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## *JPCA LEADERSHIP HOSTS FRESHMAN LEGISLATORS AT CAPITAL HILL LUNCHEON*



**Constable Bruce Elfant and Rep. John Garza**

*By: Constable Bruce Elfant*

Last month 13 freshman legislators joined JPCA President Jackie Miller, President-elect Chad Jordan, 2nd Vice President Martin Castillo and several former JPCA presidents for a "get to know you" luncheon. President Miller welcomed the new legislators and let them know that Texas JPs and Constables stand ready to assist them in any way possible.

Constable Ron Hickman briefly discussed the warrant fee legislation and concerns regarding the possible elimination of LEOSE training funds and cuts to the Justice Court Training

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## *2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS & EDUCATION CONFERENCE HOLIDAY INN AT THE FALLS WICHITA FALLS JUNE 7 - JUNE 11*



The Justice of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas will hold its annual Board of Directors and Education Conference at the Holiday Inn at the Falls. Judge Humphrey and the rest of the conference committee have a great conference planned with lots of education and extra curricular activities on the agenda. Make your

plans now to attend and bring the family. The committee has negotiated a very good rate at the Holiday Inn at the Falls.

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**President's Message – Judge Jackie Miller, Jr.**

Greetings to one and all.

The 82nd Legislative session is in full swing and I would like to thank the Legislative committee and all JPCA members from across the state for their hard work and dedication and for diligently working on the JPCA issues being addressed during the 82nd Legislative session.

Please mark your calendars for JPCA Day on February 22, 2011, at the State Capital. Everyone is invited to mix and mingle with your districts Legislative Representative at the Legislative reception from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Downtown Omni Hotel

This year's annual conference will be held in Wichita Falls. If you haven't made your reservations, I encourage you to do so now. Please don't forget to cast your vote for the "of the year" awards. It is going to be a wonderful time.

I have been very busy traveling across Texas since taking the presidency and still have a lot more traveling to do prior to the conference. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your president and I look forward to seeing each of you there.

**Judge Jackie Miller, Jr.**  
**President**

**Message from President - Elect Constable Chad Jordan**

Congratulations to the Newly Elected Justice of The Peace and Constable's across our Great State.

I have had the pleasure of visiting with many of you and look forward to working closely with you during this Legislative year. The ONE thing I could tell each of you is GET INVOLVED in YOUR Association! The strong leadership from the members is what makes this Association as Great as it is and will be in the future.

The 82<sup>ND</sup> Legislative Session is well under way in Austin. Your Legislative Committees are following many Bills closely. KNOWLEDGE is the KEY! Know who your State Representative and Senator are for your District. Take the time to Adopt a Legislator. By doing so, you are the Key contact your Senator and Representative needs to hear from on legislation that affects you and your constituents. It also helps us know how to send you information on those issues.

February 22, 2011 is JPCA Day at the Capital in Austin. I look forward to us making this a record turnout this year. Carpool with another office or drive yourself. We need each of you present to let your voices be heard by showing up in numbers. It allows you time to go and visit with your State Rep. and Senator's Office. We have information posted on the website.

Get your registrations in for the 2011 JPCA Annual Education Conference to be held in Wichita Falls, Texas. Your host committee is working hard to make it a Great training opportunity and fun for the family. Whether you make the whole Conference or just a day. We hope to see you ALL there.

Please, take the time to be part of the Greatest & Oldest Association that is Fighting for YOU Statewide.

**Chad Jordan , CLI**  
**President – Elect**

**Message from 2nd Vice President Judge Martin Castillo**

Greetings,

We have had a great year in 2010. I hope everyone had a safe Christmas and New Year with family. Now as we start 2011 with some great conferences to attend. I was with the New Judges in Austin last month. With 138 new Judges, I made some new friends and hope to make more in the up coming year. If I can be any assistance in the future, please call my office any time. I want to congratulate all the Newly Elected Judges and Constables.

I hope to see a great showing of support in February 22, 2011 in Austin for JPCA day. Generally the Constable offices show up in great numbers and I would like to see the Judges numbers increase in Austin. The more people we have in Austin to help with new laws that are filed against or for us. The better we are to face the new challenges in the future. I am proud to be a part of JPCA Association and will continue to support all the Education Committees. We have a great Association, with your help we can keep it strong. I encourage everyone to promote the Association as much as possible.

