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From The Desk of Constable May Walker



Since being elected Constable of Harris County Precinct 7 in 2004, I have been working hard to fulfill the promise of bringing integrity, accountability, professionalism, a new philosophy, fresh ideas, and innovative programs to this office. Thanks to your support, I am entering a new term with an even stronger commitment to serving the community while promoting honor and moral strength in law enforcement.

It is truly exciting to see something that you have nurtured and cultivated, grow and flourish beyond your expectations. Not only will we continue with the development and implementation of new programs, Precinct 7 will embark upon new territory in the coming year. We have signed a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Houston Police Department. This partnership will allow us to provide an additional service to the community by issuing city ordinance citations. We are going to concentrate on putting an end to eighteen-wheelers parking in our neighborhoods.

Again, thank you for providing my staff and me the opportunity to serve a second term. Also, I truly appreciate our contract participants for having confidence in this agency by allowing us to provide contract service to your neighborhoods. We are looking forward to providing you with an even higher level of service in the coming year. Let us all continue the spirit of "neighbor helping neighbor" during this holiday season and throughout the New Year.

Better Prepared to Serve and Protect Thanks to the Generosity of Others

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of others, Precinct 7 is better equipped to serve and protect the community. Precinct 7's High Water Rescue Unit has been praised countless times for rescuing and transporting citizens and motorists stranded in flooded areas. However, thanks to Charlie Buckner and Bass Pro Shops' donation of a motor for the precinct's high water rescue boat and other life saving equipment, the unit is better prepared to weather future storms.



Chief Anderson, Constable Walker, Charlie Buckner, Bass Pro representatives, Sgt. Hebert and Captain Wilkerson



Recently, Lloyd Vaughn, president of Triple V, Inc and father of Precinct 7 Deputies Tim and David Vaughn decided that he too wanted to do something for the precinct. Since Vaughn's business specializes in the installation of security systems he contacted SGI, one of his distributors, about providing security monitors and equipment for Precinct 7's Command Trailer and they referred him to Samsung. Without hesitation, Samsung donated four cameras and a DVR and Lloyd Vaughn and

son Deputy Tim Vaughn gladly supplied the labor. The cameras will be used to monitor the perimeter of the Command Trailer during deployment.

Also, the District Attorney's Office presented Constable May Walker with a check for the use of purchasing thirty Digital Police Car Camera Systems. These cameras will be installed in all patrol vehicles and will be used to enhance DWI/DUI enforcement and patrol in the precinct. This \$134,701.00 check will also allow the purchase of evidence lockers that are essential to the preservation and storage of evidence used by Precinct 7 deputies when they go to court.



Chief Anderson, Constable Walker, and Attorney Magidson



Hats off to the Deputies of Precinct 7

In an email sent to Chief Goree Anderson of Precinct 7 on Wednesday, October 22, Jim Carroll of the Maurel Research Group was singing the praises of **Deputy Brian Toyloy and Deputy Timothy Vaughn**. The two patrol officers set up radar on a stretch of Smith Street in Midtown that Carroll insists averages an accident a week due to speeding motorists. He stated, "Just the day before, someone was hit by a car."

Carroll called Precinct 7 Thursday, October 23, to report how happy he was to see the deputies out working radar again. He said, "A lot of folks think they are just trying to reach "quota" or hassle people, when in fact, all they are doing is trying to keep us safe." He continued, "Standing out there watching them, I noticed a lot of people coming up and saying "good job" to the deputies." He feels the increased police presence will make drivers think twice before speeding.



Pictures from the Precinct 7 Christmas Party



Drew Luke (Employee of the Year)



J. Milam (Deputy of the Year)



Lt. Trevino (Supervisor of the Year)



Linda Searce (Dispatch)



Ministers and Deputies



Maria M. Flores and Magaly Carrizal

Happy Holidays from Harris County Precinct 7 Constable May Walker!

The Duties and Responsibilities of Harris County Precinct 7

Harris County Constable Precinct 7 is a law enforcement agency that has the responsibility of but is not limited to patrolling and responding to emergency and non-emergency calls within the geographical boundaries in its contracted area. Precinct 7's ultimate responsibility is serving civil papers that are issued through the offices of the Justices of Peace (Positions One and Two) and county, district, and federal courts. The **Protective Order** is one of the many types of papers served by law enforcement officials of Harris County Constable Precinct 7.

Protective Order

A protective order is a court order that is meant to protect an individual from harassment or from someone who has been violent or who has threatened violence. If there is a clear and present danger of violence and immediate protection is needed, a judge may issue a temporary order called a **“Temporary Ex Parte Protective Order”** without bond, notice, or hearing. It is the responsibility of the constable, sheriff, or chief of police to provide a law enforcement officer to serve this order to the respondent while providing protection to the plaintiff especially if they share a residence. If the respondent refuses to vacate the residence, the respondent will be arrested for violating the Court's Order.



Amanda Fields (Victim's Asst.), Leticia Rodriguez (Victim's Coordinator), Tiffany Rohr (Victim's Asst.)

