



News Beat

Corpus Christi Police Department

July 2013

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Message from the Chief

Summer is nearly halfway through and soon the kids will be returning to school. I am proud of the work that our Officers have been doing in coordinating the 2nd Annual Operation Safe Return that will take place on July 13th as Sunrise Mall. Please take the time to support the event and our Officers. Our SWAT Team, Gang Unit, Crime Stoppers, Crime Prevention and the Family Violence Crime Victim's Advocates will be location to represent our department. This is a great time to meet the public and learn more about what our department has to offer. Invite your family and friends to come out and take advantage of this event.

July is also Watch Your Car month. The Auto Theft Task Force has

launched a campaign titled "Protect it, it's yours" It is important that each of you safeguard not only your property but any issued items or police gear. You work hard for your equipment and those are your tools of the trade.

During the last few months the department has, once again, taken an active role in the Special Olympics Torch Run and fundraising. The Tip-A-Cop event at Joe's Crab Shack raised nearly \$2500 for local athletes. The next Tip-A-Cop event will be at the Texas Roadhouse on Thursday July 25th from 5:00 pm to 9:00pm Should you get a chance, come out and meet some of the athletes.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer and especially the upcoming 4th of

July weekend. Be safe in your travels and backyard BBQ's.



Floyd Simpson
Chief of Police

Homicide Survivors Support Group Donates Stuffed Animals To Police

The Corpus Christi Police Department accepted about 900 stuffed animals on June 23 at the South Shore Christian Church. The stuffed animals were donated by the Homicide Survivors Support Group for the purpose of Corpus Christi Police Officers and victim's advocates to deliver the animals and



provide comfort to victims of crime. The Homicide Survivors Support Group started about 20 years ago and the stuffed animal donation has become an annual event at the South Shore Christian Church for the past 9 years. The church service provides a blessing of the animals and acknowledgment of the importance for care to the victims of crime. Police Lieutenant Kelly Isaacks, Police Victim's Advocates, and Law Enforcement Explorers accepted the donation.



Street Named to Honor Local Heroes



Captain Russell Sherman

Corpus Christi Police Captain Russell Sherman will have a street named for him in a new neighborhood in Corpus Christi behind the Zachary Kolda Elementary School on Rodd Field Road. The unveiling will happen July 13. The street is Russ Street because there is already a Russell Drive and a Sherman Street; so Russ Lane is named after Captain Sherman. The cross street is WL Breeding Drive. Captain Sherman stopped the man who committed a robbery and then killed Mr. Breeding.



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Police Announce Results from “Click It or Ticket”

The Corpus Christi Police Department has the results from the Click It or Ticket campaign for 2013.

Officers from the Corpus Christi Police Department worked 398 overtime hours from May 17 until June 2. The Texas Department of Transportation provided the funding for the \$18,494 to pay the overtime for the officers who participated in the Click It or Ticket state campaign.

Corpus Christi Police Officers issued 638 citations for adults not buckled up in the front or back seats of moving vehicles. Officers issued 57 citations for unrestrained children younger than two years old and not in a child safety seat. There were 142 other citations issued for violations such as no insurance, expired registration or expired inspection. Five individuals were arrested, all of whom had outstanding warrants for their arrest.

The Corpus Christi Police Department issued more tickets last year during the Click It or Ticket campaign. The Department hopes that is an indication of voluntary compliance to the seat belt requirement. The Corpus Christi Police Department wants everyone to get to their destination safely and wants everyone to buckle up no matter how short the distance they travel.



Crime Prevention Meeting In Calallen

Corpus Christi Police Crime Prevention Advisor Brenda Rodriguez hosted a meeting along with Officer Brenda Garza, Captain Shannon, Officer D.D. Dlabaja, and Lieutenant Chris White at the Calallen East Primary School located at 3709 Lott Avenue on Tuesday, May 28th at 6:30pm. The purpose of the meeting was to address the Callicoate Estates Area crime which had 21 incidents to that date. There were about 75 to 80 members of the community who attended and received information primarily on Neighborhood On Watch and auto burglary prevention. Lieutenant White contributed material about the top ten most stolen vehicles and vehicle burglary statistics and prevention techniques.



