

LEW'S NEWS

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TCLEOSE in-service training requirements

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement reminds all peace officers that the current training unit will end August 31, 2003. Licensees must have completed 40 hours of training, which shall include the Racial Profiling course (3256), by this date.

Asset Forfeiture is a legislatively required course that all peace officers must have completed prior to September 1, 2002. If you have not already met this requirement, this must be addressed by completing this training ASAP.

Racial Profiling is a legislatively required course of instruction that must be completed prior to September 1, 2003.

Legislative Training Requirements		
Peace Officer Licensees		
09/01/01 through 08/31/05		
Course Topic	Course Number	Deadline
Asset Forfeiture	3255	8/31/02
Racial Profiling	3256	8/31/03
40 hours (9-1-01 to 8-31-03)	any	8/31/03
Civil Process (constables and deputies) - 20 hours	3101 or 3131	8/31/05
Special Investigative Topics	3232	8/31/05
Cultural Diversity	3939	8/31/05
40 hours (9-1-03 to 8-31-05)	any	8/31/05

As shown in the chart above, Constables and their Deputies are required to complete the Civil Process course of 20 hours.

Chief Roger Terry has arranged for Precinct 3 Deputies to take the following being presented by Bexar County Constable Precinct 4:

On the first two Saturdays in August (Aug. 2nd and 9th) the Civil Process course will be given at a location to be announced.

Chief Terry said that it was possible some training will be provided in late June or July to make up the additional hours of the mandatory 40 hours of annual in-service training.

Funds for DNA testing

The Bush administration said that it wanted to commit \$1 billion to DNA testing over the next five years in hopes that the growing backlog of untested forensic evidence would be stemmed.

The money would also be used for DNA testing of convicted felons who

claim they are innocent. The country's law enforcement laboratories have been unable to keep up with major strides in linking evidence to genetic codes of suspects.

Today, states have a backlog of 350,000 untested samples just for rapes and homicides.

Items of interest about
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Constable Precinct 3

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"Stupid People" trick nets 10 arrests

Relying on the assumption that people love freebies, San Bernardino County Sheriff's deputies arrested ten wanted people by luring them to Big Bear to receive a free pair of hiking boots made by "Stockdum Scelestus", meant to be a mix of German

and Latin meaning "utterly stupid criminal".

Postcards were mailed to 160 people wanted on warrants stating they were selected to participate in the giveaway.

At the lodge they were asked to present the postcard and identification to a receptionist. After identification was confirmed, they were instructed to walk downstairs to a room where they were arrested.

The looks on their faces was priceless.

Those arrested had warrants for offenses such as felony forgery, drug violations, and drunk driving.

Alan Charles Grodman, 52, passed away on May 8, 2003. He was a Bexar County Deputy Sheriff and more recently a Deputy Constable with Precinct 3. Graveside services in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery were held Monday, May 12 at 9:45 a.m.

MEETING

Monday, July 7, 2003

6:30 p.m.

News by and for
friends of
Bob Lew,
Constable,
Bexar County
Precinct 3

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"An appeaser
is one who
feeds a crocodile
hoping it
will eat him
last."*

- Winston Churchill



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Georgia school idea to prevent car thefts

A campaign via e-mails has spread through Georgia elementary schools purporting to provide a means of thwarting car thieves. The message is:

It seems that car thieves have found another way to steal your car or truck without any effort at all.

The thieves peer through the windshield, write down the VIN number from the label on the dash, go to the local car dealership and request a duplicate key based on the VIN.

The car dealer's parts department will make a duplicate key from the VIN number

and collect payment from the thief who will return to your car. He doesn't have to break in, do any damage to the vehicle, or draw attention to himself. All he has to do is walk up to your car, insert the key and then off he goes to the local chop shop with your vehicle.

To avoid this from happening to you, simply put some tape (electrical tape, duct tape, or medical tape) across the VIN label located on the dashboard.

By law, you cannot remove the VIN number, but you can cover it so it can't be viewed through the windshield by a car thief.

Citizens save Texas cop

Linden, Texas police officer Sharon Gillespie attempted to arrest Andrew Gray, but he spun around and got her pistol.

As they wrestled on the ground, Pat Coughlan, a businessman stepped in to help. As Gray continued to wrestle with Gillespie and Coughlan, a second bystander, an unidentified woman, came and sat on top of the people in the struggle until Officer Gillespie regained control of her gun and the situation.

Subject: ISLAM VS. CHRISTIANITY

The following is a quote from an interview with Attorney General John Ashcroft by Cal Thomas:

People are always asking me (Cal Thomas) if there good leaders in Washington. There are. There are quire a few, but you don't often hear about them because many of them aren't engaging in scandalous or self-serving activities.

One such good person is Attorney General John Ashcroft. I had the pleasure

of interviewing him again this week for a column I'm writing.

During the interview, Ashcroft said something so profound, I wanted to share it with you. The attorney general of the United States said:

"Islam is a religion in which God requires you to send your son to die for him."

"Christianity is a faith in which God sent His Son to die for you."

TO: