

DEER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

2025



GREGORY L. GRIGG
CHIEF OF POLICE

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



Gregory L. Grigg
Chief of Police

The 2025 Annual Report covers a busy year for the Department. Emergencies, hiring, bringing a new RMS/CAD system online, and the 20-year renewal of the Crime Control District are a few of the items you will read about this year.

The Citizen Police Academy was held twice this year with seven graduates completing the Spring class and 17 graduates completing the Fall class. The Department stayed engaged with the community through National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop, attendance at community events, and by responding to citizen concerns.

The Humane Department reached full staffing during the year. They responded to calls for service, cared for the animals, kept the Shelter population low, and adopted out over 300 animals. The fourth annual Woofstock was a success, and had over 1,700 attendees.

During the year, the Department hired six Police Officers, four Dispatchers, two Public Safety Attendants, and one Animal Control Officer. Additionally, two PSAs transitioned into Police Officer positions, making seven internal transfers in three years.

The Department was awarded a \$57,051.76 STEP grant, to conduct enforcement for DWI offenses, and various moving violations, as well as \$16,701.48 Commercial Vehicle Traffic Enforcement grant, which was used for enforcing commercial vehicle violations.

In 2025, the Crime Control Prevention District (CCPD) funded three Telecommunicators, one Pro-Act Sergeant, two Pro-Act Investigators, two DOT Officers, one Crime Prevention Officer, three marked patrol vehicles, two DOT vehicles, and replaced one high water vehicle. Funds were also used to continue bringing our new Drone Program on line. Construction on the new EOC/Dispatch Center was completed.

Several officers of the Police Department, along with EMS and Fire personnel, assisted Deer Park ISD Criminal Justice Club students prepare for the Texas Public Service Teacher Association competition in 2024. The students placed 1st in EMT, Bunker Gear, and Firefighter Search and Rescue, 2nd in S.W.A.T, and Fingerprinting, and 3rd in Misdemeanor Traffic Stops, and Bunker Gear. These students advanced to the State competition in January 2025 where they placed 2nd in SWAT and 3rd in Bunker Gear.

The success of the Deer Park Police Department is made possible with the support of Mayor Mouton, the members of City Council, and City Manager James J. Stokes. Thank you for your trust, encouragement, and support. I thank our volunteers who gave 3,766 hours of their time to assist us across almost all areas of the department. A big thank you to the CPAAA who held yet another very successful Back the Blue event at Jimmy Burke. This is a good opportunity for Deer Park and La Porte Police to spend time with our citizens.

The most consequential and significant accomplishment for the police department in 2025 was the 20-year renewal of the Crime Control District. For this reason, I dedicate this Annual Report to the citizens of Deer Park who voted for this District renewal.

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FOUNDED:
1892 by Simeon H. West

SWORN OFFICERS:
72

JURISDICTION SIZE:
10.57 sq miles

JURISDICTION POPULATION:
34,495



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Chief of Police

Administrative Assistant

Administrative Services Bureau Assistant Chief

Neighborhood Services Bureau Assistant Chief

Fiscal Affairs
Grants
Internal Affairs
Planning & Research

Finance & Payroll Coordinator

Community Liaison

Crime Analyst

Support Services Lieutenant

Administrative Services Lieutenant

Community Services Lieutenant

Investigative Services Lieutenant

1 - Career Services Officer
Quartermaster

Alarm Management
Extra Jobs
Facilities Management
Internal Affairs Records

Humane
1 - Supervisor
3 - Animal Control Officers
1 - Shelter Attendant

School Resource
1 - Sergeant
8 - Officers

Administrative Sergeant
1 - Sergeant

4 - Beat Investigators
1 - Crime Scene Investigator
1 - Sergeant Pro Act
3 - Pro Act Investigators

Dispatch
1 - Communications Supervisor
13 - Telecommunicators

Records Unit
1 - Records Supervisor
4 - Records Specialists

Traffic Unit
1 - Sergeant
1 - Officer
2 - DOT Officers

Patrol
6 - Sergeants
30 - Officers

Crime Prevention
1 - Officer

Fleet

K-9
1 - Officer

1 - Warrant Officer

1 - House Check

Property / Evidence Custodian
1 - Public Safety Attendant

Accreditation

Holding Facility
6 - Public Safety Attendants

18 - School Crossing Guards

Legend
Blue—Sworn Personnel
Red—Civilian Personnel
Green—Part-time & Temporary Personnel

2025 MISSION STATEMENT 2025

Mission

The Mission of the Deer Park Police Department is to provide the highest quality of police service in order to improve the quality of life for the Community of Deer Park. The members of the Deer Park Police Department hold these values in the highest regard.

Integrity

We are committed to holding ourselves accountable to the highest standards of professionalism and ethics.

Partnership

We are committed to developing relationships with the community and together identifying and resolving issues affecting public safety.

Diligence

We are committed to hard work and purposeful activity.

Dedication

We dedicate ourselves to Professional Law Enforcement.



Deer Park Police Honor Guard members: Officers Miranda Delamarena, Austin Green, David Bode, Scott Baumann, Shane Guimbellot, Shawn Backus and Campbell Aurelius

CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT

In May of 2011, the citizens of Deer Park voted to enhance the capability of law enforcement and to assist with crime prevention programs by creating the Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD). This program has allowed the agency to grow through the acquisition of personnel, new equipment and technology. In 2025, the CCPD provided the agency with \$2,505,849.97 in revenue.

Funding from the CCPD is used for three Dispatch positions, one Crime Prevention Officer, one Pro-Act Sergeant, two Pro-Act Investigators and two recently approved Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers. The CCPD also funds the purchase of the department's fleet vehicles, including all of the marked patrol vehicles, high water and unmarked support vehicles.

During 2025, the CCPD provided funding for two DOT vehicles, three marked patrol units and one high water vehicle. The CCPD funds were also used to purchase the agency's eleven FLOCK cameras and a substantial expansion of the drone program.

A 20-year renewal of the district was approved by the voters in May of 2025, ensuring that the police department will have the needed personnel and equipment for years to come.



TEXAS BEST PRACTICES



The Deer Park Police Department is proud to be the 206th agency in Texas to receive accreditation through the Texas Police Chiefs Association (Texas Best Practices).

In December 2022, Chief Grigg decided to pursue this accreditation, which focuses on the most critical aspects of law enforcement. The program consists of 174 standards designed to ensure the protection of citizens, enhance public safety, and maintain operational readiness. From February 27th to 29th, the department participated in an on-site review, marking the final stage of the accreditation process. During this review, assessors meticulously evaluated each standard. After completing the assessment, the assessors compiled their findings into a report, which was presented to the accreditation committee. Following its review, the committee unanimously voted to officially accredit the department on March 4th, 2024. The department will undergo the re-accreditation process in 2028.

Chief Grigg, Assistant Chief Hart, and Sergeant Patton attended the 2025 Texas Police Chiefs Conference in Galveston. During the conference, the Deer Park CPA, along with the La Porte CPA, sponsored and organized the TPCA Foundation Golf Tournament to benefit fallen officers and their families.

Achieving accreditation not only reduces liability and risk for the agency and its employees but also helps limit liability for the city as a whole. Sergeant Patton has served as the Accreditation Manager since August 2023, while Sergeant Tryon has held the position of Co-Accreditation Manager since 2023.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Administrative Services Bureau consists of the Support Services Division, Career Services Division and the Finance Coordinator. Career Services Division is made up of Dispatch, Records, Hiring and Recruiting as well as the Quartermaster function. Support Services contains the internal affairs function, facilities management, alarm management and extra jobs.

The Bureau also oversees the various budgets that are managed by the police department. These budgets include the general fund budget, humane budget, Crime Control and Prevention Districts annual budget as well as any forfeiture items and their respective budget.

Kelly Davenport is the department's Finance and Payroll Coordinator; she is tasked with monitoring and accounting for the day to day spending of the agency. Kelly is also responsible for the payroll process and timekeeping for the department.

Another duty of the Administrative Services Bureau is to oversee any major construction projects within the agency. The latest project was the EOC and Dispatch center, which was completed in 2025.

The Bureau is supervised by Assistant Chief Frank Hart, Lieutenants Wade Keeney and John Yettevich, Communications Supervisor Kellie Bass and Records Supervisor Kathy Cobb.

During 2025, Officer Sam Jammis retired from the recruiting officer position and was replaced with Officer Scott Anderson. In late 2025, Lieutenant Chris Brown was transferred to the Career Services Division from the Investigative Services Division. Lieutenant Yettevich was transferred from Career Services to the Community Services Division.



Frank Hart
Assistant Chief



Assistant Chief Frank Hart with DPCFAA
Volunteer Stephanie Holwig



Assistant Chief Frank Hart with Chief Gregory Grigg and
students from the Deer Park High School Orchestra



Chief Gregory Grigg, Mayor Jerry Mouton and Assistant
Chief Frank Hart

CAREER SERVICES



Sam Jammass
Officer



John Yettevich
Lieutenant



Scott Anderson
Officer

The Career Services Division is responsible for identifying and recruiting individuals who demonstrate the highest potential to uphold the Deer Park Police Department's long-standing commitment to exceptional service. In 2025, the division was led by Lieutenant John Yettevich until October, when Lieutenant Chris Brown assumed command as part of a departmental reorganization.

The Career Services Lieutenant oversees the Communications, Records, and Recruiting units, and serves as the department's Training Coordinator and liaison to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). This role includes managing training budgets, tracking and reporting compliance, and ensuring all licensing and certification requirements are met. Each year, department personnel collectively complete more than 10,000 hours of training.

The Career Services Lieutenant also chairs the Training Advisory Board, the Awards Committee, the Family Assistance Committee, and represents the department on the City's Safety Committee and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

Officer Scott Anderson serves as the department's Recruiting Officer and is one of the certified fitness specialists. His responsibilities include actively recruiting qualified applicants, processing and testing candidates, and conducting comprehensive background investigations. He also manages the procurement and distribution of uniforms and equipment for department personnel.