Parking Control Goes To Fort Worth

Parking Control Operations Manager Marc Denson delivered a presentation on "Ambassadorship Style Enforcement" as a featured speaker At the 2013 *Texas Parking & Transportation Association* Conference and Trade Show in Fort Worth. Since then, Marc has fielded numerous questions from parking entities from other cities and universities on this new industry model designed, implemented and utilized by the Corpus Christi Police Departments Parking Control unit. The industry is taking notice of Corpus Christi's program focused on customer service, ambassadorship, tourism support and conflict resolution.

Fort Worth Parking Manager Peter Elliot requested assistance in retraining his parking unit and supervisors in the Corpus Christi model after he saw the success of this program in Corpus Christi. Parking Operations Manager Marc Denson conducted a two day seminar in Fort Worth on June 10 and 11th which included 8 hours of hands-on field training by walking the routes with Enforcement Officers. Marc demonstrated communication techniques with a focus on citizens and visitors who need assistance, and a passion for customer service. This demonstration had much more impact than just an explanation.

"It was really funny in a way," Marc Denson said. "It was smoldering hot with no breeze and those young enforcement officers kept asking this *old guy* if I needed to sit and take a break. But I kept telling them I was just getting warmed up. The truth was I knew if I ever sat down I probably wouldn't be able to get my 57 year old knees moving again after walking all those miles and I wasn't about to let them know that."

A week later Fort Worth Parking Manager Peter Elliot told Denson that his supervisors and enforcement team has embraced this Corpus Christi model and he already sees changes, as well as a positive attitude in his team. Elliot stated that his whole team came in an hour early the day after the seminar to draft a mission statement for their unit to help keep their focus on being a public servant and customer service.

"I think one of the greatest compliments our team can receive," Denson said, "is having other cities duplicate what we do and consider us an industry model to follow. It just makes me prouder of my team and the job they do. My Parking Control team really deserves all the credit, no matter how many good or bone-headed ideas I can come up with, it's their work and dedication that makes us excel!"

The Corpus Christi Police and the U.S. Border Patrol Law Enforcement Explorers Posts held a graduation ceremony June 22 at the Del Mar College for the graduates of the Law Enforcement Explorers Academy.

The two Explorer Posts combined resources for the past several months to have a Law Enforcement Explorers Police Academy for youth ages 14-20 who are interested in the law enforcement industry. The Academy began February 7, 2013 and was held every Thursday night and Saturday at the Del Mar College Campus.



Parking Control Supervisor
Marcus Denson

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The 2013 ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge

Corpus Christi Animal Care Services Division, in conjunction with People Assisting Animal Control (PAAC), kicked off the 2013 ASPCA Rachel Ray \$100,000 challenge by hosting a four hour adoption event on Saturday, June 1st at the Animal Care Services Building 2626 Holly Road. Mayor Nelda Martinez came out to the Animal Shelter on Holly Road to look at the animals available for adoption. Mayor Martinez stopped for a photograph with Corpus Christi Police Captain Russell Sherman and a representative for the People Assisting Animal Control (PAAC), Cheryl Martinez.





Police and Fire Departments Team Up For Public Service Announcement

The Public Information Officers for the Corpus Christi Police and Fire Departments teamed up to deliver a public message for Independence Day Celebrations.

The message discouraged the discharge of fireworks inside the city limits and encourages everyone to attend the Big Bang Celebration on the Bayfront as a safer alternative. Anyone who calls in fireworks violations are also encouraged not to call 911, but to instead call 886-COPS (2677).

Click <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Czo4h6R44GY> to view the message.



Senior Officer R.L. Garcia

The project is funded by tax-deductible donations to the Coastal Bend Community Foundation.

Optimist Club Honors CCPD Detective

Detective R.L. Garcia was recognized for his 38 years of outstanding police service on May 22, 2013 by the Optimist Club at the Ronald McDonald House.

Chief of Police Floyd Simpson and Assistant Chiefs of Police, J.V. Garcia and Mike Markle were in attendance to recognize the achievements of Detective R.L. Garcia. Detective Garcia has been in the Robbery & Homicide Bureau for more than twenty years and is a great resource and teacher to peers in the Criminal Investigations Division.

