HPOU doesn’t shut up about Brown’s Release but PUTS UP $100,000 Reward for New Info

YOU CAN STATE WITH A HIGH DEGREE of certainty that the Houston Police Officers Union, which represents all but just a few Houston police officers, puts up and doesn’t shut up.

Earlier this summer the Union drew a crowd of local news media to announce that it was offering a $100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who killed Officer Charles Clark 12 years ago during a check cashing robbery on the Southeast side.

Houston Chronicle columnist Lisa Falkenberg won a Pulitzer Prize based on her columns that resulted in getting the capital murder charges against Alfred Brown dismissed, thus freeing Brown from Death Row. Brown was originally convicted based on the best evidence presented by Harris County prosecutors. Then the evidence was called into question within the last two years when a phone record that corroborated Brown’s alibi was discovered in a detective’s garage. Although a new trial was ordered, District Attorney Devon Anderson decided there was not enough evidence to retry the case – yet.

The Union believes that HPD already has bird-dogged the right killer, but is open to investigating any and all new evidence against Brown or anyone else. This is not just all talk. The HPOU Board of Directors unanimously voted to put up $100,000 as a reward to any individual who brings forth information leading to the arrest and conviction of Officer Clark’s killer. HPOU’s good friend Alan Helfman has added $15,000 to the reward and Crimestoppers has added $5,000.

Meanwhile Homicide investigators under the leadership of Capt. Dwayne Ready is staying poised to peruse any new bit of information, while closely examining the old file.

Falkenberg attended the news conference announcing the reward. She told HPOU President Ray Hunt that if HPD finds the evidence needed to indict Brown again, she will dutifully write a column about it.

We look forward to reading that column.

Welcome to Our New B&G Format

CERTAINLY YOU HAVE NOW NOTICED that the monthly Badge & Gun have a newer, modern-looking magazine format.

The changes has been in the works for several months. We think it will be easier to read on the additional pages herewith with many more color photos than the old tabloid of the past 12-14 years of publication.

No change like this one comes without a change in the deadline schedule. We must move the final deadline for copy and photo submissions to the end of work on the third Friday of every month. This enables our production staff to provide the finalized proof to the printer by the end of the following week in order to get the magazine in the mail to all members and HPD retirees in timely fashion.

Enjoy the new format and call us with story ideas!

Let’s Hear it for Mr. Thomas!

THE BADGE & GUN TAKES GREAT PLEASURE in making Mr. Thomas – along with Police Chief Chuck McClennard – the first people to grace the cover of the newly formatted B&G Magazine.

Recently the city officially named Houston’s police headquarters for Mr. Edward A. Thomas, the longest-tenured police officer in HPD history and a man whose status grew to be legendary. He joined the department in 1948 when African American officers weren’t so much as allowed at roll calls. They walked beats that their white counterparts covered in patrol cars and weren’t allowed to arrest white suspects without a sergeant’s permission.

The department has come a long, long way. Today in the 21st Century it is altogether fitting and proper to name the building at 1200 Travis after the man known for decades simply as “Mr. Thomas.”

Congratulations, Mr. Thomas and thank you to City Council for the official designation we all will love to live with!
The President’s Message

Workers’ Comp Woes, Writing your will, and Mr. Thomas’ Honor

If you have ever been injured in the line of duty, you are keenly aware of the nightmare that will follow.

It seems that more and more claims are getting denied by the third party administrator who oversees all claims. We are told that the City of Houston is considering changing vendors for our Workers’ Compensation.

Personally, I think a change would be beneficial to all involved.

If you are injured or involved in an accident, please report the incident to your supervisor IMMEDIATELY. Do not think that just because you feel no pain immediately, you are not injured. Make the report and if no pain results, no harm done. If you fail to report the injury until later, your claim is more likely to be denied and result in major headaches for you in the appeals process.

While you are off work, make sure that you routinely get checked by your doctor and return to work as soon as you are released.

Many, many officers are finding that they may reach the maximum medical improvement (MMI) before being released to return to work.

When this happens, the city is permitted by state law to take back any time you used after the date of your MMI. I am working with risk management to attempt to get this changed. It may require a legislative change in the next session in 2017. Until then, please stay on top of your appointments and paperwork to make sure you do not get caught in the unfair policy from the state of Texas.

Remember, if an injury is caused at work, you cannot use your Cigna insurance for that claim. It must go through workers’ compensation.

Got a Will?

Mike Newsome from HPD Family Assistance has asked that I stress to each of you to complete a will as soon as possible. He has stated that many officers and retired officers who pass, some unexpectedly, have no will.

This places a huge burden on your next of kin. The Houston Police Officers’ Pension System assists members with wills and there are some available online. Wills requiring extensive work should be completed by an attorney of your choice.

Take care of your loved ones and complete a will today!

HPD Unites

On Wednesday, June 24, the Houston City Council voted unanimously to name the Houston Police Headquarters after Mr. Edward Thomas, the longest-serving Houston police officer in the history of the department. I advised council members that in my 26 years at the Houston Police Department, I have never seen officers rally around an issue like what happened in this case.

First proposed by our chief of police, the HPOU Board voted in April to recommend the naming of headquarters after Mr. Thomas. AAPOL, OSSO, LEAAP, HOPE and all HPOU/HPOA presidents from the last 30 years supported this cause.

HPD Headquarters was dedicated to Mr. Thomas on July 27.

Thanks to all of you who made phone calls to council members, sent emails to them and who attended the council meetings when the item was discussed. Mr. Thomas deserved this honor and thanks to many of you, it happened.

Recruiting

As a reminder to all, if you know someone who would be an outstanding police officer, we encourage you to ask them to join the Houston Police Department. Starting pay recently increased $7,000 per year and classes are forming and filling. Contact Recruiting for more information.

October Ballot Includes President, Secretary, 12 Board Members and Constitutional Change

This October HPOU members will go online to select their president, secretary, board members representing odd-numbered positions, as well as two even-numbered positions and proposed constitutional amendment.

A vote in favor of the proposed amendment would mean the creation of a third vice president of HPOU “held by a person with the rank of sergeant only.”

The holder of this position, should it be created by vote of the membership, would not be eligible for the Union presidency. The constitution clearly states that only someone in the rank of officer can be elected to the office of president and first and second vice president.

The board position filing begins on Sept. 1 for board positions 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 and the two even-numbered board positions, Nos. 2 and 6. The latter two positions were vacated by board members who retired from HPD. President Ray Hunt appointed someone for Position 6 but Position 2 has remained vacant.

The filing deadline is 10 a.m. Oct. 1. HPOU Secretary Will Reiser said all biographies and photos must be submitted to the Union by 10 a.m. on that day, which also is the date of the monthly general membership meeting.

Electronic voting begins at noon on Oct. 5 and officially ends at noon on Oct. 16. Final election results will be certified and posted within 72 hours. Any runoff election will be held in November.

According to the HPOU constitution, candidates for president, secretary and board positions 1-14 must hold the rank of police officer or senior police officer. Board Position 15 can be help by an officer, SPO or sergeant, while positions 17 and 19 must be held by members with the rank of sergeant.
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Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9-Voting Procedures of the Constitution, the following list contains HPOU board positions eligible for election.

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(POLICE OFFICER RANK ONLY)

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(POLICE OFFICER RANK ONLY)

**Director #3**  
(POLICE OFFICER RANK ONLY)

**Director #6**  
(POLICE OFFICER RANK ONLY)

**Director #9**  
(POLICE OFFICER RANK ONLY)

**Director #13**  
(POLICE OFFICER RANK ONLY)

**Director #17**  
(SERGEANT RANK ONLY)

**Secretary**  
(POLICE OFFICER RANK ONLY)

**Director #2**  
(POLICE OFFICER RANK ONLY)

**Director #5**  
(POLICE OFFICER RANK ONLY)

**Director #7**  
(POLICE OFFICER RANK ONLY)

**Director #11**  
(POLICE OFFICER RANK ONLY)

**Director #15**  
(Officer or Sergeant)

**Director #19**  
(SERGEANT RANK ONLY)

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**2015 HPOU Election Time Line**

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*Tentative Election Results will be posted within 24 hours from the close of election.*

Final Election Results will be certified and posted within 72 hours from the close of election. **Go to HPOU.ORG to Log-In and VOTE**

Will Reiser, HPOU Secretary  
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HPD Bike Relay Team Takes Manhattan, Raises $280,000!

By TOM KENNEDY

Here is breaking news issued last month on the East Coast:

HPD’s ever-present, enterprising and deeply-determined Bike Relay team paid sincere respects to the victims of the Charleston church tragedy, helped save the life of an Alabama accident victim and wound up a half-continent bike trek by taking over Times Square on Manhattan Island.

The team picture of the 2015 Houston-to-New York City HPD Bike Relay team, which raised $280,000 to fight leukemia and lymphoma.

Oh, in the process the 42-member team raised a record $280,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society!

This year’s relay was dedicated to HPD Officer Lecinda Owens and Connie Thrash, wife of retired Sgt. Earl Thrash. It was the latest effort over the last 34 years of riding bicycle relays all over the nation to raise what now amounts to more than $5 million.

The relay team seized momentum before Mayor Annise Parker and the Houston City Council from the first minute of the sendoff ceremony on June 24. The team never let up on the way across the South to Florida and up the East Coast to Manhattan, a total of 2,200 miles.

“I do believe this was our finest ride,” Lt. Randy Upton, the team captain, said, virtually repeating what he says every year after a race.

No question the relay team gets better and better every year. In Times Square team members were greeted not only by an assistant chief from NYPD and thousands of New Yorkers gathered in the middle of blocked-off Broadway but also their own family members.

In Charleston, South Carolina, the team presented members of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church with a special, one-of-a-kind signed poster with the caption, The Heart of Houston is with You! Mayor Parker’s signature was among the hundreds on the framed poster and picture of the Space City skyline.

Bike Relay team members ride relay legs of 110 miles each through the back roads of America, always within easy access of an equipment van. Fortuitously, for one Alabama man two HPD officers manning one of those vans were in the right place at the right time.

Officers Brittney Thaler-Villa and Miresha Childs were driving the van when they “could barely see lights flashing on and off of the road in heavy brush,” according to Thaler-Villa. They followed the tracks leading off the road into a deep, water-laden ditch.

They found an elderly man there in water up to his chest and unable to free himself from under the steering wheel. His prosthetic leg had come loose. He told the officers from Houston that he had bought a hamburger under the steering wheel. His prosthetic leg to his chest and unable to free himself from a wrecked vehicle.

They were able to get him outside the truck and on to a stretcher,” Thaler-Villa said.

“He told us, ‘I couldn’t have lasted another hour in the truck.’”

Thaler-Villa works Westside TACT dayshift, while Childs works days in Juvenile.