Thanks to all your hard work as Elected Officials in the Great State of Texas. If I can do anything to help in the future, Please call any time. I know anyone on the board is willing to lend a helping hand. All you have to do is call. I look forward to seeing as many of you at the seminars.

God Bless

***Judge Martin Castillo***  
***2nd Vice President***

**Message from 3rd Vice President Constable Michael Truitt**

Hello everyone and here's to a wonderful New Year!

Over the last month I have had the pleasure of attending Module II of the New Justice of the Peace School as well as the Newly Elected Constables School. It is a real treat for me to see so many newly elected JP's and Constables eagerly hanging on every word from their instructors in order to gain the knowledge needed to go forth and do their duties to the very best of their ability. Their enthusiasm was truly inspiring.

In 2011, JPCA in conjunction with the TJCTC and LEMIT have lots of training opportunities planed. Please take advantage of them. As you will read in the Legislative Update, funds for training for both the JP's and Constables in 2012 - 2013 will be cut back because of the budgetary constraints that the State is dealing with during this session. In addition, the State is looking at discontinuing LEOSE trainings funds for law enforcement which will further curtail training endeavors.

It is going to be a tough legislative session and we need every JP and Constable around the state to help fight for what is important to our profession.

***Constable Michael Truitt***  
***3rd Vice President***





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# JPCA Legislative Day February 22, 2011



Ten years ago this spring, JPCA started a new tradition: our first JPCA Day in April 2001. Constable jobs were on the line, with several bills filed proposing to abolish the positions. It was during one key hearing when Representative Delwin Jones famously stated - in front of a roomful of constables - "I haven't been in front of this much armed opposition since WWII." And to our great satisfaction, not a single one of the abolition bills passed.

Our challenge this year won't be the same, but in some ways it is just as key to our office: the budget shortfall will put our operations at risk. Constable and JP jobs still need protecting, and for this reason JPCA Day 2011 may be even more important than ever. Our presence and persuasion with our hometown legislators is needed more than ever. So, pack your bags and reserve a hotel room. JPCA Day is February 22, 2011, and we need your support! Check [www.jpca.com](http://www.jpca.com) for more information and a list of hotels.

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Check in, Capitol Auditorium
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Senate and House Resolutions- watch from Galleries
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.	Capitol Auditorium, Special Guests to address JPCA
1:15 p.m.	Group photo on Capitol steps
1:30 p.m.	Visits with your state Representatives and Senators
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION, OMNI HOTEL, 700 SAN JACINTO

## Adopt A Legislator

The J.P. and Constable Legislative Committees need your help! We need you to sign-up to adopt your local State House and Senate members so that they may be kept abreast of issues **important to J.P.'s and Constables around the state.**

For more information contact Kirsha Haverlah at [kirsha.haverlah@co.travis.tx.us](mailto:kirsha.haverlah@co.travis.tx.us) or go to [JPCA.com](http://JPCA.com) for the form.





JPCA working hard in the Legislature



Constable Bruce Elfant and Rick Thompson (TAC)

## *FRESHMAN LEGISLATORS*

Center. The new members were receptive and willing to work with JPCA to help reduce any adverse impacts of any budget cuts.

Legislators in attendance were Representatives Jim Landtroop, Sergio Munoz Jr., Ron Reynolds, James White, Cindy Burkett, Marva Beck, Jose Aliseda, Dan Huberty, Sarah Davis, John Garza, Charles Perry, George Lavender and Larry Gonzales.

All JPs and Constables are strongly urged to meet, and get to know their legislators.



Judge Thompson, Rep. White, & Rep. Burkett



Rep. Davis, Rep. Beck, & Constable Gutierrez



Judge Miller & Rep. Gonzales



Mario Martinez (JPCA Lobbyist), Kirsha Haverlah, & Constable Ron Hickman



Rep. Munoz & Constable Gallardo



Constable Gutierrez & Constable Gallardo

## *CONSTABLE'S LEGISLATIVE REPORT*

The session is already upon us and the impacts of budget deficits are becoming evident and far reaching. Separate versions of Senate and House appropriations bills project a fairly dire circumstance for State funding in the biennial budget.

The Legislative Budget Board Website  
[www.lbb.state.tx.us](http://www.lbb.state.tx.us)

Initial Senate Budget Estimates  
[http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/LBE/2012-2013/LBE\\_SENATE\\_2012-2013.pdf](http://www.lbb.state.tx.us/LBE/2012-2013/LBE_SENATE_2012-2013.pdf)

Initial Senate Appropriation Recommendations  
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Some early warning signs within budget reductions come as annual LEOSE training funds collected by the State Comptroller and distributed through TCLEOSE are eliminated in 2012 in both the Senate and House versions of appropriations.

