



Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office
2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Sheriff Eric Fagan



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Sheriff Fagan at National Night Out

DEPARTMENT PROFILE

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office serves as the most ethnically diverse and fastest growing county in the State of Texas with an estimated population of 972,496 and a geographic area encompassing 885 square miles, including 24 square miles of lakes, ponds, rivers, and bayous. Fort Bend County includes several mid-size municipalities, including Sugar Land, Missouri City, Katy, Stafford, Fulshear, Rosenberg, and Richmond, but is home to 21 unincorporated communities. Founded in 1837, the Sheriff's Office employs over 800 employees, including 538 sworn peace officers and 20 reserve volunteer deputies dedicated to serving as the County's first responders.

Mission

It is the mission of persons employed by the Sheriff's Office of Fort Bend County to protect the lives, property, and rights of all people in this County. In accomplishing this mission, Sheriff's Office employees shall be, at all times, courteous, impartial, and diligent. In the execution of their duties, they shall be guided by those constitutional and legal principles, which are the foundation of the United States of America and the State of Texas.



MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF ERIC FAGAN

First and foremost, I would like to thank you - citizens, businessmen and women, colleagues, and members of every discipline imaginable - for calls and expressions of gratitude and thanks for the services provided by the men and women of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. I truly believe the sincerity and compassion shown by Fort Bend County employees is superb, and I am quite pleased to work alongside such dedicated and professional employees. Without their commitment to excellence, it would not be possible to achieve many of the accomplishments and initiatives mentioned in this 2025 Annual Report.

Importantly, I also want to express my appreciation to everyone who trusts and has faith in my ability to serve you as Sheriff for another four-year term. Thank you for your vote and please know I am committed to the trajectory of professionalism, integrity, and accountability that my command staff and I have worked diligently to advance over the past four years.

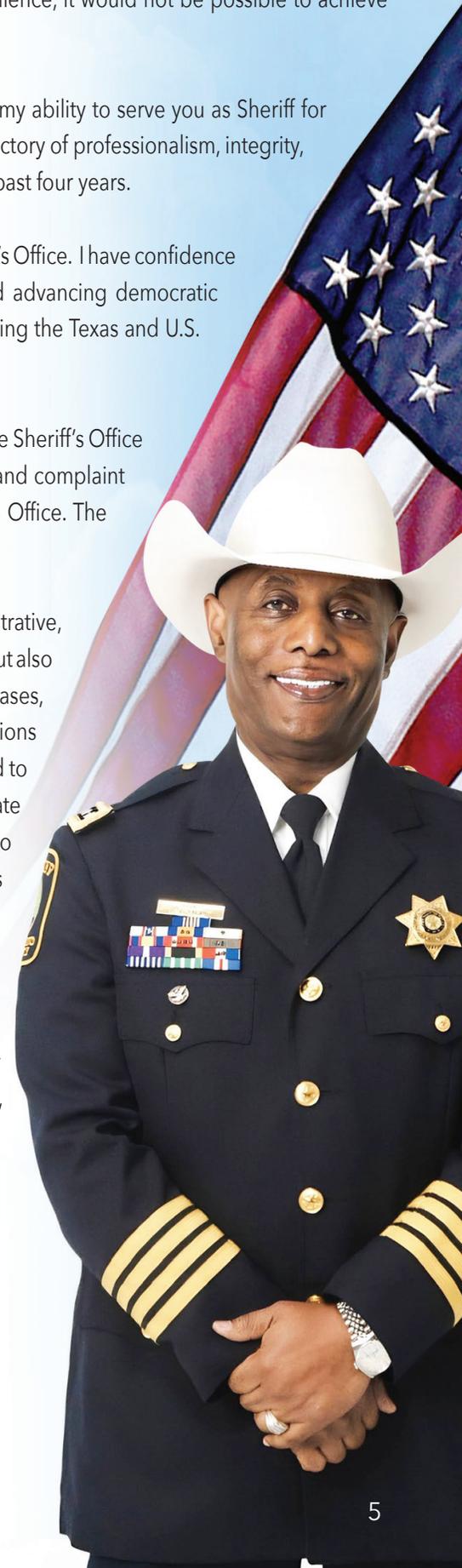
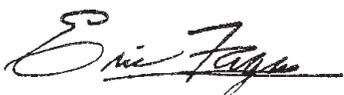
Please take time to critically assess and review the operations of each division within the Sheriff's Office. I have confidence my management team will continue to build upon a firm foundation of public safety and advancing democratic values, seeking improvements to quality of life in our communities, and importantly, upholding the Texas and U.S. Constitutions.

As a means to promote transparency, accountability, ethical behavior, and professionalism, the Sheriff's Office website now provides access to General Orders, previous Annual Reports, commendation and complaint form access, and information on the various programs and services offered by the Sheriff's Office. The information can be found on our website: www.fbcsheriff.org.

This year, you will see reports of activities from Enforcement, Investigations, Detention, Administrative, and Support Bureaus. Enforcement operations included response to priority calls for service, but also initiatives to better manage traffic and crisis calls. Investigations involved several complex cases, and effective measures to solve violent crime and apprehend offenders. Special investigations highlighted the gains we are making with disrupting and dismantling organized crime related to drug, sex, and human trafficking. Detention operations handled the largest numbers of inmate populations, nearing 900 inmates. As the population of the county continues to increase, so does the need for effective public safety services. Communications managed record numbers of calls, and this year, Grant Coordinators submitted over \$10.8 million in state and federal grants to fund employees, equipment, and technology.