An obviously pleased Upton said other than this event off a two-lane country road in Alabama the eight-day relay event went without major incident – until, of course, the climactic moments of the trip.

The HPD Bike Relay team takes over Times Square for a brief ceremony in recognition of the team’s 2,200-mile trek benefitting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.
First Responders Fishing Tournament

By BARBARA A. SCHWARTZ

Houston may have been flooding, but that didn’t stop the fish from biting.

Contestants participating in the first annual First Responders Fishing Tournament braved rough seas, high winds, and chilly conditions on May 27th.

After a morning casting their lines, the first responders met at the Bay Area Community Center in Seabrook, Texas, for the 3 p.m. weigh in, a spirited lunch, and tournament festivities.

Open to active and retired law enforcement, firefighters, EMS, military, and Coast Guard first responders, the tournament’s goal was to provide a fun day of fishing and fish tales, to give those putting their lives on the line a reason to take a day off for much needed recreation, and for those who have paid the price of having their boots on the ground in the trenches a chance to relax with others who share the passion of fishing.

Houston Police Sgt. Epi Garza and recently retired Pasadena Officer Steve Brown created the tournament to give back to the first responders who put so much on the “line." Steve hosted the Pasadena PD tournament for many years.

As a nonprofit undertaking, all the tournament proceeds are applied back into the tournament.

“Our goal,” Steve Brown explained, “is for the first responders to go home with more than they paid.”

Every participant received a bag that included a t-shirt, tickets for the lunch meal and door prizes, sponsor goodies, and a Texans Cheerleaders Calendar.

Tournament sponsors included: Houston Police Officers’ Union, Texas Police Trust, Baumann Propellers, Haynie Boats/Chris Marine, Hookspit Fishing Gear, Lonestar Veterans, Inspectorate, Alan Helfman, and Melissa Schechter ReMAX.

Lt. Scott Stewart of the Houston Police Major Offenders Unit considered the tournament a great time and a great way of getting officers together.

Sgt. John Thies of Houston Police Clear Lake Patrol enjoyed the tournament and was one of the few who hooked a fish.

Nassau Bay Police Chief Joe Cashiola fished off of Pelican Island and brought in a flounder.

Fishing in West and East Galveston Bay and San Luis pass produced the most catches. Unfortunately, many of the first responders fishing in other areas weren’t as lucky; and found themselves sitting on the dock due to the weather conditions and rough seas. One hundred boats participated in the tournament.

Door prizes included rods, reels, tackle boxes and fishing knives.

Items donated for raffle prizes included:
A Jose Altuve Baseball Bat, Pete Rose autographed baseball, Earl Campbell autographed football and Oilers jersey, and a Clowney autographed Texans jersey all donated by Allen Helfman(591,808),(991,973)(593,808),(991,941); an American Rodsmiths Predator Rod and Concept Reel and Trout Master Lite and Concept C Reel donated by the tournament; a Yeti Cooler donated by the Texas Police Trust; Texas Tail Vodka Basket and Custom Rod donated by Tail Vodka; AR-15 Bushmaster donated by Houston Police Officers’ Union and Tim Butler; Port Mansfield fishing trip for two including two nights at the Mansfield Club and two days of guided fishing, plus food and drinks donated by Mansfield Club; and an Advocare basket donated by Denise Martinez.

Mark your calendars for next year’s tournament scheduled for May 25, 2016. For more information go to: www.firstresponders-fishingtournament.com or the first responders saltwater fishing tournament facebook page.

2015 tournament winners and their divisions are listed below:

**Team Division**
Requirements: Team of four. At least one first responder on the team. The teams compete against other teams and can use live bait or artificial.

1st Place Team
Bryan McNeel
Mark Bennett
Brian Bennett
Brandon Gralheer

2nd Place Team
Richard Jasso
Ray Garza
Rena Garza
JJ Puentes

3rd Place Team
Sean Wilcheck
Rob Anderson
Ronald Powledge
David Tamayo

**Open Division**
Requirements: Anyone can participate. Artificial lures only and the anglers compete against each other.

1st Place Open Division
Mike Hein

2nd Place Open Division
Harry Arthur

Third Place Open Division
Theo Presswood

1st Place Redfish
Rob Anderson

2nd Place Redfish
Sean Wilcheck

3rd Place Redfish
John Thies

1st Place Flounder
Kenny Johnson

2nd Place Flounder
Joey Cashiola

3rd Place Flounder
Ronnie Johnson

Mike Hein won first place in the First Responders Fishing Tournament Open Division.

Houston Police Sgt. Epi Garza (left) and retired Pasadena Officer Steve Brown created and hosted the first annual First Responders Fishing Tournament.

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Testimony from Shields of Christ Participant

HPOU President Ray Hunt recently received the following email from an officer after he attended a Shields of Christ First Responder Men’s Retreat. The offer to attend the retreat was made several times at HPUO monthly meetings and one of our members signed up.

Here is the email:

I heard the call, and after thinking and wondering to myself, I confirmed that it was for me. Last spring, I had the opportunity to say “Yes” to Jesus Christ. Everything after that has been history. I lost my old self in to a new child born in Christ.

I didn’t know how lost I was until I went to Shields of Christ First Responders Men’s retreat in San Antonio. Yes, I went to church, I was in full communion with the church, I prayed almost every day, but I was largely just skimming the surface of my spirituality.

No, my retreat did not make me a Bible worm. Nor did it make me perfect. What my retreat did for me was more than that. I was able to take off the veil that I had been wearing most of my life and really see myself with all my faults and blessings and really assess where I was as a man of God.

I was able to analyze myself from the inside into how I stood as a father, family man and a Christian. I was able to come face to face with men just like me in so many ways that struggle with life as I do. Men, who want to grow as Christian brothers. These were men who were facing their own reality as well.

I will always be grateful and humbled by the generous service the men with the Shields of Christ offered me. I continue to reap the blessings of my retreat, and I pray for the other men in our department to do as Jesus told us to do in Luke 9... “Follow Me.”

Jesus Christ is calling you too. The retreat for law enforcement officers and firefighters really changed my life.

Best regards,
Pedro Gonzalez

These officers’ wives and members of the Houston Law Enforcement Officers Family Support Unit gathered in front of the Breckenridge Porter Building for this special photo highlighting the badge numbers and ranks of their husbands. Here are the identities of the wives and their husbands’ badge numbers or ranks. Top Row: 8007-Tina Marie Zelidon, 1403-Robyn Jackson, Monica Lozano, Kat Figueroa, Cheryl Fisher, 8402-Melissa Money, 7903-Becca Cruz, 4925-Mica Ruck, 5428-Lisa Sanchez, 4795-Leticia Salazar, Ginny Watson. Bottom row: 8624-Marilyn Riley, 7589-Ana Sudderth, 4512-Lynette Lozano, 7597-Alisha Will, Gina Wissininger, 2937-Krystal Ware, 2959-Tina Tran, 7168-Jennifer Bates, 4531 -Sonya Rodriguez

If you turn over the wives clad in their special badge number t-shirts, these are the faces of the special group of wives in the newly formed Houston Law Enforcement Officers Family Support Group.

What a turnout! These family members of Houston police officers met at the Union on July 12 for a potluck lunch for the first official meeting of the newly formed Houston Law Enforcement Officers Family Support Unit. Group organizer Jennifer Bates said more than 75 wives and family members of HPD officers showed up for the event. “There were family members and, of course, the children were there,” Bates told the Badge & Gun. “We look forward to having more events in the future.”
As Expected, Stars and Stripes Tourney Raises Record Amount

For the fifth consecutive year, the HPOU hosted the celebrated Stars and Stripes charity golf tournament, which was held again at the beautiful Clubs of Kingwood on April 30.

This premier event was attended by scores of officers from HPD and other agencies, military veterans, elected officials and several wounded warriors. The tournament raised $41,000, which was the highest amount brought in since the tournament began four years ago. A very special thanks to Police Chief Charles “Chuck” McClelland and Council Member Dave Martin for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the event and opening ceremonies.

This year’s proceeds went to Assist The Officer, which provides assistance to officers injured in the line of duty, and Operation Lone Star, which provides care packages to veterans serving overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan, along with providing much needed services to our wounded warriors stateside. There were many sponsors that graciously contributed to this event, but special thanks goes to Kingwood Tournament Director Adam Goodwin for hosting the tournament and Ms. Carolyn Cross with Joe Myers Ford for her unwavering support of our men and women in uniform.

A very special thanks goes to HPD Senior Police Officer Tiffany Miller for her efforts and dedication to making this event a great success and to the USMC Color Guard (1st Battalion, 23rd Marines), and HPD Honor Guard. A sincere appreciation also to the many volunteers that assisted in making this event a great success.

The HPOU Barbeque team was also on hand to provide an incredible array of cooked food for the golfers and our special thanks to them as well.

Tournament Director HPD Capt. Greg Fremin said, “It’s always a privilege and honor to be a part of something that provides services to others, specifically to our men and women who are in harm’s way every day, both here and abroad. This golf tournament allows us as a department to have a great time of fellowship with a sport that we all love and also help out our brothers and sisters in uniform.”

Our sincere thanks to HPOU President Ray Hunt, 1st Vice President Doug Griffith, and the HPOU for their unyielding support of this great venue.
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HPD’s Tactical Medical Instruction Program
Earning High Marks for its Ongoing Success

By TOM KENNEDY

Since HPD started its unique Self Aid Buddy Aid (SABA) program almost three years ago, officers have provided prompt medical care to 20 victims, often getting credit for saving a life.

The tactical medical instruction program has been used on victims, officers, civilians and even suspects. Unquestionably the most notable incident happened earlier this year when three HPD officers administered emergency medical care to an off-duty Houston Community College officer stabbed by a suspect in a Walmart store on April 27.

“Dealing with the threat while trauma is addressed is tactical medicine,” said Rodney Jaime, one of the founders of SABA.

“Special recognition should be given to all officers who put themselves in harm’s way. Also, the SABA Program would not be possible without those who take care of the tactical side on dynamic scenes for those providing medical care.”

Jaime was referring to the officer who arrested the stabbing suspect as the other three officers used the medical tactics that helped to save the life of HCC Officer April Pikes, who was stabbed 14 times before bystanders were able to subdue the suspect.

While Officers Brittany Cerritos, Nathan Moore and Patrick Morrissey worked as a team to administer to Pikes’ wounds, a fourth officer, Matthew Ham, dealt with the suspect, handcuffing him and taking him into custody.

This is a prime example of the teamwork taught in the department’s SABA program, Jaime told the Badge & Gun.

“Every one of those officers should be given a Life Saving Award,” Jaime said.

The HPD Tactical Training Unit initiated the Self Aid Buddy Aid (SABA) in October 2012. Besides Jaime, other founders of the program are Kent Winebrenner, Rich McCusker, Steve Zakharia and Sgt. Bryan Garrison.

