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Constable
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CONSTABLE KILLED WHILE SERVING EVICTION

Slain Texas constable remembered as humble, caring

By JUAN A. LOZANO, Associated Press – Aug 18, 2012
COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Compassionate. Humble. A good friend. A dedicated public servant.

Those were some of the words that family and friends used during a funeral service Saturday to fondly remember a law enforcement officer who was among three people killed in a shootout near Texas A&M

University.

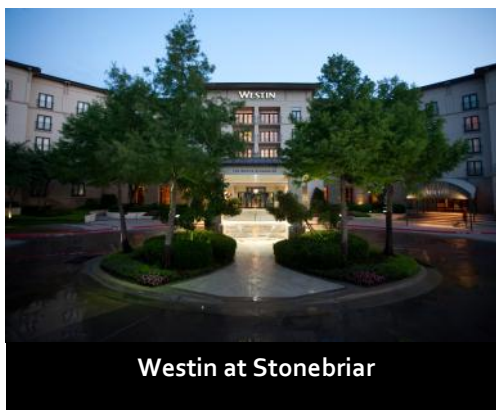
More than 3,000 people attended the service for Brazos County Constable Brian Bachmann at an arena on the A&M campus in College Station. Among those in attendance were law enforcement officers from across the state, including Lubbock in West Texas and Hidalgo County in South Texas. A choir of more than 80 people from Bachmann's Methodist church in College Station sang during the service.

"Brian would sacrifice himself for the benefit of others, always," his mother, Carmen Bachmann, said as she stood on a stage above her son's flag-draped coffin.

Authorities say Bachmann was fatally shot Monday by Thomas Alton Caffall III. The 41-year-old constable was trying to serve Caffall with a court summons for being two months behind on rent. Other officers fatally shot the 35-year-old Caffall.

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2013 Conference Westin Stonebriar in Frisco



Westin at Stonebriar

The 2013 Conference will be held in Frisco at the Westin Stonebriar Hotel. The hotel offers lots of amenities and there is an abundance of extra curricular activities in the area so make your reservations now!

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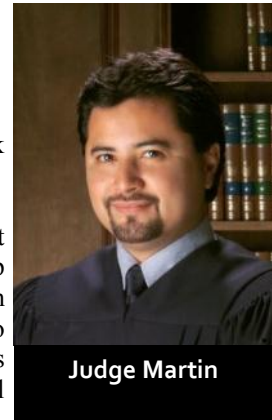
Harold Lerew is the attorney responsible for the content of this advertisement.

Message from the President

Greetings JPCA members!

I am so very blessed to have been selected to serve as your president of JPCA. Thank you for the honor to serve you.

If you missed the conference at South Padre, you missed a great time. The host committee did an outstanding job, we had a great time, and once again, the membership came through to help with the scholarships. As always, Constable Ron Hickman did an outstanding job on collection of funds through his various sources and was able to contribute a great deal of funds. Constable Ron Hickman is to be commended for his hard work and dedication to this scholarship program for JPCA, and also his annual contributions.



Judge Martin

Congratulations to all of the annual award winners this year. It is difficult at times to select among such outstanding membership. We all need to step up to the plate and contribute to JPCA.

Congratulations to Larry Gallardo for his new role as 3rd Vice President of JPCA. Larry's dedication to JPCA is to be commended. What an absolute honor it is to have Constable Gallardo back on the board. Being a past president of JPCA, Constable Gallardo will be a valued contributor to JPCA, especially during this legislative year. Thank you Larry Gallardo.

2013 is a legislative year and I will be counting on support from everyone. Those of you that are located in the surrounding area of Austin, it would be great if you could help out. JPCA has an outstanding legislative committee, but it takes more than 7 or 8 people to keep abreast of the business in the legislature. Let's all work together by reading the bills, contacting your representatives and travelling to Austin to help with these bills. I would appreciate all the help we can get.

I will be having a very busy year and look forward to seeing old friends and making new friends as your president. If I can be of service, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you once again for the honor and privilege of serving in this capacity.