Promotions

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Retirements

1

Resignations

1-Animal Control Officer

1-Telecommunicator

Recruiting

The Career Services Division reviewed 1,982 total applications for all positions throughout the department. The following positions were filled from those total applications:

4 - Telecommunicators

1 - Animal Control Officers

1 - Part-time Animal Shelter Attendant

6 - Police Officers

2 - Public Safety Attendants



Officer Scott Anderson monitors the physical agility test for potential police candidates



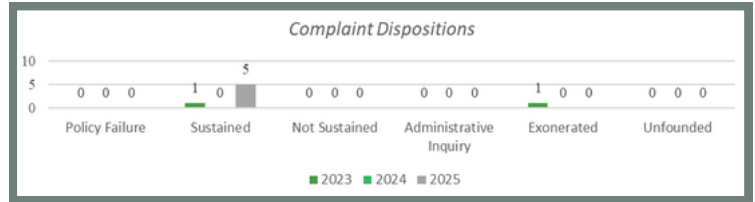
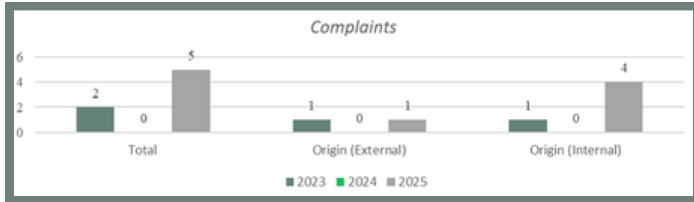
Wade Keeney
Lieutenant

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Administrative Services Division is responsible for upkeep of disciplinary, grievance, complaint and contractual records; the early warning system; the false alarm reduction program; coordination of secondary employment; and, police facilities management.

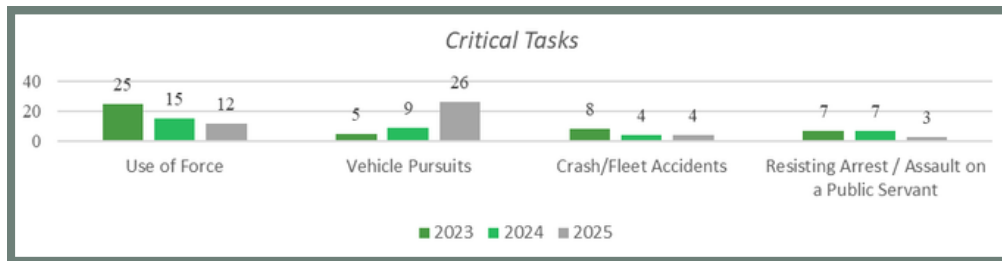
Complaints / Compliments

The method by which a citizen may commend or file a complaint and the manner in which commendations and complaints are handled may be read by visiting the Complaints / Compliments section of the Deer Park PD website. The number of complaints for 2023-2025 and the disposition of those investigations are depicted below. No racial profiling complaints were received during this time.



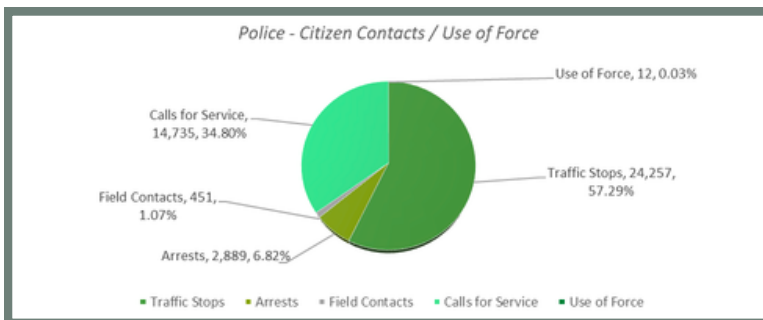
Critical Tasks

In order to manage risk, close inspection and analysis is given to the critical tasks of law enforcement. The 2023-2025 statistics for some of those tasks are depicted below.



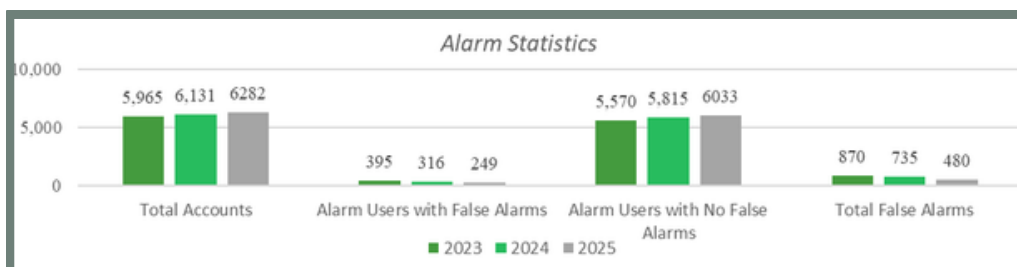
Police – Citizen Contacts / Use of Force

An examination of some of the most frequent types of Police-Citizen Contacts in 2025 reveal that a very small percentage (0.03%) of these types of interactions resulted in a Use of Force report.



False Alarm Reduction Program

Unnecessary responses to false alarms result in an enormous burden in manpower and expense to Police, Fire and EMS personnel, which in turn reduces the time available for them to respond to real emergencies. In order to address this issue, the City of Deer Park had a contract with CentralSquare Technologies, LLC (doing business as the Deer Park False Alarm Reduction Program) to provide false alarm tracking and invoicing services from 2023-2025. Additionally, the Police Department enforces the City's Alarm Ordinance. The alarm statistics for this time frame are depicted below.



RECORDS



Mary Kate Ayers



Amanda Teltschik



Kathy Cobb
Records Supervisor



Gini Kreiter



Becky Hughes

In 2025, the Police Records Unit was staffed by one records supervisor and four records specialists. During the year, the unit managed 4,157 requests for information and processed 20 Attorney General ruling requests, each requiring careful statutory review to ensure compliance with the Texas Public Information Act. Approximately 50% of the requests received and processed by the unit required some form of redaction, including paper, digital, audio, and video records. Although the overall number of requests was lower than in 2024, the decrease was directly attributable to the department's transition to a new Records Management System (RMS) in March.

In March 2025, the department successfully transitioned to a new RMS, which required extensive preparation and real-time problem solving to ensure continuity of operations. Despite the challenges of associated with implementing a new system, the unit maintained uninterrupted service to the community and met all statutory deadlines.

Throughout the year, the unit also continued its long-term project of digitizing aging records. This effort has significantly improved retrieval times and reduced the physical storage space needed for older files. The project was carefully balanced alongside daily statutory deadlines that show the unit's diligence to long term planning and project management. Although the process is detailed and time-consuming, it helps streamline operations and provides a quicker response to the community.

As the unit moves into 2026, we will continue to refining processes and advancing the digitization project to enhance operational efficiency. With a strong foundation in place, the team remains committed to continuous improvement and serving the community with excellence.



Records Specialists Gini Kreiter and Mary Kate Ayers, Records Supervisor Kathy Cobb, Records Specialists Becky Hughes, and Amanda Teltschik



Public Safety Attendant Zachary Beversdorf at Rolling Readers



Sergeant Aaron Gonzales speaks to media outlet Telemundo about Christmas Package Pickup



Records Specialist Mary Kate Ayers at the Citizen's Police Academy



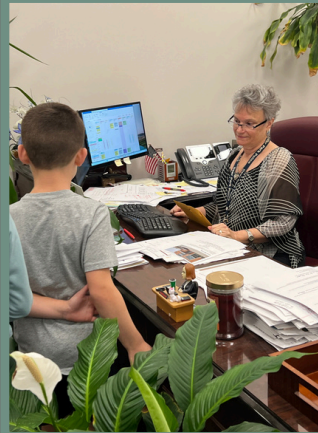
School Resource Officers Tina Taylor and Stacey Bridges



Animal Control Officer Celeste Saenz filming the Grinch for Christmas Package Pickup



Officers Joel Nitchman, Chase Erickson, Lieutenant John Yeltevich, Officers Dalton DuPont, Chris Marchesani, and Sergeant J.B. White at the Texas Police Chiefs Golf Tournament in Galveston, Texas



Administrative Assistant Rhonda Cole with Vacation Safety School participants



Officer Darrin Franco at Trunk or Treat



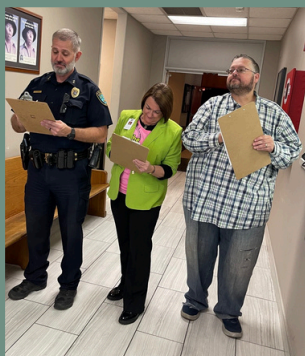
Detective Jillian Basilone and Officer Dalton DuPont at the San Jacinto Monument



Officer Jesse Ross with a future Deer Park Police Officer



Second from left: Officer Chris Marchesani, Sergeant J.B. White, Officers Caleb Spencer, Joel Nitchman, Dalton DuPont, Sergeants Travis Trotti, Ryan Coats, Lieutenant Jarrett Hill and Preston Plovovich at the Texas Police Chiefs Golf Tournament in Galveston, Texas



Assistant Chief Frank Hart, Charlene Tighe and Councilman Justin League



Officers David Bode, Miranda Delamorena and Campbell Aurelius



Officers Tina Taylor, David Bode, Campbell Aurelius and Miranda Delamorena



Animal Control Supervisor Al Garces teaching Vacation Safety School.

