



Floyd Simpson,
Chief of Police

Be On The Lookout:

- Status of the 71st:
- What's Their 10-20?
- Retirement Ceremony
- The Line Up
- Let's Ride
- Roger Arevalo Off Duty

All Points Bulletin:

Police Seek Volunteers for Chaplain Corps	2
CCPD Highlighted in National Publication	2
Firearms Unit Reaches 100th IBIS Hit!	3
Peer Support Team Adds a Member	3
Chief Promotes Officers	4
Police Host Citizen's Police Academy	4
Crime Stoppers Launches New Project	5



News Beat



Message from the Chief

As we enter March and end the first quarter of 2013 we continue to move forward on many projects throughout the department. On the forefront is efficiency and the need to increase our staffing levels.

In order to be efficient, manpower must be utilized effectively based on the call loads, needs of the citizens and most importantly, shift staffing. In recent weeks there has been much speculation on the patrol shift schedule changing from the current 10 hour to an eight-hour rotation. While no decision has been made, the current study, based on three years of our CAD calls, indicates that the 10 hour shift we are currently on is the least efficient. I can assure you that every effort will be made to minimize the impact on operations and on officers should we decide to move to an alternate schedule. The POA and I have been in constant communication regarding this issue and I will strive to keep the lines of communication open with each of you.

Another tool that is being used to track efficiency is the new "activity sheet". This activity sheet will allow me to demonstrate, through data, that officers are working at a high level and being held accountable as they accomplish their mission on a daily basis. Activity sheets will also give each individual officer a snapshot of what they have accomplished throughout the day and supervisors a benchmark to focus activities and manpower within their own shifts. This type of daily production report is nothing new; virtually every police department in the country utilizes them in some form or fashion. I am fully aware that Lieutenants have the ability to data mine and produce these reports; however I believe through self-reporting, individual officers will have the ability to track their level of production on a consistent basis.

And lastly, the tracking of officer's time in using the "swipe in" method is yet again a record that Officers are at work and being held accountable. This documentation is much more reliable than relying on sheets of paper to track an officer's time. This method will also allow supervisors to have immediate and accurate information on their personnel. Officers at this point are only asked to swipe in, not out. This process only documents that an individual officer is present and accounted for. I will keep you posted on the implementation of this procedure. Time clocks are being installed at the various assembly points at this time. By the way, command staff and CID have been swiping in for over a month now and no issues have been reported.

All in all these projects are in place to focus on the end goal of increasing manpower within the next few years; however as stated, we must demonstrate that we are operating as efficiently as possible before any increase in manpower request can be made. Please note that our department has not seen an increase in manpower from the general fund since 1994. In the last 15 years, the only increase has come from a one-time allotment in the Crime Control District and a small federal grant; yet our work load has increased and will continue to do so.

Each of you know that in order to provide a service of police protection to the citizens of Corpus Christi, we must have adequate staffing levels not only in patrol but throughout the department. As the workload increases for Officers, it also increases for our civilian workforce as well. We depend, day in and day out, on every employee within our organization. It is my goal to solicit a slow and incremental growth of our department over the next several years. With the documentation of the above listed items, I will be able to show that we are running the department in an effective and efficient manner.

We have a long road ahead of us and in that road there may be bumps along the way. I ask that each of you continue to work hard. I am a firm believer that if you provide members of the Corpus Christi Police Department a clear mission, support and adequate resources; there is nothing that we cannot accomplish.

Chief Floyd Simpson

Police Provide Comfort To Child In Need

A few Corpus Christi Police Officers teamed with Nueces County Assistant District Attorney Britney Jensen to help bring cheer to a child who was a victim of crime. The cases which involve children are difficult for all involved, and one particular child was visited by Officers Adam Flores, Detective Lee Galloway, ADA Britney Jensen, Officer Andres Alvarez and Officer Ross Murray in order to provide comfort. Witness Coordinator Yolanda Balli said, "It was so incredible to see his face light up when he saw who was here for him.....touched my heart!"





Status of the 71st:

The Corpus Christi Police Department began the 71st Police Academy Session on Monday, January 21, 2013. There are 25 Cadets in the 29 week session.

The 71st Police Academy Session is exhibited in a daily status

update on the Corpus Christi Police Department's social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter. The public may keep track of the Cadets as they conduct training through the posted stories and photographs.

The Twitter "hashtag" is #CCPD71 in order to follow the Cadets on Twitter.