Respectfully,

Judge Martin Castillo

Message from the President Elect

Greetings My Friends,



**Constable Michael
Truitt**

This next year is going to be a very busy time for all of us. We have lots of training scheduled this next year and I hope that you all take advantage of everything that is offered. This is also a legislative year and both legislative committees are already hard at work. They have already made several trips to Austin to testify before committees on issues important to both Constables and J.P.'s.

I would also like to encourage each of you to participate in the upcoming JPCA Legislative fund golf tournament to help us pay for this years legislative expenses. Go to JPCA.com to get the registration form.

The 2013 Conference will be held at the Westin Stonebriar Hotel in Frisco Texas. Hotel information is on the website and an pages 21 - 22 of this issue of The Gavel and The Badge. Please make your reservation early!

I look forward to serving you as President Elect this year. Please give me a call if I can do anything to help you.

Constable Michael Truitt



Judge Janice Sons

Message from the Second Vice President

Greetings to all my friends and colleagues:

The JPCA Conference in South Padre Island was outstanding. We send a big thank you to the Host committee for all their hard work to make the state conference an overwhelming success. It was wonderful seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Next year we will be in Kerrville for the Annual Convention so begin planning now to attend. It is truly a special time for family and friends.

As we begin to prepare for the legislative session it will take each and every one of us. Take time to visit your State Senator and House member and say hello. We need you and their vote as we face important issues next year. We need your membership. If you are a member of the JPCA, thank you, but if you are not, now is the time to sign up. The membership allows us to lobby for legislation effecting judges and constables.

It is truly an honor to serve as your 2nd Vice President. Thank you for your confidence. If I can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. -

Janice R. Sons

Message from the Third Vice President

Greetings to all,

As I assume my new duties as third vice president, I look forward to working hard for the future of this great association. I have stepped up to the plate in the past and ready for the challenges we face ahead today. With the new legislative session soon upon us, we must be ready to address any issues that affect each and every one of us. I have gain valuable experience as your past-president, TAC board member and graduate of their leadership institute to help lead this strong association as it is today.

Many thanks go out to Judge Benny Ochoa and his staff for putting on a great conference. Everyone I'm sure had a goodtime. We must look forward to the next one, which will be held in Frisco next summer. Constable Mike Truitt has been working hard in planning to provide us with another great annual conference.

Lastly, I would like to thank our membership for allowing me to serve. I am excited to begin a new journey in serving this association. We must all remember that we as officers serve all the membership; we are here to serve you in providing highest level of education through our training center and representation during the legislative session.

Again many thanks!

Larry Gallardo



Constable Larry Gallardo



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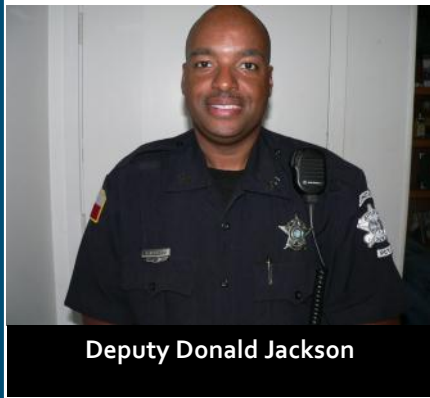
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Deputy Donald Jackson

Jefferson Co. Deputy Honored For Actions

On January 26, 2012 Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Dispatch put out a call for assistance at the Minnie Rogers Juvenile Detention Center in reference to an Orange County Deputy being held hostage and who had also been shot several times by the juvenile suspect.

Officers arriving on the scene secured the perimeter while Deputy Jackson entered the building through the main building entrance. Once inside the building Deputy Jackson located the control picket where he was able to monitor the events going on inside by way of security cameras located inside the sally port area of the facility. The Orange County Deputy, who was bleeding and having trouble breathing, was begging the juvenile offender to put his weapon down and surrender. Deputy Jackson ordered the employees of the center to open the control doors to allow him access to the sally port area in an effort to engage the juvenile shooter. Deputy Jackson entered the area and took the suspect into custody without further incident. After securing the suspect, Deputy Jackson advised the Orange County Officer to sit down as he was bleeding and felt light headed from his injuries.