The slogan, "Fort Bend County, We Have Work to Do," remains true. You have my commitment to seeking the most effective ways to keep Fort Bend County safe. We will strive to make our Fort Bend County neighborhoods the best in Texas for working, raising a family, recreating, managing a business, attending school, and engaging our retail establishments.

May GOD bless and keep us all. We are here to protect and serve you.



DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

Executive Command

Eric Fagan
SHERIFF



Mattie Provost
CHIEF DEPUTY



Norman Wong
ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY



Manuel Zamora
ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY



James Burger
MAJOR



Rudy Castaneda
MAJOR



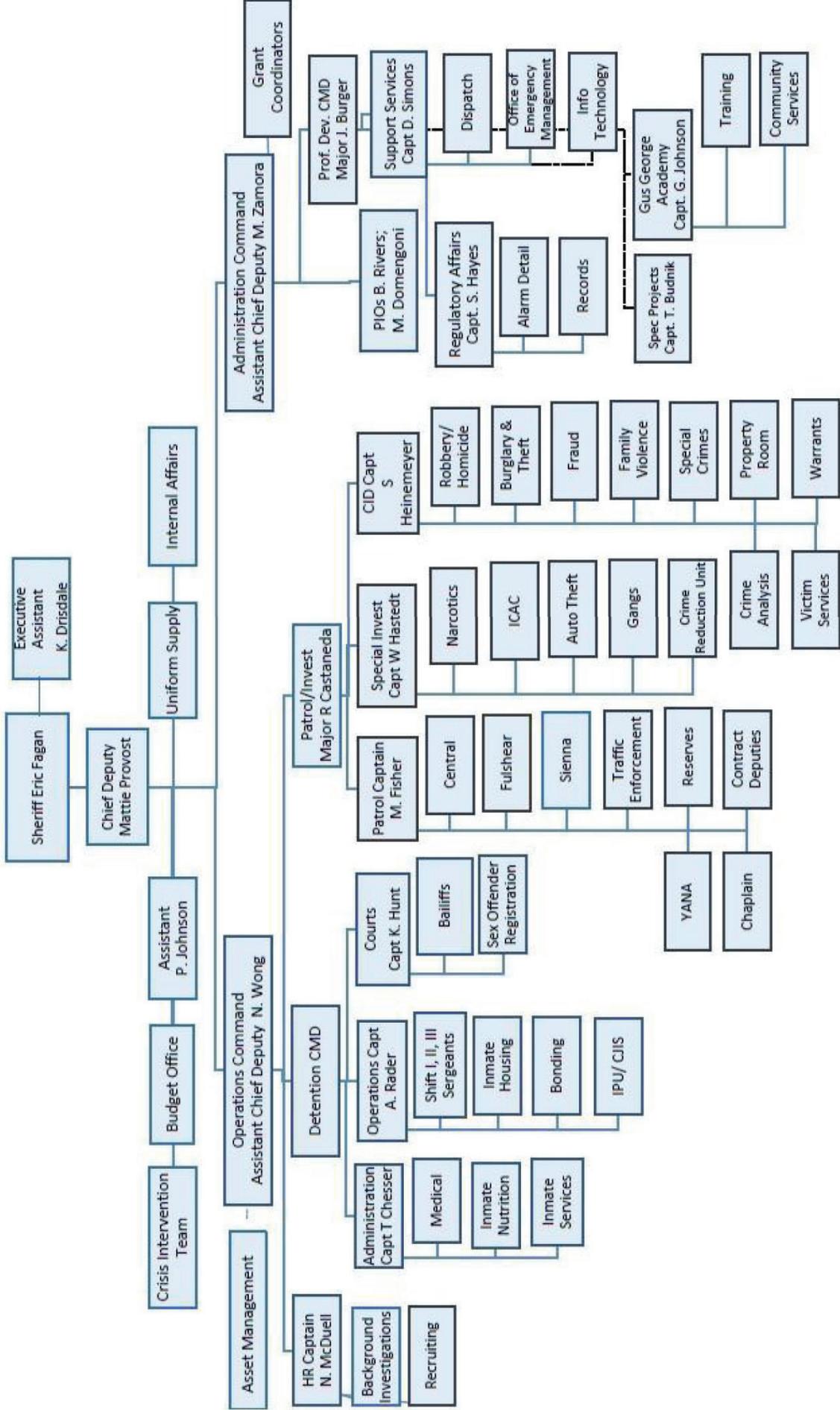
Angel Rader
MAJOR



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Organizational Chart



Effective January 1, 2025

*The FBCSO Organizational Chart as of 1/5/2025 can be found on pg. 51



*FBCSO for Breast Cancer Awareness,
Organized by Chief Deputy Mattie C. Provost*

CHIEF DEPUTY MATTIE C. PROVOST

The most senior executive ranking officer for the Sheriff's Office is Chief Deputy Mattie C. Provost. Chief Provost develops the daily operations as well as strategic management responsibilities and organizational policies and procedures. She also leads the Budget Office, Internal Investigations Division, Crisis Intervention Team, and the Uniform Supply Office.