A Cadet is profiled each Thursday so that the public may be introduced individually with the new officers who will patrol our neighborhoods.

Visit the City of Corpus Christi Police Department Facebook page daily for the Status of the 71st!



Chief Floyd Simpson worked out with the Cadets in January



Police Seek Volunteers for Chaplain Corps

The Corpus Christi Police Department will accept applications from interested clergy of all faiths to serve the community in a Police Chaplain Corps. The purpose of the Police Chaplain Corps is to meet optional counseling needs of the

officers of the Corpus Christi Police Department and to provide comfort to members of the community in times of crisis based on request. Clergy of all faiths and denominations are encouraged to apply to be volunteers. Anyone

interested may contact Senior Officer Chuck Freeman by email at charlesf@cctexas.com for an application.

For qualifications and information, visit <http://wp.me/p1D8kP-3c6>



Corpus Christi Police Chaplain Chuck Freeman

CCPD Highlighted in National Publication

Chief Floyd Simpson and former Chief of Police Troy Riggs were recently highlighted in a national publication. The Police Executive Research Forum included case studies from departments in Camden NJ, Lane County OR,

Manchester, England and Corpus Christi Texas.

The publication focused on the strategies that the agencies used when they were faced with significant budget cuts. The Corpus Christi Police Department was chosen as the first of the studies. Topics included

are: Maintaining and Improving the Patrol Function, Tactics for Avoiding Layoffs, Impact on Crime, Parking Control, Maintaining Employee Morale and the Chief's Perspective on The Future of Policing.

For the full story, visit <http://wp.me/p1D8kP-3bt>.



Firearms Unit Reaches 100th IBIS Hit!

Contributed by Carolyn Martinez and David Curtiss.

With the latest in the series of Deadly Conduct offenses featuring a .380 Auto pistol, the Corpus Christi Police Department Firearms Unit has reached its 100th IBIS Hit. The firearm has yet to be recovered but IBIS has helped to link seven of these drive-bys together.

Many thanks to

David for his hard work keeping the Firearm Unit going while Carolyn was deployed with the Army to Kuwait for a year. Now that we are back to a two-person team and little to no backlog, the Firearm Unit is ready for a record breaking year in IBIS hits, IBIS entries, and caseload.

All firearms and fired ammunition components submitted to Property and/or taken

from Crime Scenes are examined by the Firearms Unit. Please remember to fill out the Evidence Request Worksheet completely when requesting for specific work, such as latent print processing or comparison to a certain case. Also, work smarter and not harder by packaging firearms, magazines, and cartridges together under one Property Voucher Number. Thanks!

SWAT Team Gains a Leader

The Corpus Christi Police Special Weapons and Tactics Team has a new leader. Lieutenant Mark Tuley has been selected to lead a team vacated by Lieutenant Israel Soza.

Lieutenant Soza served with the SWAT team for 8 years and 8

months. All ranks of staff expressed appreciation for Lieutenant Soza's service and commitment to the team.

The Purpose of the Emergency Response Unit, which includes the SWAT team, is to maintain specially trained teams of officers to

provide police service in high-risk situations which require special skills and/or equipment as outlined in Chapter 10 of the General Rules Manual.

Lt. Soza said in a message to the team, "Thanks for all the hard training, laughs, and good times. Signing Out."

Peer Support Team Adds a Member

Lieutenant Phillip Bintliff is the most recent addition to the Corpus Christi Police Peer Support Team.

Lieutenant Bintliff was added to the team to replace Lieutenant John Hooper at shift change on February 11, 2013.

Commander Heidi Frese, Commanding Officer of the Uniform Division, expressed appreciation for Lieutenant Hooper's service to the Peer Support Team and she shared excitement for the addition of

Lieutenant Bintliff.

The purpose of the Peer Support Team is to ensure that help is available whenever necessary to our officers as outlined in Chapter 33 of the General Rules Manual.

January Stats by the Firearms Unit include:

*Firearms Cases Worked For the Month of January: 76 Cases

*ATF eTraces on Firearms: 51 Firearms submitted

*Fired Bullets and/or Fired Casings Identified: 97 Identifications

*Firearms Test Fired: 29 Firearms

*IBIS entries: 40 Entries

*IBIS Hits in January: 6 Hits



Lieutenant Mark Tuley



Lt. Phillip Bintliff

688-5485

PhillipBi@cctexas.com



Chief Simpson Promotes Officers

The Corpus Christi Police celebrated several recent promotion ceremonies. Seven officers were promoted to the rank of Senior Officer, seven officers were promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and one was promoted to the rank of Captain.