At this point several deputies and officers entered the sally port area from the exterior bay doors and assisted in medical assistance on the downed officer until emergency medical services could arrive.

Deputy Donald Jackson performed his duties at a Commendable level during the entire incident, showing confidence, selflessness and bravery during this highly volatile situation.

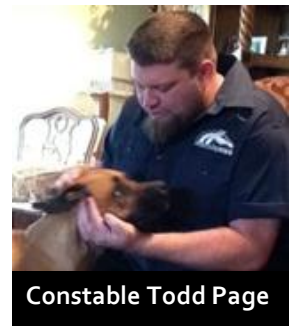
Constable Wiggins is proud to have Deputy Jackson as a part of his staff and commends him for doing an outstanding job not only as a Deputy Constable but as a Peace Officer in an active shooter situation.

Potter Co. Constable Todd Page dies at 40.

Potter County Precinct 1 Constable Todd Page was found dead in his garage Monday afternoon, authorities said. Page was 40 years old.

Officials would not give a cause of death Monday, but said they do not suspect foul play or suicide.

Amarillo police were called shortly after noon to Page's home in the 2800 block of Bowie Street, Cpl. Jerry Neufeld said. Officers found Page's body in a chair, Neufeld said.



Constable Todd Page

Potter County Justice of the Peace Debbie Horn pronounced Page dead at 12:18 p.m. and ordered an autopsy, she said. Some of Page's friends had seen him Friday night, authorities said. A man at Page's home declined to comment on Page's death Monday afternoon.

Potter County Commissioner H.R. Kelly said Page was a straightforward, outspoken person who took his job seriously. "He was pretty passionate about his position and I think he worked at it," Kelly said. "I think he was (dedicated) and was somebody that wanted to do what the county expected of him."

Page was one of two active constables in Potter County, Kelly said, referring to constables who perform the regular duties of the office rather than vacate the office when elected. Page won the 2004 Precinct 1 constable election as a write-in candidate who told voters he would serve as an active constable.

"My thoughts and prayers go out to the family," Kelly said.

Commissioners will decide whether to fill Page's position at a later time, Kelly said. When Precinct 4 Constable Leon "Bubba" Smith died in January 2011, commissioners opted not to replace his position before the next election.

Page was running unopposed in the November general election.

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A bystander also was killed in the shootout, and three police officers and a female bystander were wounded.

Caffall's family has said he was suffering from an unspecified mental illness and has stated, "It breaks our hearts his illness led to this."

During Saturday's more than 2½ hour-long service, the Rev. Tommy Myrick, a pastor at the constable's church, said Bachmann hated serving evictions and when he would have to put someone out of their home, he would do whatever he could to find them a new one.

"He would help them with property transport to a safe place and the thing is he didn't have to do that," Myrick said. "Brian was going to try and find that guy (Caffall) a place to live. There's no doubt in my mind when he stepped out of his car (on Monday he was) thinking, 'Where will I find this guy a place to live?'"

Bachmann, who was married and the father of four children, had worked nearly 20 years in law enforcement. He had been a constable since January 2011, after winning election to the post the prior November.

Authorities say Bachmann had gone to a home near the university's football stadium to deliver a notice for Caffall to appear in court on Aug. 23 because he owed \$1,250 in rent.

Officers who later arrived at the scene found Bachmann shot on the lawn of the house. Police say it appears that Bachmann never fired his weapon.



Police said officers shot and killed Caffall after a more than 20-minute shootout. Caffall fired more than 65 rounds during the incident. Authorities found four weapons in Caffall's home, including a handgun he took from Bachmann after fatally shooting him. The other weapons were a semi-automatic sniper rifle, an assault rifle and a bolt-action rifle.