DISPATCH

The Communications Unit for the Deer Park Police Department is responsible for numerous duties including, but not limited to: answering 9-1-1 calls, dispatching police, fire and EMS units, dispatching animal control and after-hours city services, providing first aid instructions to callers, assisting first responders with completing public safety tasks, and monitoring the location and safety of public safety resources. The unit is also responsible for a variety of administrative tasks, as well as receiving weather and industry hazard alerts. The unit operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The unit is comprised of 14 positions consisting of 13 telecommunicators and one supervisor within the Administrative Services Bureau chain of command. Telecommunicators are supervised by the Communications Supervisor, who in turn reports to the Career Services Lieutenant. The Lieutenant reports to the Assistant Chief of Police and Chief of Police.

The telecommunicator position is comparable to other public safety positions, requiring the telecommunicators to work shift work and overtime, as well as experience some of the same stressors as other first responders.

In 2025, the Communications Unit worked closely with the Career Services Division to update recruiting, hiring and selection processes which assisted with achieving full staffing. The Communications Supervisor updated Facebook recruiting posts which resulted in an increase in applicants, to include experienced dispatchers. The Career Services Division Officer worked with the Communications Supervisor to implement CritiCall, a testing software which allowed potential applicants to demonstrate aptitude for the dispatch position and improved candidate selection. Career Services Division officers focused on dispatch background checks, increasing the number of applicants the unit was able to train to five in 2025. In addition, the Assistant Chief of Police coached Communications training Officers on techniques to better achieve training outcomes. In March, the department switched to Motorola computer aided dispatch and records management software programs. This was the most significant software change the unit had seen since December of 2009.

Hannah Edwards received the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department's Silent Partner award in 2025 for her assistance with a CPR call.

In 2025, Deer Park telecommunicators processed over 13,315 incoming and outgoing 9-1-1 calls, exceeding the industry standard that 90% of the 9-1-1 calls be answered within 15 seconds. Typically, more than 99% of the 9-1-1 calls were answered within the time allotted. They also assisted with 41,483 police events, 3,925 requests for EMS and 598 fire calls.

Elizabeth Rushing resigned from the unit, and Daissy Gonzalez, Astrit Flores, Makayla Stevens and Salvador Martinez were hired into the unit in 2025.



Kellie Bass
Dispatch Supervisor



Telecommunicator Jarrett
Grundman at Rolling Readers



Telecommunicator Melisa Muniz
and Public Safety Attendant
Sean Jimenez



Telecommunicator Zulma Veliz at
Rolling Readers

DISPATCH



Zulma Veliz



Brandi Cox - Britt



Clayton Hall



Jarrett Grundman



Hannah Edwards



Brittany Russell



Desiree Casteel



Clayton Long



Melisa Muniz



Daissy Gonzalez



Astrit Flores



Salvador Martinez



Makayla Stevens



Telecommunicators at work



Telecommunicators Makayla Stevens, Hannah Edwards and Daissy Gonzalez

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

The Neighborhood Services Bureau encompasses many divisions and units. These divisions are largely Patrol and Investigations Divisions.



Wade Conner
Assistant Chief

The Patrol Division also handles the holding facility, School Resource assignments, and Texas Best Practices Accreditation. During the year 2025, approximately 2344 inmates were booked into the Deer Park Police Department Holding Facility. These inmates were arrested in combination between Patrol and Investigations who work well together in continuing to make our City one of the safest in the State.

In March 2025, the Department used a \$6,000.00 donated grant from Occidental Petroleum (OXY) to begin a pilot drone program. The purchase included drones and training for officers to operate and licensing. In October 2025, additional funds were donated to the Police Department to expand the drone program by the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association. This donation was for \$19,793 giving the Police Department the capability to expand the program to a total of five drones and six trained and licensed operators. These drones will assist in locating missing persons, suspects who flee and mapping crime scenes. Future plans include the ability and capability to map to-scale fatality crime scenes. This will reduce the mapping tasks from hours to minutes. Training for this aspect began in 2025 but is extensive and will go into 2026.

The Flock system, as mentioned in 2024, has continued to be an excellent tool for identifying subjects and keeping the City safe. Additional cameras were installed in December 2025. The use of the data from these cameras has become a daily investigative tool.

Several cases have been successful using Flock but one in particular stood out. Detective Teyanda Payne was assigned an aggravated robbery with no leads to suspects. The robbery was committed by four suspects who pistol-whipped the clerk of a local store. After spending dozens of hours studying Flock, GPS locations, social media, Accurint and JWEB, Payne was able to identify four suspects. These four suspects were not only charged for the robbery in Deer Park but were later identified in three robberies that occurred in Houston and one in Harris County jurisdictions.

Deer Park Police Department has been very fortunate to have a community that donates to the Department and fully supports them. The tools mentioned are only a couple that the Department utilizes.

The Patrol division also provides the Deer Park Independent School District with 10 School Resource Officers and one Sergeant as well as 18 School Crossing Guards. This is through an interlocal agreement with the Deer Park ISD, who we work very close with.

Overall, the Neighborhood Services Bureau has had a very successful year solving multiple crimes and continuing the community service functions that we have built over the years. For the most part we continue to strive to keep our great reputation among our citizens as well as our school district and neighboring cities.

COMMUNITY SERVICES



Jarrett Hill
Lieutenant

The Community Services Division is committed to safeguarding life and property while preventing crime through the delivery of professional and responsive police services. Central to this mission is the Division's strong partnership with the community and its emphasis on proactive policing strategies.



Officer Shane Guimbilot with a friendly passenger on board

The Division encompasses a variety of specialized units, including, K-9, Warrant, Holding Facility, Traffic, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Humane, SWAT, Hostage Negotiation, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), Special Response Group (SRG), Drone Team, and Accident Reconstruction. These units provide critical support in enforcement, emergency response, and public safety operations.

In partnership with Deer Park Independent School District, the Division supports campus safety by deploying 10 School Resource Officers, one Sergeant, and 18 School Crossing Guards, reinforcing a secure learning environment for students and staff.

The Division also leads the development and implementation of community-focused programs designed to strengthen public engagement and crime prevention efforts. These initiatives include Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, National Night Out, Are You Okay, Shepherd Program, Residential Security Inspections, Volunteer Program, Vacation House Checks, Lock-Take-Hide, Lockbox Program, Citizen Ride-Along Program, Child ID, and the Child Safety Seat Installation Program.

Additionally, the Community Services Division manages fleet operations for the Police Department, overseeing the purchase and maintenance of all departmental vehicles to ensure operational readiness.

Through these combined efforts, the Division advances the Department's community policing philosophy and fosters lasting partnerships with residents and stakeholders.

In 2025, the Division was led by Lieutenant Hill. Leadership transitioned in October to Lieutenant Yettevich, who served in this capacity through the end of the year.



Officer Miranda Delamorena with Vacation Safety School participants



Officers Chase Erickson, Eddie Salazar, Melynda Ramirez, Candace Bonner at National Night Out.



Sergeant Ryan Coats



Sergeant JB White, Officers Dalton DuPont, Ryan McBride, and Joel Nitchman



Chief Grigg, Councilman T.J. Haight, Assist. City Manager Sara Costlow, Officer Sean Jackson, Kami Loftin, City Manager Jay Stokes, Sergeant Ryan Coats, Detective Jason Huff and Councilwoman Sherry Garrison



Assistant Chief Frank Hart



Officer David Bode, Sergeant Josh Patton, Officer Campbell Aurelius and Officer Clint Jackson



Officer Ryan McBride, Officer Dalton DuPont, Michelle Combs and Officer Melynda Ramirez



Lieutenant John Yettevich, EMS Chief Andrew Smith and Sergeant Joe Cooper



Lieutenant John Yettevich, Community Liaison Sheila Plovanch and Sergeant Ryan Coats



National Night Out 2025



Officers Candace Bonner, Chase Erickson, and Eddie Salazar



National Night Out 2025



National Night Out 2025

DRONES

The Deer Park Police Department launched its Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Program in 2025 to enhance public safety, improve situational awareness, and provide officers with safer and more effective tools during emergency operations. The Department has six Officers: Sergeant Travis Trotti, Detective Jason Huff, Officers Scott Baumann, James Hartley, Shaun McCaffrey, and Austin Green certified through the FAA under Part 107. Additionally, The Deer Park Police Department is recognized by the FAA and been granted a Certificate of Authority (COA) which allows our operators to fly the drones beyond the visual line of sight.

The program utilizes three primary drone platforms:

- DJI Avata 2
- DJI M30T
- DJI M4T

These systems provide aerial support for patrol operations, search and rescue missions, accident reconstruction, fire response assistance, critical incident management, and disaster assessment. The M30T and M4T are equipped with FLIR cameras allowing us to operate in low-light conditions. The Avata 2 is a small indoor drone that is primarily used to clear buildings and tight quarters during high-risk operations and SWAT call outs.

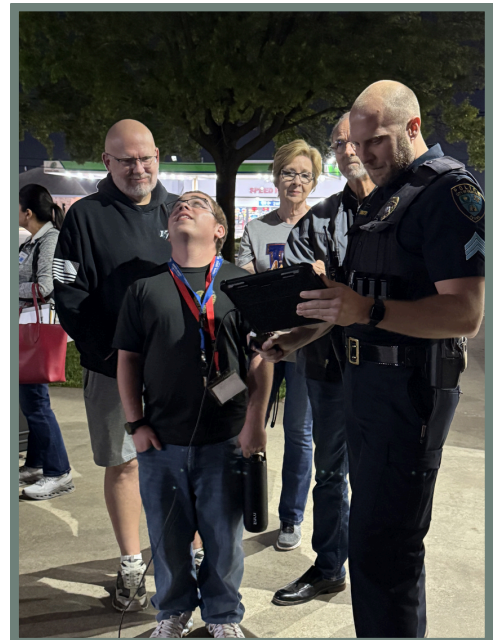
During the first year of operation, the program successfully integrated drone technology into daily police operations while maintaining strict compliance with FAA regulations and departmental privacy policies.

