



# Texas Chief Deputies Association

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Dear Sheriff,

On behalf of the Texas Chief Deputies Association, I would like to extend a cordial invitation to you and your Chief Deputy, or other second in command, to become members of our great Association. As President of the Texas Chief Deputies Association for 2009-2010, I am trying to make Sheriff's and their top administrators aware of our Association and the reasons we exist.

First and foremost, we support the Sheriff's we serve under and strive to focus our training around those issues which effect the Office of Sheriff in the State of Texas. We believe, as Chief Deputies, that we should be informed advisors to our Sheriff's and be able to assist in the formulation of operational policies which protect the elected officials and the citizens which we serve.

We encourage inter-agency communications and positive working relationships among our membership. We strive to further education and cooperation throughout the state through our membership. We believe these efforts are essential to the goals of the law enforcement community as we serve the people of our respective jurisdictions. Our Association has worked to write a set of model policies to assist Sheriff's across the state, especially in smaller counties, as they formulate their own policies and procedures. We believe that this is a significant step towards assisting Sheriff's in reducing the liabilities which are associated with their office. TCDA recognizes an outstanding Chief Deputy each year at the conference by remembering one of our own, Ochiltree County Chief Deputy Melvin Drum, who was killed in the line of duty on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1987. Through the Melvin Drum Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Texas Chief Deputies Association provides ( 3 ) three scholarships to children of Sheriff's Office employees attending institutions of higher education as well as ( 1 ) one scholarship to a Sheriff's Office employee who is furthering their own education. The Texas Chief Deputies Association has an annual conference each year to advance these ideals and provide training to our membership. Any Sheriff that joins our Association can attend the annual training conference and the \$150.00 conference registration fee is waived! Membership dues are only \$24.00 per year, pro-rated monthly. Our conference this year is June 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Kerrville, Texas at the Inn of The Hills Resort and Conference Center. Membership applications and conference registration information may be obtained by contacting me at 325-450-2737 or by printing from our website at [www.texaschiefdeputiesassociation.com](http://www.texaschiefdeputiesassociation.com) . I encourage you and your Chief Deputy to join our Association and benefit from the good fellowship, professional training, and family oriented conferences that we have to offer. Please feel free to contact myself or any of our Officers and Board members for further information. Their contact information is on our website. We look forward to seeing you at our conference in Kerrville.

Sincerely,

Chief Deputy George Arispe – Schleicher County – TCDA President

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