Also killed in the shootout was Chris Northcliffe, 51, who had been checking on a nearby home he owned. His funeral service was held earlier Saturday in College Station, located 100 miles northwest of Houston.

The three wounded officers have been treated and released. The wounded female bystander, Barbara Holdsworth from Houston, remains hospitalized but her friends say she is improving.

During the funeral service, friends and family members told stories of how Bachmann was dedicated to helping others and how he preferred finding solutions to problems rather than simply writing a ticket. They also talked about his infectious smile and recalled humorous anecdotes about Bachmann's propensity for wrecking patrol vehicles when he was a sheriff's deputy.

"He genuinely wanted to help people," said Marc Hamlin, the Brazos County district clerk and a close friend of Bachmann's. "He truly believed that people were good."

Brazos County Sheriff Chris Kirk, another close friend, said Bachmann was dedicated to doing the best job he could. Kirk said he had hoped Bachmann would one day run for sheriff and take over his job.

"We will never know when the door to eternity will open. In Brian's case it was on Fidelity Street in College Station (the street where he was fatally shot)," Kirk said, his voice trembling with emotion. "Brian had no chance to defend himself. However, Brian was prepared for eternity."

"I will truly miss my good friend Brian," the sheriff said. "God bless his soul and may he rest in peace." Brad Bachmann, the constable's father, shared stories about Bachmann as a young boy and how he "wanted to be the best cop in the world."

"This is not goodbye but see you later," he said as he saluted his son.



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Highlights from the 2012 Conference in South Padre

2012 JPCA Conference A Big Success!

Because of the hard work of the South Padre Host Committee, led by Judge Bennie Ochoa, the 68th Annual Education Conference and Seminar was a resounding success. This conference was one of the most profitable for the Legislative Fund and the Scholarship Fund in recent memory. Our hats are off to the Judge Ochoa and the rest of the 2012 Host Committee!!!!



Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson Underwrite Banquet

Dan Romo of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson presents a check to incoming JPCA president, Judge Martin Castillo, for \$4,000 to help underwrite the 2012 Awards Banquet. JPCA thanks Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson for its generous and continued support of our organization.

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Meetings and Training



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2012 Awards Banquet





*2012 Justice of the Peace of the Year
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2012 Scholarship Benefactors

The Justice of the Peace and Constables Association of Texas would like to thank the following individuals, companies, and organizations for their very generous contribution to the JPCA Scholarship Fund. Because of their contributions, JPCA was able to give out a total of **\$19,000** to disserving candidates.

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Constable Ron Hickman and Constable Wayne "Doc" Pierce (representing the North Texas JPCA) present checks to JPCA Scholarship Fund

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Laryssa Guerra	Linn, TX
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Amber Whitney Reece	Corsicana, TX
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Brooks Lewis	Bluffton, TX
Callie Sims	Sunray, TX
Thamar Jones	Douglasville, GA
Colton French	Kerrville, TX
Alexis Gilbert	Fort Worth, TX
Rolando Vega	Kingsville, TX

Constable's Legislative Committee

JPCA President Martin Castillo asked me to help with our Constable Legislative Committee. Because of my close proximity to the state capital, and potential of legislative issue that may impact Texas Constable's, how could I resist? There are a lot of good people in JPCA that have established excellent relationships with the legislature. This has led to JPCA being well known and respected at the capitol. Thanks to all of you for your great work.

JPCA wants all of us to have close working relationships with our respective legislators. History has proven that the legislators want to know what "my constable" or "my JP" thinks about a particular issue that is before them when we call or visit their offices. It's particularly gratifying when their constable or JP is already on a first name basis and has already called them on an issue. We will live or die by being able to call on those relationships when bills are filed this next legislative session starting January 2013. You can bet we will face bills that threaten our profession, our judiciary or our ability to serve our community effectively.