Key outcomes of the first year include:

- Increased officer safety through remote scene assessment
- Faster search capabilities for missing persons and suspects
- Improved documentation of major crash scenes
- Enhanced support for fire and emergency management operations



Aerial photo taken by drone of the police department and new Dispatch/EOC facility



Sergeant Travis Trotti demonstrating the drone



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



Jason LaPoint



Tina Taylor



Joe Cooper
Sergeant



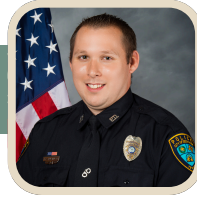
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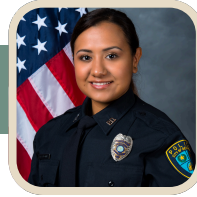
Stacey Bridges



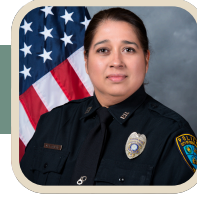
Bill Chaffin



Anthony Kuchinski



Melynda Ramirez



Mary Ann Salas



Danny Rouen



School Resource Officer
Mary Ann Salas

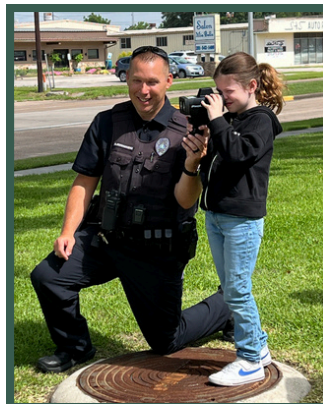


Nick Thatcher

The Deer Park Police Department has assigned School Resource Officers (SROs) to provide law enforcement services within the schools in Deer Park for 25 years. Our SROs ensure physical safety, enforce state and local laws, serve as liaisons between DPISD and the City, and offer mentorship and law-related education to both students and educators. In 2025, the SRO Division was comprised of Sergeant Joe Cooper, Officer Jason LaPoint, Officer Tina Taylor, Officer Del Wilcoxson, Officer Stacey Bridges, Officer Bill Chaffin, Officer Anthony Kuchinski, Officer Melynda Ramirez, Officer Mary Salas, Officer Danny Rouen, and Officer Nick Thatcher.

All DPPD SROs are certified Master Peace Officers and the division has certified ALERRT instructors, a verbal defense/de-escalation instructor, Stop the Bleed instructor, and a defensive tactics instructor.

When school is not in session DPPD SROs are hard at work participating in extensive continuing education and advanced training both as attendees and instructors. DPPD SROs attend a minimum of 120 hours of continuing education each year studying topics such as active threat, advanced tactical courses, mechanical breaching, firearms, defensive tactics, verbal defense and de-escalation, threat assessment, reunification planning, incident management, school-based law enforcement courses, and street gang training. In addition to in-service training, all DPPD SROs spend a minimum of 80 hours each year on the street to maintain the critical skills necessary to adequately serve and protect the community.



School Resource Officer
Anthony Kuchinski



School Resource Officer
Melynda Ramirez



School Resource Officer
Danny Rouen



School Resource Officer
Bill Chaffin

FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS

The Deer Park Police Department Field Training Officer (FTO) Program oversees all aspects of a probationary police officer's training and development. The program begins with the selection of Field Training Officers who are selected from their peers based on their professionalism, work ethic, and demonstrated ability to handle calls for service at a high level. These officers represent some of the most reliable and capable personnel within the department.

Field Training Officers are responsible for training, mentoring, and evaluating newly hired officers as they transition from the academy into active patrol operations. FTOs help probationary officers apply the knowledge and skills they learned in the police academy to real-world law enforcement situations while ensuring they develop the judgment, confidence, and professionalism necessary to succeed.

The FTO Program utilizes a coaching-based training philosophy, which emphasizes continuous instruction, evaluation, and detailed documentation throughout the training process. This structured approach ensures that probationary officers receive consistent guidance while progressing through the various phases of the program.

The primary goal of the FTO Program is to successfully guide probationary officers through each phase of training and prepare them to perform solo patrol duties as confident, competent, and well-prepared police officers.

The 2025 Field Training Officers consisted of Officer Scott Baumann, Officer Shane Guimbellot, Officer David Bode, Officer Joel Nitchman, Officer Chad Banogon, Officer Miranda Hudson, Officer Brooke Schwausch, Officer Dustin Parman, and Officer James Hartley, under the supervision of Sergeant Bryan Miller.



Bryan Miller
Sergeant



Scott Baumann



Shane Guimbellot



David Bode



Joel Nitchman



Chad Banogon



Miranda Hudson



Brooke Schwausch



Dustin Parman



James Hartley



Field Training Officer Scott Baumann guiding
Officer Canon Svegliato

SWAT.

The Deer Park Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team is a specialized unit comprised of highly trained, motivated, and disciplined officers dedicated to responding to critical incidents that require specialized tactical resources. The team consists of ten members and operates under the command of Lieutenant Jarrett Hill, who serves as Incident Commander, and Sergeant Bryan Miller, who serves as Team Commander.

The SWAT Team includes the following operators: Sergeant Joe Cooper, Sergeant Ryan Coats, Sergeant Travis Trotti, Officer Josh Reed, Officer Mason Moore, Officer Doug Bailey, Officer Lars Moe, Officer Scott Anderson, and Officer Chad Banogon. Team members volunteer for this additional assignment while maintaining their regular duties within various divisions of the police department. Collectively, the team possesses over 100 years of combined law enforcement experience.

The SWAT Team is deployed during incidents that require specialized tactics and a coordinated response beyond the capabilities of routine patrol operations. These situations may include hostage rescue operations, high-risk warrant services, barricaded or suicidal subjects, high water rescue operations, dignitary security, and other complex incidents requiring advanced tactical intervention.

Selection for the SWAT Team is a rigorous process designed to ensure only the most capable officers are chosen. Candidates must successfully complete a physical fitness evaluation, technical skills assessment, psychological evaluation, and an oral interview board. Selected candidates are then placed on a six-month probationary period before becoming full members of the team.

Training is a critical component of the team's readiness. Each SWAT member completes over 100 hours of specialized training annually, focusing on high-risk scenarios such as hostage rescue, barricaded subject resolution, high-risk warrant service, firearms proficiency, distraction device deployment, and the use of less lethal and chemical munitions. Team members are also required to pass annual physical fitness testing and regularly demonstrate weapons proficiency and sound tactical decision-making.

During 2025, SWAT personnel attended numerous instructor-level training courses, including Less Lethal Impact Munitions, Distraction Device Deployment, Chemical Munitions, Tactical Team Leader, Breaching, and Close Quarters Battle (CQB). Team members also attended several advanced firearms training courses throughout the year. In addition to their operational responsibilities, all SWAT team members serve as advanced training instructors within the Deer Park Police Department, helping to enhance the overall training and preparedness of department personnel.

The SWAT Team also remains committed to community engagement and public education. In 2025, team members participated in several outreach events, including demonstrations for the Deer Park High School Special Needs Class, the Deer Park Junior High Big Red Program, the South Campus Criminal Justice Club, the Rolling Readers Program, and the Deer Park Police Department Citizens Police Academy.

In addition, SWAT instructors conducted Active Threat Response training for local businesses, providing important education on how civilians can recognize and respond to active threat situations.

Through continuous training, operational readiness, and community involvement, the Deer Park Police Department SWAT Team remains prepared to respond effectively to the most complex and dangerous incidents in order to protect the citizens of Deer Park.

CRISIS NEGOTIATIONS



Jason Meredith
Sergeant



Aaron Gonzales
Sergeant



Nick Thatcher



Brandon Williams



Scott Baumann



Teyanda Payne



Bill Chaffin

The Deer Park Police Department Crisis Negotiations Team is utilized to bring a peaceful resolution to special critical incidents such as: suicide attempts, barricaded suspects, and hostage situations. The goal of the team is to reduce the loss of life and harm to citizens and officers. The Deer Park Police Department Crisis Negotiations Team is led by Sergeant Jason Meredith and includes: Sergeant Aaron Gonzales, Officer Scott Baumann, Officer Bill Chaffin, Detective Teyanda Payne, Officer Nick Thatcher, and Detective Brandon Williams. Each team member goes through extensive initial training, continuing education training, as well as monthly department training in order to maintain proficiency. The Crisis Negotiations Team also regularly trains with the DPPD SWAT team.

D.W.I.

The Deer Park Police Department remains committed to protecting the community through proactive enforcement and education efforts aimed at reducing impaired driving. During this reporting period, officers assigned to patrol and specialized enforcement initiatives made 509 arrests for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI), reflecting the department's continued focus on identifying and removing impaired drivers from the roadway.

Through targeted patrols, officer training, and community awareness efforts, the department worked to deter impaired driving and improve overall roadway safety. The results demonstrate both the effectiveness of enforcement strategies and the dedication of officers who prioritize public safety every day.

Impaired driving remains one of the most preventable threats to roadway safety. By making 509 DWI arrests, the Deer Park Police Department removed a significant number of impaired drivers who posed a risk to residents and visitors.

The Deer Park Police Department continues to collaborate with local law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and traffic safety organizations to support coordinated enforcement strategies and education efforts aimed at reducing impaired driving. The Deer Park Police Department also participated in several countywide initiatives with other local agencies. These partnerships strengthen the department's ability to share resources, training, and data to enhance overall traffic safety.

Each enforcement action represents a potential crash prevented and reinforces the department's message that impaired driving will not be tolerated within the community. The department also encourages residents to take preventative steps, including:

- Planning for designated drivers
- Using rideshare or taxi services
- Reporting suspected impaired drivers to law enforcement

The Deer Park Police Department continues to be recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for our enforcement action. Officers Chase Erickson, Dustin Parman, and Brooke Schwausch were recognized for their efforts for 2025.



