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## NEWLY ELECTED CONSTABLE SCHOOL LARGEST IN HISTORY



More than 110 newly elected Texas Constables converged on Sam Houston State University for training on their positions provided by the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas.

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## 2013 Conference Make Your Reservations NOW!

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Constable Donald Barbee and his wife Isabel  
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### *Longtime Arm Of The Law Constable retiring after 60 plus years in law enforcement*

*Wharton Journal Spectator*

Posted: Saturday, December 1, 2012

By BENJAMIN SHARP

At 13, he started his own business. At 16, he got his parents' permission to join the Navy and fight in World War II. While in his 20s, he became Wharton's first City Fire Marshal. And today, at age 87, he's one of the oldest active duty constables in the state.

To say that Donald Barbee has led an active life is an understatement of nearly epic proportions. The Wharton native's experiences, in fact, are like something out of a history book – perhaps best seen through the lens of an old time movie camera.

"He's just a very rare person," said Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Jeanette Krenek, who's worked with Barbee for years during his time as Precinct 1 Constable. "We're just in awe of everything he's done."

Those sentiments were shared by the crowd of more than 60 people who gathered Friday in the Wharton County commissioners courtroom to honor Barbee at a retirement reception. Those in attendance included county officials, law enforcement officers, relatives and longtime friends.

County Judge Phillip Spenrath presented Barbee with a proclamation from the Texas Senate that recognized the constable for "over six decades of exemplary service."

"You are an incredible man," Spenrath said.

"We want to thank you very much and we're going to miss you greatly," added Precinct 2 Constable J.A. Szymanski, who has worked with Barbee for more than 20 years.

Patsy Shannon, administrative assistant for the county judge's office, said she was going to miss Barbee's stories.

"If my breath holds, maybe I'll tell you some more," Barbee replied with a grin. Struggling with pulmonary fibrosis, he currently relies on a portable oxygen machine.

Though visibly touched by the outpouring, Barbee seemed uncomfortable with such public attention.

"I never expected anything like this," he said.

While talking earlier in the week about his life and experiences, the 87-year-old said that despite his time working with the public, being in the limelight is something he's never pursued.

He seemed most at ease talking one-on-one from the comfort of the recliner in his Caney Street living room. The room and the house have been part of his life for a long time, located within walking distance from the house he grew up in. His original place of residence was on the spot where City Hall stands today.

"In almost 88 years I only made it four blocks," Barbee says with the trademark wit that characterizes his conversation.

The son of a man who ran a lumber yard and owned a few farms, Barbee was an entrepreneur from the start. At the age of 13 he founded Barbee Electric (originally called Barbee Electric Shop), which would develop over the years into a thriving local business that's still in operation today.





**Renee Rehmert**  
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### *New Constables Attend NEC School (Pg. 1)*

LEMIT is handling its largest class ever of new Constables and had to split the training into two sessions. There were 148 new Constables elected or appointed within the last two years, and each is mandated by the Texas Legislature to participate in the biennial training program on the roles and duties of a Constable, citations, evictions, liability, office management, writs and protective orders. The second class will be held in January 2014.

“The program is an opportunity for the Constables of Texas to learn from the instructors and from each other, and how their role is so important in the community they serve,” said Dr. Rita Watkins, Executive Director of LEMIT.

In Texas, Constables and their deputies are fully empowered peace officers with countywide jurisdiction. Their responsibilities may include serving civil process, executing warrants issued by Justice of the Peace Courts, providing bailiff services to JP Courts and offering patrol, investigation and security services. In 2000, there were 760 Constable offices in Texas, with some of the largest employing 300 deputies.



**Judy Anderson**  
Prog. Coordinator  
TCLC

During the five-day training, experienced Constables from across the state provided sessions on the day-to-day operations of the office. Harris County Constable Ron Hickman of Precinct 4 gave an overview of the role and duties of the office and provided insight on law enforcement ethics and liabilities of the job.

Kim Vickers, Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education, provided information on the rules and forms for licensed peace officers who work in the agency. Chief Deputy Aaron Tyksinski of Fort Bend County Precinct 3 discussed office and records management in the Constable's Office.