I ask every elected Constable and JP to make the effort, if they haven't already done so, to meet and interact with their respective State Representative and Senator. Allow yourself to be called upon and be the resource they can rely when faced with bills that affect YOUR profession. You are the credible expert in the field. Your opinion matters to them and JPCA.

I ask every JPCA District Director to reach out to the JP's and constables in their district and not only solicit their membership, but get current contact information. The Legislative Committee members will be relying on our membership to call their respective State Rep and/or Senator regarding a particular bill. We need to be able to rally the troops quickly and effectively by calling upon the District Directors to make those notifications. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of this notification and response process. You are the key to our success or failure.

Last month, JPCA representatives attended a County Affairs Committee Hearing with an interim charge of studying consolidating county services. We believed that recent issues in Dallas County whereby civil process duties were moved from the constable's offices to the sheriff office would spawn an idea for that sort of consolidation movement state-wide. Dallas County administrators were present and prepared to testify to that concept idea. Fortunately, testimony from a Constable Chad Jordan and Judge Becky Kerbow showed a team effort and facts that the elected constables and JP's serve the state of Texas efficiently and effectively, and consolidation would not serve our citizens well. In addition to their testimony, calls and visits to the legislature and some committee members beforehand by JPCA members solidified our position before the committee hearing. I can honestly say that had those kinds of efforts and relationships not been in place, there would have been a different outcome at that hearing.

We can expect many, many more challenges in the upcoming session. Our work has only begun. We need your help to be successful.

JPCA will of course be vigilant of any abolition or consolidation bills. We are also looking at different areas of importance to JPCA that we wish to pursue this next legislative session and prioritize the wish list. One such effort is restoring the Law Enforcement Training funds to law enforcement agencies. You know it as LEOS money. We will likely partner up with other law enforcement groups to pursue this mission. There is a lot more we may want to accomplish. We need to hear from you. But most importantly, we need to call upon you for help. Get ready.

Bobby Gutierrez, Constables Legislative Committee
Williamson County Constable, Pct. 3

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Constable's Education Committee

We just ended a very successful year of Civil Process seminars. We have provided training to over 500 constables, deputy constables and clerical staff. Because of your feedback through the TJCTC seminar evaluations, valuable information has surfaced for your Constable's Education Committee to consider. So, this is what we're doing for 2013:

The TJCTC 20 hour Civil Process seminars for FY 2012-2013 will be comprised to three (3) very distinct educational tracks starting in December 2012. The tracks will have recommended experience guidelines to help the students select the most appropriate educational track. We are excited to introduce a new advanced track called "Problem Solving". This educational track is designed in a discussion interaction format for students with Civil Process Proficiency Certificates. This level of discussion will tackle civil process problems, issues and shared experiences that affect us all across the state. This track will also require lap-top computer, notebook or bring all of the 2012 law books for research material just like the "Discussions" track. We believe this new seminar design will better serve the educational needs of our membership based on their experience levels.

On a separate note, we met with LEMIT (Sam Houston State University Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute) to discuss improvements to the curriculum for the constable education TCLEOSE required training. Dr. Rita Watkins, LEMIT Executive Director, Dr. David Webb LEMIT Assistant Executive Director and Cary Young, Constable Education Program Coordinator worked diligently with us to revise the curriculum for future required constable education programs. For example, the 40 hour Constable's Continuing Education program will have more topics related to leadership and management. The civil process portion of the training will be at the "Problem Solving" advanced discussion/interaction level as mentioned above. And the Newly Elected Constable's program will be updated with more current and relevant topics for a newly elected constable to more effectively assume responsibilities of the office.

At this writing, a TJCTC Faculty Development meeting is scheduled for this month with our ace faculty. The purpose is to update their instructional methods and program presentations. We are also interviewing and holding auditions with new faculty considerations. We want to make sure we uphold the high quality of instruction to our membership with top notch instructors.

Again, I ask you as a solicitation for instructors to join our faculty cadre. If you are interested in helping promote high quality education to our colleagues, help improve the knowledge and expertise of our profession, please contact me or any Constable Education Committee member. We're always looking out for those that hold TCLEOSE Instructor and Civil Process Proficiency certificates as the foundation of our instructors. The experience priceless and the pay is immeasurable.