Budget

During FY2025, costs associated with maintaining Detention Center operations were nearly equal to the cost of all field operations (\$57.01 million). Detention staff managed an average of 850 inmates per day, including provision of meals, medical and mental health care, prescription medication and hospitalization. Inmate costs included vocational and trade school training, veteran reentry and provision of services to reintegrate inmates into their communities upon release, seeking to decrease recidivism rates. Extraordinary costs related to retrieving inmates held at other facilities throughout Texas and the United States, as well as safe movement of inmates to hearings and trials at the Justice Center from the Detention Center across the street.

Field operations comprise all uniformed patrol activities, such as response to violent crime, traffic accidents, disturbances, and all other emergency services, as well as proactive and community-oriented policing initiatives. The \$57.8 million budget funded all existing programs and employee salaries and benefits. Deputies participated in numerous federal, state, and local task forces involving human trafficking, drug trafficking, and internet crimes against children investigations. Criminal investigations and special investigations handled over 20,100 reported incidents.

This Annual Report provides a glimpse of the many performance measures related to public safety and activities taken by each division to keep Fort Bend County safe. As you peruse this edition, take a moment to reflect on dispatch operations. Imagine the responsibilities of the 73 Telecommunicators and their supervisors, as they managed 400,710 incoming calls, including 169,060 9-1-1 calls.

The FY2025 budget of \$114,795,498 made all these public safety functions possible. This figure includes employee salaries and benefits. Early in the FY2026 budget process for Houston, Harris County, and the metropolitan area, police salaries and benefits increased remarkably. The need to keep Fort Bend County salaries and benefits competitive led Precinct 2 Commissioner Grady Prestage to motion before Commissioners Court to appoint a Blue Ribbon Benefits Committee to study employee compensation and enable a more competitive pay structure for public safety employees. On October 26, 2025, the committee was appointed.

While the Blue Ribbon Committee is working on this market study, the Sheriff’s Office will seek to accomplish the following goals in FY2026:

- Enforcement**
 - Improve traffic safety and mobility, seeking reductions in fatalities and crashes
 - Fund Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs for comprehensive and commercial motor vehicles
- Investigation**
 - Disrupt the illicit supply chain involving contraband, bulk cash smuggling, and interdict and dismantle human, sex, labor, and weapons trafficking
 - Assign criminal investigations within 72 hours of receipt of incident/ offense reports
- Training**
 - Ensure Sheriff’s Office employees continue to receive required training and continuing education and that management staff complete leadership courses
- Detention**
 - Increase the numbers of inmates who graduate from educational and vocational training classes
 - Improve inmate management through better management of inmate grievances and discipline

The table below summarizes the FY2026 budget categories and compares prior fiscal year budgets.

Budget Category	FY2024	FY2025	Percent Change	FY2026	Percent Change
Enforcement	\$53,929,699	\$57,783,974	7.14	\$63,521,612	9.93
Detention	\$46,197,951	\$50,976,769	10.34	\$53,430,615	4.81
Bailiffs	\$5,313,417	\$6,034,755	13.57	\$7,013,498	16.22
Total	\$105,441,067	\$114,795,498	8.87[1]	\$123,965,725	7.99[2]

Crisis Intervention Team

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is systematically organized as a part of the Executive Command led by Chief Deputy Mattie Provost and is managed by Lieutenant Jerome Ellis. It is the mission of Fort Bend County Sheriff’s Office Crisis Intervention Team to reduce stigma associated with mental illness and raise awareness of mental health and wellness to our diverse community.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff’s Office Crisis Intervention Team was established in 2013 with the vision of creating a trauma-informed culture of compassion and diversion for individuals experiencing mental health crisis. This specialized unit consists of recruited, vetted, and trained officers to assist Patrol and other policing agencies with crisis response and de-escalation strategies. The Fort Bend County Sheriff’s Office Crisis Intervention Team expanded under Sheriff Eric Fagan’s leadership and serves as a pioneer in crisis intervention training, Crisis Response System coordination and collaboration, and advocates for mental wellness and resilience.

[1] The percent difference considers the FY2024 total in comparison to the FY2025 total, and not the average of the above columns. This is also true for the FY2025 - FY2026 comparison.

[2] As with [1] the percent change reflects the difference between the total budget for FY2025 compared to FY2026.



*Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office
Crisis Intervention Team*

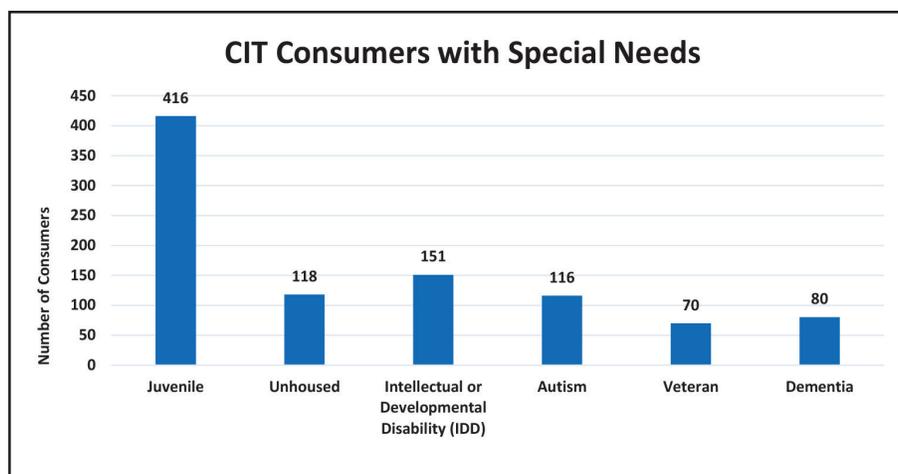
CIT is committed to using crisis intervention strategies, as they act in good faith to divert those experiencing a mental health crisis from the criminal justice system, and usher them to mental health resources when appropriate. The Team operates 24 hours per day, 7 days a week with primary delivery methods of emergency response, prioritized follow-ups, mental health warrant service, referrals, and mental health transports.

