

News Beat



Message from the Chief

This week is a special week for all of us within the CCPD as we will welcome 24 new Officers from the 71st Academy on Friday. Each CCPD Officer has been there before and knows firsthand that it is a very important day. Please welcome each of the new officers to this organization and, should they need it, lend a hand. My thanks go out to our Training Division staff as they have helped mold these new officers. They won't get much rest as the 72nd Academy start date is right around the corner. What a way to end the summer with



Chief Floyd Simpson, and Captain Jason Brady at the F.B.I. Training Facility in Quantico, Virginia on July 19, 2013

new officers and new cadets.

As we come to the end of the Summer we must be ready for the start of school and enforcement in the school zones. During

the first weeks of school parents will be more focused on kids, schedules, assignments and such. We must be there to ensure the safety of the students and staff. Remember to be courteous and professional in all your dealings with the public as we are here to serve them.

Be Safe;

Floyd Simpson
Chief of Police

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Be On The Lookout:

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- **Local Responders Attend Homeland Security Training**
- **CCPD 71st Academy Session Graduates August 9**
- **Upcoming Events**

Second Year for Operation: Safe Return

The Corpus Christi Police Directed Patrol Officers and volunteers hosted Operation: Safe Return for the second year. The Officers and volunteers set up in the Sunrise Mall on July 13 to provide supplies and information from a variety of donated sources to the students so they will be ready for school at the end of the summer.



Auto Theft Task Force Announce “Watch Your Car Month”

The Corpus Christi Police Auto Theft Task Force announced July as “Watch Your Car Month.” July is historically the most active month for vehicle burglaries and thefts. The Auto Theft Task Force made an announcement to the media at the La Palmera Mall on July 1st. The Task Force also attended the Hooks game on July 19 and hosted a 5K run July 27 to promote awareness.

The Auto Theft Task Force is funded by grants to investigate the theft and recovery of stolen vehicles, burglaries to vehicles, and auto theft rings. There are five Corpus Christi Police Detectives and three civilians who work with a Corpus Christi Police Supervisor to address the problems of burglaries and thefts as they relate to vehicles.



Parking Enforcement Has a New Supervisor

Marc Denson was promoted to the new position of Parking Control Operations Manager earlier this year. This led to a search for a new Parking Enforcement Supervisor to fill Marc’s previous position. Traffic Safety Captain Mark Gutierrez is proud to announce the hiring of Juan Perez to fill that position.

“We had a large pool of candidates which led us to two exceptional candidates and in the process one rose to the top”, said Parking Operation Manager Marc Denson. Juan served as a Corrections Officer in the Nueces County Sheriff’s Department from 1999 through 2004. In 2004 the City Detention Center was opened and Juan was hired as a Detention Officer Supervisor at that time until present. Juan joined the Parking Control unit on June 24th.

With the unit reorganization Juan will assume direct supervision of Parking Enforcement Officers (PEO’s) covering existing downtown parking issues, neighborhood enforcement issues and city-wide Disabled Parking enforcement. His additional duties are to respond to customer and citizen complaints quickly and oversee meter maintenance and service. “For our parking control unit to continue to be acknowledged as an industry trend setter we must provide the best customer service possible with the shortest response time. Having a top notch field supervisor who can respond immediately to concerns and complaints of citizens and visitors is a key piece of the puzzle,” said Denson “from the beginning of the changes instigated in 2010 to present we sought *exceptional service* as our standard. Anything less is just an excuse!”



Demolition Project by CCPD, Neighborhood Services and Ram-Bro Contractors

The Nuisance Abatement Team is composed of several different departments within the City of Corpus Christi, who have been collecting data on numerous problem properties within the city. These properties, which are ranked by priority, are identified through issues such as: criminal activity, public nuisance, quality of life issues for the neighborhood and substandard structures.

NAT strives to resolve these issues through steps that include: working with the property owner to rehabilitate the property, voluntary compliance by the owner to remove the problem structure and finally, seizure of the property, and demolition of the structure.

On July 02, 2013 the Nuisance Abatement Team demolished its first seized property at 2209 Coleman St. This property, which was a burnt out structure, has been an ongoing problem for the Corpus Christi Police Department for criminal activity and a quality of life concern for the neighborhood.

