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CONSTABLE MAY WALKER'S PRECINCT 7 NEWSLETTER



From The Desk of Constable May Walker

Since taking office January 2005, so much has transpired. I want you to know that your faith in me has not been misplaced. Below is a list of some of my accomplishments during my three-year tenure as your Constable of Precinct 7. All statistics are from January 2005-November 30, 2007:

▶ My first mission in office was to create an environment of **Integrity, Accountability and Professionalism.**

▶ I designated special districts within Precinct 7 boundaries and implemented **Beat Integrity**. Beat Integrity dictates that patrol officers stay within their assigned areas while on duty.

▶ I reorganized the dispatch division. I hired new staff, developed operational procedures and mandated certification training.

▶ I created a **Policy and Procedure Manual** for all departmental operations.

▶ I established a strong working relationship with **HPD (Fondren Patrol Division, Southeast Substation and the South Central Patrol Division)**...

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- ▶ I customized Precinct 7 street database mapping for the **CAD** dispatching system.
- ▶ We served over **550** child support warrants.
- ▶ We have executed more than **3,370** warrants.
- ▶ I created a **High Water Rescue Unit**, (which consists of a 2 ½ ton vehicle, 5 ton vehicle) and a mobile command center. During the summer of 2007 we rescued over **30** motorists stranded by flash flood waters (see **related story**).
- ▶ In partnership with community leader Charles White, we conducted the first ever **Precinct 7 Community Emergency Evacuation Drills**.
- ▶ I established a partnership with Sam’s Club at 610 to use the parking lot as a staging area for motorist rescues.
- ▶ I established working partnerships with **Precinct 6 and Harris County Parole and Probation Departments**, in an effort to help monitor sex offenders in the precinct.
- ▶ We are also working closely with the **City of Houston and the Harris County Office of Emergency Management**. Precinct 7 deputies are also certified in the county’s emergency program.
- ▶ I created a **Tactical Response Team** to deal with crisis situations by implementing zero tolerance toward gangs, drugs, and DWI and traffic enforcement violations.
- ▶ I formed a Precinct 7 **Bicycle Unit** to patrol park areas.
- ▶ I created a **Volunteer Motorcycle/Motorcade Unit**, which provides dignitary escorts, traffic control for community parades and special events. Deputies volunteer their time for this unit.
- ▶ For the first time in its history, Precinct 7 has a **Victims’ Assistance Unit** (see **related article**).
- ▶ I formed a close working relationship with HISD and Precinct 7’s Justice of the Peace Zinetta Burney’s court to help eliminate high truancy rates at **Madison and Worthing High Schools and Dowling, Attucks and Woodson Middle Schools**.

Spotlight



Maximino Martinez (at the podium)

When **Constable Deputy M. Martinez**, was just a child he was fighting the neighborhood bullies, who picked on the smaller or weaker kids. He never stood around and did nothing; he always felt the need to protect. Today he is still doing the same, this time he is serving and protecting the good people of Precinct 7.

Martinez has been in the field of law enforcement for five years; for two years he was a U.S. Border Patrol officer and for the last three years he has been with Precinct 7. Martinez says he was drawn to law enforcement because, “I feel compelled to help and protect. I just can not stand around and allow innocent people to be hurt.” Constable Walker remembers when Martinez started out as a Reserve Deputy, “He never turned down an assignment; in fact he worked as much as a full-time officer. It was apparent Martinez was dedicated and had a standard of excellence.” When you have a reputation for excellence, you also have admirable goals. Martinez says, “Whether it is in Houston or someplace else, in the future I plan on being a chief of police, constable or sheriff.”

Thirty year-old Martinez is the eldest of three children. His parents, Maximino and Guadalupe taught their children to love God, not to look back, but to always look forward and never forget where they come from. Even though his parents were strict, they were very loving and their love has had a lasting impact on his life. Martinez is a very principled man, he does not drink nor smoke, but is a workaholic. If he is not working, you can find him teaching his 9 year-old daughter Ariana, the rules of softball or helping her with home work. His only other passion is playing a weekend game of baseball. Way to go Martinez!



Precinct 7 Award Recipients *Good job and Congratulations!*

Constable Walker and Deputy Chief Goree Anderson are pictured with the 2007 winners: **Sgt. Ken Davis/Supervisor of the Year award; Deputy Alden Clopton/Deputy of the Year award and Assistant Chief Clerk June Marsh/Employee of the Year award.**



Until next issue... Be safe!

Delinquent Dads Pay the Price

Precinct 7's legendary **Warrant Deputy W. Marshall** is once again racking up accolades for arresting delinquent dads. It is no secret that Marshall has a state reputation for reeling in delinquent dads, who are thousands of dollars behind on their court ordered child support payments; of course those that owe a few thousand are also on his radar screen. Marshall arrested a thirty-nine-year old father, who owes almost \$90,000 in back child support payments; as of this writing he is cooling his heels in Harris County Jail.

Also up for accolades is **Warrant Deputy D. Joubert**. Joubert arrested a delinquent dad, who was more than \$74,000 behind on his child support payments. Great work guys!



Warrant Deputies Marshall and Joubert



Duties and Responsibilities

The Re-Entry Order is one of the many types of papers we serve at Precinct 7 as directed by the courts.

