challenge and has created their distance learning program specifically for busy criminal justice professionals like you. At MSU there is no wasted time with required in-class room meetings. Everything you need to complete your coursework is either delivered to your door or available anytime, anywhere through their online virtual classroom and live chat sessions.

There are several degrees to choose from. One undergraduate degree, a Bachelors of Science in Administration of Criminal Justice, allows students to transfer up to 54 TCLEOSE credits into the program so as to hasten progress towards a degree. Additionally, Mountain States also accepts certain TCLEOSE courses as substitutes for General Education requirements. For instance, a TCLEOSE instructor can substitute for speech. A certified accident investigator need not take college business math. Forty-eight hours of TCLEOSE Spanish can replace one course in humanities as can a 40-hour HazMat course replace a science course.

We have spoken with the Houston Police Officer's Union which has a significant relationship with Mountain State University and speaks highly of their program.

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