If experiencing harassment or violence and need of help or advice; contact Precinct 7's Victim's Services Unit.

The Harris County Precinct 7 Victims' Services Unit is here to work with victims and their families to ensure that all victims receive their rights, as guaranteed by the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Act, (Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 56). Under the Texas Crime Victims Assistance Act and Regulations, victims injured as a result of certain crimes, immediate family members of an injured or deceased victim and some witnesses may be eligible for financial assistance or benefits

For more details regarding Precinct 7's Victims Services Unit, please call 713-643-6773.

Minister's Thanksgiving Mission Accomplished!



Precinct 7 Deputies and members of the news media joined the **Ministers Supporting Precinct 7** on a Thanksgiving mission. Baskets filled with everything needed to prepare a Thanksgiving meal and much more were packed up by Precinct 7 employees, loaded into patrol cars, and delivered to ten area families.

The clergymen are dedicated to giving back to the community and based on the reactions of recipients; they accomplished their mission. Lurenza Tucker was visibly shaken when the deputies, news crew, and ministers knocked at her door bearing two large baskets filled with food and a turkey in hand. Ms. Tucker, a widow living on a fixed income stated, "You all startled me, I'm always the giver, I don't know how to react to being the receiver." When asked, if she was going to be able to use the food that was presented to her, Tucker exclaimed, "Oh yes this is enough food to get me through the year; this is a blessing!"



Deputies Marroquin and Patel drove ministers and helped deliver baskets



Ministers preparing to make deliveries



Constable Walker and Pastor Giddings



Ministers and reporters at the home of Lurenza Tucker



Ministers at the home of Joan Ann Morris

Houston's 25th Annual National Night Out



In a press conference at HPD's headquarters law enforcement officials from numerous agencies, representatives from Target (the official sponsors of National Night Out), and members of the news media looked on while Sheriff-elect Adrian Garcia read a proclamation from Mayor Bill White's office declaring October 7, 2008 officially Houston's National Night Out. Garcia expressed that National Night Out came early for Houstonians due to Hurricane Ike. He spoke proudly of the "neighbor helping neighbor" spirit that was reborn in communities all over the city due to the storm.

Constable May Walker nodded in agreement when HPD Police Chief, Harold Hurt stated, "We are serious about the prevention of crime and all Houston area law enforcement agencies must work together to make the city safer." Residents of Precinct 7 gathered to show their commitment to keeping their neighborhoods safe by getting to know each other during National Night Out festivities. Constable Walker was greeted with hugs and smiles from constituents of various civic organizations within the Precinct 7 jurisdiction.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to the Civic Club presidents by Constable May Walker or deputies of Precinct 7 at many of the National Night Out gatherings. Constable Walker expressed gratitude for community members taking the time to organize and promote neighborhood safety and partnerships with law enforcement agencies by recognizing and observing National Night Out.



Constable Walker's Scholarship Golf Classic was a Swinging Success!

Constable May Walker's Fourth Annual Law Enforcement Scholarship Golf Classic was a "swinging success." There were a few first timers in attendance, happy to socialize, eat great food catered by **Frenchy's Chicken**, and try their hands at winning one of the incredible gifts during the raffle. Then, there were the serious competitors, who played like they were out for blood. Overall, everyone had a great time, on a beautiful day, supporting an awesome cause.

The proceeds of this tournament will help underwrite a four year college scholarship that Constable Walker currently provides to both **Melissa Lopez** and **Chase Williams**. Lopez and Williams are scheduled to graduate from Sam Houston State University in May of 2009. Both students are majoring in Criminal Justice and are excited about establishing careers in Law Enforcement.



Captain James Phillips



Earl Jones and Benny Green



Lt. Silvia Trevino and Mark Clopton



Pct. 7's Vickie McBride



Constable Trevino and Chief Anderson



Al Odom and Chief Anderson



First Place, Jerry Horn's Team

Second Place, Chris Lowe's Team

Third Place, AAPOL





Harris County Precinct 7 Civil Division

Precinct 7 Employment Opportunities

The Peace Officers of Precinct 7 are dedicated to the ideals and principles of good professional law enforcement. Precinct 7 offers a wonderful work environment, stability, and the opportunity for advancement.

We are currently hiring Reserve Deputies that are:

- TCLEOSE Certified Peace Officers
- Peace Officers in good physical condition
- Peace Officers with no Class B or above misdemeanors or felonies

Expect a thorough background screening and drug testing

To become part of this select group of men and women, seriously consider applying for a position at Precinct 7 today!

For an application, please come by 5290 Griggs Street

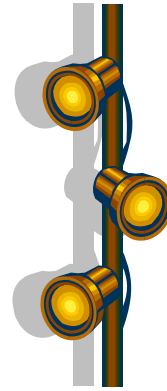


Tips to Help Reduce Energy Bills

75% of the electricity used to power homes is consumed while products are turned off!