From January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, there were **2,545 total CIT contacts**. Of these, 1,931 unique consumers received crisis intervention and/or follow-up services. The tables below provide a detailed breakdown of total CIT contacts and related data for 2025.

Texana Mobile Crisis Outreach Team responded/accompanied CIT to several calls for service and completed **130** safety plans.

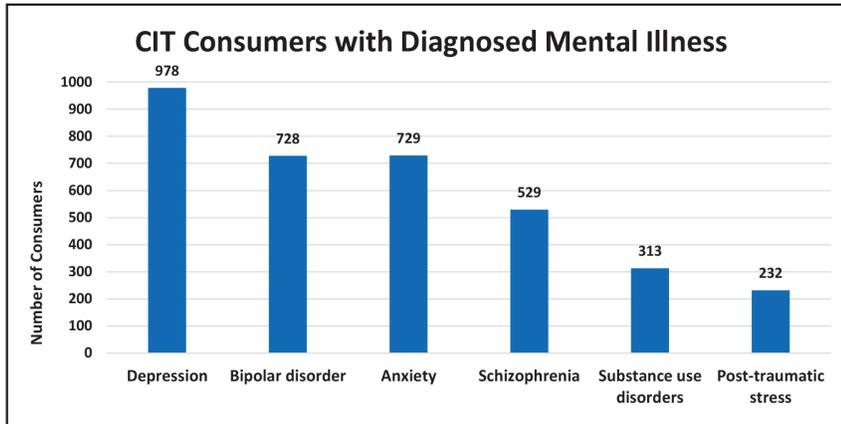
Special Needs

A small percentage of CIT contacts involved consumers with special needs, including 416 juveniles (16%), 118 unhoused individuals (5%), 151 with intellectual or developmental disabilities (6%), 116 with autism (5%), 70 veterans (3%), and 80 with dementia (3%).



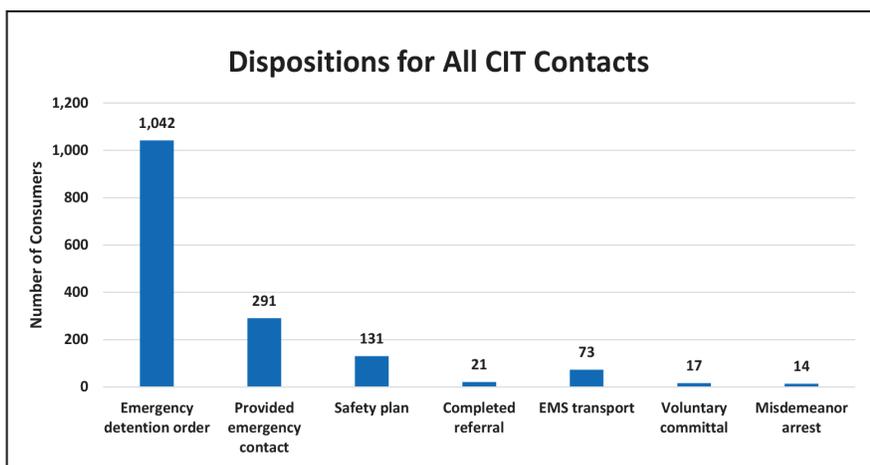
Mental Illness

CIT consumers presented with various mental health needs. Of the CIT contacts, 978 consumers identified as having depression (38%), 728 bipolar disorder (29%), 729 anxiety (27%), 529 schizophrenia (21%), 313 substance use disorders (12%), and 232 post-traumatic stress disorder (9%).



Dispositions

Of all CIT contacts, the most common dispositions were emergency detention orders, 1,042 (41%), emergency contact provided, 291 (11%), and safety plans, 131 (5%). Many contacts involved multiple dispositions; for example, some consumers received a safety plan and an emergency contact and were also provided with a referral.



Internal Affairs Division

The Internal Affairs Division (IAD) is responsible for investigating allegations of misconduct involving employees of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. The division reviews complaints received from both citizens and the agency's administration. Each investigation is conducted thoroughly and impartially to ensure professional standards of conduct are upheld and to maintain public confidence in the department.

As of August 2025, the Sheriff's Office and the Internal Affairs Division implemented a new electronic complaint and compliment submission process. This updated system provides citizens with a more streamlined and user-friendly experience and increases accessibility through the addition of a QR code and smart device compatibility.

In 2025, the Internal Affairs Division conducted **107 investigations**. Of these, **16** originated as citizen complaints, and **91** involved internal policy violations. All Sheriff's Office employees are expected to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and integrity.



*Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office
Executive Command Staff*

ADMINISTRATION BUREAU

Led by executive officer Assistant Chief Deputy Manuel F. Zamora, Ph.D., the bureau is responsible for advancing the strategic goals of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office and ensuring successful execution of programs and initiatives.

