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## 2010 Annual Conference April 19-23, 2010 CORPUS CHRISTI



### Holiday Inn – Emerald Beach

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**Agenda soon to be posted at** [www.tcjiug.com](http://www.tcjiug.com)

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Position 3	TBA	

### Advisory Committee (active)

Robert Hilsher	Past President	1985-1986
Mike Shannon	Past President	1988-1989

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# 2010 Conference Highlights:

## Training

All hours of the conference are suitable for general training hours for law enforcement personnel.

## TAC Training

Clif Harris, DPS TCIC Training Section will be providing TCIC/NCIC Terminal Agency Coordinator training on Monday April 19.

## TCIC Audit

Janet Raeke, DPS TCIC Audit Supervisor, will review audit procedures and discuss ways to make your TCIC/NCIC audit more effective.

## TLETS Update and OMNIXX CONSOLE

Joanne Jenkins, DPS TLETS Training Officer, will discuss the TLETS system. She will also discuss the Interpol Inquiries, Failure to Appear Program, National Virtual Pointer System, and Law Enforcement Support Center. Joanne will also be presenting on the Omnixx Console that is used by agency trainers for reports, training, etc.

## TLETS

Tena Watson, DPS, will be presenting a technical discussion on TLETS: Connectivity options, accomplishments since last year, and planned implementations

## TxGang

Pam Pierce, DPS, will be presenting on TXGang. A general overview of the state Gang database, TxGang, will be presented along with a live demonstration. Chapter 61, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure authorizes (and in some instances requires) local law enforcement agencies to gather gang and gang member information, but also states that the agencies must follow the guidelines of Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 23 when they do so. The Texas statute also states that if a local law enforcement agency collects information on criminal gangs into a local database, they must forward that information to the DPS for storage in a statewide database. Additionally, cities with a population greater than 50,000 and counties with a population greater than 100,000 must maintain a gang database. These statutes require virtually every geographical area in Texas to monitor and record gangs and gang members as well as report that information to TxDPS.

TxGang is the database created by TxDPS to fulfill this function. TxGang is currently on its third incarnation. Each revision has been an attempt to make the database more relevant and user friendly, and has been free of charge for any criminal justice agency to use. Current features of the database include well over 1,100 gangs and 15,000 confirmed gang members, definitive search options, mapping links using GoogleMaps, automatic gang member linking to the TxDPS computerized criminal history records, and the ability to customize agency accounts to internal needs.

## IJIS – Integrated Justice Information System

Representatives of the Governor's Office, Office of Court Administration, Conference of Urban Counties, County Information Resources Agency, DPS, DIR and others will discuss the efforts to create a plan and structure for a statewide IJIS. Topics of discussion include: Updates on TJ13 Plan, Charter Amendments, Local projects upgrades related to NEIM 28 Exchange Points, pilot projects related to NEIM 28 Exchange Points, Vendor Input

## Hearing Impaired

Alma Bebee, Deafness Resource Specialist from the Deaf and Hard of hearing center will speak on the Deafness Resource Specialist Program funded by DARS. She will also speak of new information, technology resources, and communication within the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community.

## IJIS

Paul Wormeli, Executive Director of IJIS will speak on National Programs supporting information sharing and the work of the Institute in supporting information sharing in justice and public safety.

**Sex Offender Registration** – Eddie Contreras-DPS will be speaking about Sex Offender Reporting Procedures and go over reporting forms.

**CJIS Audit** - Alan Ferretti and team, DPS CJIS, will present the status of Security Reviews and TLETS Conversions, "New" Technical Security Audit for Law Enforcement Agencies, The CJIS Security Policy changes – current and future, Security Awareness training Release Computer Security News.

## Computer Crimes

Jason Buchanan, US Secret Service will be presenting information on Internet fraud schemes, Nigerian scans, Identity theft, credit card fraud, and the counterfeiting of checks, credit cards and money orders.

## **TDEx**

Justine Williams, DPS will present. The Texas Data Exchange (TDEx) is a criminal justice system available for use by criminal justice agencies for criminal justice purposes. TDEx is repository of law enforcement incident and related data. The system also includes records of arrests and releases of persons from certain county jails. Other data sources include an agency's citations, when available, as well as information from the Department of Criminal Justice. The goal of TDEx is to share this information in an automated fashion in the same way that detectives, analysts and investigators now share it through many hours of manual work. This session will provide participants a high level overview regarding access, navigation, data sources and upcoming enhancements

## **CIJIMS (County Software Project) Update**

Gayle Latham and Eric Caldwell will present. This is an update on the initiative to create standards for a common integrated justice information management system for Texas counties. Creation of the standards will facilitate data exchange between counties and other government entities.