Denton County Constable Michael Truitt of Precinct 2 presented information on citation powers of the office, while Deputy Constable Chuck Copeland of Nacogdoches County Precinct 1 talked about the role Constables play in evictions. Fort Bend Constable Rob Cook of Precinct 3 covered writs, which are written court orders, and executions, which are enforcing decisions made by the courts.

The session closed with a question and answer session with Constable Truitt, Constables Bobby Gutierrez of Williamson County Precinct 3 and Chad Jordan of Hood County Precinct 4.

In addition to the training for new Constables, LEMIT provides continuing education for Constables every four years on emerging issues and trends in the profession. Among the topics discussed in those sessions are emotional survival, ethics/leadership, and additional training in writs, citations, collection and detecting deception.

Finally, LEMIT hosts an intensive, education program for Constables and supervisors called the Texas Constable's Leadership College, which cover all aspects of modern law enforcement management techniques, styles and philosophies. Held in week long modules, the program covers leadership and management principals, including intensive communication skills; political, legal, and society environments of contemporary law enforcement; and differences in cultural issues.



## **JOHN M. FORBES**

**1936 - 2013 | Obituary**

*Excerpts from Obituary Published in Star-Telegram from February 22 to February 25, 2013*

John M. Forbes, 76, retired justice of the peace for Precinct 2, Tarrant County, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013.

Judge Forbes was born in Royse City and had been a resident of Arlington since 1949. He graduated from Arlington High School in 1954, and later Arlington State College and then UTA when it became a four-year university.

He was past president of The Justices Of The Peace and Constables Association of Texas and he served for many years as an instructor in the Justice Court training program. He was member of The Arlington Arts League, The Arlington Historical Society, and Kimbell Art Museum. He was also a member and past director of Friends of U.T.A. Libraries, a past director of Theatre Arlington and a past Arlington Chamber of Commerce Ambassador. He was a past 30-year director of Arlington Christmas Samaritans and a past director of The Arlington Boys Club. He was a past Master of Arlington Masonic Lodge #438, a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a Shriner. He also belonged to several Appendant Masonic organizations. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church where he served as president of the Adult Bible Class. He enjoyed visiting the sick and his goal on each visit was to make them smile.

He loved his dear friends, his wife, Lannie, and he enjoyed traveling with her many places around the world. His children and his many grandkids were a great joy to him. He enjoyed being with them and attending their many school and church functions.

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## Justices of the Peace & Clerk Classes

### Wednesday:

1:00-3:00 p.m. - Media Relations  
3:00-5:00 p.m. - Social Media

### Thursday:

8:00-10:00 a.m. - Inquests: Using Hands-on Technology

This class will provide an opportunity for interactive discussion, critical thinking, and use of case scenarios to explain inquest issues. Students are encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet computer.

10:00-11:00 a.m. - Technology: **Using the Technology Fund**

This class will explore how technology can improve court practices and how funding for these improvements can be secured.

1:00-3:00 p.m. - Escape from Trial: Judgments through Motions

This class will be discussion of various motions to end a case without trial, such as a motion for summary judgment, default hearing or dismissals.

3:00-5:00 p.m. - Legislative Update

### Friday:

1:00-5:00 p.m. - New Rules of Justice Court

As provided by HB79, passed during the 82nd Legislative Session, the Supreme Court must adopt new rules of Justice Court by May 1, 2013 (The May 1, 2013 implementation date is subject to legislative change). This class will introduce Justices of the Peace and Court Personnel to the new rules governing our courts which have been promulgated by the Supreme Court. Legal analysis and impact on the court will be addressed by TJCTC legal staff.