Other anticipated reduction may appear in the Governor's Criminal Justice funds in the way of grants distributed through area councils of government. (COG's) Early indications are that eligibility requirements in some categories of grants (CX) are changing to follow specific federal guidelines. In order to be eligible, agencies will have to be identified as Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) agencies. For most of us, that means only the county sheriff will be eligible. Whether or not you contribute to the county's consolidated UCR will not make the difference and will affect constables, district attorneys and their investigators, and fire marshals across the state. This category of grants affects equipment allocation.

### Bills filed for us so far

HB 443 Warrant Fee increase (Fletcher) and SB 374 (Wentworth) would increase the current warrant fee from \$50 to \$75.00. This fee has not increased in the last 10 years and the fee is no longer reflective of the cost for executing the warrant. In some counties, this increase would provide substantial revenue for their areas.

### Bills of Interest

HB 778 – (Naomi Gonzales) permits execution of lawful process to inmates in county jails by sheriff's personnel designated as "county jailers".

### Immigration Bills

So far, about 30 bills have been filed that affect law enforcement's ability or responsibility to determine immigration status under a range of circumstances. We are watching the bills to see whether a specific focus develops and will provide input and resources where possible.

### JPCA Day

February 22nd is your opportunity to come to the Capitol and represent Constables in Texas. With a large class of freshmen legislators we need to cement our relationships and ensure they know and understand who we are and what we do in our community. There will be a number of issues to present by then and this is our opportunity to come together and proudly represent both our interests and profession in Austin.



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### **Justice of the Peace 20 hour Seminars**

February 20 - 23, 2011	Austin
March 1 - 4, 2011	Corpus Christi
March 27 - 30, 2011	Galveston
June 26 - 29, 2011	Amarillo

### **Court Personnel Seminars**

December 1 - 3, 2010	San Marcus
January 24 - 26, 2011	Austin
February 9 - 11, 2011	Rockwall
April 4 - 6, 2011	Corpus Christi
May 9 - 11, 2011	Galveston
May 25 - 27, 2011	Dallas
June 1 - 3, 2011	San Antonio
July 6 - 8, 2011	San Antonio

### **Constable Civil Process Seminars**

February 22 - 25, 2011	Austin
March 6 - 9, 2011	McAllen
April 10 - 13, 2011	Galveston
May 17 - 20, 2011	Rockwall

### **New Justice of the Peace School**

I. December 12 - 15, 2010	Austin
II. January 9 - 14, 2011	Austin
III. April 17 - 20, 2011	San Antonio

### **Court Personnel 10 Hour Workshop Dates**

January 20 - 21, 2011	Fredericksburg
February 3 - 4, 2011	League City
March 17 - 18, 2011	Laredo
April 28 - 29, 2011	Wichita Falls
May 16 - 17, 2011	Rockwall
June 16 - 17, 2011	Lake Sam Rayburn
August 15-16, 2011	San Marcos

### **TX-Dot One-Day Workshop Dates**

December 7, 2010	Beaumont
February 18, 2011	McKinney
March 22, 2011	Midland
June 21, 2011	San Marcos
August 19, 2011	Tyler
August 30, 2011	Wichita Falls
September 16, 2011	Fulton

### **Constable One-Day Workshops**

February 2, 2011	San Antonio	Executions Computer Workshop
March 25, 2011	Tyler	Executions Computer Workshop
April 1, 2011	Lake Conroe	Manufactured Housing Evictions
May 3, 2011	McKinney	Manufactured Housing Evictions
June 21, 2011	San Marcos	Service Member's Relief Act / HOA

## Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas

[www.lemitonline.org](http://www.lemitonline.org)



### **Continuing Education for Constables (40 Hrs)**

March 28 - April 1, 2011	San Antonio
July 11 - 15, 2011	Huntsville
November 14 - 18, 2011	Huntsville

### **Newly Elected Constable Course (40 Hrs)**

January 17 - 21, 2011	Huntsville
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### **Constables Leadership College**

Module II	January 10-14, 2011	San Antonio
Module III	May 23-27, 2011	Huntsville

## **Constable's Education Committee**

### **Bobby Gutierrez, Constable – Chairman**

At this writing, The Constable's Education Committee and Texas Justice Court Training Center are preparing for the 20 Hour Civil Process program in Austin – February 23-25, 2011. This program is sold out. We expect this program to be a huge success because it is combining with JPCA day at the Texas State Capitol.