The Administration Bureau supports all operational units of the Sheriff's Office and encompasses the Public Information Officers, Grant Coordinators, Professional Development Command, Support Services (including Communications), and Regulatory Affairs. The Regulatory Affairs Division oversees Texas Public Information Act requests, the Alarm Detail, Game Room Enforcement, and records archiving and retention.

Grants

The Grants Office actively pursues funding sources for crime-related initiatives, projects, and programs that align with the mission and vision of the Sheriff's Office. These endeavors include community-oriented projects aimed at enhancing the quality of life and safety within the Fort Bend County community.

The following table summarizes grant activity for the Sheriff's Office during calendar year 2025. To provide a comprehensive overview of grant coordination efforts, the table includes all grant applications submitted during the year, including those that were awarded, those pending at the time of publication, and those that were not awarded. The table reflects the full range of grant submissions to demonstrate the scope of the effort undertaken to fill funding gaps and seek new equipment, services, and technology.

FY2025 Sheriff's Office Grant Applications and Awards			
Grantor	Project, program, initiative, or equipment	Amount	
Houston UASI	FY 2025 UASI-Fusion Analyst (Intelligence analyst; software; training)	\$134,426.00	
Houston UASI	FY 2025 SWAT-Radios	\$104,829.00	
Houston UASI	FY 2025 UASI Regional SWAT (protective and tactical gear/equipment)	\$388,054.00	
George Foundation	FY 2025 YANA (Project Lifesaver)	\$116,937.65	
(DOJ) Office on Violence Against Women	FY 2025 Trauma-Informed Victim-Centered Training for Law Enforcement (pending)		\$500,000.00
COPS-Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams	Crisis Diversion-Grant Extension (crisis call takers)	\$200,739.92	
SHSP_Border Crisis	FY 2025 SHSP Information Sharing, Screening & Communications Project (pending)		\$283,000.00
UASI_Border Crisis	FBC Sheriff's Screening, Robotics, & WMD Detection Project (UASI)	\$601,000.00	
BJA Justice Assistance Grant	Speed sign trailer; Project Lifesaver receivers and sensors	\$19,336.74	
Office of the Governor-Public Safety Office	FY 2026 Bullet Resistant Vehicle Components (ballistic glass/doors) (pending)		\$1,258,875.00
CDBG-CV Public Safety Project	Law Enforcement Vehicles (11 fully equipped vehicles)	\$1,000,000.00	
Houston UASI FY 2026	FY 2026 UASI Air Support (pending)		\$531,256.00
Houston UASI FY 2026	FY 2026 UASI Fusion Analyst (pending)		\$120,791.00
Houston UASI FY 2026	FY 2026 UASI SWAT Radios (pending)		\$98,400.00
Houston UASI FY 2026	FY 2026 UASI Regional SWAT-BearCat (pending)		\$425,000.00
Houston UASI FY 2026	FY 2026 UASI Special Response Group-Equipment (pending)		\$145,500.00
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance	Public Safety Enhancement Project-Equipment (pending)		\$150,000.00
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance	Investigator Response Support Project-Equipment (pending)		\$150,000.00
Texas Office of the Governor	VOCA-Victims of Crime Acts Formula Grant Program (investigator)	\$69,618.19	
Texas Office of the Governor	VAWA-Violence Against Women Formula Grant (victim advocate)	\$83,362.31	
Department of Justice	COPS Hiring Grant (10 deputies)	\$3,250,000.00	
Department of Justice	Cold Case DNA (pending)		\$500,000.00
Congressman Troy Nehls	Mobile License Plate Readers (LPR's) (not awarded)		\$235,000.00
Texas Office of the Governor	SHSP- Radio Replacement Program (pending)		\$195,801.84
Texas Office of the Governor	Border Crisis (weapon detection) (pending)		\$426,939.00
TX Department of Transportation	STEP Impaired Driver Mobilization	\$10,284.50	
Emma Loves Dogs	K9 support (pending)		\$5,000.00
National Dog Foundation	K9 support (pending)		\$5,000.00
TX Department of Transportation	Strategic Traffic Enforcement (Comprehensive)(pending)		\$16,114.83
TX Department of Transportation	Strategic Traffic Enforcement (CMV)(pending)		\$16,114.83
K9s.org	K9 support (pending)		\$15,000.00
TX SB 8 ICE Reimbursement	287 g Warrant Service Officer; Jail Enforcement Program reimbursement (pending)		\$120,000.00
	TOTAL	\$5,978,588.31	



GGLEA Class 49 graduates

Professional Development

The Professional Development Division, under the command of Major James Burger, is dedicated to advancing the skills, leadership capacity, and professional growth of all personnel within the Sheriff's Office. Through structured training programs, continuing education, and strategic career development initiatives, the division ensures that both sworn and civilian staff are fully prepared to meet the evolving demands of contemporary law enforcement. The division's mission is to uphold a culture of continuous improvement, integrity, and excellence in service to the community.

Gus George Law Enforcement Academy

The Gus George Law Enforcement Academy is under the command of Captain Gregory Johnson and supported by staff, which includes a lieutenant, sergeants, deputies and teaching assistants. The academy offers TCOLE-approved training to allow officers to meet the required TCOLE training mandates for licensed Deputies, Telecommunicators, and Detention Officers. The academy also offers intermediate and advanced training, which allows officers to achieve higher certifications for their license.