## Constable Classes

### Wednesday:

1:00-3:00 p.m. - Media Relations  
3:00-5:00 p.m. - Social Media

### Thursday:

#### Room 1

8:00-12:00 a.m. - Arrest and Control Tactics as the relate to Civil Process / Winning Violent Encounters (part 1)

1:00-5:00 p.m. - Arrest and Control Tactics as the relate to Civil Process / Winning Violent Encounters (part 2)

This course is designed to partially meet the continuing education requirements for Constables and deputies in Texas. Primary focus will be in areas of officer safety as it relates to certain Writs that require the seizure or attachment of a person or property such as Evictions, Child Attachments and Protective Orders. In addition the course will cover officer's proper approach, proper safety equipment needed, dynamic entry and room clearing and approach and use of force to vicious animals. Policies and liabilities will be discussed as they apply to a one man office versus a multiple officer agency. The student will be able to access certain behaviors such as mental illness and other behaviors that will assist in proper officer judgment.

#### Room 2

8:00-12:00 a.m. - Legislative Update (3182)

1:00-5:00 p.m. - New Rules of Court

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#### Room 1

1:00-5:00 p.m. - Legislative update (3182)

#### Room 2

1:00-5:00 p.m. - New Rules of Court





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

69 <sup>th</sup> Annual Education & Training Conference Agenda		June 25-29, 2013 Frisco, TX		
	General Activities	Training	Business	Fun Activities
Tuesday, June 25, 2013				
6:30 am – 10:00 am	Breakfast			
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Legislative Golf Tournament and Scholarship Fun Run			
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Registration Open			
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Budget and Oversight Meeting			
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Welcome Reception			
Wednesday, June 26, 2013				
6:30 am – 10:00 am	Breakfast			
8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration Open			
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Vendors Open			
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Business Meeting			
10:30 am – 5:30 pm	Hawaiian Falls Activity (Lunch Included)			
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Special Committees Meeting			
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch On Your Own			
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Training Session			
6:00 pm – Midnight	Winstar Casino Trip			
Thursday, June 27, 2013				
6:30 am – 10:00 am	Breakfast			
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration Open			
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Vendors Open			
10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Wine Tour (Lunch Included)			
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Training Session			
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch On Your Own			
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Training Session			
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Voting			
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	BBQ Dinner			
Friday, June 28, 2013				
6:30 am – 10:00 am	Breakfast			
7:30 am – 10:00 am	Prayer Breakfast			
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Business Meeting			
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Lunch On Your Own	New Board of Directors Lunch		
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Training Session			
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	President's Reception			
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Banquet			
Saturday, June 29, 2013				
6:30 am – 10:00 am	Breakfast			
Noon	Hotel Check Out			



## *JPCA Fun Run*

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*Tuesday, June 25*

*9 a.m. Start*

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### Education Committee Constable Bobby Gutierrez, Williamson County

We are well underway on the FY-12-13 Civil Process training calendar. We only have four (4) 20 Hour Civil Process seminars scheduled. Our next seminar is scheduled for Austin in late February, in combination with JPCA Day at the Capitol. The following seminar is being held at Rockwall in April, and the last seminar at Galveston in May. Get on the TJCTC website for details and registration.

We wanted to remind everyone about the seminar design for this year. We have an "Introductory Track designed for those with 0-3 year civil process experience and/or minimal civil process workload. I understand that those studying for the TCLEOSE Civil Process Proficiency Certificate also benefit from the class that emphasizes basics. The Discussion Track (Intermediate Track) is recommended for those with more than 3 year experience or with high volume workload. Then we have the Problem Solving Track (Advanced). This is a new track we designed based on feedback. This track will benefit those that are well versed in civil process, already achieved Civil Process Proficiency Certificate and have previously attended a couple of Discussions track from previous seminars. It's a high level discussion series that covers problems and solutions that we all share and face in our day-to-day business. Unless you want to haul around numerous law books, you will need a computer or notebook for the Discussions and Problem Solving Tracks. Please make sure you sign-up for the correct track because last minute requests for shifting people from one track to another is not that easy for staff. A lot of factors such as class size, instructor to student ratio, and room space all factor in those decisions. Get used being computer literate because that is where adult education is headed.

The TCLEOSE training cycle ends August 31, 2013. So if deputies have not yet received and need their 20 hour Civil Process training, now would be the time get signed –up.

