



July 2025

Happy 4th of July!

Hello all,

As we move into the heart of summer, we recognize the continued dedication and leadership each of you brings to your communities. This month's issue highlights key updates, upcoming events, and best practices to support your agencies during this busy season. Thank you for your ongoing service and commitment to public safety.

**HAPCA
Website**

Monthly Meeting Information

When: **Tuesday, July 22, 2025**

11:30am to 1:00pm

Where: Crime Stoppers Building

3001 Main St

Houston, TX

Lunch will be served.

Guest Speaker



Greg Stevens

Executive Director
Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE)

News / Resources

In Memoriam

HAPCA members wish to express our deepest condolences to the law enforcement family of Harris County Precinct 2 as we mourn the death of **Sergeant Manuel Edwards** who died after being struck by a suspected drunk driver while riding his bicycle on June 4, 2025.

Precinct 2 Constable Jerry Garcia wrote that Sergeant Edwards "was the epitome of a family man, always taking great pride in his children and wife". Our thoughts and prayers are with Precinct 2 and the family of Sergeant Edwards.



TCOLE 2025 LAW ENFORCEMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS HIGHLIGHTS



Sergeant Alexander Cappi
Sergeant Garrett Scott Lindley
Deputy Constable Jerry Montiel
Harris County Constable's Office - Precinct 4
Valor



Deputy Constable Deteryon Fontonet
Harris County Constable's Office - Precinct 4
Valor



Officer Scott Durfee
Officer James Marks
Houston Police Department
Valor



Officer Horace Scott
Houston Police Department
Valor



Officer Reginald Boseman
Officer Thomas Marcum
Officer Reginald Slaughter
Officer Mason Stutes
Beaumont Police Department
Valor



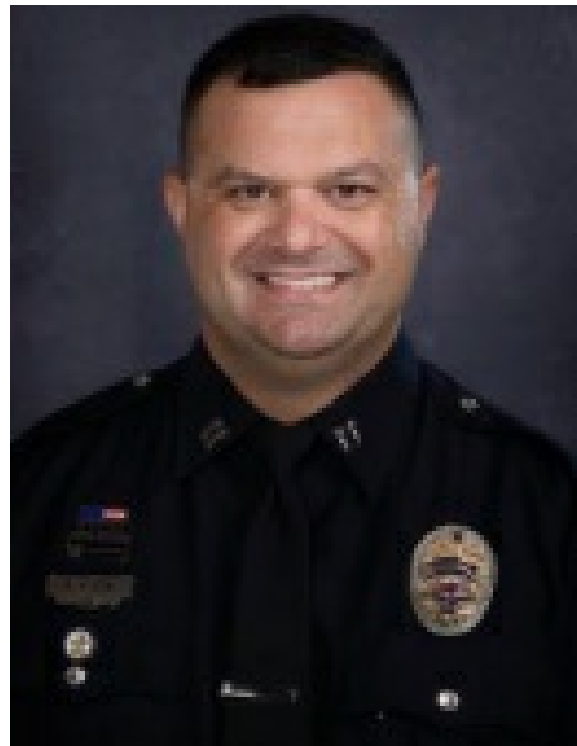
Officer Caleb Thomas
Bryan Police Department
Valor

[Read more about them here.](#)

Law Enforcement Command Officer Professional Recipient

Captain Brandon Patin
Tomball Police Department

Captain Patin currently serves as the Support Services Commander, holds a Master Peace Officer Certification, Basic Instructor Proficiency Certification, and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Texas A&M University-Commerce. Prior to joining the City of Tomball, Captain Patin was a member of the Harris County Constable Precinct One Department from 2006-2011.



IACP Policy Councils and Committee Vacancies

View [current openings here](#) for IACP Board Members. If this is something you are interested in, please email [Chief Walker](#).

SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

Scholarship Opportunity! Due October 15, 2025

Sheriffs' Association of Texas Academic Scholarship

A son, daughter or grandchild of a current or former Sheriff, a current Sheriff's Office employee or Peace Officer serving the State of Texas, pursuing a degree.

Texas Peacemaker Scholarship

A son, daughter or grandchild of a current or former Sheriff, a current Sheriff's Office employee or Peace Officer serving the State of Texas, pursuing a degree.

Sheriff J. R. "Sonny" Sessions Memorial Scholarship

A son, daughter or grandchild of a current or former Sheriff, or current Deputy or Jailer serving the State of Texas, pursuing a degree.

Sheriff Allen Bridges Memorial Scholarship

A son, daughter or grandchild of a current or former Sheriff, a current Sheriff's Office employee or Peace Officer serving the State of Texas, pursuing a degree.



Tomball Police Chief and HAPCA President, Jeff Bert has been appointed to the International Associations of Chiefs of Police Board of Directors.

He has also been selected as the Technology Chairman for the TX Police Chiefs Association.

TPCA

TX ISD Chiefs

IACP

AREA TRAININGS



Active Bystanders on Campus: Public Safety Professionals Empowering Community Members for Positive Action

This course lays out the framework for public safety professionals to present their own Active Bystander program at their campus.

July 22 - 23, 2025
Virtual

Managing Special Operations

September 3, 2025
Texas City, TX



Performance Appraisals & Employee

Accountability

September 9, 2025
League City, TX

Pre-Employment Background Investigations

August 11, 2025
Rosenburg, TX



THE CENTER FOR AMERICAN
AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

Texas Command Leadership Academy

Sugarland, TX

UPCOMING CONFERENCES



Spring ISD Women's Leadership Forum

**August 1, 2025
Spring, TX**

There is no cost to attend, breakfast will be served and TCOLE credit awarded. This event is limited to the first 100 attendees. The focus of this event is leadership however no minimum rank is required for attendance.



**National Information
Officer Association
Conference**

August 24-27, 2025
Clearwater Beach, FL

**Region 4 ESC
School Safety Expo**

October 30, 2025
Houston, TX



International Association
of
Chiefs of Police

October 18 - October 21, 2025
Denver, CO

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Agency Spotlight!



Klein ISD Police Department

Visit the Klein ISD PD Facebook
Page

Led by Police Chief Marlon Runnels, the Klein ISD Police Department serves approximately 54,000 students and 7,200 staff members. Chief

Runnels also serves as the 1st VP of HAPCA, and the 2nd VP of the Texas ISD Police Chiefs Association.

Debbie Bonola, Klein ISD PD Office Manager, provides supervision of support staff, maintains the department budget, and coordinates all meetings and conferences for the administration. Debbie also serves as the Secretary and Conference Coordinator for the Texas ISD Police Chiefs Association.

Klein ISD PD is hiring! Click here for more info.

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