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#### 2012 JPCA ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE



JUNE 24 - 28, 2012

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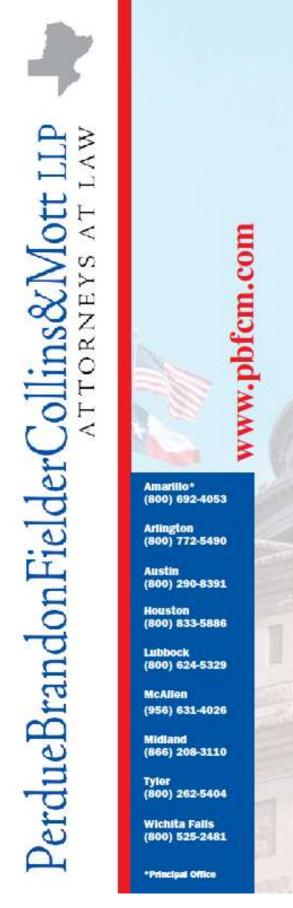
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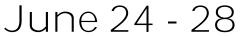


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<sup>\*</sup> Registration form and payment must be received by this date.

# TENATIVE AGENDA 2012 JPCA ANNUAL EDUCATION CONVENTION

Sunday, June 24, 2012

Noon - 5:00 pm Vendor Set-up begins 3:00 pm Pre-Convention Meetings:

Local/State Committee/Hotel Staff

4:00 pm B & O Meeting

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Welcome Reception/Quarter Deck Patio

Monday, June 25, 2012

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Registration 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Vendors Open

8:30 pm - Noon General Educational Session (Border Drug Gangs)

Noon - 1:30 pm Present BOD Luncheon/Meeting

Noon - 1:30 pm
Lunch on your own
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Business Meeting
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Scholarship Committee
Nominations Committee

Resolutions Committee

6:00 pm Constitution / By Laws Committee Seafood Festival (Schlitterbahn)

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

8:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast

8:00 am - Noon Registration Continues

9:00 am - 4:00 pm
9:00 am - Noon
Noon - 1:30 pm
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Vendors open
Education Session
Lunch on your own
Education Session

6:00 pm - ? Noche Mexicana con Juez Benito

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

7:00 am - 8:00 am Prayer Breakfast (Quarterdeck Patio)

9:00 am - Noon Vendors open

9:00 am - Noon

Noon - 1:30 pm

Business Meeting cont'd/Voting

New BOD Luncheon/Meeting

Noon - 1:30 pm Lunch on your own 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm Education Session

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Banquet

Thursday, June 28, 2012

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Constable Darrell Lunsford
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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, 2012.

Both *High School and College Applications* are available at 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."



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#### 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 2012. The four chosen will be honored at the annual conference banquet. Nominations must be received by May 1, 2012 to the proper address/fax listed below. Rules for nominations are:

Only JPCA members in good standing may submit 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.

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#### **Best Practices Award Nomination**

To facilitate recognition of programs that make our professions successful, our Association will be accepting nominations for the 2012 Best Practices Award for both Constable and Justices of the Peace. One program from each is planned for recognition at the 2012 Conference. Each award recipient is also invited to make a presentation at the conference.

Nominee Agency:			
Nominee Address:			
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Nominee City	:	:	
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termination of the award winner. Please do your part to help us replicate and recognize successful programs among our peers. Remit nominations by May 1st to:

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#### **Constable Civil Process Seminars**

02/07/12 - 02/10/12 San Antonio 03/18/12 - 03/21/12 Austin 04/29/12 - 05/02/12 Galveston 07/15/12 - 07/18/12 Rockwall

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

I 12/11/11 - 12/14/11 Austin
II 01/08/12 - 01/13/12 Austin
III 04/15/12 - 04/18/12 San Antonio