Sergeant J.B. White, Officer Brooke Schwausch, Officer Chase Erickson, Sergeant Ryan Coats

SPECIAL RESPONSE GROUP

PUBLIC SAFETY ATTENDANTS

The Deer Park Police Department has 11 officers on the Special Response Group (SRG) supervised by Sergeant J.B. White. This unit is sometimes referred to as the Riot Control Team. To become an SRG member, you have to complete a selection process within the department and attend a 40-hour rigorous training course taught by Houston PD. This training includes hands-on experience with different riot control gear, distraction devices, and working alongside HPD's mounted patrol. During this week of training, officers are exposed to CS gas and receive training on utilizing gas masks during large events.

The SRG Unit also completes bi-annual refresher training with Houston PD and other local SRG units. Deer Park SRG works with surrounding agencies when they request additional manpower for large events such as political events, Galveston Mardi Gras, and protests. This is a part-time assignment and only utilized when the unit is called in for an event. In 2025, we had several new members added to the team replacing a few that have promoted or moved to different assignments. These new SRG officers successfully completed the Basic SRG School taught by Houston PD and have worked several large events. The unit is currently preparing to help work the 2026 FIFA World Cup coming to Houston next year.



Sergeant J.B. White and Officer Joel Nitchman working Mardi Gras in Galveston as part of the Special Response Group

Public Safety Attendants (PSAs) are responsible for processing and maintaining the general welfare of any detainee that is housed in the Deer Park Police Department holding facility. The booking process includes searching the detainee, inventorying their property, taking photographs and fingerprints, and completion and filing of related reports and documents. In 2025, the holding facility was staffed with six PSAs: Aiden Casey, Joel Roberson-Vela, Liam Flanagan, Zak Beversdorf, Malachi Gonzales, and Sean Jimenez.

In 2025, 2,369 adult detainees were booked into the Deer Park Police Department holding facility, compared to 2,406 in 2024.

In addition to the booking and releasing of detainees, PSAs have additional responsibilities and duties. Routine duties include regular welfare checks, preparation of detainee meals, and maintaining proper care of property and records. PSAs also perform required inspections for the holding facility for the safety, security, and facility cleanliness. PSAs assist in the arraignment of detainees with the Municipal Judge and arrange transfers to other facilities as necessary.



Aiden Casey



Joel Roberson-Vela



Liam Flanagan



Zackary Beversdorf



Malachi Gonzales



Sean Jimenez

HONOR GUARD

The Deer Park Police Department Honor Guard is comprised of officers who represent the department at various high-profile ceremonies throughout the year. These officers maintain high standards in appearance and conduct when representing Deer Park PD. Honor Guard officers volunteer their time to represent the department and are sometimes called upon with little notice. In 2025, the DPPD Honor Guard attended the Peace Officers' Memorial, Mayor Mouton's State of the City, Senior Olympics, and funeral services for fallen officers. The Deer Park Police Department Honor Guard is led by Sergeant Aaron Gonzales. The team's members include: Officers Campbell Aurelius, Shawn Backus, Scott Baumann, David Bode, Miranda Delamorena, Austin Green, Shane Guimbello, James Hartley, Wyatt Hale, Miranda Hudson, and Tina Taylor.



Deer Park Honor Guard at the Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony



Deer Park Honor Guard at the Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony



Deer Park Honor Guard at the Mayor's State of the City luncheon.

WARRANT OFFICER



Sean Jackson
Officer

Providing security for the Deer Park Municipal Court, serving summons, and clearing outstanding municipal warrants are the responsibilities of Warrant Officer Sean Jackson. Officer Jackson has been tasked with clearing more than 13,727 outstanding warrants. By following best practices and staying innovative in methods to reduce warrants, Officer Jackson has implemented several alternatives to notify people who have outstanding warrants. This ranges from automated calls and notifications, letters sent to home addresses, and direct phone calls from officers and volunteers with the Deer Park Police Department. The ultimate goal of the Warrant Officer is not to arrest people with outstanding warrants, but to get them to take care of the warrants through the municipal court, prior to arrest.

ACCIDENT

RECONSTRUCTION

BICYCLE PATROL

The Accident Reconstruction Team is utilized to investigate fatal traffic collisions. The team uses specialized equipment to measure, document, and analyze fatality scenes. These investigations help officers draw conclusions about possible causes and events during a vehicle collision. The Accident Reconstruction Team is available 24/7 to respond to fatality accidents.

In 2025, three new members were added to the team. Officers were selected based on their overall work ethic and ability to investigate collisions. The team also began phasing out the total station as the primary measurement tool and added a new drone, mapping program, and a GPS receiver.

The Accident Reconstruction Team includes: Sergeants Ryan Coats and Aaron Gonzales, and Officers Sean Backus, Scott Baumann, Austin Green, Chris Marchesani, and Shaun McCaffery.

The Bicycle Patrol Unit is supervised by Sergeant J.B. White and consists of three state-certified bicycle officers. The three officers currently assigned to the unit are Sgt. J.B. White, Officer Chad Banogon, and Detective Lars Moe. Each officer completed an application process and interview board within the department. Once selected, these officers attended a 40-hour training course through the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA). This course was very physically challenging and consisted of 20 hours on the bicycle during daytime and nighttime hours. Officers also learned bicycle maintenance and different riding techniques. The Unit is a part-time position, secondary to the officer's primary role in the Police Department.

This marks the 9th year of the Police Department's Bike Patrol Unit and our bicycle officers have worked numerous events throughout the city such as: parades, football games, marathons, bike races, large city events, directed patrols, and other assignments as needed.



Ryan Coats
Sergeant



Aaron Gonzales
Sergeant



Sean Backus



Scott Baumann



Austin Green



Chris Marchesani



Shaun McCaffery



Deer Park Bike Officer Detective Lars Moe

TRAFFIC UNIT

K-9

The primary goal of the Deer Park Police Traffic Division is to reduce traffic-related calls for service and minimize vehicle collisions in Deer Park. This is achieved through a combination of traffic enforcement, public education, and engineering, all under a collaborative problem-solving approach with fellow officers and the community.

Sergeant Josh Patton oversees the Traffic Division, which consists of five officers. Four of these officers are certified Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Inspectors, specializing in Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement. In 2025, Officer Scott Baumann joined the unit as the sole traffic enforcement specialist.

In 2025, the CMV officers attended additional training focused on commercial vehicles. This training equips the officers with tools to effectively remove dangerous or unsafe commercial motor vehicles from the road. During the same year, the unit expanded by adding two more CMV officers, Officers David Bode and Shaun McCaffery, who became certified in both federal and state enforcement.

The Deer Park Police Department also utilized a Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant, known as S.T.E.P., as a crucial part of its traffic enforcement efforts in 2025. This program deploys additional officers throughout the city to focus on traffic violations in high-accident areas, aiming to reduce vehicle collisions and enhance road safety.

The Deer Park Traffic Division actively engages with the community to raise awareness about safety issues and increase voluntary compliance with traffic laws. Public information and education activities are effective strategies for promoting compliance through education and changing driver behavior. Throughout the year, officers in the Traffic Division participate in various public information and education initiatives, such as performing car seat inspections and attending community events.

During 2025, Officer Joel Nitchman and K-9 Roni worked together to interdict and seize illegal narcotics and cash derived from illegal drug sales. K-9 Roni is a black and gray German Shorthaired Pointer who works strictly as a narcotics detector dog, assisting the patrol division with free-air sniffs of vehicles during traffic stops. This year, Officer Nitchman and K-9 Roni were tasked with assisting night and evening shift patrol. K-9 Roni was able to assist the officers in recovering illegal drugs, currency, and other evidence of crimes on numerous occasions. Nitchman and K-9 Roni also trained once a week with neighboring agencies and built partnerships with the handlers and K-9s.

In 2025, Officer Nitchman and K-9 Roni were responsible for numerous searches resulting in the discovery of various amounts of illegal drugs, illegally possessed weapons, and evidence of other types of crimes. Rigorous training is conducted each week to keep K-9 Roni proficient at detecting the odors of methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, MDMA, and marijuana. Officer Nitchman and K-9 Roni are members of the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association (NNDDA), a professional, nonprofit organization dedicated to the utilization and proficiency of scent detector dogs for the benefit of Law Enforcement.



Joel Nitchman and K-9 Roni



Traffic Officers Scott Baumann, Clint Jackson, Campbell Aurelius, Shaun McCaffery and David Bode



Officer Joel Nitchman and K-9 Roni with DPISD students

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS



Sergeant Josh Patton with Deer Park Crossing Guard of the Year Catherine Baker and Chief Gregory Grigg



Deer Park Crossing Guard Appreciation luncheon



Sergeant Bryan Miller and Crossing Guard Dean Harrison



DPISD Superintendent Tiffany Regan with Crossing Guard Mike Cheney

In 2025, the Deer Park Police Department, under the supervision of Sergeant Josh Patton, partnered with the Deer Park Independent School District to employ 16 crossing guards and 2 substitute guards. These individuals are responsible for ensuring safety at 18 designated locations throughout the city. As essential part-time staff, they play a vital role in safeguarding the students of the Deer Park Independent School District and the broader community.

The primary responsibility of a crossing guard is to help students safely cross the street while traveling to and from school each morning and afternoon. Although this job may seem straightforward, stepping into traffic twice a day—regardless of the weather—comes with its own challenges. Many crossing guards remain at their assigned intersections for several years, allowing them to build valuable relationships with the students they protect, as well as with their parents. They stay vigilant and are trained to report incidents such as crimes, disruptions, injuries, or vehicle collisions using their handheld radios, which provide an immediate line of communication with Deer Park Police Dispatchers. This system ensures a swift response from police and fire personnel when necessary.