The Education Committee is extremely pleased that JPCA President Martin Castillo selected two (2) fine individuals to fill vacancies on the Constable's Education Committee. Congratulations to:

Honorable Kimberly Dickson, Anderson County Constable, Pct. 3

Chief Deputy Constable Todd Tiemann, Tarrant County Pct.1

Constable Dickson previously served a term on the constable education committee. We're glad to have her back. Her contributions and hard work are well known, respected and appreciated.

Deputy Constable Todd Tiemann has been involved with JPCA for many years because of his boss, (who is retiring at the end of this year) Constable Jerry Crowder and former JPCA District Director. Todd happens to be the Texas District Director for the National Constable & Marshall Association. He will make a fine addition to our committee.

At this writing, we are reviewing a proposed change to TCLEOSE Rule on section 221.25. – Civil Process Proficiency. I am to understand that because of a federal judge opinion, TCLEOSE has been put in a position to review the proficiency certificate they issue for all of the various achievements. TCLEOSE has issues and problems with some of the proficiency certificates. Our main interest lies with the Civil Process Proficiency Certificate. I am told CPPC is not on their radar as a problem like some other TCLEOSE proficiency certificates. However, they still have to review it and ensure a consistency is applied to all of their certificates. I get it. They are looking at all requirements of the certificate applicant, the required training to achieve and any training required for maintenance to keep the certificate active. Things may change but at this point, it looks like the CPPC will probably require a recertification consisting of 40 hrs of Civil Process training by the end of the TCLEOSE 4 year training cycle, but with 20 hrs of Civil Process training within the current 2 year training cycle. I don't see a major issue with the proposed change as it is presented now. It pretty much matches with the civil process continuing education practices of most deputies and constables. JPCA wants to ensure that the certificate is a true reflection of advanced knowledge and high competency in the field of Civil Process. We want it to have credibility and meaning when used by our profession to justify salary incentives or position requirements. We don't want it watered down nor do we want it to be a senseless bureaucratic burden for the certificate holder. Nevertheless, we will watch this issue and provide information to the TCLEOSE Commission as needed.

Thanks to our membership. Keep us advised on your training needs. See you next year.

Bobby Gutierrez - Chairman, Constable Education Committee
Williamson County Constable, Pct. 3.