Corpus Christi Police Chief Floyd Simpson pinned the rank on each officer in three separate ceremonies. Chief pinned new Lieutenants: William Broyles, James Lerma, Brandi Moss, Alberto Villarreal, Mark Tuley, and Jay Clement on January 28, 2013.

The Chief then promoted new Captain Anthony Sanders and new Lieutenant Rusty Jenkins on February 18, 2013 in a ceremony on the fifth floor of the Police Headquarters.

Chief Simpson held an other ceremony on February 27, 2013 to promote Jaime Pelfrey, Isaac Rodriguez, Jason Tello, Daniel Sotello, Ernesto Coronado, William Hobbs, and Eusebio Cano to the rank of Senior Officer. Congratulations to all promoted officers! The full stories may be viewed at <http://wp.me/p1D8kP-35Q>, <http://wp.me/p1D8kP-3bm>, and <http://wp.me/p1D8kP-3cV>.

What's Their 10-20?

Retired Corpus Christi Police Officer Jesse Salinas has been recommended for the Texas Police Games Hall of Fame. Salinas retired June 30, 1995 from CCPD.

The Texas Police Games started in 1976 and is organized as the Texas Police Athletic Federation. The purpose of the organization was to promote good physical condition through athletic competition, instill pride in law enforcement, and facilitate friendships within the law enforcement community.

The State Director in Houston, Texas has the nomination for Officer Salinas to enter the Hall of Fame. Visit the [Texas Police Games](#) online for more information.

Police Host Citizen's Police Academy

The Corpus Christi Police Department began the 41st session of the Citizen's Police Academy on February 26, 2013. The class meets every Tuesday evening from 6:30pm-9:30pm at the Training Center.

The purpose of the organization is to form a partnership between members of the community and police. Graduates of the program are better equipped to assess safety issues and share their knowledge of law enforcement practices and policies to more of the community. Senior Officer Denise Pace leads the program.

Police Host Retirement Ceremony for 22 Members

The Corpus Christi Police Department held a retirement ceremony January 26, 2013 for 22 employees. Chief Simpson said the group of 22 retired employees have 604 years of combined service to the city of Corpus Christi.

The Citizens Police Academy Alumni provided refreshments and collectibles. The pictures from the past Police Academy Sessions were displayed on a table for the officers to identify all in the photographs.

The event was held in a full room at the Del Mar Center for Economic Development.



Retired Officer Jesse Salinas



Senior Officer Tina Hopkins (center) looks through old police photographs with retired officer Eddie Holder (left) and retired Lieutenant Ann Pratt (right)

The Line Up

Officer of the Month

On January 3, 2013 Officer C. Williams was dispatched to assist with a Bank Robbery at 11113 Leopard, Prosperity Bank.

Officer Williams had received information from another Officer that the suspect vehicle could possibly be at 3737 Sessions. Officer Williams went to the location and was able to obtain more information about the vehicle, as to who was had possession of it and where it could be located.

Officer Williams then went to 9850 La Branch where he contacted the suspect and his girlfriend. He continued his investigation until the money in question was located. Officer Williams then secured the scene until the Criminal Investigation Division Detectives could arrive.

Officer Williams is recognized for this example of a thorough investigation, resulting in the arrest of the bank robbery suspect and the recovery of the stolen currency. He is commended for his actions and dedication to duty.

Read the blotter post at <http://wp.me/p1D8kP-2XW>.

“Charlie” District Officer of the Month

During the month of January 2013, Officer Elizabeth Leal #1405, was assigned within the Charlie District on R Shift. She works this graveyard shift within one of the busiest districts in the city handling a multitude of calls and reports, resulting in arrests and other police actions. In addition to these police duties and others, she is able to maintain a high level of traffic stops and traffic enforcement. As a result, she made nine DWI arrests during the month of January!

Officer Elizabeth Leal is recognized for her keen observations and diligent investigations resulting in one excellent felony arrest and several misdemeanor arrests. She is commended for her actions and dedication to duty. Officer Leal's professionalism and performance speaks well of her and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Corpus Christi Police Department. Officer Elizabeth Leal is hereby selected as the Charlie District Officer of the Month for January 2013.