Please come out and join us on February 22, 2011 for JPCA Day at the Capitol. It is important for your legislators to know who we are and what we do for our respective communities. The more of us in attendance at the Capitol, the larger the impact it will make on our legislators.

If you are interested in signing-up for Civil Process classes, we still have availability in McAllen in March and Rockwall in May. The Galveston program in April is sold out with a waiting list. So, don't hold your breath if you are one of those waiting for availability in Galveston. Get on the TJCTC website and sign-up now before the McAllen and Rockwall schools fill-up. These are the last programs for the 2010-2011 year.

We just received word that the grant funding for our TJCTC programs has been cut by nearly 20%. We are still reviewing exactly the impact that will have on our educational programs for the 2012-2013 biennium budgets and how to best deal with it. A lot is uncertain right now. One thing is for sure, what we enjoy now certainly will be reduced at some level in the future. However, what will not change will be the availability and quality of our instruction. We will share with you exactly what kind of impacts the budget reduction will have as soon as we are able to make those decisions. More on this as it develops.

At this writing, the Education Committee will be meeting for our annual Curriculum Development. We will be reviewing and deciding on what educational program topics we will bring to you in 2012 based on the Criminal Appeals grant parameters and available funding. More information will be shared with you on program topics when we reach those decisions.

As you know, JPCA sent out invitations to all Elected Constables weeks ago to participate in a survey to evaluate the mandatory training for the elected constables. We did not have the large participation on the survey as we had hoped. We had 65 Constables start the survey but only 56 completed it. The majority of the 56 constables that did complete the survey were quite satisfied that their training needs were being met through LEMIT as currently designed and offered. Based on the results of the survey, there are no plans by JPCA to propose changes to how, where or when constables training are offered. My thanks to all the constables that took the time to complete the survey and share their views.



## CHANGES TO TJCTC WEB SITE

If you haven't visited the web site recently to ask or search for a legal question, you should have a pleasant surprise the next time you post. At least we hope you'll like the changes. When you post a legal question you will receive an e-mail confirming when it has been submitted to the Legal Department (Pat, Bronson, and Thea) providing you with a reference number (The Legal Department receives a copy of your e-mail, so we know what is posted and how to find you if we need to contact you.) This will allow us to ask you clarifying questions by e-mail instead of posting our questions and waiting for you to discover they need answering. **Please reply to our e-mails as quickly as you can, so we will be able to post an answer. Be sure you keep the TJCTC Registrar updated (not the Legal Department) if your e-mail address changes!**

When you log in to find an answer to your posted question, you will find we have simplified the search. On the left side of the screen, you should see a list of links to **questions you have previously posted** and the latest will be the top link. **Searching Tip: When searching for your question, or anything else, you will probably have more luck finding what you need if you do not select a "Category".** It has been our experience that selecting a category to search is overly restrictive in some cases. INCIDENTALLY: This does not mean to leave the category blank when you **post** the question.

Patricia F. Broline, Senior Program Attorney  
Texas Justice Court Training Center

## 2011 NEWLY ELECTED CONSTABLE GRADUATES



Brian Bachmann (Brazos), Donald Berger (Medina), James Clark (Austin), Norman Colyer (Hopkins), Jack Davis, Jr. (Archer), William Dickerson (Morris), Edgar Duncan (Callahan), Lance Frerich (Bee), Charles Greive (Lavaca), Julian Gutierrez (Zapata), William Hart (Hood), Ira Hicks (Fannin), Donald Hons (Karnes), Ronald Hunt (Trinity), Raymond Jones, Sr. (Coleman), Odis Lane (Newton), Jose Obregon (Uvalde), Dana Piper (Polk), Michael Putman (Grayson), Ronald Ray (Dawson), Clarence Roberts, Jr. (Cochran), Johathean Shoemaker (Falls), Jose Sierra (Hudspeth), Richard Starnes (Brazos), Donald Stevens (Wilson), Danny Tate (McLennan), Terry Timms (Hale), Brian Vickers (Kleberg), Beth Villarreal (Dallas), Roy Williams, Jr. (Dallas), John Woods (Jeff Davis), William Wright (Donley)



*Training Slots Still Available for the TJCTC 20-Hour  
Civil Process Seminars*

The Austin and Galveston 20-Hour Civil Process Seminars are both closed but there are still training slots available for the **McAllen** (March 6-9) and **Rockwall** (May 17-20) seminars. A Registration Catalog was previously sent out. Or visit our website [www.tjctc.org](http://www.tjctc.org) and go to On-line Resources to download a Civil Process Seminar Catalog and fax in your registration form or register on-line by logging in with your name. Remember payment needs to be made two weeks prior to the seminar start date.