The ghastly ambush of Brazos County Constable Brian Bachmann last year brought to the forefront the need for all of us to practice officer safety that much more. I am to understand that facts related to Constable Bachmann's case indicate he could not have anticipated or prevented his ambush. He was a victim in a situation that could have happened, and has happened to many peace officers. In recognition of that tragedy, the Constable's Education Committee determined that a more prominent emphasis on officer safety was needed on civil process related duties. We all know about officer safety training around traffic stops, patrol duties and other police working conditions. But nothing has ever been developed exclusively for constable office duties until now. So, we present to you two (2) comprehensive 1-day seminars on Officer Safety this year that are tailor made for the field work related to constable office duties surrounding civil process. Even the most experienced will enjoy this program.

We just completed the Newly Elected Constable's required 40 hour program at Sam Houston University through LEMIT. It was well attended with 112 newly elected constables. Yet but those numbers did not include all of the newly elected constables. Fortunately, the remaining 40 or 50 that did not sign-up can attend next January and still be compliance with the training requirement statute.

We visited with Dr. Watkins at LEMIT and updated the curriculum for the Continuing Education for Constables 40 hour class. It will have more management related topics that constables from all county sizes with benefit.

As you know, the elections changed the faces in many counties, our state and country. These changes arguably are for the good or the bad. For the bad side, some of those changes affected our faculty, and Education Committee. You may remember Charlie Wiggins, Constable from Jefferson County and served on Education Committee, lost his election and seat on the Committee. The good side surfaced some people interested in serving JPCA. President Martin Castillo appointed Constable Eugene Mayes, from Guadalupe County to fill the seat caused by the Charlie Wiggins departure.

We are always looking for qualified faculty to step-up and help carry-on the educational demands on the constable business. We need TCLEOSE instructors with TCLEOSE Civil Process Proficiency Certificates and an interest to share information with our colleagues. Please contact any committee member or TJTC staff for an application. The pay and benefits are second to none.

Thank you all for your continued support to the JPCA education programs.

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05/05/13 - 05/08/13      Galveston

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### Civil Process Training Slots Still Available

TJCTC still has training slots available for both the Rockwall (April 7-10) and Galveston (May 5-8) 20-Hour Civil Process seminars, but Galveston is going fast. So go to our website [www.tjctc.org](http://www.tjctc.org) and register TODAY to make sure you get into your favorite location. All registration is online and our newly revised website will walk you through it. For more information click on Program & Training Events - Civil Process - Seminar Dates & Locations.

TJCTC Still has Openings to Attend the Officer Safety 1-Day Workshops - San Marcos - April 23; Kerrville - May 24; Rockport/Fulton - June 7

This extremely important topic will focus on officer safety as it relates to certain Writs that require the seizure or attachment of a person or property such as Evictions, Child Attachments and Protective Orders. It will also cover officer's proper approach, proper safety equipment needed, dynamic entry and room clearing, and approach and use of force to vicious animals. Policies and liabilities will be discussed as they apply to a one man office versus a multiple officer agency. The student will be able to access certain behaviors such as mental illness and other behaviors that will assist in proper officer judgment.

Visit our website [www.tjctc.org](http://www.tjctc.org) and click on Program & Training Events - Civil Process - Seminar Dates & Locations. Scroll to the bottom for more information on One Day Workshops. To register - log in and go to Online Registration. Click on the Officer Safety Workshop location of your choice. **You may contact Heather Hidalgo, CMP for more information at [hh07@txstate.edu](mailto:hh07@txstate.edu).**

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03/24/14 - 03/28/14      Midland / Odessa  
07/21/14 - 07/25/14      Huntsville

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

01/20/14 - 01/24/14      Huntsville

### Texas Constables Leadership College

05/13/13 - 05/17/13      Class 9, Module III  
10/07/13 - 10/09/13      Class 10, Module I  
01/13/14 - 01/17/14      Class 10, Module II  
05/05/14 - 05/09/14      Class 10, Module III  
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Dear Members of Justice of the Peace and Constable's Association of Texas,

I would like to ask for your vote for 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President for the Justices of the Peace and Constable's Association of Texas at the upcoming conference in June 2013 at Frisco.