Crossing guards are equipped with items such as handheld radios, whistles, reflective stop signs, and reflective clothing. They receive monthly training relevant to their assignments, as well as emergency situation training that includes CPR.

Additionally, crossing guards assist with public events such as fun runs and parades throughout the year to ensure that traffic is managed in a way that keeps all participants safe.

Due to her dedication to the students and her fellow employees, Crossing Guard Catherine Baker was named the American Legion Crossing Guard of the Year.



Crossing Guard Beckie Rundle



Officer Garrett Ercums at Rolling Readers



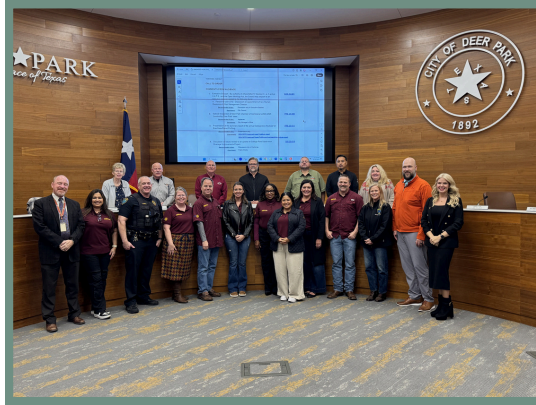
Officers Kai Zheng, Sean Jackson, Scott Anderson, Sergeant Ryan Coats, Officers Dalton DuPont, David Bode, Administrative Assistant Rhonda Cole, Assistant Chief Frank Hart and Detective Brandon Williams



Detective Josh Reed at Vacation Safety School



Lieutenant Jarrett Hill, Deer Park Chamber President Paula Moorjah, and Community Liaison Sheila Plovanych



Members of City Council, city and police employees participate in Leadership Deer Park



Sergeant Ryan Coats, Finance Coordinator Kelly Davenport, City Councilman Justin League, Community Liaison Sheila Plovanych and Officer Miranda Delamarena at the City of Deer Park Halloween lunch Theme: Cops and Robbers



The Grinch starring in our Porch Packet Pickup video



Officer Wyatt Hale at Peace Officer Memorial



Detective Jillian Basilone



Lieutenant Jarrett Hill at Leadership Deer Park



Lieutenant Jarrett Hill, Officers Curt Ward, Miranda Hudson, Sergeant Ryan Coats, Assistant Chief Frank Hart, Lieutenant Chris Brown, Chief Gregory Grigg and Sergeant Bryan Miller



Lieutenant Wade Keeney, Officer Del Wilcoxson, Public Safety Attendant Joel Roberson-Vela, Officers Bill Chaffin and Dalton DuPont celebrate the Marine Corps Birthday



Sergeants Mason Moore and Travis Trotti, Officer Scott Anderson, Sergeant Bryan Miller, Detective Josh Reed and Officer Chad Banogon with CPA participants.

CRIME

Crime Prevention is a fundamental component of our department's mission. Our unit remains committed to our annual goal of integrating patrol officers, detectives, and dispatchers, into community outreach programs to foster stronger relationships and familiarity with the public.



Kai Zheng
Officer

PREVENTION



Officers Kai Zheng and Shawn Backus at
Deer Park Helping Hands Food Bank

The interactions on Facebook between the public and the police department started with 36,997 Facebook "Likes" in December of 2024 and increased to 39,072 by December of 2025. We routinely uploaded weekly interactive posts on topics related to recent crime trends, Public Information & Education (PI&E), and other comical posts which undoubtedly gained new followers.

During the school year in 2025, DPISD elementary schools continued to participate in the Rolling Readers program. Rolling Readers is an outreach program where police officers and other department employees go to each elementary school and read to students, grades K-2nd, throughout the school year. By encouraging future generations to read, this initiative also provides a comfortable space for them to chat with police officers and ask questions about the profession.

Throughout the year, the Crime Prevention unit joined Safe Kids Greater Houston in child safety seat check events that took place monthly at Webster Fire Station #1. Our group of Child Passenger Seat Technicians (CPST), which includes Officers K. Zheng and D. Bode, installed and checked on an average of ten (10) seats per event plus appointments at the police department, which totaled to a little over one hundred child safety seats checked in 2025. Our unit also participated in multiple Trunk or Treat events, National Night Out, Show and Tell at child care facilities, Career Days at several schools, city events such as the Tree Lighting and Wellness Day events, and many more. We continued to host quarterly Senior Safety Talks at the senior citizen venues where we educate on crime prevention and trends, and also build trust with our senior communities.

Our officers also dedicated countless hours during and after school, mentoring the Criminal Justice Club students of Deer Park High School to participate in TXPSTA (Texas Public Service Teacher Association) district and state competition. Officer S. Anderson mentored in S.W.A.T., Officer C. Marchesani mentored in Building Search, and Detective B. Williams mentored in C.S.I. Members of the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department also mentored the CJ students in fire and EMS topics. This school year, Deer Park High School hosted the TXPSTA district competition at south campus so a few of our officers and members of DPVFD participated as judges. Our officers who judged the competition were Officers V. Minor, S. Anderson, C. Marchesani, and Retired Officer D. Nettles.

The TXPSTA competition resulted in the following placements: 1st place in Intoxicated Driver; 1st place in S.W.A.T.; 2nd place in Domestic Crisis Intervention; 2nd place in Building Search; 2nd and 3rd place in Law Enforcement Agility; 1st place in E.M.T. (Emergency Medical Technicians); 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in Fire Agility Team; and 1st place in Bunker Gear Those students that placed in the district competition will advance to the state competition, which will take place on February 21, 2026.

The deep connections with the students through our involvement empower them to pursue meaningful careers in law enforcement. Several graduates of the DPHS Criminal Justice Club are currently employed with our police department.

The Crime Prevention unit offers many programs, as follows, with the number of participants in 2025:

- Lockbox: 73 participants
- Bicycle Registration: 41 participants
- Are You OK: six (6) participants
- Vacation Safety School: 33 students between the ages of 7 and 13
- Shepherd Program: 16 participants
- Security Survey: one (1) at a house of worship

Our strategic focus for the upcoming year will be the continued integration of our department's mission statement.



Officer Kai Zheng at Rolling
Readers



Officer Scott Anderson, Lieutenant Jarrett Hill, Officer Kai Zheng, Public Safety Attendant Joel Roberson-Vela, Chief Gregory Grigg, Detectives Jillian Basilone and Brandon Williams, Officer James Hartley and Lieutenant John Yettevich



Officer Danny Rouen, Officer Kai Zheng, Sergeant Josh Patton, Chief Gregory Grigg, CPA Alumni President Lauree Cunningham, Assistant Chief Frank Hart, Alumni Vice President Mark Armintor accept treats from Beacon Federal Credit Union



Officer Scott Baumann, Detective Jason Huff, Sergeant Ryan Coats, Finance Coordinator Kelly Davenport, Officer Sean Jackson, Community Liaison Sheila Plovovich, Officer Miranda Delamorena, Detective Jillian Basilone, Cops and robbers at the City of Deer Park Halloween Employee Appreciation luncheon



Officer Scott Baumann, Detective Brandon Williams, Assistant Chief Frank Hart, Officer Kai Zheng, Chief Gregory Grigg, Detective Jason Huff, Sergeants Ryan Coats, Bryan Miller and James Tryon presented with lunch by Clean Harbors



Debbie Westbeld, Lieutenant Wade Keeney, Chief Gregory Grigg, Officers Kai Zheng and Canon Svegliato, Community Liaison Sheila Plovovich, Detective Doug Bailey, Lieutenant Jarrett Hill, Officer Scott Baumann, Detectives Jillian Basilone and Jason Huff, Sergeant Jason Meredith, Lieutenant Chris Brown, Assistant Chiefs Wade Conner and Frank Hart and Paula Moorjah



Members of Community First ER presented officers with snacks and goodies for Law Enforcement Appreciation. Pictured is Sergeant Josh Patton and Bryan Miller, Lieutenant Jarrett Hill, Officer Kai Zheng, Community First ER Ambassador Amanda Dealejandro, Assistant Chief Frank Hart, Sergeant James Tryon, Assistant Chief Wade Conner, and Officer Scott Anderson



Members of Deer Park ISD Criminal Justice Class, DPISD staff and Deer Park Police Department

HUMANE



Al Garces
Supervisor



Celeste Saenz



Judah Jacobs



Adrian Tanner

The year 2025 marked a remarkable achievement for the animal shelter, highlighted by the heartwarming adoption of over 300 pets, along with an additional 60 animals placed into loving homes through rescue partnerships.

The year commenced with a challenging freeze, but that did not impede our efforts to share uplifting stories of pets finding their forever homes at the Deer Park Animal Shelter. In the months following Christmas—when many pets are often surrendered—we worked diligently to ensure each animal was matched with a home that would provide the care and love it deserves.

In February, our "Will You Be My Valentine?" campaign featured photos of adoptable pets across our platforms. The response was overwhelming, with many visitors coming in and instantly connecting with their future companions. Thanks to this initiative and strong online engagement, more than 30 pets were adopted in February alone.

As the year progressed, the shelter continued to find creative ways to connect with the community. During the summer, we began building excitement on social media for our highly anticipated Woofstock event. This annual dog adoption festival features live music, vendors, food trucks, and participation from numerous shelters and rescue groups, creating a fun, family-friendly atmosphere. Held on September 27th at Dow Park, the 5th annual Woofstock was a tremendous success, welcoming over 2,300 attendees and reinforcing its status as a cherished Deer Park tradition.

In December, the shelter reissued an educational video promoting responsible pet ownership during the holiday season. The message encouraged families to carefully consider the commitment of pet ownership before giving an animal as a gift. This important reminder resonated broadly and was shared by animal control organizations and municipalities beyond our community.