*Sign Up for NOW for the 4 Remaining  
1-Day Civil Process Workshops*

There is only one more ***Executions Computer Workshop*** available which will be held in **Tyler** on March 25, 2011. The San Antonio class is full. Don't miss out on this "hands on" computer lab designed for the experienced writ officer who is interested in computerizing their office's executions' computations. Upon course completion you will receive a CD of the program for installation into your office system.

Both ***Manufactured Housing Evictions*** workshops are still available: **Lake Conroe**, April 1 and **McKinney**, May 3, 2011. These workshops cover the eviction process and, more specifically, the applicability of the statutes directly relating to the issues of Manufactured Housing.

***Servicemember's Relief Act/Home Owners Association (HOA)*** - This dual topic workshop covers the history of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and the requirements it places on the courts. Included is how the Act impacts repossessions, retention, foreclosures, and sale or taking of property. The second topic is an overview of HOA including the role of the Constable in the enforcement of their rule. It will be held in **San Marcos** on June 21, 2011.

A Registration Catalog was previously sent out. Or you may visit our website and go to On-line Resources to download a Civil Process One-Day Workshop Catalog and fax in your registration form or register on-line by logging in with your name.

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*TENATIVE AGENDA***

**Tuesday, June 7, 2011**

Noon - 5 p.m. Vendor set-up begins  
3 p.m. Pre-convention Meeting  
(Local/State Committees  
and Hotel Staff)  
3 p.m. Hotel check in time

**Wednesday, June 8, 2011**

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Registration  
(Grand Ballroom Lobby)  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Vendors open  
9 a.m. - 10 a.m. B & O Meeting  
10 a.m. - Noon Scholarship Committee  
Nominations Committee  
Resolutions Committee  
Constitution and By-Laws  
Committee  
Noon - 1 p.m. Lunch on your own  
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Education Session  
(General) 4 hours  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Welcome Reception  
(Hotel Poolside)

**Thursday, June 9, 2011**

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Registration  
(Grand Ballroom Lobby)  
8 a.m. - Noon Constable Education (DWLI)  
9 a.m. - Noon JP/Clerk Education  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Vendors open  
10 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting  
Noon - 1p.m. Lunch on your own  
1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Constable Education  
(DWI Blood Draw)  
1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. JP/Clerk Education

**Thursday, June 9, 2011 (cont.)**

6 p.m. Pavilion / Judge Humphreys  
BBQ  
(free with registration,  
extra tickets \$20 each)

**Friday, June 10, 2011**

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Registration  
(Grand Ballroom Lobby)  
8:30 a.m. - Noon Vendors Open  
8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Business Meeting  
Nominations  
11a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Voting  
Noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch on your own  
12:30 p.m. New Board of Directors  
Luncheon  
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Education JP / Clerk  
Constables (3181)  
6 p.m. - 7 p.m. President's Reception

**Saturday, June 11, 2011**

8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Prayer Breakfast (Mesquite)  
10 a.m. - Noon JP / Clerk Education  
Constables (3181 Cont.)  
Noon - 4 p.m. Board of Directors Lunch  
(Kemp Room)  
6 p.m. Reception (Ballroom Lobby)  
7 p.m. Banquet (Grand Ballroom)  
(extra tickets \$35.00)

**Sunday, June 12, 2011**

11 a.m. Checkout  
Travel Day Home

**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE & CONSTABLES  
ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS**

The Annual Business Meeting for the Justice of the Peace & Constables Association of Texas will be June 9, 2011 at the Holiday Inn at the Falls, 100 Central Freeway, Wichita Falls, TX 76305.

All resolutions to amend or add to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be delivered to or mailed to Judge Jim Humphrey, Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee at P.O. Box 71, Henrietta, Texas 76365, not less than **sixty (60) days** prior to the date of such business meeting.

