

DPS Chaparral



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Jack Colley, 1948 - 2010

Jack Colley, head of the DPS Texas Division of Emergency Management, died on May 16. Colley, 62, suffered a heart attack in early May.

“Jack Colley was a valuable member of the Texas Department of Public Safety and a national icon in the profession of Emergency Management,” said Steve McCraw, director of the DPS. “Jack was a great Texan, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.”

During his 12-plus years with the DPS, Colley was involved in the response and recovery of many of Texas’ largest incidents, disasters and emergencies, including the Space Shuttle Columbia crash (2003), Hurricane Rita (2005) and Hurricane Ike (2008).

Colley coordinated the effort to shelter thousands of Katrina evacuees in 2005 and then led the monumental evacuation of more than 3 million Texas residents as Hurricane Rita threatened the southeast Texas coast only weeks later.

Under Colley’s guidance, Texas led the nation in a number of initiatives to make disaster response “quicker, faster, smarter,” which included work on systems to improve

tracking of special needs evacuees and improved processes for safe re-entry of evacuees after the storm.

“In times of crisis, Texas depended on Jack Colley for leadership and he rose to the occasion each and every time. That leadership will be sorely missed,” said Allan B. Polunsky, chairman of the Texas Public Safety Commission.

In the wake of Katrina in 2005, it was learned that many people declined to evacuate if they could not bring their family pets, Colley began efforts to open evacuation and sheltering operations in Texas to include companion animals.

“A lot of jokes are made about it but it is simply not a joke. Nobody dies because they can’t bring their pet. This is Texas,” Colley once said.

Texas Governor Rick Perry praised Colley’s passion for protecting his fellow Texans. “Jack Colley did more to keep Texans safe over the past eight years than anyone will ever know. Every Texan who evacuated a hurricane impact zone, watched airplanes douse a wildfire or got clear instructions on how to avoid the H1N1 virus should pause and offer a prayer of thanks for this remarkable man,” he said.



“In his zeal to protect his fellow Texans, Jack asked tough questions and ignored business-as-usual as he searched for better, faster and more effective ways to handle disasters,” Perry said. “If I were to boil down Jack’s legacy to one word, it would be ‘preparedness,’ because he demanded it of everyone who crossed his path. His selfless devotion to the citizens of Texas was unmatched.”

Over the past year, DEM has focused on Re-Entry Task Forces to bring back security, restore infrastructure, provide mass care and start recovery within the first 72 hours after a storm. In an effort to speed deployment of resources to states struck by mega-disasters, Colley pushed for an Interstate Emergency Response Support Plan (IERSP) with Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma – the first of its kind in the nation.

Mile Markers

Promotions

Director's Staff

Stacy L. Holland, Lt., Aircraft McAllen to Capt., Aircraft San Antonio; **Johnny E. Prince, II**, Sgt., Aircraft McAllen to Lt., Aircraft McAllen; **Heath A. Harkins**, Sgt., Aircraft Laredo to Lt., Aircraft Austin;

Nathan P. Templeton, Sgt., HP Odessa to Pilot Investigator I, Aircraft Austin; **Jerry R. Ragan**, Tr. II, HP Emory to Pilot Investigator I, Aircraft Austin; **Patrick Lewis**, Agent, CID Garland to Pilot Investigator I, Aircraft Austin.

Criminal Investigations Division

Antonio R. Gonzalez, Lt., CID McAllen to Capt., CID Austin.

Highway Patrol Division

Frank T. Lopez, Sgt., III, CVE Laredo to Lt., MCB Austin; **Joseph C. Grange**, Sgt., HP Amarillo to Lt., HP Del Rio; **Cory J. Ledbetter**, Tr., II, HP Meridian to Sgt., HP Hebronville;

Stephen A. Jones, Tr. III, HP San Angelo to Sgt., HP Victoria; **Jeffery A. Poole**, Cpl. IV, HP Weatherford North to Sgt., HP Odessa; **George K. Harris**, Cpl. IV, CVE Sulphur Springs to Sgt., CVE Falfurrias.

Law Enforcement Support

Angeline B. Kendall, Manager, Crime Records Austin to Deputy Administrator, Crime Records Austin; **Randy R. Batten**, Manager, Crime Records Austin to Deputy Administrator, Crime Records Austin; **Bonnie Fisher**, Supervisor, Communications Sulphur Springs

to Manager, Law Enforcement Support McAllen.

Retirements

Larry Dixon Story, Major, HP Lubbock, 36 yrs. 2 mos., 24 days; **Warren Reese Wilbanks**, Analyst, ICT Austin, 28 yrs., 9 mos., 24 days; **Swen Eric Spjut**, Agent, CID Conroe, 28 yrs., 3 mos., 17 days; **Aurora Esparza Garza**, Data Entry Supervisor, HP McAllen, 22 yrs., 4 mos., 29 days;

John C. Fain, Lt., CID Conroe, 21 yrs., 6 mos., 12 days; **Michael Stuart Epstein**, Agent, CID Garland, 28 yrs., 1 mo.; **Charlotte Ann Dill**, Secretary, Information Technology Austin, 27 yrs., 1 mo., 17 days; **Stanley W. Reed**, Custodian, HP Denton, 26 yrs., 11 mos.;

James Malcom Monteith, Sen. Tr., CVE Houston, 20 yrs., 6 mos., 18 days; **Beatriz Villanueva**, Clerk, DL Austin, 12 yrs., 18 days; **Mary Rodriguez Molina**, DL Pasadena, 13 yrs., 7 mos., 16 days; **Joel Andrew Smith**, Sen. Tr., CVE Garland, 27 yrs., 10 mos., 21 days; **Rebecca Lynn Padgett**, Examiner, DL Bryan, 18 yrs., 4 mos., 20 days.

Deaths

Jack Colley, Asst. Director, EMD Austin (October 1997–May 2010) died May 16, 2010; **Wesley Chenault**, Sen. Tr., Capitol Security Austin (Sept. 1991–May 2010) died May 19, 2010.; **Richard Alvin Kautz**, ret. Auditor IV, Audit and Inspection (March 1992–Aug. 2007) died April 29, 2010; **Joe Driskill**, ret. Capt., DL Houston (July 1967–Aug. 2002) died May 10, 2010



On the mend...

Teresa Vargas, HP Laredo, injured in a traffic crash during a vehicle pursuit.

Carlos Rodriguez, HP Harlingen, injured in a traffic crash.

Tr. **Larry M. Vaughan**, HP Winnsboro, shot during fugitive arrest.

Tr. **Charlie P. Potter**, HP San Marcos, injured when unit struck by alleged drunk driver.

Tr. **Ruben R. Soliz**, HP Alice, injured during a struggle with a suspect.

Good news! Tr. **Bobby Bowlin**, HP Crockett, and Tr. **Richard Black**, HP Dallas, have returned to work.

Forms are moving!

This month, the new TxDPS Forms Repository will come online. It will provide one centralized location for all TxDPS numbered forms (electronic and hard copy), and will be accessible through the DPS Intranet and Internet websites.

This will take the place of "DPS Forms" folders located in the Outlook Public Folders and the "P" drives. Employees should work with their area's designated Forms Subject Matter Expert (SME) on what to do with any forms they use.

Please contact Angie.Stabeno@txdps.state.tx.us if you are unsure who your SME is or if you have other questions.