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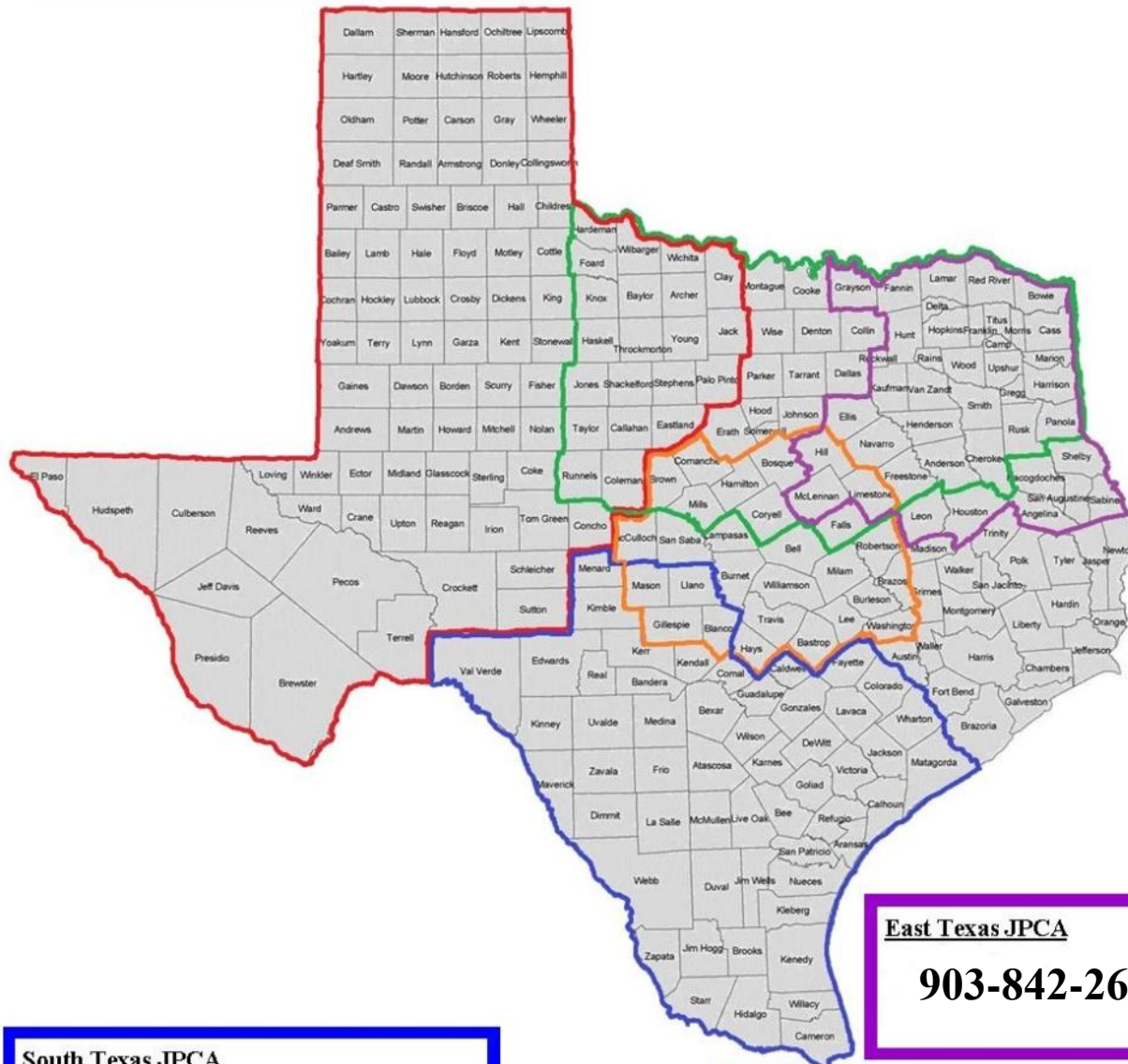
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News from North Texas JPCA

The NTJPCA and ETJPCA held their quarterly meeting on August 15, 2012 at the Best Western in Greenville, Texas. The training for the meeting was conducted by Dr. Jack Enter who spoke on Law Enforcement Leadership. As many of you who have heard Dr. Enter speak this was a very rewarding opportunity for us to host such a high demand speaker.

As we have stated before NTJPCA is working on bringing more helpful classes to all of our members for Clerks, Judges and Constables. With budget cuts and quality training in high demand we will strive to continue to provide valued training and a reasonable price. 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 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 October 17 & 18, 2012 at the Best Western in Sulphur Springs. This will be our annual business meeting and election of officers. Training will be provided by investigators of SPCA who will discuss the different animal cruelty violations and laws, forms and procedures for the investigation and seizure of animals if necessary. This will be a great training opportunity for not only law enforcement but for Judges and clerks as we have all seen the increase of animal cases in the news.

Constable Ron Hickman Appointed to National Association of Counties



Constable Ron Hickman

Houston-Area Tribune
Monday, August 6, 2012

Precinct 4 Constable Ron Hickman was recently appointed to the board of directors of the National Association of Counties. The constable was selected by the Texas Association of Counties Board to represent the large and urban counties in Texas at the national level. His appointment was confirmed at their conference in Pittsburgh, PA, July 18.

The National Association of Counties is the only national organization representing county government. Its board represents county government across America.

"This is a great honor and I look forward to the opportunity to network with other county officials and to learn how they have approached the challenges of county government," Hickman said.

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