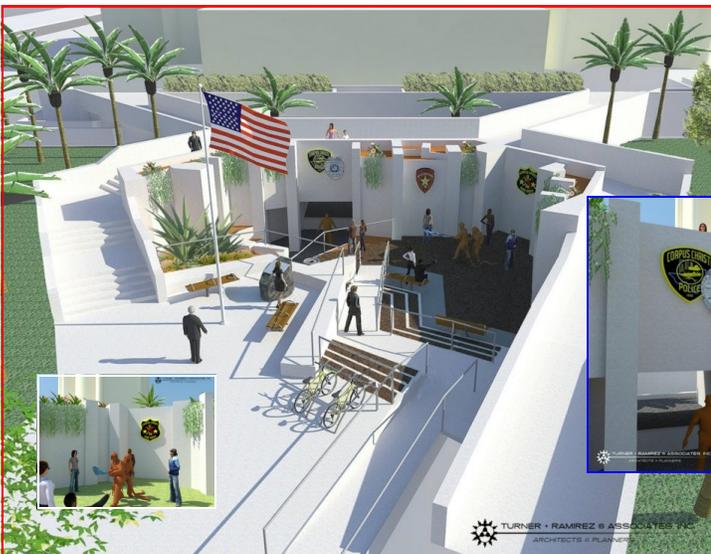


Fallen Heroes Memorial Gets Boost Toward Construction

The Nueces County Fallen Heroes Memorial got a boost in funding as announced at the Nueces County Commissioners Court on June 19, 2013. Bill and Dusty Durrill presented a contribution to the memorial from the Durrill Foundation which Commissioner Mike Pusley said was a boost needed for the project.

The Nueces County Fallen Heroes Memorial is planned to be constructed on the Leopard Street side of the Nueces County Courthouse to memorialize the local emergency responders who have died in the line of duty. The Commissioners Court presented a design for the project and acknowledged the efforts of emergency responders and the unfortunate sacrifice many have made for service to the community.

The Fallen Heroes Memorial will replace an old water fountain that no longer operates on the north side of the Nueces County Courthouse. For more information, contact Nueces County Commissioner Mike Pusley at 361-888-0245, Scott Leeton, President of the Corpus Christi Police Officers Association at 361-882-2762, or Carlos Torres, President of the Corpus Christi Firefighters Association at 361-814-4437.



The project is funded by tax-deductible donations to the Coastal Bend Community Foundation. The Coastal Bend Community Foundation may be contacted at 600 Leopard Street Ste. 1716 in Corpus Christi, Texas 78401, by phone at 361-882-9745, or online at <http://www.cbcbfoundation.org/>.



Dive Team Assists the United States Coast Guard



The United States Coast Guard requested help in April 2013 from the Corpus Christi Police Dive Team to bring a valuable vessel back into service. The 270 foot cutter Thetis had run over a ten inch mooring line while underway in the Gulf of Mexico. The Corpus Christi Police Dive Team was requested to remove the line from their port side shaft, screw, and rudder.

Senior Officer Lay submerged and quickly solved the problem.

The Dive Team members were all presented a "THETIS" challenge coin and the commander of the vessel presented the team with a plaque. All involved officials were very thankful of the efforts from the Dive Team in getting a very valuable ship underway in such a quick fashion.



The Commanding Officer of the United States Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi followed up with a letter of appreciation for the team via Chief Simpson. It was a nice gesture of gratitude that was appreciated by all team members.

Chief Simpson was later invited to tour the area on a Coast Guard helicopter to view the resources available in the area should a need arise for Coast Guard services.

Outside The Chalk Outline

Wayne Bortner is a volunteer through the Volunteers In Police Service. Wayne has volunteered at the Corpus Christi Police Department since he retired two years ago from the ABC station (Channel 12) in Flint, Michigan as an engineering manager.

Wayne said he first resided in Corpus Christi while he was in the Navy in the 1960's and he chose to move back to Corpus Christi once he retired because of the weather. Wayne was a reserve officer in the 1970's in Michigan which generated his interest in the Volunteers In Police Service program at the Corpus Christi Police Department. Wayne volunteers 8 hours per week at the C.I.D. reception desk.