Jaime is the lead tactical medical instructor. He also uses Nathan Moore, a military trained medic, in teaching the course at the academy and singled out the following officers for their roles: Chi Yuen, Austin Huckabee, Jeff Chapman, Sgt. James Luplow and David Dedo. “The training would not be possible without the unit working as a whole,” he said.

Jaime also pointed out the generous role of Dr. John Holcomb, M.D., and Memorial Hermann Hospital for donating the HPD-issued SABA kits. “Dr. Holcomb is one of the primary founders and contributors to the development of current tactical medicine practices,” he said.

Jaime also urged all HPD officers involved in a medical intervention to email him the details in order to keep the most thorough and up-to-date records of the department’s record. His email address is Rodney.jaime@houstonpolice.org. “Please include the time, date and place of the event, details of what happened and how each and every officer was involved and the tactics they used,” he said. “This information will enable us to compile the most accurate record of our actions.”

In June HPOU awarded the Patrol Officers of the Month award to Cerritos, Moore and Patrick.

Cerritos applied her HPD-issued tourniquet to the injured officer’s arm to stop the bleeding. Moore tightened the tourniquet to completely stop the bleeding. And Morrissey assisted in the care of Pikes by placing a chest seal on her.

Meanwhile, Officer Ham nabbed the suspect. He was Cerritos’ field training officer at the time. He since has been promoted to sergeant and serves at South Gessner.

Nationwide, Jaime said the number of tactical medical events initiated by aptly trained police officers is rising by the year. Last year’s 73 events was more than double that of the previous year. So far this year there have been 44 events, putting the national total on pace to set another record.

The nationwide tally of officers giving emergency medical treatment shows 168 tourniquets, 28 hemostatics, 31 entailing direct pressure, eight chest seals, 41 drags or carries and one NPA Airway event (nostril-induced airway passage) and 47 transports by police cruiser, 38 fire extrications and 51 improvised tourniquet events.

Overall, these latest national statistics involve 273 civilians and 94 law enforcement officers. There is no updated record of how many of them saw their lives saved by officers trained in medical tactics at trauma scenes. The statistics were compiled by Detective Eric Soderlund of the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office in Largo, Florida.

Soderlund’s chart is identified as Law Enforcement Officers’ use of Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) in medical interventions.

Officer training like this is helping win important cases for officers in the ever-present court of public opinion. HPOU President Ray Hunt said that it is very likely that the quick actions from these three officers prevented excessive and possibly fatal blood loss for the injured off-duty HCC officer.

A citizen comment posted on the Internet stated, “I am proud of HPD for offering the tourniquet training that saved this officer’s life, and I am especially proud of the experienced officers who used these techniques to save the victim of this attack. Good job to our hard-working police officers! Thank you for serving our community and for keeping us safe every day.”
**UPDATED JUNE 2015**

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**TOURNIQUET USE: LEO vs. CIV**

- **TOURNIQUET**
  - **HEMOSTATICS**
    - For controllable hemorrhage, use hemostatic agent in accordance with the direction for its use along with an appropriate pressure bandage.
  - **DIRECT PRESSURE**
    - Use if hemostatic agent is not available.
  - **CHEST SEALS**
    - Should be treated by immediately applying an external chest seal to cover the defect.
  - **NP AIRWAY**
    - Use if airway obstruction.

**DRAGS & CARRIES**

- If the casualty is responsive but cannot move, a tactical feasible rescue plan should be devised.

**NUMBER OF STATES USING TECC:** 48

**ALL DATA IS COMPiled FROM NEWS SOURCES OR FIRST HAND ACCOUNTS. GUIDELINES IN THE CENTER COLUMN WERE TAKEN FROM THE COtTCC AND C-TECC GUIDELINES.**

http://itstac.to/LEOStats
The data collected is an unofficial count of medical interventions by Houston Police Officers since SABA Training; October 2012 to July 20, 2015. All attempts have been made to keep an accurate account of all information. It is possible the counts may be higher but the information was never received.
Dear HPDU,

Officer Richard Martin’s Family would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thank you to many members of the Houston Police Department and its many entities, including but not limited to:

Houston Police Officers’ Union, Family Assistance Unit, Houston Mayor Annise Parker, Chief of Police Charles A. McClelland, Jr., Assistant Chief Charles Vasquez, Captain Paul Follis, Chaplin Monty Montgomery, Sgt. Darrin Chippi, Lt. M.J. Faulhaber, HPD Honor Guard, Class of 209, Westside Station, George H. Lewis & Sons Funeral Home, and all HPD law enforcement officers.

Although we may not remember names of everyone that assisted us, we will forever remember your faces; faces of compassion, love, kindness, and support are forever burned in our hearts. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your help during our family crisis. Your daily inquiries let us know how much you cared.

We looked forward to your calls. Our grief would be much harder to handle without the kindness and support of people like you. This event has brought us all closer together, and we are thankful to have friends and a support system like you. Thank you so much for your expressions of love and sympathy.

We appreciate your unfailing attention to detail, as we worried that something would fall through the cracks you all anticipated every contingency and we were deeply touched by how a hero was honored perfectly. Thank you for capturing his spirit with such heartfelt words and featuring guards of honor.

When we are grateful to God in all circumstances, we can experience gentle peace in the midst of tribulation, in grief, we can still lift up our hearts in praise. In pain, we can glory in Christ’s Atonement. In the cold of bitter sorrow, we can experience the closeness and warmth of heaven’s embrace. It is through the Atonement of His Son, Jesus Christ, we can live forever with our loved ones; and in the end, we will have glorious, perfect, and immortal bodies, unburdened by sickness or disability; and that our tears of sadness and loss will be replaced with an abundance of happiness and joy.

Richard gave his life doing what he wanted to do more than anything, serve and protect. we are so thankful he touched so many lives and we were honored to have shared him with you all.

From our hearts,
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simply because they have had too much to drink.
I live each day of my life as if it were my last,
and remember that what happened yesterday is all in the past.
I work in the streets during the night and during the day,
and each day I wonder, “Will I get to go home today?”
In my line of work, I face an enormous amount of danger,
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- Employee notification system

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Death of a Crime Scene Unit?
By J. S. CRUSER
Crime Scene Training/Accreditation Supervisor
When you see repetitive postings for a job position within the department, the first thing everyone thinks of is that no one must want to do that job and that people are avoiding it like the plague.

Unfortunately, the Crime Scene Unit seems to have been put into one of those such positions. We have put out circular after circular looking for officers and sergeants who want to work some of the most interesting scenes within the police department. Typically, we have little to no curiosity about the posting and may only receive a single applicant.

Classified Positions
We have asked many people at roll calls, crime scenes and at the academy about why is there so little interest and without hesitation most people’s response is that they believe that with the advent of the Houston Forensic Science Center (HFSC) that the Crime Scene Unit positions and officers were or even had already been, “civilianized.”

That could not be further from the truth.

The CEO of the HFSC has assured us that he wants classified positions in the Crime Scene Unit long term. However, there is a lot of confusion. From idle chit-chat at crime scenes, roll calls, even to our own circulars that include such ominous wording as “consolidation,” “independent,” “removed on a for cause basis,” and “governed by the Meet and Confer Agreement for Fiscal Years 2011 through 2015.”

These words and phrases seem to have generated a very negative idea of job stability in CSU in 2015.

We have tried to combat the wording of the circular. After all, other divisions have abolished positions and divisions have been consolidated, but they don’t put it on their job postings as a warning notice. These divisions have met with little success in getting it removed.

We have visited roll calls at different stations in an attempt to drum up support for working in the Crime Scene Unit, but in the past we have had to accept officers who were on their first assignment after being on probation. Fortunately, these officers have worked out very well in our unit, but anyone can understand how having a relatively new officer investigating an officer-involved shooting or high-profile murder scene could be problematic.

Would you want a doctor just out of medical school performing complicated first-time heart surgery on a critically ill patient?

People also cite the lack of investigator pay for CSU, or that they would have to take a pay cut to leave patrol to work as a CSU. That is correct. Unfortunately, there is little that our management can do because of contractual limitations currently in place.

However, the Houston Forensic Science Center has made up for a lack of competitive salaries by going above and beyond in the funding of training, equipment and overtime. We have been able to send our personnel to just about any job-related training and talk to us. Ask to complete a rotation. Or apply for an open position.

So if you see any more circulars for positions within the Crime Scene Unit and you ever thought you might like to do the work, call and talk to us. Ask to complete a rotation. Or apply for an open position.

It’s not perfect by far, but you might be surprised by what you will find.

Reasonable Caseload
On the plus side, our investigators’ caseload is only a handful of incoming cases a month. Depending on your efficiency, they can usually be completed in a couple of days’ work or less. Yes, we are also working on becoming an accredited Crime Scene Unit and there are a lot of common practices that have to be followed. But most of our personnel are adjusting with only minor issues.

As our pool of HPD applicants has dwindled over the past few years, we have unfortunately begun to approach the end of the road for the Crime Scene Unit; that is, unless we can find more classified HPD officers and sergeants who want to join us.

We have met with upper management of the HFSC and they have unconditionally and continually expressed their support at having classified police officers in the Crime Scene Unit. That said, if we cannot recruit additional talent within HPD, the Center is going to move forward with replacing CSU vacancies with civilians. In fact, they have already begun accepting civilian applications for the positions as they look to maintain current staffing levels as well as expanding the unit to allow us to accommodate more calls for service.

I have worked in the Crime Scene Unit both as an officer and as a sergeant for a little more than 12 of my 22 years here at HPD. I still enjoy the job of going out to a crime scene and trying to figure out what and how something happened. I am a firm believer that our scenes should be investigated by people who have invested their time and career in the police department and who have had the experience of investigating crimes.

I and all the other officers and supervisors here want this unit to continue to be staffed with classified officers. But when the time comes – and it pains me to say this – we will move forward with adding civilian to our staff due to attrition.

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Police Memorial Sculptor Moroles Dies in June Accident

Artist Jesus Bautista Moroles designed and constructed the Houston Police Officers’ Memorial on Memorial Drive in the shadows of the downtown skyline in 1990. The granite sculpture, shaped like a Greek cross and consisting of five stepped pyramids, is dedicated to 113 HPD officers who gave their lives in the line of duty.

The renowned Texas sculptor, a Corpus Christi native who lived in Rockport, died June 15 in a vehicle crash on Interstate 35 north of Georgetown. He was 64. Moroles was widely recognized in Texas and throughout the United States for his granite sculptures.

The wreath-laying ceremony at the memorial during Police Week each year in May pays special tribute to fallen officers.

From all indications in the wake of his death, Moroles was in the prime of his artistic career.

“He was going to be our featured artist in August,” said gallery director Bradley Sabin told the news media. “Now it’s totally up in the air.”

