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The Region One meeting will be held in Houston on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. at the Bayland Park Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet. Going west on the I-610 South Loop, exit North or South Braeswood and continue West on North or South Braeswood to Hillcroft (the second major intersection). Turn right on Hillcroft and go to Bissonnet (the second major intersection). Turn left on Bissonnet and go about one block to the entrance to the park on the right. Going South on the I-610 West Loop, exit Bissonnet and go west to 6400. From Hwy 59, the Southwest Freeway, exit Bissonnet and turn east to 6400 Bissonnet. Harris County Key Map is 531J. Marcy William's cell is 281-250-1489 in case you get lost. Note: The meeting is at Bayland Park due to the large number of cadet classes going on at the HPD Academy which made it unavailable.

Come early for refreshments.

The April meeting will be in Dickinson on April 18th. Note the change from the second to the third Saturday due to Easter.

**Support your Law
Enforcement Officers
Everywhere.**

Please make plans to attend as many Region One meetings as possible. Exciting things are happening in Region One and in Texas. Attendance at meetings and participation in activities is the lifeblood of any organization. Please make an extra effort.

Members in good standing. Members who have paid 2009 dues are Galveston, Galveston Sheriff, Houston, Humble, Kemah, Lake Jackson, Liberty County, Pearland, Santa Fe, Sugar Land, Texas City and Webster. Under our bylaws, members in good standing in 2008 have a 90 day grace period to pay their 2009 dues without losing their good standing status. They are: Alvin, Angleton, Brenham, Dickinson, Harris County Constable Precinct 4, League City, Montgomery County, Pasadena and Richmond. Your Association's dues are \$30.00 for 2009. You may pay at the March meeting or mail to Georgie Benavides, 522 Cole Ave. W., Webster, Texas 77598-4902. Individual memberships are available for \$10.00 a year. If you haven't paid your 2009 dues by March 31, 2009, you will not be in good standing and will not be eligible to vote.

Schedule for 2009:

January 10 - Angleton

February 14 – Lake Jackson

March 14 - Houston

April 18 - Dickinson (Note change from 2nd Saturday)

May 9 – Santa Fe

June 13 - Pearland

July 11 –

August 8 – Sugar Land

September 12 – Montgomery County

October 10 - Brenham

November 14 – Texas City

December 12 –

We don't have a host for the July and December meeting dates. If you are not already hosting this year and would be willing to host one of these dates, e-mail Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com or call Charles Billingsley at 713-729-1546.

Convention in San Marcos – An Outstanding Opportunity

When Region One was forced to postpone the state convention for 2009 in Galveston due to Ike, San Marcos stepped forward on short notice (at least for convention planning) and agreed to sponsor a convention so there would be one in 2009. The convention will be on July 30, 31 & August 1, 2009 at the brand new Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center. The room rate is only \$119.00 which includes a full breakfast, a free open bar with food from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. each evening and free parking. Information about the convention and registration forms are on the web site – <http://TCPAAconvention.org>.

Following is an excerpt from the State Board Dispatch:

“Get ready for a great time at this 2009 Annual Training/Convention. The San Marcos Police Department, Hays County Sheriff Department, and Texas State University are teaming up to host our 2009 annual event. This is sure to be one for the yearbooks. These folks in San Marcos have been full speed ahead since they decided to take on this event.

They have worked with lightening speed to prepare in a short time and give us a stellar memory of their city. You will be treated to a “down town” BBQ on the town square, classes we have not seen before. This entire event is being done with the care and precision of the great professional organization we have begun to know very well.

San Marcos is also the home of the famous Outlet Mall. You will be treated to lunch, complements of Hector Trevino, Operations Manager for the mall, and a chance to get in some shopping.

We so appreciate the San Marcos Police Department with Chief Williams and his entire CPAAA crew, and everyone involved are busy at work to make our visit to their city a great one.

The Embassy Suites furnishes a full breakfast, open bar with food from 5:-00 until 7:00 p.m. This is one of the premier Embassy Suites not only in the state of Texas but the country. Get ready for a real hotel treat!!”

So you can see, this is to be a great convention. Make your hotel reservations and send in your Registration now!! You will have a great time!!

Treasurer’s Report (submitted by Georgie Benavides):

Balance 12-31-08	\$1,826.16
Receipts:	
Dues	90.00
Disbursements:	
None	
Balance 1-31-09	<u>\$1,916.16</u>
Scholarship Fund:	
Balance 12-31-08	\$2,453.88
Receipts:	
Interest (Received in December)	4.60
Disbursements:	
Scholarship Award – Judy J. Landry	(500.00)
Balance 1-31-09	<u>\$1,958.48</u>

Note from Power Company: We will be delighted if you will pay your bill. You will be de-lighted if you don’t.

[UPCOMING EVENTS](#)

Send your upcoming events to Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com and they will be published.

[Galveston.](#) Garage Sale on Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 9:00 A.M. till 4:00 P.M. at 1521 Avenue O.

[Santa Fe.](#) Garage Sale on Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 9 AM till 4 PM in the Big Chief Grocery parking lot.