For more about the VIPS program, visit <http://www.cctexas.com/government/ccpd/join-our-team/volunteers-in-policing/index>.



Wayne Bortner



Corpus Christi Police Officer, Tommy Cabello, is assigned to the Traffic Safety Section as an officer on a motorcycle. Officer Cabello spends his own time to attend a variety of police motorcycle rider competitions and has been a first place winner at competitions in the southern region of the United States.

Officer Cabello is on the cover of the current issue of Ride Texas Magazine. Ride Texas Magazine is a quarterly travel publication which profiles routes for day trips and scenic motorcycle rides. Check out this issue of Ride Texas at

<http://ridetexas.com/Dynamic/8452/vol-15-no-3/>

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Illegal dumping,



Or any other civil complaints

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Tip-A-Cop Raises Money For Special Olympics

The Corpus Christi Police and Fire Departments teamed up this year at the Joe's Crab Shack on June 6, 2013. The event was a fundraiser in which the Firefighters and the Police raised \$2,374.60 dollars for Special Olympics.

Special Olympics Texas (SOTX) is a privately funded non-profit organization that changes lives through the power of sport by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities, promoting acceptance for all, and fostering communities of understanding and respect. To learn more, visit www.specialolympicstexas.org.

Missed this event? The next one is July 25 at the Texas Roadhouse!



Training

The Cadets in the 71st Session of the Corpus Christi Police Academy will graduate August 9, 2013. They are in Phase 3 of the training which is entirely practical exercises.

The Cadets conducted a community service project with Habitat for



Humanity on June 11 on the 1000 block of Tenth Street. The construction site manager, Mark Blankenship, said the project took a huge leap closer to completion thanks to the help from the Cadets.

Habitat for Humanity provides affordable housing for qualified low-income families.

The cadets continue their studies and will soon take their T.C.L.E.O.S.E. exam. The 72nd Session will start August 26, so there will be little rest for the training staff.

Victim's Advocates Mobilize

Victim's advocates at the Corpus Christi Police Department have reached out to the community to educate the public on the services available to victims of crime. The role of the victim's advocates is to provide guidance to victims in an effort to recover from the damage and trauma which resulted from the crime. Victim's case manager, Debra Garcia, is one of several advocates on the 3rd floor of the Corpus Christi Police Department who has recently hosted meetings with resource centers like the Women's Shelter to determine the best manner to provide information to the public.

One idea is to collect the information on a single card that fits in an officers pocket so that the officer may provide the list of resources directly to the victims without delay.



What's Their 10-20?

Tony Acevedo retired from the Corpus Christi Police Department in 2012 but keeps active. Tony Acevedo served in the United States Army in Vietnam. That experience in the armed service made an impression on Tony so he serves in the Veteran's Band Honor Guard. Tony can be frequently seen throughout the area in uniform at the Veteran's Cemetery for burials, parks for community events, military change of command, and any other ceremony which recognizes service in the armed forces.



The Veteran's Band is a 501.3c non-profit organization funded by donations. Call 361/992-1434 or 361/728-7052 for more information.



Local Emergency Management Launches Public Alert System

Corpus Christi Mayor Nelda Martinez and Nueces County Judge Loyd Neal unveiled the Everbridge Emergency Alert system. The system replaces the Nixle alert system and provides more effective communication with the public.

The Everbridge system is a voluntary notification for anyone to receive emergent alerts about incidents handled by the Nueces County and Corpus Christi Emergency Management personnel.

To sign up for alerts, visit www.reversealert.org.



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The Corpus Christi Crime Stoppers has a page on the websites on the Caller Times and Kiii. The Crimes of the Week may be viewed on these sites. A new addition is a collection of the photographs of suspects police want to identify.

This is a great cooperation between community resources and law enforcement in the effort to reduce crime, reduce the fear of crime, and to enhance public safety.