I was elected as Justice of the Peace in 2009 and immediately became a member of the JPCA of Texas. I started my career in Law Enforcement in January 1982 thru December 2008. I am a graduate from the FBI National Academy in the 209<sup>th</sup> session of 2002. I am currently President-Elect of the City of Bay City Rotary Club.

During my service to the citizens of the State of Texas in law enforcement, I held the following positions: Civil Officer, Special Crime Analyst, Sergeant of Crime Scenes, Investigator Sergeant, Captain of the Jail, and Chief Deputy. Each of these positions were taken seriously, and fulfilling the needs for the department and the staff members.

I am an advocate of volunteering time to different organizations in our community. I am a firm believer that you take 10% from your community but you give 100% back. Organizations like JPCA do a lot for our communities, not only educating judges, constables, deputy constables and clerks throughout the State of Texas but also giving scholarships to our youth for their education to bring back to our communities.

I respect all elected positions, whether it be in a state organization or local positions. I believe either way, people have shown their confidence in a person when electing them. I have observed JPCA since being elected to office and find that I would like to serve and would work diligently towards any and all goals of JPCA. I understand that JPCA is the largest association of elected officials in the State of Texas. JPCA is very well respected throughout the state and most particularly at the Capital of Texas. It is an honor to be a member of this association and I would respectfully request to be nominated as 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President this coming June of 2013.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Bell  
Justice of the Peace, Matagorda County, Texas





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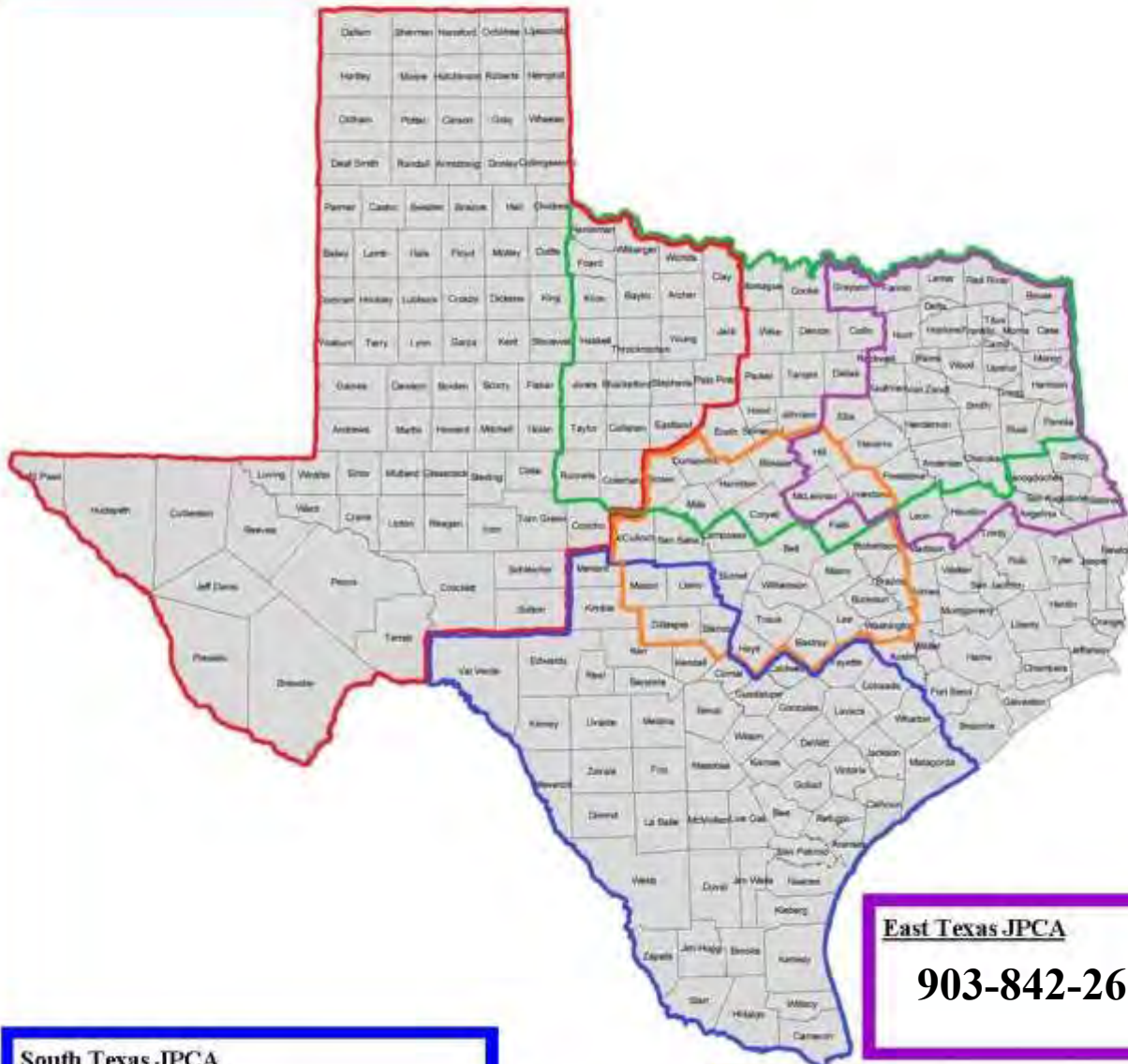
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## **Legislative Committee Constable Bobby Gutierrez, Williamson County**

