



# Texas Police News Briefs

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## Click It or Ticket - a Spring Break success!

The Dickinson Police Department participated in the annual Spring Break 'Click It or Ticket' program that ran state-wide. Dickinson Police officers worked 44 hours in the special program and issued 109 citations. Speeding (82) ranked highest in citations followed by Seatbelts (27). Officers made two arrests and issued a citation for a related infraction.

During the hours the DPD officers were active in the program they were issuing citations at a rate of almost 2.5 per hour. DPD Chief Ron Morales was pleased with the efforts of his officers but noted that even after all these years of television ads, billboards and commercials, people still were not buckling up. Slowing down and buckling up are two of the easiest things people can do to save lives, especially their own!

The next major focus on the 'Click It or Ticket' program will be during the Memorial Day holiday period. Be safe!

## McAdams Junior High Art Class creates poster to celebrate National Crime Victims' Week 2014

The McAdams Jr. High 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Class of Mr. Nathan Melvin created an artistic interpretation of the National Crime Victims' Week Poster for the Dickinson Police Departments Crime Victims' Week Program. Significant in their interpretation are the blurring of the image and structure indicating that the issues are not always clear cut and the dark areas throughout the work showing the pervasive impact that these crimes have on the victims and others. It is also important to note that this 'Struggle to restore the Balance of Justice' has been

going on Nation-Wide for more than 30 years.



Shown receiving the Art on behalf of the Dickinson Police Departments Crime Victims Program is Officer T. Valdez L to R

Front Row: DPD Officer Tony Valdez, Thuy Le, Erin Bernardo

Back Row: Andy Jiang, Kayde Cowling

## Prestigious Harold Cottle Justice Award 2014 Winner: DPD Detective Timothy Cromie

The Texas Association Against Sexual Assault at its 2014 annual meeting in Irving Texas awarded the Harold Cottle Justice Award to Dickinson Police Department Detective Timothy Cromie. This award, created in memory of Lt. Harold Cottle, Lufkin Police Department, an active and strong supporter of TAASA, is awarded to a peace officer in Texas who demonstrates compassion and care in working with victims of sexual assault. Detective Cromie, received the award because "He demonstrates outstanding support for victims and investigates each case, thoroughly allowing for victim involvement if they so choose." Citing his efforts in the 1990 Jennifer Schuett case which, after being unsolved for 18 years, he was able to bring to a successful conclusion and a sense of fi-

nally achieving justice to Jennifer, the TAASA noted "Detective Cromie's approach to cases including Jennifer's is an example for all to follow. It also allows for us to believe that justice in fact can prevail."

DPD Criminal Investigation Division Captain Steve Krone echoed the TAASA commendation saying that Detective Cromie brings the same sense of dedication and positive approach to all the cases he investigates. He is a true asset to this department and to law enforcement.

## Hughes Road Elementary welcomes Dickinson PD, Fire and EMS!

On 03/25/2014 officers and staff of Dickinson Police Department were joined by members of the Dickinson Volunteer Fire Department and EMS as they visited

Hughes Road Elementary School in an informal 'meet and greet' session with students during their lunch period. Having the opportunity for students to see and talk to officers, firemen and emergency medical personnel in a non-stressful environment is a true community building experience and invaluable in helping the next generation see the positive side of serving the public. When students see officers, fire/ EMS personnel in the community, they may recognize that person and see them as individuals they can talk to and not be afraid to approach.

PDP Chief Ron Morales said, "We would like to thank Hughes Road Elementary principal Patricia Lankford and counselor Cynthia Haskett for giving us the opportunity to spend time with their students. A special thanks to all of the students for being such a great group!"

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