## **DPS Crime Records Update**

Mike Lesko is the Deputy Assistant Director of Law Enforcement Support, Crime Records and serves on the FBI's CJIS Advisory Policy Board. Updates on the DPS policies will be covered.

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## **Texas Sure Program**

What is Texas Sure?

The vehicle insurance verification program (called TexasSure) came about when the Texas Legislature directed the Texas Departments of Insurance, Public Safety, Transportation, and Information Resources to develop a system to reduce the number of uninsured motorists. Working together, the agencies have compiled a database that connects every registered vehicle in the state by its license plate, vehicle identification number (VIN), and liability insurance policy. That means that law enforcement officers and tax assessor-collectors can immediately access the database and verify if you are driving without insurance.

In Texas, 20% of the vehicles on our roads have no insurance coverage. That's 1 in every 5 cars and trucks, which equates to an estimated \$1 billion extra in insurance premiums that law-abiding Texans are paying annually to protect themselves against uninsured and underinsured motorists.

Got insurance? Great, you're good to go and there's nothing else you need to do. Driving without insurance? The TexasSure program will put an end to the days of uninsured motorists, drivers dropping coverage after receiving a valid insurance card, and fraudulent insurance cards.

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## **TDEx**

The Texas Data Exchange (TDEx) is available to law enforcement investigators, detectives, and analysts at no cost to your agency. TDEx contains data pertaining to incidents, suspects, booking and incarceration records (including photos), and other law enforcement activity contributed by local agency jail management systems and records management systems from across the state.

TXDPS requires that every agency using TDEx and/or contributing data must execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) plus appoint one individual to administer all of the agency's TDEx users. The MOU and Agency Administrator form must be signed by the head of your agency (or their appointed designee authorized to enter the agency into contractual obligations). You can obtain these documents, as well as, additional information regarding TDEx at:

[http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/crime\\_records/pages/texasdataexchange.htm](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/administration/crime_records/pages/texasdataexchange.htm)

Please contact TXDPS for additional information, by email at: [tdex@txdps.state.tx.us](mailto:tdex@txdps.state.tx.us), or call (512) 424-2629.

## 2009 Conference Highlights:

The 2009 Conference was a huge success! The presentations were very informative and all received great review by the membership. Some of the presentations for the 2009 conference can be accessed at [www.tcjiug.com](http://www.tcjiug.com) *Presentations should be used for reference only. They cannot be used for personal training reasons without the expressed consent of the author.*

Below are some of the comments received from 2009 Conference attendees:

“Excellent conference- very informative. TCJIUG is always direct info about what is about to occur for law enforcement. Hypnotist was great entertainment. Enjoyed breakfast and lunch every day – food was good!”

“Each class was very informative. Will be taking back lots of new info to share with my Department...Information sharing!”

“Wonderful information; I really enjoyed myself and hope to return next year.”

“Alma with the Hearing Impaired presentation was excellent- invite her back!”

“Excellent conference. Everyone did a great job. The Hearing Impaired class was wonderful, keep up the good job.”

“All new updates on systems were an EYE OPENER!!! The Secret Service guy [gave] great info on how to protect ourselves and the citizens, was helpful in clearing up question that citizens give us and help give them guidance as to what their options are. Didn't know about FUGINET...learned about the access that is available to law enforcement concerning fugitives and parolees.”

“Disaster Preparedness- good info since the hurricane season was around the corner...in highlighting what worked and didn't work.”

“I prefer the TLETS Updates because they clarify things and I look forward to new stuff coming up. (My chief asks me to provide him an insight as to what is in the future for the system and how it will affect the department – to help make manpower decisions, such as need more operators.)”

“The session that stands out most for me was the Computer Fraud/ID Theft/Nigerian Scams session presented by Jason Buchanan, U.S. Secret Service. I thought the material and the presenter were very engaging.”

“There is a huge benefit to be had by incorporating as much social interaction as you can. Conference attendees can get to know one another, develop professional relationships, stay in touch, etc.”

“The (Secret Service) Gangs presentation was very informative. The talk about various gang groups, their motives of operand, their symbolic tattoos, hand signs, and colors was delivered by a very energetic, knowledgeable speaker who kept my attention and gave me a value use full in both my personal and business life.”