A special thanks to Ram-Bro Contracting, Incorporated who has joined the cause to improve the quality of life for the residents of Corpus Christi. Ram-Bro, seeing the importance of this type of community involvement has provided the equipment and manpower to demolish this structure at no cost to the City of Corpus Christi.



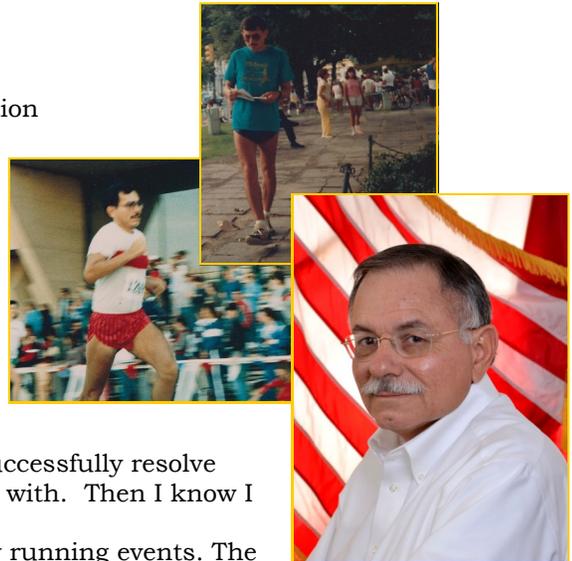
Outside the Chalk Outline

Raymond Rivas- Senior Management Analyst- Police Administration

Raymond has been with the city 30 years. Raymond has worked in the Finance Collections Section, Finance Payroll and Office of Management and Budget. He came from City Hall to the Police Department in July 2008. Raymond is involved in the fiscal, accounting and procurement functions at the Police Department and with Personnel and Payroll duties. He prepares and oversees the Police Department's general fund, Red Light Photo Enforcement and Crime Control budgets. He also provides budget support for Police Department grants. Upon request from any officer anticipating retirement he will prepare "drag up" payment projections for the officer and review with the officer.

Raymond said, "I get great personal satisfaction anytime I can successfully resolve and complete any assignments, projects or inquiries that I am tasked with. Then I know I have performed my job and duties efficiently."

Raymond has been a marathon runner and participated in many running events. The photo with red shorts was in 1984 and the blue shirt was in 1985. Raymond said both pictures were when he was about 40 years of age and "about 40 pounds ago."



Raymond Rivas

Rookies

The Police Department has a few new rookies on the beat.

Congratulations to:

- **Ricardo Castillon and his wife for the birth of their daughter, Faith Elizabeth Castillon 6lbs. 15 oz. on July 12**
- **Andrew Jordan and his wife for the birth of their baby boy, Everett Andrew Jordan was 9 lbs. 1 oz. and 22 in long. July 13**
- **Louie Villagomez and his wife, Erica on the birth of their son, Louie IV; 6 lbs. 12 ozs and 19 inches long on July 24**
- **And to Allan Miller on his marriage on July 7.**



Faith



Faith Elizabeth Castillon 6lbs. 15oz
Born July 12, 2013
FTO Dad- Ricardo Castillon

Local Responders Attend Homeland Security Training

MetroComm employees with the Corpus Christi Police Department attended Homeland Security Training, July 14-19, 2013. Supervisor Kristen Heslip, Laura Ochoa, Samantha Ramirez, and Roxana Steward received Technical Emergency Response Training for CBRNE Incidents.

This training, offered by the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP), in Anniston, AL. The CDP is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and is the only federally chartered Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training facility in the nation.

The CDP develops and delivers advanced training for emergency response providers, emergency managers, and other government officials from state, local, and tribal governments. The CDP offers more than 40 training courses focusing on incident management, mass casualty response, and emergency response to a catastrophic natural disaster or terrorist act. Training at the CDP campus is federally funded at no cost to state, local, and tribal emergency response professionals or their agency.



Tip-A-Cop

Tip-A-Cop is a fundraising event in which the Corpus Christi Police and Fire Departments provide service to customers at the Texas Roadhouse. The tips provided from the customers are then directly donated to the South Texas Special Olympics. July 25, 2013 generated \$2,450 dollars to support the Special Olympics!