Despite the unique challenges of 2025, the adoption center proudly met its goals for both adoptions and community engagement. Looking ahead, 2026 promises exciting new promotions, creative outreach efforts, and continued dedication to our mission: serving the Deer Park community and advocating for the well-being of its animals.

The adoption center is led by Animal Control Supervisor Al Garces, alongside Animal Control Officers Celeste Saenz, Judah Jacobs, and Adrian Tanner. Lieutenant Jarrett Hill of the Deer Park Police Department provides essential oversight and support to the shelter and its team.

We invite the community to continue sharing in these meaningful moments and to support the animals in our care. Follow us on Facebook to view adoptable pets and help make 2026 an even more impactful year.



Officer Scott Baumann, Celeste Saenz and Al Garces at CPR training



Rotary President Marshall Shepherd, Chief Gregory Grigg, City Councilman Justin League and Detective Brandon Williams receive a donation check from Deer Park Rotary for The Deer Park Animal Shelter's Woofstock

INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations Division

The Deer Park Police Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is overseen by Lieutenant Chris Brown. The Division is composed of four parts which all work together in their mission to conduct extensive investigations of criminal activity in our community and provide the best quality of life and security possible. These four parts include General Detectives, Crime Scene Investigator, Property and Evidence Custodian and a ProAct Unit.

ProAct Investigators

The ProAct Unit is led by Sergeant Jason Meredith with three investigators, Doug Bailey, Lars Moe and Teyanda Payne. ProAct is responsible for investigating a variety of crimes, to include: narcotics, vice operations, overdoses, follow-ups, warrant apprehension and current crime trends. The goal of the ProAct Unit is to utilize undercover officers and technological advancements to apprehend offenders by on-viewing the criminal offense. Some highlighted cases for ProAct during 2025, was the investigation into several massage parlors that were acting as prostitution enterprises. This investigation resulted in several arrests for prostitution and the permanent closure of three businesses. ProAct also conducted several operations into commercial burglaries, in which the commission of the crime(s) were considered organized and orchestrated, requiring hours of mobile surveillance and intelligence gathering to file the necessary criminal charges.

Crime Scene Investigator

The Deer Park Police Department's Crime Scene Unit consists of a licensed police officer, Veronika Minor, who has specialized training and skills in processing crime scenes and handling evidence. There are also two other officers who have been trained in crime scene processing and who serves in a "back-up" role to the Crime Scene Investigator allowing for 24/7 response to major scenes. Processing a crime scene may include taking photographs, mapping the crime scene, locating patent and latent evidence such as fingerprints, footwear impressions, hair, fibers and biological matter and locating additional evidence. The Crime Scene Investigator also serves in a back-up role the role to the Evidence Custodian and assists in those responsibilities.



Chris Brown
Lieutenant

Investigators

The Criminal Investigators are primary responsible for follow-up investigations which have been initiated by patrol. These cases range from minor theft to murder and everything in between. The Detectives assigned to CID during 2025 were: Josh Reed, Jason Huff, Jillian Basilone and Brandon Williams. The city is divided into quadrants with a detective assigned to each one. Their job is to investigate the crimes occurring within their area and utilize both reactive and proactive approaches to dealing with trends and problems as they arise.

Evidence and Property

The Deer Park Police Department's Property and Evidence Division is staffed by Public Safety Attendant, Raul Turner, who is certified as an Evidence Custodian and has extensive training in all aspects of properly managing a Police Property/Evidence Room. The Evidence Custodian's main areas of responsibility include, but are not limited to, the storage, security, destruction, proper packaging, and documentation of all incoming and outgoing evidence and property. The Evidence Custodian is also responsible for getting items to the proper labs for analysis preparing copies of case documents, videos, and photos as requested by the District Attorney's Office and also conducting research to determine the final disposition of cases. Evidence and property that was seized will be destroyed, sold at auction, converted to city use, or returned to its owner, depending upon the conclusion of the case and its disposition. The Evidence Custodian oversees the safekeeping of thousands of pieces of property with multiple items being received and released daily.

CRIME ANALYSIS



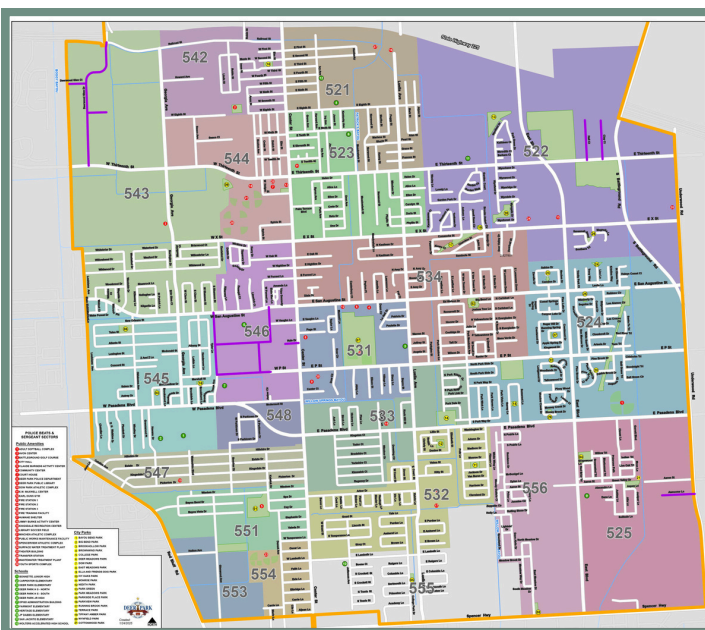
Ernestina Palomares
Crime Analyst

The Deer Park Police Department Crime Analysis Unit carefully reviews all information received including crime reports, calls for service, arrest reports, and alerts from other agencies to determine if any crime series, sprees, trends, or similarities exist. If one is identified, the unit disseminates this information to patrol officers to assist them in identifying the offender, the offender's modus operandi, or the offender's vehicle. Identifying and analyzing crime issues are of the utmost importance to the Crime Analysis Unit. Information that is disseminated from the Unit assists the Patrol and Investigation Commanders develop strategies to address any emerging, potential, or ongoing, crime problems. The crime analysis function also encompasses statistical reporting for both internal and external users. Reports are available, by request, to the citizens of Deer Park that summarize crime, or accident data, by location.

In 2025, the Unit spearheaded the integration, and implementation, of our new software suite: Motorola Solutions Premier One (P1). Our new software went online successfully on March 19, 2025, at 5:00am. Through minor hiccups, at the beginning, the department made a smooth transition and we are about to complete our first full year on the system. Currently, we are working on our online portal for the public, to view crime incidents in the city. We expect to bring on the new portal mid-year 2026.



City Manager Jay Stokes, Chief Gregory Grigg and Assistant City Manager Sara Costlow Recognize Crime Analysts Ernestina Palomares as Employee of the 1st Quarter 2025.



CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

The Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) is a condensed version of a basic police academy, and is coordinated by Community Liaison, Sheila Plovovich. Police officers, dispatchers, and other department employees who are experts in their respective areas of law enforcement, instruct the classes. Participants are local citizens who are interested in learning about the inner workings of the police department.

The CPA is held one night a week for a period of 14 weeks (42 hours). Participants learn about topics related to patrol duties, community oriented policing, crime prevention techniques, dispatch dexterity, use of force, defensive tactics, firearm safety, crisis negotiations and S.W.A.T. operations.

Hands-on learning enhances the experience through activities such as patrol ride-alongs, fingerprint collection, simunition exercises, the use of Fatal Vision Goggles, and much more. In 2025, there was a total of 24 participants. Class 50 commenced in the Spring with 7 participants, followed by Class 51 in the Fall with 17 participants.

Additionally, CPA graduates may join the Alumni Association (DPCPAAA), which supports the police department with volunteer services. The Alumni assists in coordinating new CPA classes, and facilitating promotional drives to obtain applications for new students for future academies.

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND VIPS

In 2025, the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (DPCPAAA) and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) contributed a remarkable total of 3,766 hours to the Police Department. Their efforts included:

- Managing traffic control at parades
- Assisting with Evidence and Property
- Supporting the Peace Officers Memorial
- Tracking and maintaining inventory for departmental uniforms and equipment
- Conducting vehicle equipment inspections
- Aiding with Vacation Safety School
- Co-hosting the Back the Blue BBQ Cook-off fundraiser with La Porte Police Alumni Association
- Maintaining training certificates and educational advancements for staff
- Offering a community-wide Shred Day
- Christmas Package Pick-up
- Warrant Calls
- Warrant Audits
- Assisting with DPISD high school graduation

In 2025, members of the Alumni Association assisted with the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation Golf Tournament in Galveston, Texas. The alumni made such an incredible impact, they were asked to assist with the 2026 TPCA Foundation Golf Tournament held in Corpus Christi.



2025 Volunteer Appreciation luncheon



Members of the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association attend the State Convention in Waco, Texas



Members of the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association assist Rhonda Cole with Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony



Recognition of Volunteer Appreciation Week at City Council



A joint effort with Deer Park and La Porte volunteers at Back the Blue



Alumni volunteers at Back the Blue



Members of the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association bring goodies for Humane



Members of the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association at a City Council meeting



Members of the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association assist with Rotary's Bubba Bingo event



Members of the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association assist Officer Kai Zheng with Vacation Safety School



Members of the Deer Park Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association bring goodies to our officers and staff

2025 BACK THE BLUE BBQ FESTIVAL AND 5K FUN RUN



Presenting Sponsor UPS Industrial Services



Valued Back the Blue Sponsor SULZER



Community judges for Back the Blue



Chief Gregory Grigg, Rotary President Marshall Shepherd, Councilman Justin League and Detective Brandon Williams



Detective Doug Bailey, Officers Ryan McBride and Darrin Franco

Back the Blue is a collaborative event hosted by the Deer Park and La Porte Police Departments in partnership with their respective Citizen Police Academy Alumni Associations. The event is a family friendly day of fun, bringing communities together to enjoy activities and show support for local law enforcement.