Officer development initiatives cultivate greater expertise and professionalism among officers, telecommunicators, and detention officers. Gus George Law Enforcement Academy is a regional training facility, partially funded by the Houston - Galveston Area Council. The partnership facilitates the provision of training to agencies within the 13 counties served by H-GAC. By training together, multiple agencies strengthen their coordination and improve emergency response across the area. Gus George Law Enforcement Academy conducts Basic Peace Officer Courses (BPOC), Basic County Corrections Licensing Courses and Basic Telecommunicators Licensing Courses. By completing these licensing courses, individuals earn their TCOLE license and take the first step toward a law enforcement career through agency appointment.



GGLEA Training Staff

Captain Johnson also commands the Community Services Division of the Sheriff's Office, which includes the Kids & Cops Unit and the Crime Prevention Unit, as well as You Are Not Alone (YANA) and the Police and Clergy Team (PACT).

Training Unit

Basic Peace Officer Course Accomplishments:

- 1,760 total training hours
- 49 students licensed
- 100% pass rate
- 22 graduates employed by FBCSO



GGLEA Academy Training Course Provider:

- 352 TCOLE Academy rosters for 3,948 students
- Training hours increased from 83,772 to 105,436
- Submitted departmental rosters for 230 students and 796 contact hours
- Provided training for 62 counties in Texas

Firearms Training

Approximately 1,000 officers completed their annual firearms qualifications at the GGLEA. In addition, the firearms instructors at Gus George instructed:

- 49 students in the BPOC Firearms Course
- 35 students in the Basic Rifle Course
- 70 students in the Red Dot Transition Course
- 12 students in the Firearms Instructor Course



Class 49 in training

Basic County Corrections Licensing Course Accomplishments:

- 6 courses held
- 9,480 total contact hours
- 79 students completed
- 98.72% pass rate

TCOLE License Exams Administered:

- 75 Basic Peace Officer License
- 113 Basic Jailer License
- 88 Basic Telecommunications Operator License

ALERT Training

Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERT) Level 1 is a foundational active-threat response course that provides law enforcement officers with critical tactics and strategies to effectively respond to and mitigate active shooter and mass casualty incidents. During the reporting period, **14** Level One courses were conducted, training **33 students**; no ALERT AIR (Active Incident Response) courses were held.

Basic ATV/UTV Operator

The ATV/UTV course provides operators with instruction on the safe and effective operation of all-terrain and utility terrain vehicles, including proper handling, towing procedures, and safety considerations in varied environments. During the reporting period, one class was conducted, with **25 students** completing the course.

Continuous Learning: Training for the Future

GGLEA offers a wide variety of courses. Two new courses help students prepare for future challenges to public safety: Basic Police Instructor Course and New Supervisor Course.

Basic Police Instructor Course

In 2025, GGLEA documented the successful completion of the 48-credit-hour Basic Police Instructor Course by **24 students**. This course provides foundational instruction in adult learning theory and equips participants with essential resources related to lesson plan development, classroom management, training standards, and instructor liability. Participants engage in structured discussions and applied learning activities designed to develop competencies in the delivery of training aligned with recognized instructional best practices.



New Supervisor Course

New Supervisor Course

Another course reflecting GGLEA's commitment to professional development is the New Supervisor Course. In 2025, GGLEA instructed **16 students** who successfully completed the 24-credit-hour New Supervisor Course. This program supports the continued effectiveness of the FBCSO and partner agencies by providing law enforcement personnel with foundational knowledge essential to supervisory roles. The course curriculum addresses leadership fundamentals, communication strategies, conflict resolution techniques, performance management tools, and the challenges associated with transitioning into a supervisory position. Through this training, GGLEA ensures new supervisors are equipped with the resources necessary to confidently meet the evolving demands of their roles.

HCC Partnership

In a landmark partnership aimed at enhancing law enforcement education and community trust, the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office (FBCSO) and Houston Community College (HCC) established an agreement to award college credit hours to cadets from the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy for their successful completion of the Basic Peace Officer Course training.

Beginning May 13, 2025, with the approval of the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court, cadets from Class #49 enrolled as HCC students and went on to earn 24 college credit hours toward an associate's degree upon graduation. Future cadet classes at GGLEA will continue to receive accredited college credit for their training.



HCC MOU Signing



Kids & Cops Summer Camp

Community Services

The Community Services Section of the Sheriff's Office includes the Kids & Cops Unit and the Crime Prevention Unit.

Kids & Cops

The Kids & Cops Unit consists of one sergeant and five deputies. This unit develops and maintains a positive and trusting relationship between law enforcement and the youth of Fort Bend County. The program is designed to reduce the likelihood of juvenile delinquency by providing children with opportunities to interact with and gain a better understanding of policing and community involvement. Kids & Cops initiatives, such as summer camps and school presentations, enhance community bonds and provide opportunities that boost the probability of young citizens participating in future civic responsibilities and displaying positive behavior.

The mission of the Kids & Cops Unit is to foster lifelong trust in law enforcement, inspire future community leaders and strengthen the bonds that keep Fort Bend County united. By offering education, mentorship, and opportunities for community engagement, the Deputies help adolescents make healthy and law-abiding decisions regarding their life choices.