“I find it to be a necessity for the departments within a county to have a synergy with their data process – I find areas in the county where the information could be shared instead of duplicating it. The DPS presentations are always my favorite because DPS influences how I do my work. My involvement with the electronic reporting, the maintenance Offense Codes, and the preparation for the upcoming Office of Court Administration gave me the incentives to find out DPS’s actions in these areas. I appreciated the talk by Chief Gavin, his general information about the DPS projects are always interesting and beneficial in the areas of data collections and processes.”

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## Photos from the 2009 Conference:

### Training Presentations:



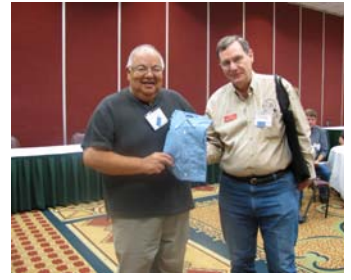
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### Dinner “Networking”:





## Door Prizes:



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## Do you have ideas/suggestions for course training at next year's conference?

Email them to [tcjiugwm@yahoo.com](mailto:tcjiugwm@yahoo.com) with the subject line "2011 Training Suggestions", being sure to include your contact information and a brief description of the suggested course and any known potential presenters for that material topic.

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## Getting to Know Your TCJIUG Officers and Board Members

### **Karen Pool – President**



Karen Pool is currently the Communications Center Supervisor for the Tarrant County College District Police Department. She began her career in law enforcement in 1988 as a dispatcher/records clerk and Communications Supervisor for the Burleson Police Department. She was also employed as a Communications and Records specialist for the Tarrant County Hospital District PD. Karen is CEO/President of her own Communications Training and Consulting business.

Karen holds several certifications: TCLEOSE Instructor, Background Investigator, Fire Dispatcher, NCIC/TCIC Associate Trainer for DPS, Internal Affairs Investigations, Hostage/Crisis Negotiations, Communications Training Officer Certification, Terminal Agency Coordinator, Terrorism Training, Suicide Intervention, Threat and Risk Assessment among others

She has been a member of the Tarrant County 911 TAG team, Tarrant County College Police Academy Training committee, and North Central Texas Communications Training Organization. Karen was also a Law Enforcement Explorer Post Advisor for 7 years and is a Basketball Coach.

### **Tammy Cannon – Vice President**



Tammy Cannon is a Systems Analyst for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. She has been with the agency for 19 years. Tammy manages the Data Management Department for the Information Technology Division. Her responsibilities include being the liaison for TDCJ in criminal justice data sharing initiatives. She is a member of the Texas Integrated Justice Information System (TIJIS) steering committee and participated in the Texas Path to NIEM project to develop data exchanges with state and local criminal justice agencies.

### **John Braun – Secretary/Treasurer**



John Braun is a Assistant Systems Manager for the Harris County Constables Office. He has been with the Constables office for over 30 years. Braun is also a licensed Certified Public Accountant. He has been with TCJIUG since 2002.

### **Tomas Stokes – Board Member**



Tomas was born in Medellin, Colombia in 1958 and has been an Austin resident since 1994.

Tomas graduated from Kingsville High School, Texas, in 1978. He served in the US Army 1978-1981 and received his education in Business Computers in four different universities: Saint Leo College (Florida), University of Houston Downtown (UH), Houston Community College (HCC), and The University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV). Tomas has a total of 22 years in his career field as a Programmer Analyst; as has worked in gaming, telecommunications, insurance, retirement, and Criminal systems.

He started working at Bell County in November 2005. He is responsible for developing and implementing their new Criminal Case Management System.

### **Pam Pierce – Board Member**



Pam joined the Crime Records Service of the Department of Public Safety in 1995 after a couple of years with Child Protective Services. Her duties have included the TCIC Quality Control Analyst, and TCIC Operations Supervisor. These positions interact with staff from DPS TCIC Audit, Training, and Control Room staff in addition to TLETS staff to ensure federal NCIC Policy and Procedures are disseminated appropriately throughout the State's law enforcement community; and the coordination/implementation of the NCIC/TCIC programs within the State of Texas. Currently, Pam's role at DPS is technical in nature related specifically to TCIC/NCIC functions, including the state's Gang database (TxGang), and her job title is TCIC/NCIC Systems Analyst.

**Advisory Board:** Mike Shannon and Bob Hilsher

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