Moroles created both monumental and smaller scale works in granite. He received the 2008 National Medal of Arts and was the 2011 Texas State Artist for three-dimensional work.

“I knew Jesús for many years,” said San Antonio sculptor Bill Fitzgibbons. “I always found him very generous of spirit and supportive of other sculptors. He was one of a kind, and I will greatly miss his friendship.

“In terms of granite, I don’t know anybody who could sculpt and create pieces out of that material the way that Jesús could,” Fitzgibbons added. “I would say that he was not only one of the best sculptors in Texas, but in the United States.”

Moroles has a public piece at the Southwest School of Art, as well as “River Stelae,” a sculpture consisting of three monumental slabs of granite near the San Antonio Museum of Art.

Moroles once said of his sculpture: “My work is a discussion of how man exists in nature and touches nature and uses nature. Each of my pieces has about 50 percent of its surfaces untouched and raw — those are parts of the stone that were torn. The rest of the work is smoothed and polished. The effect, which I want people to not only look at but touch, is a harmonious coexistence of the two.”

The $630,000 police memorial was given by the citizens of Houston with significant contributions from Houston Endowment, the Wortham Foundation, the Linbeck Foundation, the Knox Foundation, the Cullen Foundation, Fayez Sarofim and Co., the Rockwell Fund, the Brown Foundation, the M.D. Anderson Foundation Fayez Sarofim and Co., the Rockwell Fund, the Brown Foundation, the M. D. Anderson Foundation, the Scurlock Foundation, Neva West and Albert and Margret Alkek. The wreath-laying ceremony at the site during Police Week each year in May pays special tribute to fallen officers.
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"Patrick's Project" will honor the memory of our beloved son, Patrick Wayne Fagan. Patrick was actively involved in the community through Top Teens of America, Inc., the Houston Police Department Blue Santa Program and the Child Developing Center, Inc., which was the Fagan Family Community Service Project. He enjoyed giving and gave unselfishly of himself to others. The quality of leadership possessed by Patrick earned him Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do after five years of intense training. He enjoyed playing tennis and was a four-year varsity tennisman and the recipient of the prestigious Pioneer Award. He was a member of USTA (United States Tennis Association) and played with Kenny Thomas Tennis Pro International.

As a first time football player, during his senior year, he received a varsity letter and received the Most Improved Varsity Football Player Award. Patrick was a 2010 inaugural class graduate of the Youth Entrepreneurship Academy (YEA!), which is a part of the Texas Business Alliance. The Shark Tank Award given each year at the YEA graduation has been renamed the Patrick Wayne Fagan Shark Tank Award in honor of his outstanding achievements while he participated in that program.

He attended the Imami School, Lutheran South Academy High School and Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA). Among Patrick's many activities while attending SFA, he joined the tennis club, pledged with the Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) Fraternity, played on the Shenxi Intramural Basketball Team and participated in the Campus Crusade for Christ Ministry. Our family has partnered with Unlimited Visions Aftercare, Inc., (UVA) to do "Patrick's Project," which is a vision he had to provide tennis lessons for underprivileged and underserved children in the community. It was Patrick's belief that there are many scholarship opportunities for children who play tennis and that those scholarship opportunities could lead to a college education and a way out of poverty for young kids so that they can have better lives.

When Patrick's vision was shared with the CEO of UVA, Marilyn Jones, she said, "That is something that we can make happen to honor his memory." UVA provides residential treatment for substance abuse for children between the ages of 13 and 17. A tennis court will be built at the Preston location to provide tennis lessons for those children and ultimately show them that through tennis, they can have opportunities for scholarships to receive an education and a better life.

Unlimited Visions Aftercare (UVA) is proud to partner with the Fagan Family and USTA on Patrick's Project.

About UVA

Each month UVA helps over 300 men, women, adolescents and their families in Houston, Baytown and Pasadena on their journey to long-term recovery from substance abuse. We are proud that our excellent performance at our youth residential facility merited the Positive Performer Award for Outstanding Substance Abuse Treatment from the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

UVA is a CARF*-accredited non-profit whose mission is to provide a highly effective treatment program in an outpatient and residential environment that meets the spiritual and physical needs of chemically dependent adults and adolescents on their journey of recovery.

UVA provides comprehensive substance abuse treatment, prevention & intervention services, mental health case management and recovery support services for adolescents, adults and their families. Patrick's Project will provide the youth in our residential facility a chance, through tennis, to achieve fitness, develop discipline, learn teamwork and offers a path that can lead to scholarships, education and long-term recovery.

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Men's Singles: Open, 25-65
Women's Singles: Open, 30-65
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NTRP Men's Doubles: 2.5-4.5

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USTA rules and regulations govern all matches. There will be a five minute warm up, a three minute break between first and second sets and a ten minute break between the second and third sets.

Each person has an ethical obligation to follow all rules. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify any person for improper conduct. Proper attire is mandatory for all tournament play.

Please Note: Refunds will only be issued if the respective division is cancelled by the Tournament Director. In order to establish a playing division, a minimum of two (2) players must be entered by the respective deadline.

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By TOM KENNEDY

Of all the police chiefs in recent HPD history, it could be argued that B.K. Johnson tried to keep the lowest profile, always ready and eager to solve crimes and the accompanying policing problems without readily taking any credit.

Thus it was no surprise that when Johnson, a resident of Leggett up Highway 59 from Houston, died June 7 of his long battle with cancer at age 82, the Houston Chronicle had to be reminded of who he was before deciding to write his obituary.

He knew Bureaucracy

And just who was the man known as Bradley K. Johnson, the Houston “Blueblood?”

He went down in HPD history as the high school dropout who became chief of police after rising through the ranks from a brief civilian clerkship in the Vice Division to patrolling the streets and becoming a detective when the rank was distinguished from that of a sergeant.

His actions over his decades of HPD service still speak loudly for loyalty, efficiency and professionalism, not to mention trustworthiness.

From the detective ranks on up, there always was an obvious reason why the man known simply as “B.K.” rose so quickly. He might not have finished high school in Oklahoma - he later earned a GED - but he always compiled the highest score in the Civil Service examinations required for promotion in HPD. He’s believed to still hold records for the highest scores on tests for the higher ranks.

The fact the department wanted him so badly to be an officer that administrators made sure he got the clerk job in Vice until the start of the next academy class speaks loudly. What a class it was, too. It also contained future chiefs Pappy Bond and Harry Caldwell.

His clerk job enabled B.K. to learn the police bureaucracy backwards and forwards. When he became chief in February 1980, he implemented a bookkeeping measure that seriously cut down the period of time between the day the department hired an individual for a civilian job and the day that person actually came to work. The chief knew the precise bureaucratic moves to enable this change. The old process entailed a slow chain of events that began with a background investigation followed by an even slower check point process among the chain of command.

This backwoods process took two months and disgusted would-be hires enough to seek other jobs. Chief Johnson’s administrative move reduced the time involved to three days.

He achieved this quietly, respectfully and dutifully - the way HPD history shows he performed every policing duty he ever had.

OK, so you want examples. Here goes:

When Fred Hofheinz became mayor of Houston in 1973, he wanted a new chief in contrast to the controversial outgoing one, Herman B. Short, who held the office a record nine years and became the African American community’s primary target for criticism. Johnson had the highest score on the examination for deputy chief, the rank just under chief at the time. He should have been the new mayor’s pick.

B.K.’s ‘Country Boys’

However, Hofheinz wanted a captain, Carrol Lynn, who had finished with the second-highest score. The mayor told Johnson that if he could dip down and pick Lynn as police chief that he would make him deputy chief the next day.

Ironically, it wasn’t long before B.K.’s admirers had a loud I-told-you-so piece of evidence to show Hofheinz he had picked the wrong man.

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Faced with a touchy hostage situation in his earliest days at the HPD helm, Chief Lynn quickly turned to – guess who? – B.K. Johnson. The deputy chief took command as Lynn stood in the background. Johnson made the decisions needed to save the hostages and capture the armed suspect. He gave orders that convinced the gunman that an unarmed officer would drive him away in a controlled “getaway car” situation.

There was a catch, of course. Johnson got what he termed “some country boys” – HPD officers with rural backgrounds and good aims with rifles – and stationed them at the end of a dead-end street on the far north side. The hostage-taker thought he was taking the backway out, only to quickly learn he’d been had. He was captured without incident – nobody was hurt.

With leadership qualities like this, Johnson earned deep respect from the troops with his decisiveness and wits. He and the two chiefs he succeeded – Pappy Bond and Harry Caldwell – graduated from the same HPD cadet class when the “academy” was basically classrooms located both on and off city property.

Retired HPD Sgt. J.C. Mosier – who has been a long-time chief deputy in Constable Precinct 1 – remembered Johnson’s recollection of his own academy days.

“B.K. loved Harry Caldwell,” Mosier said of the more outgoing former HPD chief. “He would say that Harry was always late for class and was always running to get there on time. He said if you [a cadet] showed up for school in a room at the old bus station and your chair was gone, you knew you were fired and were gone.”

 Needless to say, these future chiefs always found their chairs, late or not.

A Great Role Model

Johnson rose to lieutenant and eventually became head of the Robbery Division. Mosier was orphaned when he was 12 years old and lived with his brother George on the near north side. George Mosier was B.K.’s best friend.

J.C. got to know B.K. well enough to refer to him as “Uncle Bradley.” This was about 1956 and the two remained close friends until Uncle Bradley died in June.

In the 1950s, B.K. would “have cops come over after work, sit in the garage, drink beer and talk about work being a policeman.” It was the impetus for me becoming a Houston police officer,” J.C. Mosier said. By 1978 Mosier became one of then-Mayor Jim McConn’s drivers. Later he was spokesman for the department as well as serving as a Homicide sergeant.

“He was a smart guy from the country, one of the greatest people in my life,” Mosier said, describing B.K. Johnson. “There’s no question about it. Harry [Caldwell] knew him for his whole career. When Harry left as police chief, I remember riding with Mayor McConn, who knew our history. He told me that night that a lot of people were going to be pissed off at him because ‘I’m going to make B.K. police chief tomorrow.”

“B.K. was a hard-nosed, conservative type guy. A lot of people tended to think he was on the heavy-handed side. He was not a racist. He had a very religious upbringing. But a lot of the black community thought he was not the right man for the job. Mayor McConn put B.K. in there and I can remember that like it was yesterday.”

Now then, he wasn’t perfect. His first major mistake was reciting the “Little Black Sambo” poem to the news media with the cameras rolling, thus earning him the unwanted nickname of “the Little Black Sambo chief.” Mainly due to his quiet, steady approach to management and lack of political knowledge and inclination, Johnson never put a high number of points on the board with minority leaders.