RE-ENTRY ORDER

This particular order allows a commercial or residential tenant to resume possession of leased premises after an unlawful lockout. Any sheriff or constable or their deputies can deliver the order anytime of the week. This order has a 90 day expiration date from the issue date.



Interns

Andrea Osei and **DeMaris Pool** (see photos below) are Precinct 7's latest interns from Texas Southern University; they are majoring in Justice of Administration and will graduate this year.



- ▶ For the past three years, I've hosted an annual *Community Forum* to keep you abreast of news and improvements in Precinct 7.
- ▶ I hired **Vickie McBride**, a highly qualified *grant writer and grant manager* to help bring more resources to Precinct 7.
- ▶ To help keep our deputies safe, I have secured *bulletproof vests* for each deputy thanks to The 100 Club of Houston.
- ▶ All patrol vehicles are now equipped with *HPD radios*. The radios assist deputies in better serving the community.
- ▶ Precinct 7 is now housed in a new spacious facility located at *5290 Griggs*, which is across from our old office.
- ▶ On the Precinct 7 website you can now fill-out vacation watch and alert slip notices. *Precinct 7 is the first Constable's office to offer this service on-line.*
- ▶ Precinct 7's *Gang Resistance Education And Training* is recognized as one of the top five G.R.E.A.T. programs in the nation.
- ▶ The *Environmental Deputy Program* has tagged and removed *1,339* abandoned cars from the streets and has addressed issues of abandoned houses, high weeds, graffiti, trash dumping and other nuisances in the community.
- ▶ *Smoke Detection Program* is geared to serve the needs of our senior citizen population. Currently we are still handling requests for smoke detectors and we are also taking requests for the installation of carbon monoxide detectors.
- ▶ I created a *Law Enforcement Scholarship program*, which provides full four-year college scholarships (including book stipends) for two Precinct 7 high school graduates. Our two scholarship winners are planning on graduating this year.
- ▶ I established the *Precinct 7 Newsletter* to update you regarding information, safety tips, events and programs.
- ▶ *Ministers Supporting Precinct 7* is a group of area clergymen dedicated to giving back to the community. Each year the group sponsors two community projects, such as helping needy families during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

► **May Day, Health Expo & Cinco de Mayo Festival** is a fun event for the entire family. Families can get free health information, mini-health screenings, buy great gifts and food from vendors and have a good time.

I intend to surpass this high level of service. I will continue to serve the citizens of Precinct 7 and as always, I ask for your support and confidence.



Precinct 7 to the Rescue

Precinct 7's **High Water Rescue Unit** is always in the news. Of course you could not miss media reports praising the Precinct's first emergency evacuation drills. This two-phase community drill prepared civic leaders and first responders with ways to cope with a variety of public safety obstacles (high water evacuation and citizen transport). Our **High Water Rescue Unit** was again on the move during a recent flash flood, which left many motorists near 610 and Fannin stranded. **Captain Monroe Wilkerson, Fleet Coordinator** and **Captain James "Smokie" Phillips** weathered the storm by rescuing **30** citizens in distress. Dr. Evelyn Hunter was one of those citizens and she is singing the praises of the rescue team, "I really appreciate what Constable Walker is doing for Precinct 7."

While on the subject of the unit, this is a great opportunity to tell you about **W & B Service Company**; W&B donated a refrigeration trailer, which has been converted into a mobile command center. The center is an integral part of the precinct's **High Water Rescue Unit**; it is the staging area during incidents or emergency situations. W & B is the oldest carrier transcold dealer in America with 18 branches in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma; the company sells, installs and repairs transport refrigeration units. Many thanks to W&B owner, **John Chisolm, and Regional Manager, Russ Mullenix**. Guys, we thank you so much for making it happen.



Jones, Rodriguez and Tang



New Face in the Place

Ms. Leticia Rodriguez, a native Houstonian is Precinct 7's new Victims' Services Unit Coordinator. Rodriguez, who is bilingual, has extensive and diversified skills in the areas of legal advocacy, law enforcement, public education and customer/client services. Previously, Rodriguez served in the City of Houston's Mayor's Office of Public Safety Homeland Security as the Hispanic Community Liaison.

Rodriguez says, "The primary function of this unit is to help victims who are injured as a result of certain crimes. Many victims are unaware that they may be eligible for financial assistance or benefits. It is my job to assist them". **For more information call Leticia Rodriguez or her assistants Necia Jones or Quynh Tang at 713-643-6773 (Spanish and Vietnamese translators are available).**



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In the Line of Duty

Precinct 7's **Reserve Captain Cline Armstrong** put his life on the line to save a citizen from a violent carjacking outside a local store. Armstrong, who was off-duty at the time, was inside a store located on Martin Luther King Boulevard when he overheard customers talking about a woman, who was being beaten outside the store. Armstrong ran to her aide and struggled with the two attackers; both attackers tried to shoot him but their guns misfired; they fled the scene in the victim's car. Armstrong, a 30-year law enforcement veteran, is alive and well and the woman he rescued is happy to be alive. Recently, Captain Armstrong's bravery was noted by the State of Texas and we at Precinct 7 are proud to serve with him.

