



Texas Chief Deputies Association

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Dear Colleagues,

I want to express my appreciation for being allowed to serve as your President of the Texas Chief Deputies Association for 2005-2006. I look forward to an exciting and hopefully a very productive year.

I hope that we can increase our membership for our Association this year. I had a great deal of interest generated at the Sheriff's Association meeting in Houston. I also had a lot of venders asking about our Association. Again if each Chief would contact the Chief's of his/her surrounding counties I think it will build interest from those Chief's.

I was overjoyed with the participation of the new members and of all the sheriffs that showed up at our Association. We have already put some of the new members to work. The networking is one of the most important parts of our Association. This is not to take the place of the fine instructing that we receive but is always a plus to associate a face with a name when dealing with our everyday task.

We again held our conference in Kerrville at the Inn Of The Hills this year and was one of the largest since I have been a member. We are really going to have to work hard to top this year but I am convinced with the board and membership we have that we will do fine. David Warren did a superb job and we thank him for that. Jan Halverson, Carmella Smith there is not enough I can say about their help and commitment to our Association. Thank you very much from the bottom of our hearts.

Congratulations to our scholarship winners. I want to also congratulate David Thurman from Randall County SO for being awarded the Melvin Drum Award. I can think of no else more deserving.

I want to introduce this year's Officers and Board Members

Emmett Benavidez	Swisher County	1st Vice-President
Bobby Gorman	Smith County	2nd Vice-President
Mike Redwine	Mitchell County	3rd Vice-President
Cheryl Martin	Andrews County	Treasurer
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The following members are your Board of Directors for 2005-2006.

Jay Adams	Edwards County
M.E. "Mel" Gideon	Gillespie County
Ed Krevit	Midland County
Byron Lyons	Polk County

The following have been appointed as Committee Chairmen for 2005-2006

Melvin Drum Award Committee
Chair: Jeff Garner Regan County
Scholarship Committee
Chair: Abraham Vega Lynn County

Membership and Nominating Committee

Chair: Bruno Valdez Duvall County

Conference Committee
Chair: Bobby Gorman Smith County

I look forward to our 2006 Conference, which will be held June 20-23 in Kerrville. We need to see if we can have a conference even larger than we had this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way.

Respectfully,

Charles Sullins
President-TCDA