# 2011 JPCA Annual Education Conference

June 8<sup>th</sup> – June 11th

Registration Form

2011 Conference and Seminar



Holiday Inn at the Falls

100 Central Freeway

Wichita Falls, Texas

940-761-6000

## **Registration Fee (CIRCLE ONE)**

From 02-01-11 to 4-16-11 ..... \$125.00\*

After 4-16-11 .....No Exceptions..... \$150.00\*

Educational classes (without conference registration)

\$25.00 per four hour block ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Breakfast/Brunch (not included in registration)

\$20.00 Per person ..... \_\_\_\_\_

BBQ Dinner (not included in registration)

\$20.00 per person..... \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Tickets per person (without conference registration)

Banquet \$35.00 per person ..... \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Spouse or guest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Devine, Texas 78016

\* Registration and payment must be received by this date...

\*\*When making reservations, ask for the JPCA rate.

\*\* JPCA room rate of \$69.00 also applies for early arrivals prior to conference startup date based on availability





## Justices of the Peace & Constables Association of Texas, Inc.



### Who Will Be Judge or Constable of the Year? Who Will Be Deputy or Clerk of the Year?

Again this year a Judge, Constable, Clerk, and Deputy will be chosen as the outstanding representative for 2011. The four chosen will be honored at the annual conference banquet. Nominations must be received by May 1st 2011 to the proper address/fax listed below. Rules for nominations are:

Only JPCA members in good standing may submit the nomination or receive an award.  
Nominations shall be made in writing and only one letter or fax for each nominee will be considered.  
(In the event of multiple nominations, only the first letter will be considered. You may attach additional documentation or resume to this form)

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

My address is: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

My Telephone Numbers: Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I am nominating: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of the JPCA: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

What contributions has nominee made to JPCA? \_\_\_\_\_

Activities that have favorably enhanced the nominee's position: \_\_\_\_\_

Civic and Community Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Be sure and send in your nomination for the best JP, Constable, Deputy or Clerk. The more nominations we have the better the choices should be. Remit Nominations by May 1<sup>st</sup> to:

**Judge Phillip Montgomery**  
P.O. Box 623  
Devine, TX 78016  
Off: 830-665-8020  
Fax: 830-665-8021  
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Association of Texas, Inc.  
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Devine, TX 78016**



**Best Practices Awards Nomination**

**To facilitate recognition of programs and practices that make our professions successful, our Association will be accepting nominations for the 2011 Best Practices Awards for both Constables and Justices of the Peace. One program from each is planned for recognition at the 2011 Conference. Each award recipient is also invited to make a presentation at the conference. Nominations due May 1, 2011.**

**Nominee Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please attach any supporting documentation, reference letters, or forms that will assist in the determination of the award winner. Please do your part to help us replicate and recognize successful programs among our peers.**

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# Scholarships

Constable Darrell Lunsford  
Judge Fulton Lee  
Constable James Paschall  
Deputy Michael Eakin  
Memorial Scholarship Fund

To qualify for any of these scholarships, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be related to a voting member of Justice of the Peace & Constables Assoc. Of Texas.
- Applications MUST be received by MAY 1, 2011.

Application available at [www.jpca.com](http://www.jpca.com) under conference information.

Information needed for application:

- Personal Information .
- Family Information.
- Educational Background - including copies of current high school or college transcripts.
- Activities in high school, college , and within the community including any awards, honors or scholarships received.
- Work Experience.
- Personal References.
- Student Essay - Any student applying for a scholarship must submit an essay, not to exceed 500 words, in his or her own handwriting. The essay should answer the question, "What makes me the best candidate to receive one of the JPCA scholarships and what are my academic goals."



*JPCA Fun Run*  
Benefiting the JPCA of  
Texas Scholarship Fund  
*Tuesday, June 7*  
*9 a.m. Start*



Meet 8:30 a.m. in the parking lot of the  
Holiday Inn at the Falls.

Depart at 9 a.m. and go to Red River Harley  
for Complementary Breakfast.

Round Trip from Wichita Falls, TX to Medicine  
Park, OK in the  
Wichita Mountain Range

Lunch on your own in Medicine Park

Return to Wichita Falls between 2 p.m. and 3  
p.m.

