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## 2011 Annual Conference May 2 – 6, 2011 CORPUS CHRISTI



## Holiday Inn – Emerald Beach

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Agenda posted at [www.tcjiug.com](http://www.tcjiug.com)

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

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# 2011 Conference Highlights:

## **Training**

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

## **TAC Training**

David Benefield, TCIC Training, will be providing TCIC Terminal Agency Coordinator training on Monday prior to the actual beginning of the TCJIUG conference.

## **Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) and Incident Based Reporting (IBR)**

Pam Nickel will provide information on the two different types of UCR reporting, Summary Based System (SRS), and Incident Based Reporting (IBR). You will also receive information on the different statistics produced by the UCR Bureau and who to contact to get those statistics.

## **TLETS and OMNIXX Console**

Joanne Jenkins, DPS TLETS Training Officer will discuss the TLETS system and some of its features. Joanne will also be presenting on the Omnixx Console that is used by Terminal Agency Coordinators for password resets, training reports, etc.

## **Tracking Gangs and Gang Members**

Jeremy Dansby, TxDPS 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.

## **TIJIS – 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 TJI3 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. Communication Access within the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community" Deaf and Hard of Hearing sensitivity and technology resources are another topic of her discussion.

## **IJIS**

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

## **Sex Offender Registration**

Janet Spradlin, TxDPS SOR Field Representative, will be speaking about Sex Offender Reporting Procedures and review reporting forms.

## **CJIS Security Audit**

Alan Ferretti, TxDPS Information Security Officer, will present information related to the FBI CJIS Security Policy changes recommended by the CJIS Advisory Policy Board, and approved by the FBI Director in February, 2011.

## **Current Trends in Financial Crimes**

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

## **TDEx**

JC Villanueva, TxDPS TDEx Manager, will present information regarding the Texas Data Exchange (TDEx), which is a criminal justice system available for use by criminal justice agencies for criminal justice purposes. TDEx is a 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.

#### **OCRA Database**

The “Oficina Coordinadora de Riesgo Asegurados, S.C.”, (OCRA), was created on 17 October 1994 in response to the need of having an entity to coordinate the insurance companies efforts to; locating, identifying, and recovering stolen vehicles. It has been adding to its duties to include crime and theft prevention, information systems services in support of Law Enforcement and Public Safety agencies.

#### **TxDPS TLETS/TAC Matters**

Several representatives from TxDPS will be on a panel to answer audience questions regarding TxDPS and FBI policies and procedures, including audit, training, validation, etc. for both TCIC and TLETS.

#### **TxDPS Crime Records and FBI CJIS Advisory Policy Board 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 FBI APB and Crime Records initiatives will be provided.

#### **TLETS Update**

Tena Watson, DPS will be providing updates on TLETS accomplishments since last year and planned implementations.

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## **What do you want to talk about?**

The TCJIUG board is excited to offer new topic presentations at this conference. But we are even more excited to offer round table discussions during each breakfast session. Look for a topic posted on certain tables during breakfast each morning, and join the chat. It will be a great time to ask for advice/how-to from your peers!

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## **2010 Conference Highlights:**

The 2010 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 200 Conference attendees:

“Very good conference, especially the audit topics which are very relevant to TAC position.”

“Very, very informative on all topics.”

“A lot of valuable information was provided along with resources- look forward to next year.”

“I had a great time and learned a lot of new things that will help me when I return to work.”

“This was the most informative conference I have attended. Keep up the good work.”

“I can say this is one of if not the best conference I have ever been to. Preparation, location, relevance all attempt to be responsive to attendees’ needs... Thank you for a wonderful, productive conference.”

“This was my first conference and I was very impressed.”

From prior years:

“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 session... 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.”

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## Photos from the 2010 Conference:

### Training Presentations:





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Food Oriented Social Networking events:







And then “That’s Entertainment”, AKA “Learn how to Dance the Tango”:



Many of our members won door prizes such as portfolios, Starbucks® gift baskets, jump drives, shirts, money, and a 2 night hotel stay.







## 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 and other specialized training certificates.

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. Pool was also a Law Enforcement Explorer Advisor for 7 years and is a Basketball Coach.

Karen is married and has 2 daughters.

### **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 an 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**



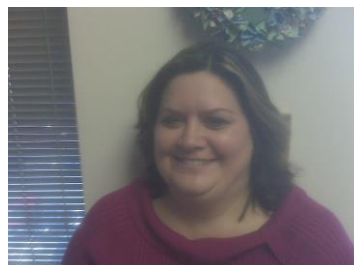
Tomas was born in Medellin, Colombia in 1958 and has been an Austin resident since 1994.

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.

Tomas is married, has 2 sons, and a grandson.

### **Pam Pierce – Board Member**



Pam joined the Crime Records Service of the Department of Public Safety in 1995 after a couple of years with the Travis County Child Protective Services. Her duties have included the TCIC Quality Control Analyst, TCIC Operations Supervisor, and now she is the TCIC/NCIC Systems Analyst. 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 (NCIC 2000/TCIC 2000) within the State of Texas.

Pam is married, has 3 sons and 3 grandchildren.



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