But his actions backed his honest approach. He continued the African American and Hispanic recruiting efforts begun by his predecessor, Harry Caldwell. Granted, it was far from being as outgoing as the loquacious former chief but he more quietly pursued the same goals. Johnson always preferred one-on-one communications rather than addressing large groups. One might argue that this was not the preferred approach the community leaders desired at the time.

A funny thing happened as Johnson was finishing his second year as chief. His boss, Mayor McConn, finished third in the 1981 mayor’s race. Eventually, city Controller Kathy Whitmire became the first woman mayor of the Bayou City.

Johnson felt the same way Herman Short felt when Fred Hofheinz became mayor in 1973 – he no longer wanted to work under a chief executive considered to be “liberal” and armed with an agenda that stood to make policing a more delicate operation.

Trusted, Tried, True

So on Jan. 1, 1982, the day Whitmire took office, B.K. Johnson stepped down as chief and became the third chief in history to return to the lower rank of assistant or deputy chief. He served a few more years before retiring. In doing so he again proved his loyalty to the department and his steadfast professionalism.

His successor was an African American from Atlanta named Lee P. Brown, an “outsider” who had plenty of initial problems gaining the respect and attention of the command staff. In the interviews for the HPD history book, Brown said at first he found only two people he could trust, interim Chief John Bales and former Chief B.K. Johnson.

Brown, who later became Houston’s first black mayor, said he quickly grew to believe that Johnson was the only command staff member besides Bales who could be trusted for his honesty and straightforwardness.

That reputation has never wavered. Johnson retired in the mid-1980s and became the city manager of the East Texas town of Corrigan, serving long enough to earn a retirement to Leggett, where he and his wife lived in the country.

Contacted for an interview for the HPD history in 2004, Johnson said, “I don’t want to participate. I’m spending all my time fighting cancer.”

He lived 11 more years before the Big C got him in June. He never got to talk about the fact that when the Jose Campos Torres drowning scandal erupted in 1977, the principals involved quickly made it known that they would only trust one member of the command staff – B.K. Johnson. He led the investigation into one of the darkest hours in HPD history, always attaining utmost integrity.

“I have his picture hanging on a bulletin board and I see it every morning,” J.C. Mosier said. “He was one of the three most important people that taught me something about my job and growing up. The other two were Mayor McConn and Lee Brown. They taught me how to conduct yourself and how to handle problems and take the good and the bad. Professionally these probably were the people who were most important in my life.”

He and “Uncle Bradley” were email buddies right on up until Johnson got too sick to sit up by his computer.

Mosier will never fail to give his mentor credit for all his positive achievements at the Houston Police Department, not the least of which was founding the HPD Golf Tournament. Johnson ran it for many years, always making sure green fees amounted to little or nothing. When Johnson got too busy with police administration, he turned the job over to Mosier, who carried on for 15 years until his own retirement.
Katy Freeway Driver Hits, Runs, Kills Officer John Salvaggio in November 1990

By NELSON ZOCH

November 25, 1990

John Anthony Salvaggio was born in Houston on July 23, 1951. He received his early education at Sacred Heart and Oak Forest elementary schools and later at Black Junior High School. He graduated from Waltrip Senior High School in 1969 and attended Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos for a year. Salvaggio joined the Houston Police Department by way of HPD Cadet Class No. 120. This class began its training on April 2, 1984, and upon graduation, the graduates took their oaths of office on August 6 of that year.

The new officer wore HPD Badge No. 2521. During his six and a half years on the force he worked mainly on the night shift in Radio Patrol-Northwest Station except for a short stint in the Accident Division several years before his death.

On the Saturday night of November 25, 1990, Officer John Salvaggio reported for duty on the night shift at the Northwest Substation. He went on patrol riding a one-man unit and, using radar equipment, he stopped a motorist, Gus Mayer, for speeding in the 8500 block of the Katy Freeway. While the speeding violation had occurred in the City of Houston, by the time Officer Salvaggio had stopped the violator he was near Bingle Road, which is in the jurisdiction of the Spring Valley Police Department.

Following the proper procedures, he stopped this vehicle in the far right emergency lane. As he was trained to do, he parked to the rear and to the left of the violator’s vehicle to provide a small amount of protection for him as he approached the man in the car. Officer Salvaggio also utilized his patrol car’s emergency flashing lights. As he had just approached the driver’s window, when, according to Mayer, a second vehicle struck the officer and Mayer’s car.

Mayer was quoted in the newspaper as saying, “I thought I was hallucinating. As soon as I felt the impact, I saw his body thrown about twenty feet in front of my car and then I tried to get a look at the car that did it. It couldn’t have been more than ten seconds after he came to my car. I didn’t even have time to get to my glove compartment before I was jolted by the impact.” The vehicle sped off, leaving the officer lying critically injured on the side of the freeway. The impact Mayer described was his vehicle being struck on the left side by the right side of the suspect’s vehicle.

A number of vehicles passed without stopping, apparently oblivious to what had happened. Shortly after the officer was struck, an off-duty HPD sergeant, Michael K. Riehl, happened along. Sergeant Riehl stated that he was en route home from an extra job. When he saw the flashing lights of the patrol car, he looked as a matter of routine to see if the officer was all right. Not seeing any officer, Riehl pulled over and backed up. It was then that he saw Officer Salvaggio on the ground. He checked the officer and then took the keys to the violator’s car. He described Mayer as being totally out of it as if he were in shock. Of course, the sergeant did not exactly know at this time what had happened. He then called for assistance on Officer Salvaggio’s police radio. A LifeFlight helicopter was called and Officer Salvaggio was transported to Hermann Hospital. However, he was dead on arrival at age thirty-nine.

With this offense taking place in the City of Spring Valley, their Police Department had jurisdiction in this case. However, HPD’s Accident Division immediately offered the services of their experienced Hit and Run Detail, an offer Spring Valley PD graciously accepted. HPD Accident Sergeant J. E. Bickel was on the scene. This being a whodunit officer fatality case, a Hit and Run Detail callout was initiated. Hit and Run Sergeant J. Montemayor was summoned as well as Officers Pete Araiza and I. M. Labdi.

Spring Valley Police Lieutenant Gary Finkelman was assigned to the case from his agency. The investigation went forth as a joint effort of both departments with one goal in mind—bringing the hit-and-run driver to justice.

From the physical evidence left at the scene, investigators suspected that the wanted vehicle’s right headlight and windshield were damaged. They also felt that the right side might have gray or light blue smudges from striking the Mayer vehicle. The glass of Mayer’s driver’s side mirror was missing and the mirror was flattened against the car. Lab examinations were already being conducted while preparations were being made for the services for Officer Salvaggio.

Accident Lieutenant E.J. Smith was the lead supervisor in this investigation and was assigning additional investigators as leads surfaced. The physical evidence from the scene as well as the deceased officer’s clothing was submitted to the HPD Crime Lab where Chemist Reidun Hilleman was assigned to perform this phase of the investigation.

Vigil for the deceased was held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 26, 1990, with a Rosary by the Parish, Neo-Debs, and La Amiche Club at the Earthman Hunters Creek Chapel, 8303 Katy Freeway in Houston. Funeral Mass was conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the St. Michael Catholic Church at 1801 Sage Road. The Reverends Adam McClosky and Frank Fabj served as Con-Celebrants. The Rite of Committal was held at the Calvary section of Forest Park – Westheimer Cemetery.

Pallbearers were HPD Lieutenant Jerry L. Driver, Sergeant Robert Schields, fellow Officers Dan Starr and Ron Freeman, and friends and/or cousins Yance Montalbano, Johnny Whites, Michael Marino and Tony Salvaggio Jr. Honorary pallbearers were listed as all members of the Houston Police Department, his cousins, and classmates of the Waltrip High School Class of 1969.

Officer John Anthony Salvaggio

Officer John Anthony Salvaggio was survived by his wife, Marybess, and three children: daughters Cathy, fifteen, and Virginia, twelve, and a son, ten-month-old John Anthony Salvaggio II. Also mourning his sudden death were his parents Guy and Catherine Salvaggio, his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Grizaffi, and his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Salvaggio. He was also survived by his brothers Charles (wife Elizabeth) and Jack T. Salvaggio, and one sister, Tammy Martino (husband Joe).

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authorities where to find the wanted vehicle. The attorneys did all the talking but provided little more than the vehicle’s location. They did, however, identify their client as Bill Byrd. They did not explain his knowledge or involvement. Officers S.A. Gabliti and R.J. Salinas were assigned to locate and recover this vehicle.

HPD spokesman Richard Retz, himself an officer, was quoted in the Houston Chronicle as saying, “It’s kind of like they said ‘Here’s the vehicle’ and the rest is up to us. They left it up to us, and we’ll do it.” And, in the true fashion of HPD, whether in the Accident Division or the Homicide Division, wheels began turning and it became a high priority to determine who had “struck and killed one of our own.”

Immediately after this information surfaced, investigators went to an apartment complex near Westview and Blalock, where a gold and cream colored Ford Grenada was located. As suspected by these veteran Hit and Run investigators, damage to the suspect vehicle consisted of a windshield smashed inward in a spider web of cracks, the right rear view mirror dangling over deep gashes and the right side and passenger window dotted with blood spatters. Also, the right front headlight was broken out and in front of the right front fender was dented nearly to the tire. Scrapes and dents along the right side were discolored by blue paint. Additionally, dark blue and light blue fabrics were discovered on the fender and windshield. The damage was consistent with what was suspected.

This was the vehicle.

Evidence was carefully recovered before the vehicle was towed under guard to the HPD Vehicle Examination Building for more extensive examinations. A computer check of the registration showed the Ford Grenada to be registered to a William Byrd. It was discovered that this suspect had been involved in a previous failure to stop and give information (FSGI) offense in 1988. However, as is the case in nearly every hit and run investigations, proving who was behind the wheel and driving the vehicle at the time of the tragedy became an extremely difficult legal issue.

Hit and Run Officer Pete Araiza, HPD’s lead investigator, and Spring Valley Lieutenant Gary Finkelman continued their investigation at the location of the vehicle’s recovery. The apartment project was thoroughly canvassed for anyone who may have run through the right front fender. This proved to be fruitful. One occupant had seen a man drive into the project in a damaged vehicle shortly after the accident. She said he also could testify that this driver came in alone. This after-the-fact witness later picked Byrd out of a photo array as being the man she saw drive into the project.

Investigators determined that Byrd frequently visited a female who lived in the project. Upon arriving at the complex shortly after the accident, investigators produced an individual who stated that Byrd had knocked on the door of another resident and asked for permission to park his car there, as he had been involved in an accident. The case was beginning to take shape.

The investigation continued and at 3:40 a.m. Tuesday, August 27, William E. Byrd [White Male; Age 51] was arrested on a charge of failure to stop and render assistance (FSRA) in the death of HPD Officer John Salvaggio. This arrest took place at Byrd’s home in the 1200 block of Cedar Post, less than three miles from where Officer Salvaggio was killed. Under subsequent questioning, Boyd responded in the presence of his attorney, whose strategy was for Boyd to plead not guilty. Byrd did not deny driving the Grenada and only said that he knew a collision happened. He just did not know what or how it all happened. He was released on a $2,000 bond.