Send Information to:

Judge Janice Sons

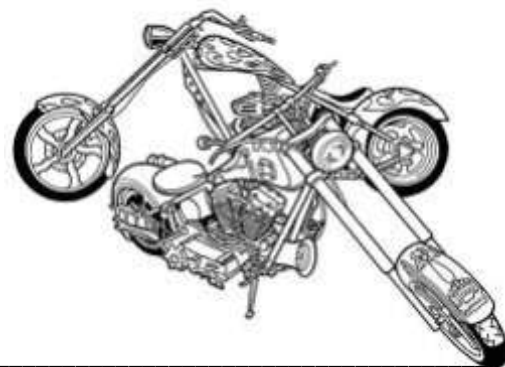
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Wichita Falls, TX 76301

Off: 940-766-8141

Fax: 940-766-8282

janice.sons@co.wichita.tx.us



*Registration Fee \$30*



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rider Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Make/Model of Motorcycle \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate \_\_\_\_\_



*The Texas Apartment Association  
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**The Justices of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas**  
on another successful year. We look forward to working with you for years to come.  
Together with our 26 local affiliates, we thank you for your continued service.

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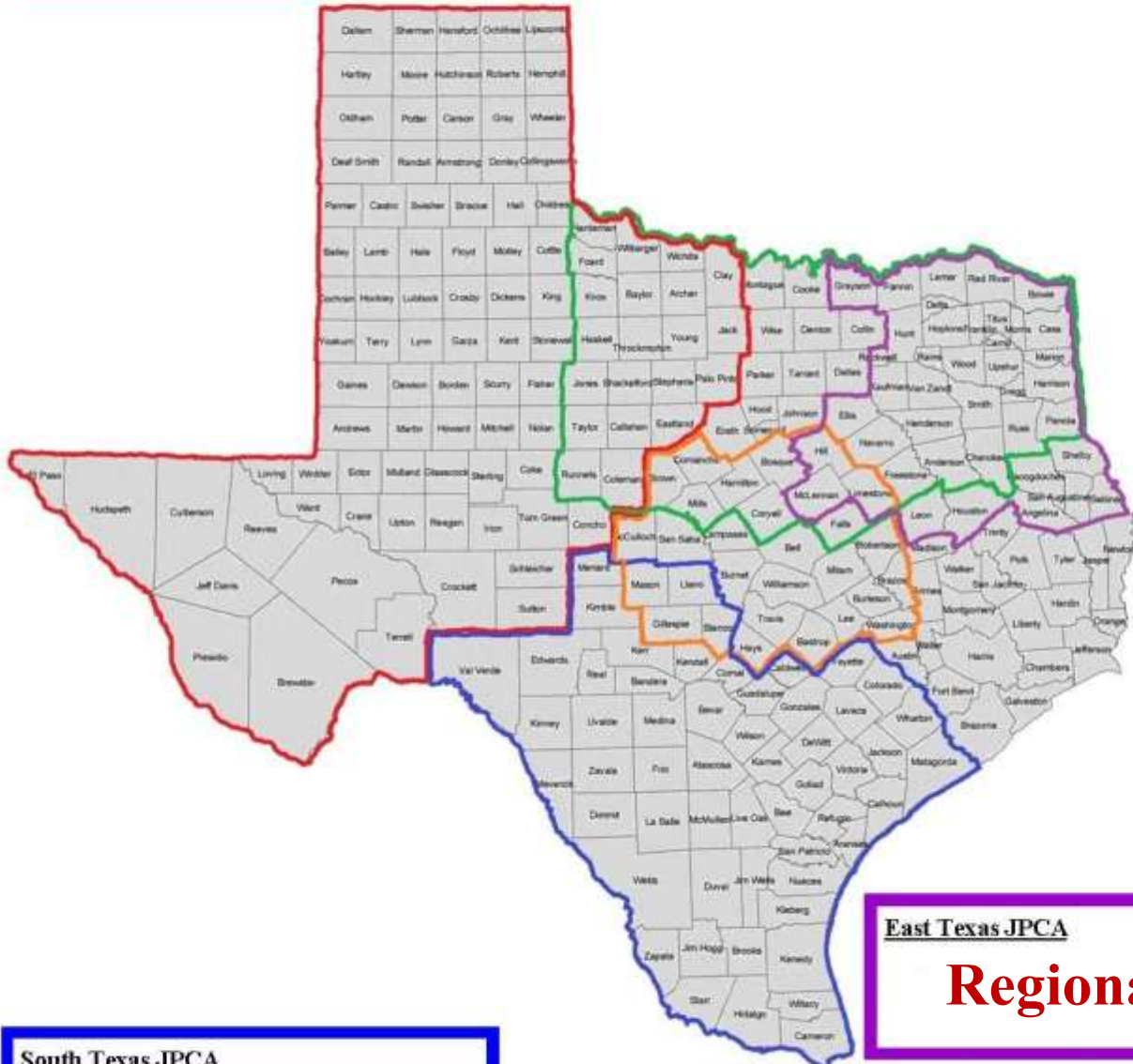
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President - Constable Arturo Martinez  
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**East Texas JPCA**