CCPD 71st Academy Session Graduates August 9



All the Cadets from the 71st Session of the Corpus Christi Police Academy passed the exam on the first attempt! The Corpus Christi Police Academy has the pride of a 100% pass rate for the past several years and the 71st Academy Session continues that excellent performance. Congratulations to all the Cadets! The Academy graduation is set for Friday, August 9 at the Del Mar College Richardson Performance Hall at 2pm.

Cadet Jennifer Collier has a family member who is in a battle with cancer. Several Cadets from the 71st Session of the Corpus Christi Police Academy chose to cut their hair in a display of support. The Cadets who participated with Cadet Collier are Cadets Abby Flores, Evette Garcia, and Alyssa Hernandez. Our thoughts and prayers are for strength and energy for all who have been affected.



What's Their 10-20?

Robert Vergara retired from the Corpus Christi Police Department after he served 44 years on patrol and then his last few years in the Criminal Investigation Division. Robert was born and raised in Corpus Christi and graduated from Roy Miller High School soon after the school changed its name from Corpus Christi High. Robert was hired on the Corpus Christi Police Department in 1964 and went through a 12 week Police Academy with 16 or 18 Cadets. The classes were held in a second floor room over a garage across the street from the Police Station at Martin Luther King Drive and BrownLee Boulevard.

Richard Runyan was Chief of Police in 1964, Kenneth Bung worked in vice and Bill Banner was a lieutenant. There were no malls in town in 1964; all the shopping and entertainment was downtown. Robert said there were a few Officers who chose to walk the beat downtown back then, and there were red lock boxes on utility poles which housed telephones for officers to call for help while they were on the beat since there were no portable radios. Robert said everyone had to wear their cap while outside the car. Robert recalled one event when he drove to a store and was alerted to a robbery in progress. The suspect ran, and Robert chased, and captured the suspect. Robert mistakenly left his hat in the car. The first question from Robert's Lieutenant while Robert was out of breath from the chase was, "Where's your cap?"



Robert Vergara age 76

Robert said he stays busy in his retired life. Robert owns and manages 23 rental homes and does the maintenance himself. Robert said he loves to read and said he had great joy in his 44 years on patrol.

Robert said the one lesson he learned on patrol was to have a clear mind and focus on the call one is assigned. Details that will keep a person alive will be noticed only if the officer is focused.

Animal Care Services Shows Off Improvements

The Corpus Christi Animal Care Services has improved the comfort and environment for animals since the department transitioned management to the Corpus Christi Police Department in 2012. The Animal Care Services has a goal to meet the needs of the citizens and reduce the stray pet population.

Read the full story at <http://wp.me/p1D8kP-3Jo>



S.A.D.-Stop Aggressive Driving

The Corpus Christi Police Department kicked off "Operation: S.A.D." (Stop Aggressive Driving) campaign on August 1, 2013. Chief of Police Simpson, District Attorney Mark Skurka, Mayor Nelda Martinez, and City Council Members, spoke in the Council Chambers to inform the public of the new campaign.

Certain Police Patrol Units have decals to match the new traffic signs which educate the public on the Safe Passage city ordinance. Electronic billboards at Staples near Everhart and S.P.I.D. near Jean St. have a display that announces prosecution of aggressive drivers.

The first 3 hour enforcement event had 13 aggressive driver citations and 138 speeding citations.



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(left) New decals are displayed on Patrol Vehicles for S.A.D. (page 5)



(above) July 25th, Chief Simpson met with Kirk Jorgensen, president of the Campus Crime Stoppers student led board at Elliot Grant Middle School



John Madden pushes his son in the Auto Theft Task Force 5K. See the video at <https://www.youtube.com>



Off Duty

Corpus Christi Police Officer, Ringo Deleon, took some time to attend his childhood friend's retirement ceremony from the United States Air Force in Pensacola Florida. Standing in front of one of the aircraft are Senior Officer Ringo Deleon, retired Master Sergeant Eloy Estrada, and Beeville Assistant Chief of Police, Kenneth Jefferson. All three are childhood friends from Beeville, Texas

Friends and family are important to Officer Deleon and he makes the time to keep in contact and visit. Officer Deleon has been with the Corpus Christi Police Department for 25 years.