After the arrest, the crime lab investigation continued. After a thorough and professional examination of the evidence, Chemist Reuidn M. Hilleman was able to determine that the dark and light blue cloth samples from the Grenada was consistent with the blue uniform worn by Officer Salvaggio as well as its weave pattern, fiber composition and dye components. Additionally, a large paint chip and several smaller chips recovered from the officer’s uniform parts were microscopically and chemically indistinguishable from known paint chips from the collision area of the Ford Grenada.

For a number of years John Salvaggio yearned to be a Houston police officer. The food service business was a part of his upbringing. His parents managed the restaurant portion of the Del Mar Bowling Lanes on Mangum Road. The desire to be an officer intensified during the years 1974-1977. It was during this period that John and his brother Charles managed the cafeteria in the basement of 61 Riesner. Eventually, John fulfilled his dream and became not only a police officer but also an exceptionally dedicated one.

A supervisor and friend, Lieutenant Jerry Driver, one of Salvaggio’s pallbearers, described the officer as a very likeable man, the kind who would spread a little sunshine wherever he was. Driver was quoted in newspaper accounts as saying, “I had spoken to him about being safe out there, especially on the freeway. John’s response was that he knew people got killed on the freeways, but that he was going to do his part in making the streets a little safer for the citizens. He was determined to do his part.” The lieutenant later described Officer Salvaggio as one of those individuals who really needed no supervision. He knew what to do and was self-motivated. He just went out and did his job.

Officer Salvaggio’s former partner, Officer Dan Starr, described him as a wonderful partner and friend. The two rode together for two years prior to Starr taking an assignment on a night shift fingerprint unit. He mentioned John’s unique sense of humor, stating that one night prior to roll call at the station, they were looking at a physical wellness chart based on height and weight. When John located his weight on the chart, he jokingly commented that he had no idea that he was six-foot-nine.

John also was a devoted family man, cherishing his wife, two daughters and young son, whom he had just recently videotaped taking his first steps just days before his untimely death.

In 2007, Marybess Salvaggio, a University of Houston graduate and for many years a dedicated elementary school teacher, was on temporary leave taking care of her elderly mother as well as her first grandchild, five-year-old Anthony. Daughter Cathy Birden graduated from the University of Texas in Austin and is now a fifth grade teacher. She is married to Jerry Birden. Daughter Virginia Manlove, a University of Houston graduate, is married to Jason Manlove. They are the parents of Anthony Manlove and two-year old Adrianna Manlove. Son John Anthony Salvaggio II, who was ten months old and just learning to walk when his father was taken from him, is now seventeen and an athlete in several sports at a Cypress ISD high school.

Salvaggio’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Salvaggio, live in Houston. The grandmother, as well as the father of Mary Bess, Mr. Grizaffi, died in the early 1990’s. Mrs. Grizaffi resides with Marybess. Sister Tammy lives in Houston, the mother of Joseph, fourteen, and Anna, eleven, who was born after her uncle’s death. Officer Salvaggio was the oldest of four children and his two brothers, who are twins, both live in the Houston area. Charles and his wife Elizabeth are the parents of Stephanie and Charlie. Jack also lives in Houston.

In January 1991, less than two months after Officer Salvaggio’s death, a plea bargain agreement was near to being approved in this case. However, at the last minute, Byrd and his attorney decided that they could not agree with the summary of the incident as documented in the court charges against him. This summary said that Byrd left the scene knowing that he had struck Officer Salvaggio and knowing that the officer needed assistance. Byrd would only plea that he knew that he had hit something, but he didn’t know it was a person.

Consequently, prosecutor Chuck Rosenthal, who would later become district attorney of Harris County, decided to take the case to a grand jury for indictment for failure to stop and render aid, a felony punishable up to five years in confinement. Under the

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tentative plea agreement, Byrd would have been sentenced by a state district judge pending an extensive background investigation. Basically, Byrd and his attorney were ready to take their chances. In September 1991, as this case lingered on, Byrd was arrested again, this time for attempting to obtain illegal prescription drugs. He was actually charged with possession of blank prescription forms for narcotics. When he was arrested outside a West Gray pharmacy, he had the forms in his wallet. Marijuana, methadone and other unidentified pills also were recovered. He was jailed without bond.

Finally, on March 23, 1992, Byrd was sentenced to five years in prison for leaving the scene after striking Officer John Salvaggio. This was the maximum under the applicable 1990 Penal Code. Unfortunately, newspaper accounts further indicate that on or about March 23, 1994, Byrd was to be released from prison after only serving two years of his five-year sentence. He was then to be placed on ten years’ probation under the supervision of a probation officer. Byrd went free, but he died on March 23, 2002, at the age of sixty-two.

In 2004, Lieutenant Jerry Driver works in the Jail Division. Sergeant Robert Shields, a good friend and high school football opponent, was retired. Officer Dan Starr still works out of the Northwest Station. Officer Ron Freeman works the Night Shift at Westside Patrol. Yance Montalbano was a nephew and close friend, Michael Marino and Anthony Salvaggio were Officer Salvaggio’s cousins, and John T. Whites was a good friend.

Lieutenant E. J. Smith retired in 2002 after nearly forty-four years with HPD. Lieutenant Gary Finkelman still works with the Spring Valley PD in an investigative capacity. Accident Sergeant Bickel is now a K-9 unit supervisor for HPD. Sergeant Montemayor is assigned to the Hit and Run Detail, as is lead investigator Pete Araiza and Officers Salinas and Labdi. Officer Galbaiti is assigned to Central Patrol and Sergeant Riehl is an investigative sergeant in the Burglary and Theft Division. Chemist Reidun continues to do her usual professional job in the Crime Lab and has been a mainstay in that division through some rough times.

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Allen
Goldie Allen passed away on Monday, June 22, 2015. She is the grandmother of Senior Police Officer Shari Water, assigned to the Special Victims Division. Services were held in Tyler on June 27.

Andrews
Honorary Houston Police Officer, Khyrstin “Kyssi” Andrews, 6, passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2015. Kyssi succumbed to her battle with a rare form of kidney cancer she had been fighting since 2012. Last July, Chief of Police Charles A. McClelland, Jr., made Kyssi an Honorary Houston Police Officer after learning of her interest in becoming a Houston Police Officer. Funeral services were held June 13 with burial in Houston Memorial Gardens.

Angeli
Senior Police Officer Jason Angeli passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. He joined Police Academy Class #174 on August 31, 1998. During his career, he served at the Southwest Division, Northeast Division, Westside Division, Midwest Division, Investigative First Responder Division, and the Burglary and Theft Division. He is survived by his wife, Tracy Angeli; daughter, Taylor Marie Angeli (9); son, Anthony Alfredo Angeli (5); his mother, Rose Angeli and his father, Retired Sergeant Luigi Angeli (Kathy). Funeral Mass will be held within the Main Chapel of Saint Bartholomew Catholic Church on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 2:30 p.m. Burial will follow at Katy Magnolia Cemetery, 1508 East Avenue, Katy, Texas.

Asaf
Retired Police Officer Mark S. Asaf passed away Wednesday, May 27, 2015. Officer Asaf joined the Department November 11, 1979, as a member of Academy Class 89. During his career, he served at the Southwest Division, Jail, and the Northwest Divisions. He is survived by his sister, Janet and brother Michael. Funeral Services will be held at the Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77038, on Friday, June 12, 2015, at 12:45 p.m. gate time.

Blueitt
Barbara Mattox (Blueitt) passed away on Friday, May 29, 2015. She is the sister of Human Resources Supervisor Jacqueline Arnic, who is assigned to the Employee Services Division, and sister-in-law of Police Administrator Winfred Arnic, who is assigned to the Budget and Finance Division. Funeral services will be held at Spirit of Life Ministries, 485 Maxey Road, Houston, Texas 77013, telephone number (713) 455-5433, on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held before the funeral service from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Bounds
Retired Police Officer Clifford Bounds, 76, passed away on Sunday, June 28, 2015. He was a veteran of The United States Marine Corps. He joined Police Academy Class No. 62 on December 8, 1938. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marlene Bounds. Private services were held.

Davis
Mrs. Juanita Davis passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2015. She is the mother of Senior Police Officer Dennis Davis, assigned to the Narcotics Division. Services were held July 11 with burial in Houston Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Dirzanowski
Christine Dorothy Dirzanowski, mother-in-law to retired Lieutenant Earl D. Musick, last assigned to Burglary and Theft Division, passed away on Friday, June 12, 2015.

Doyal
Retired Police Officer James Calvin Doyal, 86, passed away on Saturday, June 27, 2015. Officer Doyal joined the Houston Police Department Academy Class No. 20 on December 29, 1958. He served for 21 years and retired on March 31, 1979. During his time with the Houston Police Department, he served with the Radio Patrol Division, Dispatchers Office, and Traffic Bureau-Point Control Division. Private services were held.

Drawe
Retired Police Officer Ralph Jerome Drawe, 84, passed away on Monday, July 13, 2015. He was a veteran of The United States Air Force. He joined Police Academy Class No. 22 on September 14, 1959. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Doris Drawe. Services were held July 16 with burial in Bellville.

Emanuel
Oliver Wendell Emanuel passed away on Monday, July 6, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Emanuel and sons, Officer Brandon A. Emanuel, assigned to the Special Operations Division, and Senior Police Officer Adrian Lundy, assigned to the South Central Patrol Division. Services were held July 13 with burial in Houston National Cemetery.

Faircloth
Gene Lincoln Faircloth passed away Thursday, June 4, 2015. He is the father-in-law of Assistant Police Chief Mark L. Curran, assigned to the Special Investigations Command. Services were held June 20 with burial in Forest Park East in Webster.

Faultry
Retired Police Officer Leonard J. Faultry, 71, passed away on Tuesday, June 25, 2015. He was a veteran of The United States Army. He joined Police Academy Class No. 48 on January 18, 1971. During his 20-year career he served at the Traffic Division and Air Support Division. He is survived by his wife, Nellie Faultry, sons, Leonard Faultry Jr., and Cedrick Faultry; daughters, Casandra Faultry Wyatt and Sharon Daniel. He is also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Services were held July 1 with burial in Houston National Cemetery.
Obits

Grimes
Edith Marie Grimes, 86, passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2015. She is the mother of retired Police Officer Thomas Grimes, last assigned to the Field Training Office, and mother of retired Police Officer Russell Grimes, last assigned to Tactical Operations. Services were held June 25.

Guy
Michael Guy passed away on Monday, June 8, 2015. He is the brother of Jailer Sarah Guy-Jackson, assigned to the Southeast Jail Division. Services were held June 20 with burial in Paradise Cemetery.