JULY 2013

Nueces County Sheriff's Office TOP 10 MOST WANTED

 Jonathan Miller DOB 03/31/1989 Unauthorized Absence Community Corrections Race: Black Ht.-5'05", Wt.-150 Hair-Black, Eyes-Brown	 Jose L. Hernandez DOB 03/25/1983 Motion to Revoke Probation Driving While Intoxicated 3rd Race: White Ht.-5'04", Wt.-200 Hair-Brown, Eyes-Brown	 Randy T. Stephens DOB 10/26/1965 Assault Race: White Ht.-5'09", Wt.-185 Hair-Brown, Eyes-Hazel	 Daniel Gutierrez DOB 01/25/1978 Contempt of Child Support as of June 24, 2013 Arrears \$25,591.78 Race: White Ht.-5'11", Wt.-120 Hair-Black, Eyes-Brown
 Gregory Sturdivant DOB 10/24/1988 Interference with Child Custody Race: White Ht.-6'00", Wt.-150 Hair-Brown, Eyes-Green	 Mark Segovia DOB 08/22/1987 Motion to Revoke Probation Assault Race: White Ht.-6'01", Wt.-180 Hair-Black, Eyes-Black	 Mario Martinez DOB 12/18/1974 Contempt of Child Support as of June 24, 2013 Arrears \$26,315.78 Race: White Ht.-5'10", Wt.-175 Hair-Black, Eyes-Brown	 Brent Ruiz DOB 05/10/1991 Motion to Revoke Probation Robbery Race: White Ht.-5'11", Wt.-167 Hair-Brown, Eyes-Brown
 Erasmio Capetillo DOB 05/10/1982 Assault Race: White Ht.-5'10", Wt.-180 Hair-Brown, Eyes-Brown	<p>You could earn a cash reward if your information leads to an arrest of one of these fugitives.</p> <p>CALL 888-TIPS or 1-800-827-8477 Website: www.888TIPS.com</p> <p>CRIME STOPPERS</p> <p><small>Do not attempt to detain or apprehend any of these wanted individuals. All information was correct at the time it was submitted for publication but may no longer be current by the time it is read.</small></p>		 Jason Cano DOB 01/29/1983 Motion to Revoke Probation Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon Race: White Ht.-5'05", Wt.-200 Hair-Brown, Eyes-Brown

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Upcoming Events

Corpus Christi Police Department

Operation:
SAFE RETURN

SLOW SCHOOL ZONE

Saturday
July 13, 2013
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sunrise Mall
5858 SPID

Child Safety Tips Performed by Harbor Playhouse
Health, Nutrition, Fitness & Dental Education
Hair Cuts, Music, Prints for Life, Door Prizes, Crime Prevention
Child Safety Seat Inspections, Food & Drinks,
Free Arcade, Free School Physicals, Free School Supplies
and Back Packs (While supplies last)

For additional information regarding this event, please go to: WWW.CCPD.POLICE.COM or
the Corpus Christi Police Officer's Office at 361.886.2798.

Honoring Coastal Bend First Responders

Patriot 5K Fun Run & Walk Corpus Christi, Texas

9-11-01 9-11-13

Date, Location & Time: September 7, 2013 Start/End at Sherrill Park,S.
Shoreline, Corpus Christi TX 78401, 7:30 Am Awards: Top M/F Top M/F Masters
and Top 3 age group awards. Walk-In Early Registration: V Fit Training Center,
2001 S.Staples #202, Corpus Christi, TX 78404 Event Fees: Free: All (active and
retired) first responders including: Police Firefighters Paramedics Deputies
Constables Military Kids \$10; Adults (non-first responders) \$25 thru race day.



Off Duty



Corpus Christi Police Officer is a Power Lifting Champion

Corpus Christi Police Officer, William Hobbs, won **First Place** in the United States Powerlifting Association meet in San Antonio on June 22, 2013. The U.S.P.A. Alamo Powerlifting Classic was held at the Metroflex Gym in San Antonio and Officer Hobbs placed first in the 242 Raw Class (a competition with no gear). Officer Hobbs deadlifted 573 pounds and he bench pressed 418 pounds.

The picture on the right is Officer Hobbs as he bench pressed 418 pounds at the competition.

Congratulations, Officer Hobbs and good luck on your continued success with physical fitness!