We are well underway in the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature. Everyone is pitching-in and helping JPCA maintain NO ABOLITION bills. The talk we had heard over past several months has not materialized. We think a lot has to do with efforts of JPCA leadership and TAC (Texas Association of Counties) leadership. Their interventions with helping county officials resolve problems and issues at the local level seem to have paid off. That is good news because we don't want legislative intervention in the form of abolition or local politics seeking power to eliminate constitutional offices for local issues that already have remedies in place to help them resolve their differences.

Judge Becky Kerbow from Denton County is Chair of the JP's legislative group. Yours truly is Chair of Constable's group. Kirsha Haverlah, from Constable Carlos Lopez's Office in Travis County is the glue that helps us all keep track of bills, communicate with legislative offices and keep JPCA membership apprised. Together we have formed quite a team that covers JPCA in its entirety.

We have a huge number of freshmen Representatives in the House and a few new Senators as well. Because of that JPCA is NOT pursuing an agenda with a list of bills to introduce. We are saving that card in defense of some push that jeopardizes JP and/or Constables duties and responsibilities as we know them. Our posture this session is to earn trust and credibility with the legislature. To serve as resources on judiciary and law enforcement issues. It is YOUR job to pursue authors for bills on areas you deem needs legislative intervention.

We are watching a ton of bills just to make sure they won't negatively impact our area of responsibility. A few bills of particular interest to JPs and Constables:

HB211 (Rep Fletcher) – Arrest warrant and capias pro fine fee increase from \$50 to \$75

HB708 (Rep. Isaacs) – Eliminate Constable's need for Commissioners Court approval by name for the hiring of deputies.

HB233 (Rep. Guillen) – Creation of criminal offense for obstruction to private process servers

SB117 (Sen. Hinojosa) – Police stand-by for marital residence under certain circumstances

A ton of bills related to concealed carry, use of wireless communication device while driving, and many other topics.

We asked District Directors to be prepared to call on JPCA membership when the need arises to call a particular Representative, Senator, Committee or your Representative or Senator to seek a direct particular vote or outcome on a matters of importance beyond our legislative teams. One thing is clear. Nothing influences a Representative or Senator than hearing from elected officials, particularly from their home district. That is YOUR most important job for the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature.

YOUR presence is very important on JPCA Day at the Capitol February 27<sup>th</sup>. The legislature will honor JPs and Constables in the House and the Senate. Plus we will have more information by then on which bills of interest to talk with your legislator.

Thank you all for your support on the JPCA Legislative programs.



# *The Gavel and The Badge*



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