Haney
Maxine Lois Haney passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2015. She is the mother of Sergeant Roy Haney, assigned to the South Central Patrol, Tactical Unit. Services were held July 9.

Harrison
Valicia Harrison, 48, passed away on Tuesday, June 30, 2015. She is an Administrative Assistant assigned to the Property Division. She was born on June 27, 1967, in Lafayette, Louisiana and joined the Houston Police Department on January 1, 2008.

Hedstrom
Mr. Lester Hedstrom, 93, passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 in Weimar, Texas. Mr. Hedstrom is the father-in-law of Senior Police Officer David S. Lafferty, assigned to Midwest Patrol Division. Services were held June 20.

Hill
Retired Data Entry Operator Johnebra Hill passed away on Saturday, June 20, 2015. She joined the department on September 28, 1998. She served her entire career at Northwest Command until she was medically retired on April 12, 2011. Services were held June 27.

Hubbard
Mrs. Juanita Marie Hubbard, 83, passed away on Thursday, June 11, 2015. She is the mother of Senior Police Officer Floyd E. Hubbard Jr. and his wife Lauren, assigned to Traffic Enforcement Division. Services were held June 18 in Katy.

Johnson
Former Chief of Police, Bradley K. Johnson (83), passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2015. He joined Police Academy Class #10 on March 10, 1953, and retired on March 30, 1985. He is survived by his wife, Lorena M. Johnson. Funeral services will be held within the Main Chapel of Cochran Funeral Home on Friday, June 12, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Jones Prairie Cemetery (also known as Crossroads Cemetery), Leggett, Texas.

Kellogg
Ms. Velma W. Kellogg passed away Thursday, May 28, 2015. She was the grandmother of Sergeant Starlyn R. Martinez assigned to the Northeast Patrol Division.

Key
Mark Douglas Key, Jr. passed away on Wednesday, July 8, 2015. He is the son of Retired Senior Police Officer Albert Hensley, who was last assigned to the Westside Division and retired on March 25, 2006, after serving over 25 years. Services were held July 15 with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Keys
Retired Senior Police Officer Lionel “Reverend” Keys (63), passed away on Wednesday, July 15, 2015. Officer Keys was a veteran of the United States Army. He joined Academy Class No. 88 on September 10, 1979. He served for over 24 years and retired on May 8, 2004 while last assigned to the Southwest “Beechnut” Division. Lionel was an ordained minister for many years. Reverend Keys is survived by his wife, Betty Keys; children, Dwight (43), Dawn (35), Dana (31) and five grandchildren.

Kleczynski
Mr. Gregory Leo Kleczynski, 52, of Palatine, Illinois passed away Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, Illinois. He is the brother of Lieutenant Richard J. Kleczynski Jr., assigned to Homicide Division. Services were held June 12 in Mount Prospect, Illinois.

Lorentz
Retired Sergeant Joe W. Lorentz, Jr. passed away on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. He joined Police Academy Class #82 on June 5, 1978. During his career, he served at the Northwest Division, Jail Division, and the Emergency Communications Division, and retired on March 29, 2014, while last assigned to the Special Operations Division. He is survived by his sister, Susan Lorentz of Spring Branch, Texas. A Memorial Funeral Service will be held Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. within the Houston Police Officers’ Union Hall at 1600 State Street, Houston, Texas 77007, telephone number (832) 200-3410.

McIntosh
Mr. Patrick McIntosh passed away on Monday, June 29, 2015. He is the husband of Administrative Associate Mary McIntosh, assigned to the Records Division. Services were held July 4 in Plantersville.
Maura
Mr. Leroy Maura passed away on June 3, 2015. He is the father of Sr. Police Officer Debra L. Maura, assigned to the South Central Division. Funeral service will be held at St Peter The Apostle Catholic Church, 6220 La Salette, Houston, Texas 77021, on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. Visitation will be held before the visitation from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Houston Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 2626 Cullen, Pearland, Texas.

Nelson
Mrs. Doloris Rae Nelson passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2015. She is the mother of Senior Aircraft Mechanic Richard Anthony Black Jr., assigned to the Air Support Division. Services were held July 7 with burial in Ellston, Iowa.

Paul
Retired Police Officer Charlie Walter Paul, 70, passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2015. He joined Police Academy Class #42 on October 6, 1969. Officer Paul was a veteran of the United States Army. He was last assigned to the Northeast Division, and retired on February 28, 1991. Officer Paul was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Elaine Paul, and a son, Kevin DeWayne Paul. He is survived by his son, Charles Paul of Hurricane Mills, Tennessee, and step-sons, Vance Hyndman and Dale Hyndman both of White Bluff, Tennessee. Funeral services were held within the Main chapel of Taylor Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.

Robert
Ida Lee Robert passed away Wednesday, June 3, 2015. She is the grandmother of Police Officer Alex D. Roberts, assigned to the Special Operations Division. Services were held June 12.

Sanford
Retired Police Officer R.B. Sanford, 81, passed away Tuesday, June 23, 2015. He was born on August 10, 1933. He joined Police Academy Class No. 18 on April 28, 1958, and he served for 23 years and retired on May 29, 1981. He was assigned to Traffic Enforcement, Solo Detail. He was also a proud veteran of the United States Armed Forces. Services were held June 26.

Staney
Mr. Chester F. Staney, passed away on Monday, July 6, 2015. He is the father of Captain William C. Staney, assigned to the Inspections Division. Services were held July 11 in Severna Park, Maryland.

Summerfield
Mr. Alton W. Sommerfield, Sr., 88, passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2015. Mr. Sommerfield was a veteran of the United States Army. He is the grandfather of Senior Police Officer Jeffrey Stewart assigned to the Burglary and Theft Division; Father-in-law of Retired Sergeant Clayton Stewart, brother-in-law of Sergeant Alfred Herrmann (deceased), uncle of Sergeant Timothy Herrmann assigned to the Northwest Division, and uncle to Sergeant Gary Herrmann, assigned to the Major Offenders Division. Funeral Services will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wiedeville, 4529 Wiedeville Church Road, Brenham, Texas 77833, on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, 4529 Wiedeville Church Road, Brenham, Texas.

Sutton-Johnson
Sheila Marie Sutton-Johnson passed away on July 1, 2015. She is the daughter of retired Police Officer Lloyd Bartley, who passed away in 1997. Officer Bartley served the department for over 35 years before retiring in 1993. Officer Bartley was the uncle of Senior Police Officer Douglas R. Sutton, assigned to the Inspections Division, Extra Employment Unit. Services were held July 10 with burial in Houston National Cemetery.

Swearingen
Merle Hazel Swearington passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2015. She is the grandmother of Senior Police Officer Carl R. Black assigned to the Juvenile Division and the mother-in-law of Retired Police Officer Charles R. Black. Services were held July 8 with burial in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

Torres
Margarito R. Torres passed away Friday, June 19, 2015. He is the father of Senior Police Officer Robert Torres, assigned to the Kingwood Division, and brother-in-law to retired Senior Police Officer Rodolfo Gomez, last assigned to the Airport Division, IAH. Services were held June 24 with burial in Hollywood Cemetery.

Van Bui
Mr. Kim Van Bui, 65, passed away. He is the father-in-law of Sergeant Thanh Ngoc Phan, assigned to the Central Jail. Services were held June 9 with burial in Forest Park East in Webster.

Walker
George W. Walker passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2015. He is the father-in-law of Senior Police Officer Steve Benefield, assigned to the Juvenile Division. Mr. Walker had a fifty one year career in Law Enforcement, serving in Galena Park and Retired as a Sergeant from Pasadena Police Department. He most recently service was as a captain with Henderson County Sheriff's Department. Services were held July 20.
Bonnie Blazed a Trail from Minnesota to Houston, Becoming the First of Three Generations of Officers

By NELSON ZOCH

There are numerous interesting paths that have led individuals to a career in law enforcement, and specifically, to the Houston Police Department. This is one of those stories.

There was a young lady born in Duluth, Minnesota in October 1930. This young lady, Bonnie, grew up in a small rural community named Aitken, where her dad was the area’s bread distributor.

Bonnie and her sister Jeanine assisted their dad on some of his route deliveries prior to going to school on many cold, snowy and freezing mornings.

Bonnie played basketball for the high school girls’ team and was also a drum majorette in the band.

Bound for Houston

After graduating at the young age of 17, Bonnie had no immediate or urgent plans for her future. However, she learned that her grandmother, who had been visiting from Houston, was returning to her home and Bonnie decided on the spur of the moment to accompany her grandmother on the drive to Texas.

While she had never been to Texas before, she had always wanted to go there and was not about to pass up this chance. She did have one concern about the Lone Star State and that was would she be able to walk around all those rattlesnakes she had heard so much about. While this decision to go to Houston was a spur of the moment one, it turned out to be a life-changing experience that to this day this young lady did not ever regret.

Upon arriving in Houston, Bonnie learned that the rattlesnakes were not the big problem she thought they would be. She moved in with her grandmother at 3312 Morrison Street, just off Houston Avenue near White Oak Drive. Of course, now she needed employment and an uncle suggested that she apply with the City of Houston.

This would be around 1948 or so. Her uncle introduced her to the Civil Service Director Roy Floyd. Bonnie took a typing test which she nervously failed and was then referred to the Municipal Courts Ticket Division. There she was given an assignment by a Mr. Mitchell, who was the Chief Clerk of the Courts.

This rather daunting assignment was to file, in a proper order, a very large number of parking tickets which had been accumulated in a box with no order whatsoever. After evaluating this quagmire, Bonnie decided to file the tickets by the Texas license plate numbers, a task that required several months. She then did the research necessary to determine which tickets had been paid.

I am not sure if this is the same man as the Sergeant-Detective ranks were not interchangeable at that time.

After reporting, she was assigned general office duties and also, in quiet moments, began reading the various police books that were scattered around the division. Bonnie read and studied these books extensively in her off-duty time and about three months later, she was told to report to City Hall and take the Civil Service test. She passed the test and reported to Police Chief L.D. Morrison, who was away at a meeting at the time. Morrison had authorized his secretary to swear in Bonnie as an officer. And, then as they say, the rest is history.

Bonnie was assigned Detective Badge No. 368 and sent to the HPD Property Room where an unclaimed .32-calibre revolver from a gambling raid was provided for her. Bonnie how to handle the weapon on her own.

At the time of all this, 1953, Bonnie was married and would become the mother of two daughters and two sons. Her married name was Raney. Bonnie joined Police Officer Lanny Dixon [later Stephenson] in the Juvenile Division. Shortly thereafter, Margie Duty joined them, followed in 1955 by Josefinia [Jo] Bankston, Mercedes [Mercy] Halvorson Singleton, Emily Rimmer [Vasquez] and Jean Smith, Velia [Belle] Ortega, Jimmy Schultea Wooten and Ruby Stone. It should be noted that most of these young ladies excelled in their duties and a number of them became wives of HPD officers.