- **Unplug home electronics and small appliances when they are not in use.**
- **Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players into power strip; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use.**
- **Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.**
- **Consider buying a laptop for your next computer upgrade; they use much less energy than desktop computers.**
- **Consider air-drying clothes on clothes lines or drying racks.**
- **Air-dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.**

For more money saving tips visit the U.S. Department of Energy website www.energysavers.gov.



Precinct 7 Spotlight: Deputy Robert Young

Native Houstonian and Jack Yates graduate, Deputy Robert Young lives by the adage, "It does not cost you one cent to listen." This sage advice, quoted to him time and time again by his parents when he was a youngster, helped prepare him for Precinct 7's G.R.E.A.T. Program. Deputy Young takes pride in the work he does preventing teen delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership at schools within the community. He has seen the positive affects the G.R.E.A.T. program has had on precinct students.

Deputy Young says entering the law enforcement profession was by "mere accident." Though others might argue, it was in his genes. His father, Officer A.V. Young along with our very own Constable May Walker were among the African American pioneers of the Houston Police



Deputy Young with G.R.E.A.T. participants

Department who fought for and changed discriminatory practices that plagued the organization during the 1970's and 1980's. Young's father is also the founder of HPD's first black employee organizations, the Afro American Police Officers League (A.A.P.O.L.), which was founded in 1975. Nearly thirty-six years ago, Young took his mother to the Department of Public Safety to get an identification card; he was approached by a State Trooper and asked to apply for a position with the agency. This so called accidental encounter was the beginning of Young's illustrious career in law enforcement. Also a trailblazer in his own right, Deputy Young became the only African American motor officer in the history of DPS. He retired from

DPS after thirty-one years of service and has been with Harris County's Precinct 7 ever since.

Respected by fellow officers and considered extremely effective by supervisors, Deputy Young is not all work. In his free time, he is a professional bowler and loves the game of golf. Young is also the proud father of a daughter and a son (Tarla and Robert Jr.) Although, he is no longer married, he is leaving his options open. Note to single ladies, the Precinct 7 bachelor says, "I will work for a wife."

Precinct 7, Knocked down by Hurricane Ike but by no Means Counted Out



Outside the Pct. 7 building the night the storm hit

With winds gusting over a hundred miles per hour and weighing in 70 percent larger than the average hurricane, Ike delivered a one-two punch to Harris County Precinct 7. Although, the odds were stacked against the small law enforcement agency, the dedicated Constable, deputies, and staff fought back and prevailed thanks to the support of Houston citizens and local businesses.

Precinct 7's main building was without power for almost two weeks

after the devastating storm. The command staff operated from Chief Goree Anderson's personal RV and a call center was set up in the Precinct 7 Command Trailer for dispatchers to respond to and relay incoming emergency and non-emergency calls. Both trailers were parked outside the main building and powered by a generator provided by a concerned precinct resident. The power outage also forced sergeants to conduct roll call in the parking lot of the main building.



Captain Lionel Aaron working from trailer on Pct. 7 parking lot

Despite insurmountable obstacles caused by Hurricane Ike, deputies served civil papers, patrolled the areas of Precinct 7, and worked with and assisted the Houston Police Department whenever there was a need. Local businesses and citizens were alerted of the precinct's circumstances in broadcast interviews with Constable May Walker, Chief Goree Anderson, and Sgt. Michael Hartley during a Channel 13 news segment. Constable Walker ensured the community that patrols would continue and informed them of the alternate dispatch center that was fully operational. She also apologized for any inconveniences that constituents experienced after Hurricane Ike due to the precinct's predicament.



Sgt. Michael Hartley being interviewed by a Channel 13 reporter

Constable Walker and Precinct 7 deputies were pleasantly surprised and encouraged by the outpouring of support from local businesses and area residents that resulted from the Channel 13 news broadcast. The makeshift dispatch/communication center was barraged with calls from individuals and companies offering food and water, and there were also prospects of getting a generator large enough to power the building. Although, Precinct 7 deputies are dedicated to honoring their commitment of serving the community regardless of the circumstance, they found comfort in knowing that the people they protect and serve each day were also concerned about their well-being.



Zach Jeter, General Manager of Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen receiving a Certificate of Appreciation for contributions made to Pct. 7



Kathy Williams, KRIV Fox 26- News Manager; D'Artagnan Bebel, KRIV TV/ KTXH TV- General Manager; and Chris McDonald (not in picture) receiving Certificates of Appreciation for contributions made to Pct. 7

Recently, Precinct 7 Sergeant Holland Jones was featured on the Channel 13 news segment, Crimetracker. Cameraman, Bernard Francis said Precinct 7 was contacted for the interview because while out filming the aftermath of the hurricane, they saw how hard the deputies were working. He detailed a situation where Precinct 7 deputies were protecting local businesses from looters. The focus of the interview, conducted by 13's Andy Cerota was the increase in crime as a result of the blackouts caused by Hurricane Ike.



Andy Cerota, Sgt. Holland Jones, Ch. 13 Intern-Melissa Villanueva and Bernard Francis

Hurricane Ike was tagged "the perfect storm for thieves," but thanks to the contributions and support of the community, the deputies of Precinct 7 never missed a "beat."