The program is implemented through the following initiatives:

- **Educate and mentor:**

- Summer camps
- School presentations ("Now that You're 10" "Kids & Cops", "Consequences", and "Crossing the Line")
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Daycares

- **Participate in community events such as:**

- Trunk or Treat
- National Night Out
- Youth Law Enforcement Summit
- Health Fairs
- Career Fairs
- Toy Drives
- Parades

- **Kids & Cops Accomplishments:**

- 1,834 school presentations
- 24,889 students reached
- 480 summer camp attendees
- 66 community events



Kids & Cops Unit

Crime Prevention

Crime prevention is a collaborative effort to help safeguard the residents of Fort Bend County against criminal activity in their lives, homes, and businesses.

The mission of this unit is to educate and empower residents to take an active role in their own safety, build confidence in local law enforcement, and create safer communities across Fort Bend County. The unit works to achieve this by fostering a collaborative approach with residents, businesses, and civic groups. Citizens are offered educational safety presentations, crime statistics, and property inspections to help citizens reduce their vulnerability to property crime as well as potential injuries.

The unit offers several programs including:

- Citizen engagement:
 - o property checks
 - o traffic complaints
 - o National Night Out
- Education and outreach:
 - o Neighborhood Watch Programs
 - o car seat education
 - o Citizens Police Academy
- Risk assessments for homes and businesses



Citizens Police Academy Alumni at Spring Summit

Crime Prevention Accomplishments:

- Citizen Engagement:
 - o 756 property checks
 - o 9 traffic complaints
 - o 42 neighborhoods visited for National Night Out, reaching 1,292 community members
- Education & Outreach
 - o 225 citizens reached through the Neighborhood Watch Program
 - o 587 parents educated on car seats
 - o 453 car seats inspected/installed
 - o 33 graduates of the Citizens Police Academy
- Risk Assessment:
 - o 1 commercial risk assessment
 - o 63 residential risk assessments



Citizens Police Academy Fall 2025

Volunteer Services

You Are Not Alone

Coordinator of Volunteer Services, Michael Kahlenberg, manages the You Are Not Alone Program (YANA). The YANA program is a free service designed to assist senior citizens and individuals with disabilities in Fort Bend County who live alone. The YANA program offers peace of mind and a sense of security for those who enjoy their independence but have no friends or family nearby to check on them regularly. There are currently 32 active volunteers in the YANA program. Volunteers conduct daily phone calls and perform welfare checks on members. Volunteers also conduct other services for YANA members, such as providing water or necessities when needed, ensuring smoke detectors are functioning properly, and changing light bulbs.

In 2025, the YANA program implemented a new service initiative involving the weekly delivery of Meals on Wheels to seniors throughout Fort Bend County.

There are **266 members** in the Club Express system, an online database used by volunteers to enter client data and document calls.

YANA Accomplishments:

- 7,441 calls and member contacts made
- 572 homes visited by volunteers to change smoke alarm batteries and light bulbs



Volunteers Delivering Meals

Project Lifesaver Program

The Project Lifesaver program was established within the Sheriff's Office by the Volunteer Services Unit. The program serves as a free resource to help safely locate individuals with cognitive disabilities—such as autism, dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or traumatic brain injury—who have a history of wandering.



Project Lifesaver Achievements:

- 45 members wearing bracelets
- 66 FBCSO Deputies and Probationary Police Officers (PPOs) trained to perform searches
- 2 volunteers trained to perform searches
- 43 clients wearing bracelets



George Foundation Donation

Lifesaving Support for the Community, From the Community

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office expresses sincere gratitude for the generous donations supporting the Project Lifesaver Program, a critical service providing free wearable tracking devices to individuals with cognitive impairments, including children with autism, who may be unable to communicate if they become lost.

The George Foundation contributed an extraordinary \$116,000, providing a transformative boost to the Project Lifesaver Program. This funding allows the program to expand its reach across Fort Bend County, equipping more individuals and agencies with wearable tracking devices, supporting families, and enhancing community safety. The donation reflects the Foundation's commitment to protecting vulnerable populations and underscores the importance of preventative measures in safeguarding neurodivergent residents, particularly following recent tragic drownings. Funding will also support additional training for law enforcement and caregivers, ensuring devices are used effectively and families receive the guidance needed to maximize safety.

Dr. Dana Walker has been instrumental in raising awareness through her book, *I Got a New Personal Locator Bracelet*, written to help children and families better understand the purpose of this lifesaving tool. Together, these efforts strengthen the Sheriff's Office mission, providing peace of mind to families, safeguarding the most vulnerable, and fostering a safer, more inclusive Fort Bend County for all residents.

Police and Clergy Team

Police and Clergy Team (PACT) is a peace-officer-facilitated, faith-based outreach and volunteer chaplaincy program. PACT aims to enhance communication and establish strong and lasting partnerships with local leaders in the faith community, with a goal of better understanding the community we serve as well as those with whom we serve. PACT volunteer chaplains responded to numerous critical incidents, including fatal car accidents, suicides, and drownings. PACT volunteers also support the YANA (You Are Not Alone) program by making weekly welfare check calls to Fort Bend County's elderly residents.