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

02/22/12 San Antonio 06/06/12 Tyler

#### Justice of the Peace & Court Personnel Specialty Workshops

12/01/11 - 12/02/11 Rockport
02/23/12 - 02/24/12 San Antonio
03/08/12 - 03/09/12 Brookland
04/26/12 - 04/27/12 San Angelo
06/04/12 - 06/05/12 Tyler
07/26/12 - 07/27/12 League City
08/09/12 - 08/10/12 San Marcus

#### **Court Personnel Seminars**

12/14/11 - 12/16/11 Austin
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05/07/12 - 05/09/12 Galveston
07/18/12 - 07/20/12 Rockwall

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

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#### Newly Elected Constables Course (40 Hrs)

01/09/12 - 01/13/12 Huntsville

#### **Constables Leadership College**

01/16/12 - 01/20/12 Class 8, Module II 05/21/12 - 05/25/12 Class 8, Module III 10/08/12 - 10/10/12 Class 9, Module I 01/07/13 - 01/11/12 Class 9, Module II 05/13/13 - 05/17/13 Class 9, Module III

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#### JPCA Constable's Education

by Constable Bobby Gutierrez, Education Chair

Happy New Year to everyone. This is the season for many of us to run for reelection even though we still don't know exactly when the primary election will be held. And we still have to take care of business and see that we fulfill our educational requirements and/or educations needs. Don't despair, that is why we make the big bucks. Right?

Speaking of big bucks, as you know our State Training money from the State Comptroller has been eliminated by the legislature for 2012 and, presumably, for future years. We will have for pay for our continuing education from our county operating budget, if you have that funding support from your county, or out of pocket. Our requirement to receive our required training has not been reduced or eliminated.

We are preparing to start the Justice Court Training Center 2012 Civil Process training programs. The first of four programs will be held in San Antonio, February 8-10. The second is in Austin, March 19-21, third in Galveston April 30-May2, and last in Rockwall, June 16-18. Please check the Justice Court Training Center website to register.

This is our first year of Civil Process programs going paperless. We thought we would be the first to try a different approach to the computer age of adult continuing education and we quickly discovered we were indeed the last. All of the other professional organizations conducting adult continuing education were already practicing "paperless". The change is simply that no hand-out materials will be distributed at the schools. Everyone can download all handout materials from the Justice Court Training Center before the respective schools, at the attendee's expense, thereby saving the costs of printing and shipping. The cost savings from this change alone has enabled TJCTC to salvage the existing Civil Process programs without a reduction is classes. Students may also bring their lap-top computers or notebooks to the schools so they can follow along with the downloaded material.

Students choosing to use computers in class will be limited to the pertinent materials for the respective class. Please no web surfing, games or other distractions will be allowed during class.

This is a new evolution in adult education. We are excited to present this to you and hope you will work with us to make the educational programs a meaningful experience.

JPCA is preparing to meet with Sam Houston University - LEMIT, to update the

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curriculum for the New Elected Constable course and Continuing Education of Constables course. Any changes to the courses will take effect for the next TCLEOSE training cycle.