The Juvenile Division

The initial assignments for Bonny were unusual, to say the least. Based in the Juvenile Division was the Dance Hall Detail, which closely worked with the Texas Liquor Control Board. Their duties were to enforce liquor violations, check all dance halls and beer joints for any juveniles being served.

Some of the officers she worked with were Forrest Turbeville, O.D. Patrick, Ned Newman, Charley Cone, C.P. Anderson and Bob Brumley. There were several fights and resisting arrests that occurred and Bonnie strongly suspected that some of these incidents were staged or set up in order for them to see how the females would react “in the heat of battle.”

Searching female prisoners was a common assignment for these female Officers and Bonnie and others routinely assisted Vice Division personnel such as Chester Massey and Dave Hadley in that effort. Bonnie and Lanny Dixon were at one time assigned to dress in swim suits and participate in a diving exercise at the Shamrock Hotel.

No Women Allowed

She was asked to report to Assistant Chief of Police George L. Seber, who questioned her as to whether she really wanted to be an officer. In turn, she asked questions regarding the duties she would be expected to perform and she eventually agreed to go forth with the process. She asked how she would be able to learn about the job and the chief instructed her to read books about policing and she would be given a test in three months.

While the Houston Police Academy existed at this time, women were not allowed to be trained there. Female officers were a new and unproven entity, actually an almost unheard of idea in Houston, Texas at the time.

She reported to the Juvenile Division commanded by Capt. R. L. Horton, who assigned her to the 4 p.m. to midnight shift under Lt. Earl Kirkland and Sgt. R.O. Biggs. (Author notes here that the R.O. Biggs some of us knew was a Homicide Detective and...)

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which was brand new on the South Main horizon.

Bonnie was actually the one that was exposed to a very unusual diving training experiment to recover stolen property from the hotel’s swimming pool. While Lanny did not go into the water, Bonnie did with much trepidation. She was very scared, but followed the orders of then Lt. Earl Maughmer and his brother, Officer Lynn Maughmer. Needless to say, after this assignment, neither Bonnie nor Lanny applied for the newly formed HPD Diving Team. It should be noted here that with the exception of Bonnie, Forrest Turbeville, Jo Bankston and Jimmie Wootten, all are deceased here in 2015.

With all of the difficult assignments Bonnie had experienced, her career took a toll on her marriage. She was one of only several of the above named policewomen who were not married to fellow officers. She was divorced and in 1973 married HPD Officer James (Jim) Montero. By prayer and very good fortune, they remain married to this day and Jim was of tremendous assistance in raising Bonnie’s four children and now six grandchildren.

Bonnie’s dedication to duty and her work ethic continued to follow her career. This brought about assignments in the Community Service Division, Crime Analysis Division, the Extra Job Employment Division, Vice Division, Crime Stoppers, in several Assistant Chiefs’ Offices, and then her last assignment prior to retirement, the Homicide Division. In most of these assignments, Bonnie’s job was to set up crime analysis programs by which repeat offenders could be identified and more easily tracked.

Duty and Work Ethic

Being a dedicated and conscientious officer sometimes becomes a thankless job. However, Bonnie’s attention to duty and work ethic brought her to the attention of superior officers. In 1980, Officer Bonnie Montero was recognized by the prestigious 100 Club of Houston in the Investigative Category for the work she completed in the Vice Division. She was also awarded for the 1984 Women in Non-Traditional Occupations Award by Crimes Stoppers of Houston.

The inner workings of the Houston Crime Stoppers program were explained in detail by Officer Bonnie Montero to a visitor from England’s Scotland Yard, which later implemented a similar program.

As noted, Bonnie’s last HPD assignment was to form a Crime Analysis program in the Homicide Division, where now Sgt. Jim Montero had been assigned since the late 1970s when he was recruited by Capt. Bobby Adams to assist in leading the much-needed Chicano Squad. Capt. Adams asked Bonnie to transfer to Homicide to assist Sgt. Paul Motard and Crime Analysis Specialist Debbie McMeneny in that effort.

Bonnie readily agreed to this new assignment and she and her two co-workers were very successful in the effort. Bonnie and Jim both retired from HPD in the spring of 1989, Bonnie with 35 years and Jim with 32.

In 2015, Bonnie and Jim live in the country between Tomball and Magnolia and are both enjoying their retirements even though Jim, in retirement, worked both in private investigations as well as serving for many years as a trustee of the Houston Police Officers Pension System.

Bonnie truly enjoyed a tremendous amount of job satisfactions during her many years of service to trace and track down criminals and their crime patterns.

Bonnie and Jim’s children are: Michele (Shelly) Raney (Richards-Scheibe), who became a Houston police officer and retired as a Sergeant-Detective, having worked in Traffic, Juvenile, Jail, Patrol, Narcotics, Homicide and the Inspector General’s Division. She served HPD for more than 30 years and now has a Private Investigations Company.

Matt R. Raney retired after 20-plus years as a Houston firefighter paramedic. He is now self-employed with a nursery and lawn maintenance company.

Janice C. Raney (Orlando-Landry), who also became an HPD officer, retired after 30-plus years as a sergeant. Janice served in Patrol, Narcotics and Vice Divisions. She is now an investigator for the Harris County District Attorney’s Office.

Dedicated Trailblazers

Patrick B. Raney is employed as a supervisor for a Worldwide Gas Exploration Company and resides in Houston.

Shelly, Matt, Janice and Patrick are all related to Sergeant Brian Raney, their great-grandfather, who retired from HPD with 36 years of service. They are also related to HPD Officer Ira Raney, who was murdered in the line of duty in the 1917 Camp Logan riots.

It is interesting to note that the trails blazed in the 1950-1960 era by Bonnie and the other female officers cleared the way in many ways for Shelly and Jan in their HPD careers. And, ever more so now, for one of Shelly’s daughters, Elizabeth Scheibe. On Wednesday night, April 29, 2015, Elizabeth graduated from the Houston Police Academy Class No. 221.

Bonnie had earlier in her career been assigned Police Badge No. 1968 at which time the Detective Badge No. 368 was turned in to the Department. No. 1968 had never been re-issued after Bonnie’s retirement and today Officer Elizabeth Scheibe proudly wears her grandmother’s badge.

Elizabeth Scheibe is one of three daughters of Shelly and her husband, retired HPDLt. Gary Scheibe. The other two daughters are Jessica Scheibe and Bonnie Richards. Jan Hawk is the mother of two sons, Travis and Cody Orlando, and Patrick is the father of Roman Raney.

The Raney family legend lives on within the Houston Police Department, thanks to Bonnie Hobbins Raney Montero and her husband Jim Montero.
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Psych Services
Testing HPD Applicants from HPD families
By LISA GARMEZY

We hate turning down your kids. No one enjoys crushing the hopes of a young person who proudly says he always wanted to be a police officer.

When he or she comes from a law enforcement family, I long to believe the applicant will grow into a good officer under the influence of the Academy staff. But when testing, interview behavior and someone’s history all point to a poor outcome, we have to say “No.”

Other than that unhappy chore, I love testing recruits. For the most part, the parade of sincere, motivated, clean-living young people can restore your faith in human nature.

Of course, some candidates don’t quite meet our standards. I asked one how recently he’d driven when he probably wasn’t legally sober. His answer, “Lord, my wife says I’ve got to stop doing that.”

A vet who handled nuclear missiles complained to me that his supervisors nitpicked about every little detail – I couldn’t feel his pain. I wasn’t interested in the guy who always drank a Coke while shopping but never paid for it. And grooming tip: a Johnnie Walker tee shirt is not business casual.

Another applicant referred to relatives as, er, female dogs. I turned him down, but a local sheriff’s office picked him up. Tragically, he went on to murder an ex. I earned my paycheck that day—well, both days it happened.

About Your Kid...

Most rejected applicants won’t commit horrifying crimes; they’re just not ready for a badge.

Let me take this opportunity to explain to the disappointed HPD parents out there what it means when your kid is not selected. As we tell the applicants, a psychological rejection only means that the individual is not suitable for THIS job at THIS time. The bar is set high, and we think it should be. A rejection most emphatically does NOT mean that the person has a mental health problem or emotional disorder.

Although years ago negative results were reported to Austin, that’s no longer true. Our decisions won’t block employment elsewhere.

Many of the people we turn down shouldn’t give up on a law enforcement career. I like to let the younger candidates know that they can reapply in a year and probably should—quite often, folks who don’t measure up at first can get in if they come back with a clean record and consistent achievement at work or school. Maturity matters.

Parents, listen up. We offer feedback after someone takes our tests, whether the person is accepted or rejected by HPD. If we turned down your child, encourage him or her to call and learn what he can about the reasons. You have colleagues who will testify that the feedback sometimes kick starts personal growth.

I recently told a rejected recruit that his pattern of drinking did not match that of successful cadets or officers. Truly, I hope it changed his life.

War Stories

We consider it a privilege to hear veterans of the armed forces tell their stories of enormous courage and loss. I feel like I’ve been behind the scenes everywhere U.S. troops have been deployed and some places where officially they never went. I even interviewed an airman about putting gum on Air Force One—and turned him down.

For the record, our staff gets nonstop diversity training. I get to hear what it’s like to make an arranged marriage or move to the U.S. after growing up cooking over an open fire. Some of you attended America’s most exclusive and expensive schools and some spent summers picking crops beside migrant worker parents.

Many officers have in common that they were inspired by a family tradition of public service, whether it was in DPS or a foreign army. Those stories are moving—but I love it when the inspiration comes from a stranger, when an unexpected act of kindness is cherished for a lifetime.

The Best Part

Not long ago a recruit described an HPD officer coming to his door when he was about four. The little boy thought he must be in trouble, but the nameless officer just wanted permission to bring over Christmas toys. From that holiday on, the needy kid was determined to join HPD. Whoever you were, you were a star recruiter that day.

Another cadet told me of witnessing a woman being abused on the street. He ran home and told his mom, who called HPD, who arrested the perpetrator. An HPD officer took him to lunch to reward him for being such a good citizen. That boy and his passion for righting wrongs are in the Department today.

We can’t make huge changes in people’s lives every day. Sometimes our efforts seem pointless. The revolving door keeps spinning. To quote a Yiddish proverb, you can’t empty the ocean with a teaspoon.

Still, you try. You constantly fight an ocean of injustice and evil. HPD can’t fix Houston or get gifts and guidance to all the young people in need. But sometimes you deliver your tiny spoonful of safety or encouragement or make what seems to be a routine decision, and it turns out to be exactly the right move at the right time.

Together, we make a difference.

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By LISA GARMEZY
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