Community Liaison Sheila Plovanch with Criminal Justice student volunteers



Chief Gregory Grigg, Alumni President Laaree Cunningham, Community Liaison Sheila Plovanch, Officer Scott Baumann, Detective Jillian Basilone and Officer Miranda Delamorena



Lieutenant Jarrett Hill, Detective Jason Huff, Officers James Hartley, Shawn Backus, Dalton DuPont and Sergeant Bryan Miller

2025 BACK THE BLUE BBQ FESTIVAL



Lieutenant Jarrett Hill, Rhonda Cole, Mary Kate Ayers, Detective Jason Huff and Officer Miranda Hudson



DPPD Co-Coordinator Shejla Plovianich with LPPD Co-Coordinator Shaye Lister with Cop Stop



LPPD Co-Coordinator Shaye Lister leads the morning prayer



Volunteer Mary Doyal at Back the Blue



Officer Clint Jackson encourages Officer Ryan McBride



National Anthem before the Back the Blue 5K Fun Run



Detective Jason Huff gives City Secretary Angela Smith a medal for crossing the finish line



City Councilwomen Georgette Ford and Sherry Garrison along with Kami Loffin and Kylee Lottin



LPPD Volunteer Richard Browder and DPPD Volunteer Belva Cheney



Back the Blue 5K Fun Run



A representative from Presenting Sponsor UPS Industrial Services speaks at the sponsorship dinner for Back the Blue 2025

CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

In 2025, the Deer Park Police Department Chaplain Program had its eleventh full year. Nine professional clergy members from various denominations volunteered their time to support the department and the community, offering fellowship, and guidance during times of crisis, sorrow, and conflict.

Youth Pastor Angie Hughes, Pastor Rick Brown, Chaplain Eva Weverink, Chaplain Craig Weverink, Pastor Jason Morse, Chaplain Timothy Kelley, Pastor William Wesson, Pastor Kyle Dobbs and Chaplain Danna Shaw, along with newly appointed Chaplain Kevin Kirchen served as DPPD Chaplains throughout the year.

Police Chaplains were on-call 24 hours a day in 2025, ready to assist department personnel with a wide range of field situations, including death notifications, child deaths, lost or missing persons, and suicides. In addition to their crisis support, Chaplains were also present at monthly birthday breakfasts, socials, promotions and swearing-ins and the annual Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony.

Throughout 2025, our Chaplains selflessly donated many hours to the department and community.



Jason Morse
Chaplain



William Wesson
Chaplain



Timothy Kelley
Chaplain



Eva Weverink
Chaplain



Craig Weverink
Chaplain



Angie Hughes
Chaplain



Kyle Dobbs
Chaplain



Danna Shaw
Chaplain



Kevin Kirchen
Chaplain



Chief Gregory Grigg and Chaplain Craig Weverink



Chaplain Eva Weverink praying over the new Dispatch and Emergency Operations Center



Chaplain Timothy Kelley praying for new officers being sworn-in



Chaplain Kyle Dobbs praying at the ribbon cutting for the new Dow Active Complex (DAC)

RETIREMENTS

Ismandar Mustapha “Sam” Jammias

Sam Jammias graduated from University of Houston Clear Lake in 1994, with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. He was hired on January 7, 2002 as a Police Cadet and attended the University of Houston Downtown Law Enforcement Academy. He graduated on April 19, 2002, at the top of his class; and, at the age of 40 set a new academy record in the 1.5 mile run with a time of 9 minutes and 26 seconds! Sam was sworn in as a Patrolman on April 29, 2002.

Soon after completing the field training program, he was selected due to his background and linguistic skills, by then Chief, Bill Young, to be a team member on a joint local, state and federal task force. The task force mission directive was anti-terrorism. Sam's role was undercover operations and translation of Arabic documents obtained during search warrant executions.

Upon exiting the task force, Chief Young again called on Sam to fill the Career Services Officer position. He has served in this position for 18 years, hiring numerous employees for all positions in this department.

Sam received several commendations and awards during his tenure including Officer of the Month on multiple occasions and Officer of the Year in 2009.



Chief Gregory Grigg bids farewell to Officer Sam Jammias

Retired March 30, 2025

**23 years, 2 months, and 23 days of service
with the Deer Park Police Department**

Hired – January 7, 2002 Sworn – April 29, 2002

Joanna Edwards



Detective Jason Huff, Crime Scene Investigator Veronika Minor, Chief Gregory Grigg, Administrative Assistant Rhonda Cole, Retiree Joanna Edwards, Community Liaison Sheila Plovanych, Detective Jillian Basilone, Officer Kai Zheng and Lieutenant Wade Keeney

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Officer of the Month for 2025

January - No Nominations
February - Officer Austin Green
March - No Nominations
April - Officer Joel D. Nitchman
Officer - Veronika K. Minor
May - Officer Douglas E. Bailey
June - Officer Christopher C. Marchesani
July - Officer Christopher S. Matczak
August - Officer Teyanda S. Payne
September - Co-Officer Lars P. Moe
Co-Officer Brandon M. Williams
October - No Nominations
November - Officer Douglas E. Bailey
December - No Nominations

Officer of the Year for 2025 Teyanda S. Payne

Rotary Officer of the Month for 2025

January Officer Shaun P. McCaffrey
May Officer James F. Hartley
July Detective Douglas E. Bailey

American Legion Officer of the Year – 2025

Officer David Mitkovski

American Legion School Crossing Guard of the Year – 2025

Catherine Mary Baker

Life Saving Awards

Officer James F. Hartley and Officer Dustin L. Parman

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



Officer Candace Bonner, Dispatch Supervisor Kellie Bass, Sergeant Ryan Coats, Chief Gregory Grigg, Detectives Jason Huff, Lars Moe, Sergeant Jason Meredith, Officer Scott Anderson, Lieutenant Jarrett Hill, Assistant Chief Wade Conner, Evidence Custodian Raul Turner, Detectives Josh Reed, Brandon Williams, Doug Bailey, Officer Jesse Ross, and Assistant Chief Frank Hart with Support Services Employee of the Year Sheila Plovanch and Police Officer of the Year Teyanda Payne



Lieutenant Jason Meredith, Sergeant Aaron Gonzales, Telecommunicator Hannah Edwards and Telecommunications Supervisor Kellie Bass. Sergeant Gonzales received the Badge of Honor Award and Hannah Edwards was selected for the Silent Partner Award at the Deer Park Fire/EMS Banquet



Deer Park Rotary President Marshall Shepherd, Chief Gregory Grigg and Beckie Stockstill-Cobb present Detectives Brandon Williams and Lars Moe with Co - Rotary Officer of the Month awards for the month of September 2025



Officer David Mitkovski awarded American Legion Officer of the Year 2025, pictured with Sergeant Travis Trotti



Lieutenant Jarrett Hill and Chief Gregory Grigg present Officer Shaun McCaffrey with Deer Park Rotary Officer of the Month for January 2025



Crime Scene Investigator Veronika Minor was recognized by the United States Customs and Border Protection - Outbound Enforcement Team. Pictured from left to right: Watch Commander Adams, Chief Gregory Grigg, Officer Veronika Minor, SCBPO Pickard, and Assistant Port Director Baranski



Rotary President Marshall Shepherd, Beckie Stockstill-Cobb, Chief Gregory Grigg, Assistant Chief Wade Conner, Sergeant Jason Meredith, Lieutenant Jarrett Hill and Sergeant Ryan Coats present Detective Doug Bailey with Rotary Officer of the Month for July 2025

OFFICERS SWORN IN 2025



Chief Gregory Grigg swears in Officer Dustin Parman



Chief Gregory Grigg swears in Officer Jeremy Ashley



Chief Gregory Grigg swears in Officer Christopher Everitt



Chief Gregory Grigg swears in Officer Darrin Franco



Chief Gregory Grigg swears in Officer Canon Svegliato



Chief Gregory Grigg swears in Officer Ryan McBride

NEW EMPLOYEES 2025

Police Officers



Dustin Parman



Jeremy Ashley

Cadets



Tristan Anderson



Alex Torres

Dispatch



Daissy Gonzalez



Astrit Flores

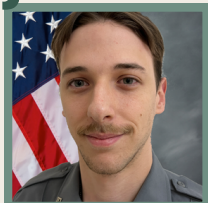


Makayla Stevens



Salvador Martinez

Jailers



Zackary Beversdorf



Joel Roberson-Vela

Humane



Judah Jacobs



Adrian Tanner

DEER PARK POLICE ASSOCIATION



In 2025, the Deer Park Police Association contributed the following for our community:
 \$3,000 for Criminal Justice Student Scholarship
 Endorsed Candidate Alex Mealer for Congress TX-09 District
 School Supply Drive for DPISD
 Bubba Bingo Sponsor
 EMS Appreciation Week
 DPISD Christmas Angels

The Association also provided the following items for officers:
 Magen identity protection monitoring
 Power Fit Meal fridge in break room
 Spring Raffle
 Back the Blue 5k event
 Flowers/Gift Cards for fellow officers and families
 Solo officer gifts
 New Sergeant promotion custom desk nameplates
 Crawfish boil
 Thanksgiving meals provided to patrol
 Christmas meals provided to patrol
 DPPA hoodies and coins created
 Police week gift giveaway
 New baby gifts
 Officer retirement gifts
 Critical incident support
 10 Days of Christmas



The Deer Park Police Association recognizes DPPD Volunteer Ruth Cook



Deer Park Rotary President Marshall Shepherd, Detective Brandon Williams, City Councilman Justin League, Detectives Jillian Basilone and Jason Huff



Detectives Jason Huff, Josh Reed and Jillian Basilone along with Alex Mealer (center)



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