The Corpus Christi Crime Stoppers has a project from March 5 until June 10 in which \$250 will be paid for information about underage consumption of alcohol which results in enforcement action.

Payouts are only available if a citation or arrest is effected by law enforcement based on tips called to Crime Stoppers. This project is to make a safer environment for Spring Break, Prom, and Graduations.

Awards Banquet Honored Employees:

Russell Sherman- Medal of Valor
 Douglas Rush- Police Shield
 John Schultz—Certificate of Merit
 Emily Perez—Certificate of Merit
 Brenda Garza—Certificate of Merit
 Rodney Cantu—Certificate of Merit
 Gracie Luna Garcia—Lifesaving Award
 Jason Tello—Lifesaving Award
 Brandon Cordell—Lifesaving Award
 Allan Miller—Lifesaving Award
 Lt. Phillip Bintliff—Lifesaving Award
 Adam Thurman—Lifesaving Award
 Armando Vasquez—Lifesaving Award
 Luis Rodriguez—Lifesaving Award
 Thomas Bauer—Lifesaving Award
 Ross Richards—Lifesaving Award
 Officer of the Year—Javier Cantu
 Police Employee of the Year—Janis Barrera
 Supervisor of the Year—Lt. David Kureska
 Volunteer of the Year—Glen Ellen Dreggors
 Investigator of the Year—R.L. Garcia



Corpus Christi Police Recruiter, Senior Officer Mel Goce (left) shakes hands with Corpus Christi Fire Department Public Information Officer, Captain James Brown and stands with Senior Officer Richard Olden.

Senior Officers Goce and Olden attended the City Job Fair at the Sunrise Mall on January 30, 2013

Corpus Christi Police Department

Public Information Office
321 John Sartain St. Room 360
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401
361-886-2798

PDPIO@cctexas.com

Staff Are:

Captain Mike Alanis 886-2767
Senior Officer Julie
Hernandez-Garcia 886-2849
Officer Kirk Stowers 886-2775

Stay Updated with us!



Facebook



Twitter



Crimereports.com



You Tube



Tipsubmit
Mobile App



The News Beat is a monthly publication for the Corpus Christi Police Department. Please send feedback, questions, or requests for submission to PDPIO@cctexas.com

Off Duty

Senior Officer Roger Arevalo serves as a Master Sergeant (E7) in the United States Air Force Reserves as an Aero Medical Technician assigned to the 433rd Airlift Wing out of Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. The mission of that Wing is to provide combat ready airlift forces by operating a Contingency Aero Medical Staging Facility (CASF) which provides continued patient care for patients moving through the aero-vac theater to more definitive care treatment facilities.

He has served in the Air Force since August 1990 and deployed to Operation Desert Storm. His most recent deployment was in May 2006 for Operation Enduring Freedom to Balad, Iraq.

He has been employed with the Corpus Christi Police Department for about 11 years and serves as a Directed Patrol Officer and is assigned to the Hostage Negotiation Team.

Be sure to thank MSGT. Arevalo and all servicemen for their selfless service to country!



New Patrol Cars Arrive in Corpus Christi



The Police Interceptors have arrived to be included in the Police inventory.

The Corpus Christi Police Department received the first order of cars that will be rotated into patrol. The Ford Motor Company will no longer manufacture the Crown Victoria model cars and the Corpus Christi Police Department will replace the sedans with the Ford Police Interceptor. The fleet of patrol cars does not increase, these vehicles replace others which are rotated out of the Police inventory because of the normal wear and tear of the equipment.

The Police Interceptor is a five passenger sedan with a 3.7 liter V6 engine and 6 speed automatic transmission. The new cars are a white exterior with black cloth and vinyl interior.

Some of the features of this vehicle are 18 inch steel wheels, a full size 18 inch spare tire, underbody deflector plate, key locks for the driver door, truck, and passenger door, black vinyl floor covering, tilt and telescoping steering column, all wheel drive system, and dual spotlights. Some features that were included with the vehicle from the manufacturer are for safety such as the strobe lights on the interior of the trunk. The lights in the trunk provide visibility while the open trunk shields the overhead lightbar. There are also front, side, and safety canopy airbags on the interior of the cars.

The new vehicles arrived on February 27 from the manufacturer and must be outfitted with the decals, radio and computer console, light bars, push bumpers, cages, and other accessories installed locally. Much of the needed accessories will be able to be transferred from outgoing patrol cars into the new vehicles. The public can expect to see the new cars on the road by April 2013.