February Meeting. 40 Alumni members representing 13 different alumni associations attended the February meeting in Lake Jackson on February 14th. As always, there was an interesting and informative presentation. Quentin Rush from Angleton, who is a sketch artist and does work for the various law enforcement agencies in our area, spoke on the role of sketches in law enforcement and told of some of the cases he has worked on with visual aids. A favorable report on the books for 2008 was given by the audit committee. Dave Miller spoke at length about the financial and other problems at the state organization level and urged everyone to write all of the directors and tell them that they are expected to be at the board meeting in Buffalo on April 25th. **He also urged that every member of Region One who could attend the board meeting.** It is at the Buffalo Housing Authority, 304 North Center Street in Buffalo at 10:30 A.M. The directors are listed on the state web site. Lake Jackson served their usual delicious full breakfast and thanks are extended to them for that and for their hospitality.

ALUMNI NEWS

Send news to m-deal@sbcglobal.net and to charl.bill@yahoo.com via e-mail. You can send your news in for publication even if you aren't able to attend the meeting and present it there. We would like to know what is going on in your alumni association, but if you don't send it in, we won't know.

Angleton. *MORE PAVERS ARE BEING LAID IN THE MEMORIAL OUT SIDE THE POLICE STATION. PAVERS CAN STILL BE PURCHASED AT \$55.00 EACH, TWO FOR \$100.00, AND 45.00 EACH THEREAFTER. AT OUR GENERAL MEETING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12, WE HONORED LAVON GUENOT AS ALUMNI OF THE YEAR. WARRANT ROUNDUP WILL BE MARCH 14. OUR CPA ENJOYS WORKING WITH THE POLICE DOING THE ROUNDUP EVERY YEAR. WE SOLD CANDY AND SNACKS AT THE LAKE JACKSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DURING THE EXPLORER'S COMPETITION. SEEING ALL THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE GOING THROUGH THEIR PACES WAS EXCITING.*

Brenham. The new PD is looking good, steel is going up! Class 23 is going strong. During February they went to communications and tried their hand at dispatching, they practiced handcuffing each other, performed the standardized field sobriety tests during the DWI class and during use of force they attempted to take down "the red man". COP's helped at a train/truck accident on February 24 and also helped at the Blinn Baseball game on the 25th.

Reported by Chris Pieper

Houston. We are preparing to host the Region One meeting on March 14th at Bayland Park. The meeting is at Bayland Park due to the large number of cadet classes at the HPD Academy which made it unavailable for our meeting. Hope to see everyone there. Preparation is underway for the awarding of the Lynn Clooney Memorial Award to the HPD Officer of the Year on April 16th. All Region One members are invited to attend. More information on this in the April news. Houston has a new newsletter and it will be published on our web site when arrangements are made. Will let you know. Eleven of our members worked the C.E.R.T. Rodeo on February 7th.

Reported by Charles Billingsley

Montgomery County Sheriff. February has been a busy month for the alumni. Several members help out at the annual Casa Gala in The Woodlands. A lot of fun was had by all. We were at Sheriff Gage's 5th Annual BBQ to show him our support not only for him, but for all the deputies. Our first CPA Class for 2009 started on the 19th and we have about 24 people signed up. We have several couples attending. On the 21st several of the members rode in the annual 'Go Texas Parade'. We also had a couple of teenagers and a younger little girl that had a lot of fun with Mr. McGruff. The kids along the route had a great time as McGruff played around with them when we had to stop and wait before moving on. As we decorated the float it was a beautiful sunny day, as we waited to get started it was a very rainy, cold and windy time. After the rain we were on our way. We have partnered with The Woodlands Dog Park on a special Fund Raiser to purchase another drug dog for the Sheriff's Dept. We hope to raise around \$50,000.00 for this project. The Dog Park has talked with us about this being an on going project. Our purpose is to purchase and train these dogs. We are looking forward to working together. We have a K-9 Golf Tournament set for June 9. We are set to take donations from all who want to help us get ready to stamp out drugs.

Reported by Jeanette Graff

HONOR ROLL OF 2011 GALVESTON CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS

Although the Convention has been postponed until 2011, we will still take names of volunteers. We realize that circumstances may change and no one will be faulted if they cannot volunteer even though they signed up. So don't let that hold you back. **Sign up now so when we get there we can get off to a running start.** It will be here before you know it. Following is a list of the committees and those signed up which makes up the honor roll. You can see that some of the committees don't have any volunteers. If your name is not listed, you can change that by sending an e-mail to Charles Billingsley (volunteer coordinator) at Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com. If you don't have access to e-mail, you can call Charles Billingsley at 713-729-1546. Please copy e-mails to Dave Miller at sdmillers@yahoo.com.

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Class Speakers and Topics

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Audio and Video

Meals and Ticket Takers

Guest Speakers

Ben Hernandez, Dickinson and TCPAAA, 281-837-3368

Open and Closing Ceremonies and Speakers

Sponsors

Officer Certification (TCLEOSE)

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Decorations (Meals, Opening and Closing Ceremonies)

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Unassigned

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THE LAWS OF ULTIMATE REALITY

Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated with grease , your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of Gravity

Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of Probability

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers

If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

Law of the Alibi

If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the next morning you will have a flat tire.

Variation Law

If you change lines in a queue (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

Law of the Bath/Shower

When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of the Result

When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will or it will work and it won't.

Law of Biomechanics

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of the Theatre

At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

The Starbucks Law

As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers

If there are only two people in a gym locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Logical Argument

Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law of Physical Appearance

If the shoe fits, it's ugly.

Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy

As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

Doctors' Law

If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. Don't make an appointment and you'll stay sick