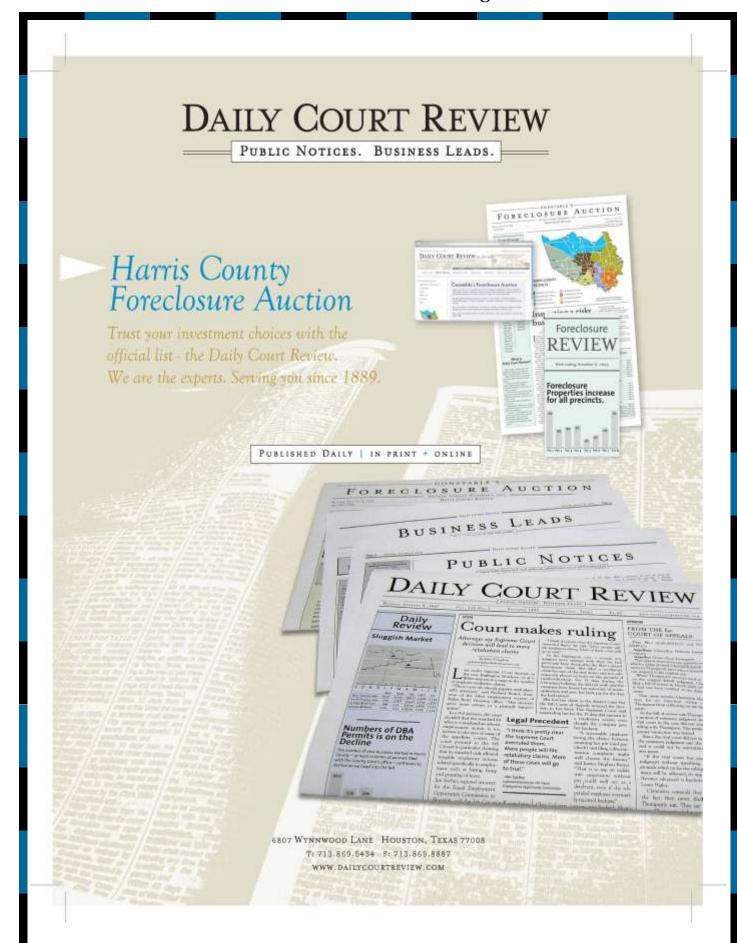
JPCA is looking at preparing a Constable survey to ask for input on what subjects you would like to see in the TCLEOSE required LEMIT courses. We have received comments on curriculum ideas from many participants but have not yet polled everyone. Your ideas on this are important to us. We want to make sure the courses benefit the intended audience. More on this as it develops.

At each of Civil Process programs, I find talented people from all across this great state. It is from the discussions and experiences that we learn from each other more so than through any book. We are always looking for talent and experience to help us share the education to others. We need these talented constables and deputies to come forward, preferably with Civil Process Proficiency Certificates (or soon to receive CPPC) and instructor certificates to help us help our brothers and sisters through instruction. Please contact any of the Education Committee members if you are interested.

Thank You

Bobby Gutierrez, Constable





#### News from East Texas JPCA

The ETJPCA held it Annual meeting on November 9, 2011, hosted by Smith County, held at Tyler, Texas. There were 40 members present representing 10 East Texas Counties.

Bronson Tucker of the Texas Justice Court Training Center conducted the training for the day. He presented a class on Court and Constable Clerk's duties, responsibility's and covered material that was helpful for the Clerks, Judges and Constables.

After the training class the 2011-2012 election of Officers was held. (See attached)

Judge James Meredith of Smith County was thanked for serving as the President form 2009 to 2011. He was the 1<sup>st</sup> two year President after the ETJPCA by-laws change in 2008 that asks the President, 1VP, 2VP, Immediate Past President, Sec./ Tres., and Sergeant at Arms to be a two year positions.

Constable David Adams, Nacogdoches County took over after being elected the President for 2011-2013 and he explained his goals and directions for his term.

The next meeting and training for the ETJPCA will be held in Henderson, hosted by the Rusk County Judges and Constables on February 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The Judges and Clerks will here a program conducted by the Texas Department of Health Services on tobacco awareness. The Constables and Deputies will receive a firearms qualification recertification at the ETPA range conducted by Constable Bill Echart.

Upcoming meeting and training will be held in April or May at Harrison County and in August a joint meeting with the NTJPCA in the Greenville area.

Bill Elliott, Sec./ Tes. ETJPCA

#### North Texas JPCA News

The NTJPCA held its quarterly meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Southfork Hotel in Plano, Texas. The training for the meeting was conducted by Retired Chief Clerk Velda Williams and Retired Chief Deputy John Steinsiek. They conducted a very informative class on Report Systems Management. The overview of the class was bringing your Court and or Office forms into compliance with the wording and required warnings, and returns as now required by the Supreme Court. The class was very helpful and informative and we thank Velda and John for the effort of putting this on for us. As they are both retired we really appreciated their experience and desire to stay involved.

The NTJPCA is working on bringing more helpful classes to all of our members for Clerks, Judges and Constables. We understand the budget limitations that have been brought on by the economy not only to the Counties but also to the Texas Justice Court Training Center. We are working on working with the TJCTC and the East Texas Justices of the Peace and Constable Association to coordinate regional training to benefit everyone's budget by bringing closer and affordable training to Northeast Texas.

Another discussion held were the roller coaster elections that will be held someday in Texas. We all hope the Federal Courts come to some type of decision that will get this next election cycle moving.

We asked our members to go back to their Counties and to recruit any Judges, Constables, Deputies and Clerks to become members of the NTJPCA and the JPCA so we can all work together for the betterment of both Associations.

Our next meeting and training will be in April in Granbury and we are working on a joint meeting and training with the ETJPCA in August in the Greenville area.

I wish everyone good luck in their elections whenever they can be held.

Bill Elliott, President, NTJPCA



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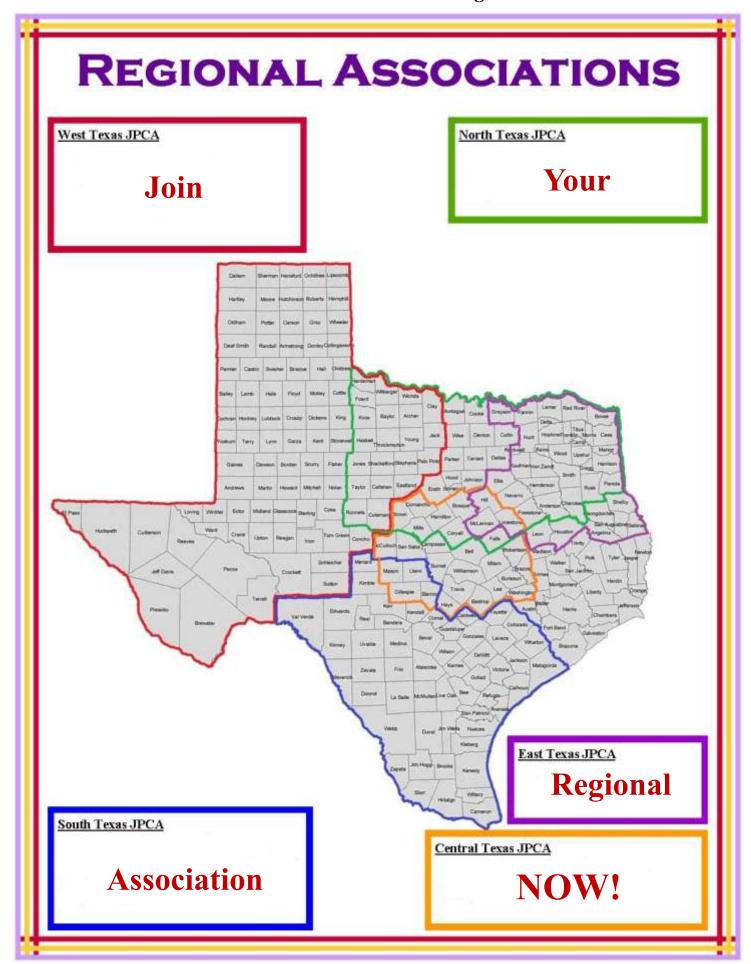
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on another successful year. We look forward to working with you for years to come.
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<u>Central Texas JPCA</u> www.ctjpca.com North Texas JPCA www.ntjpca.com

West Texas JPCA www.wtjpca.org

South Texas JPCA www.stjpca.org

East Texas JPCA 903-842-2661 Any updated information on Regional Associations needs to emailed to: michael.truitt@dentoncounty.com

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Constable	\$60.00		Individual	\$40.00		
Deputy	\$35.00		Life Member	\$400.00		
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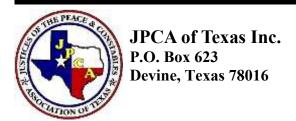
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