President - Judge James Meredith  
903-842-2661  
[jmeredith@smith-county.com](mailto:jmeredith@smith-county.com)

**Any updated information on Regional Associations needs to emailed to :  
[michael.truitt@dentoncounty.com](mailto:michael.truitt@dentoncounty.com)**

**JPCA ad hoc Benevolence Committee:**

**Please contact one of the above for any family related or benevolence issues that need a JPCA response. Requests for flowers, get well wishes, and condolences should be directed through them for approval.**

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*The Gavel & The Badge To Go* **Green in 2011**

In 2011, *The Gavel & The Badge* will be converting to email delivery in an attempt to do our part in conserving our natural resources. Please make sure that when you sign up for membership or renew your membership you include your email address. A trial email delivery will be done with the 4th quarter 2010 version of *The Gavel & The Badge* in November.

For those who do not have an email address but have access to a computer, a copy of *The Gavel & The Badge* can be found on the JPCA website at [www.jpca.com](http://www.jpca.com). For those who do not have access to a computer, a limited number of copies will be published and mailed.



*WTJPCA Conference April 14—17, 2011  
Wichita Falls*

Judge B.W. Baucum, president of the WTJPCA, would like to invite everyone to the WTJPCA Conference will be in Wichita Falls April 14th through the 17th. They have a wonderful conference planned including a special guest speaker from the FBI Office in McAllen by the name of Jose Garza. He will be speaking on the unrest in Mexico with the drug cartels. Judge Baucum is in the process of getting TECLEOSE credit hours for law enforcement personnel for his presentation.



***Constable Leon "Bubba" Smith  
Dies***

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Constable Leon "Bubba" Smith of Potter County, Precinct 4 (Amarillo). He passed away at approximately 6:30 p.m. Tuesday night in Amarillo of natural causes, while working out in his garage. Attempts to resuscitate him were unsuccessful.

Constable Smith, along with his fellow constables in Potter County, have been in the middle of the abolition movement for a number of years, and were successful on several fronts in improving their situation in Amarillo over the years. He was well known to many JPCA members, and particularly to those of us from the West Texas JPCA. Having attended the LEMIT Constable Leadership College with "Bubba", Constable Morice Jackson, and Constable Todd Page, as well as numerous conferences and other training sessions, I can tell you that aside from his professional life, the world lost a true friend in Leon "Bubba" Smith—always smiling, always jovial, always willing to give you the shirt off of his back, and always a man of great faith.

Constable Smith is immediately survived by his wife Mary, his daughter Hannah, and his son Isaiah. Funeral services for Constable Smith will be held Saturday, January 22, 2011, at the Trinity Fellowship Church, 5000 Hollywood Road, Amarillo, Texas. Information regarding any procession will be passed along as soon as it becomes available. May your thoughts and prayers be with Constable Smith's family in their dark hours.

Respectfully,  
Constable Rick Gammon, West Texas JPCA.

*NTJPCA News*

As the New Year begins I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve as this years President of NTJPCA. It is an honor beyond words, and I shall endeavor to serve you well. We have an exciting year ahead of us and many challenges both expected and unexpected lie ahead. The Texas Legislature is in session as of this writing and our thoughts and prayers are with our leaders and our members who help with the process that it will end changes that only better our ability to serve the public. With the fall elections now behind us I would also like to take a moment to welcome our new Judges and Constables. I am confident your will find your service to the public to be rewarding and cherished. The JPCA has always been an unequaled resource for those new to office. The fellowship and education opportunities are essential and I invite all of our members to speak with their fellow Judges and Constables, old and new to participate in our Organization.

Judge Russell Casey  
President of NTJPCA



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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Office Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Judge	\$60.00	J. P. Clerk	\$35.00
Constable	\$60.00	Individual	\$40.00
Deputy	\$35.00	Life Member	\$400.00
Constable Clerk	\$35.00	Corporate Vendorship (See Corporate Package For Complete Details)	Gold - \$2,000.00 Platinum - \$1,500.00 Bronze - \$1,000.00

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Check out the online version of the newsletter and sign up to receive it automatically by email and save the Association lots of postage!

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