In 2025, PACT collaborated with local pastors on the following events:

- March on Crime Prayer Walk
- National Police Week Day of Prayer
- Faith and Blue Weekend

PACT Accomplishments:

- 18 callouts
- 1 Critical Incident Stress Management debrief
- 1 funeral officiated for Missouri City Police Officer
- 12,753 contacts made



Prayer Walk: March on Crime

Regulatory Affairs Division

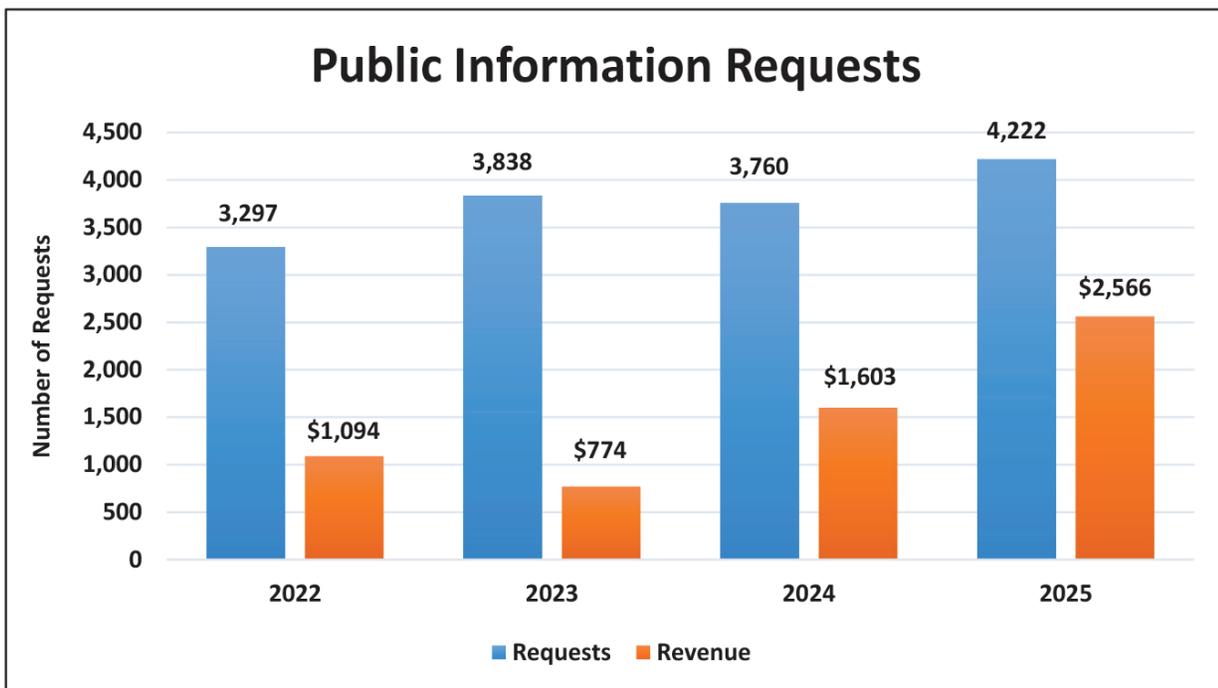
The Regulatory Affairs Division is under the command of Captain Sam Hayes. The division manages Records and the Alarm and Game Room Detail sections within the Sheriff's Office.

Records

The Records Section collects, processes, and protects all criminal and detention records filed within this Division and maintains accurate and complete records of information reported to regulatory agencies. Records strives to increase public confidence with the Sheriff's Office by providing access to records in a timely manner, as authorized by law. The Records Division provides services to the public on a daily basis to include criminal history checks, copies of offense reports, crash report information, and refers the public to file offense reports and other general matters. Records also completes law enforcement and government agency requests daily. For the entire calendar year of 2025, \$6,832.09 in fees were collected for services provided. Records no longer assists with fingerprinting information and payment due to the service stopping in early 2025.

In 2025, the Records Section received **4,222** Public Information Requests. For requests in which a fee is assessed, the Records Section collected **\$2,566.49** in total revenue. In comparison, the Records Section received 3,760 Public Information Requests in 2024. For reports in which a fee was assessed in 2024, the Records Section collected \$1,603.95 in total revenue. The availability of business records and the public's interest in assessing government operations contributed to the continuation in public information requests. Further, the requests for Body Worn Camera footage increased.

Below is a table detailing the public information requests processed by the Records Division over the last four years.



Service Awards

Johanna Buechmann, Records Administrative Manager, received her 35-year Service Award in September 2025. Ms. Buechmann has dedicated her entire tenure to service within the Records Division.

Deanna Pineda, Administrative Assistant, received her 5-year Service Award in May 2025. Mrs. Pineda served for five years in the Records Division as a Records Specialist and currently serves in the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) as an Administrative Assistant.

Congratulations to both of these dedicated employees. The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office offers a rewarding career with benefits, beginning in the Records Division with opportunities for advancement to other departments, including certified officer positions. Over the years, several employees have started in the Records Division and advanced within the agency.



*Johanna Buechmann (left),
Captain S. Hayes (right)*

Alarm Detail and False Prevention Unit

The Fort Bend County Alarm Detail and False Prevention Unit (AD & FPU) is a Unit of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, Professional Development Command. The Regulatory Affairs Division is primarily responsible for the compliance and enforcement of the alarm regulations set forth by the Texas Local Government Code 233.092 as adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioner's Court.

The Alarm Detail and False Prevention Unit collaborates with the Emergency Communications and Patrol Division, to ensure accuracy of a location's jurisdiction and utilize Call Slips to identify False Alarm calls for non-permitted sites. All residences and businesses that own and operate an alarm system are treated with kindness and professionalism while the AD & FPU works to bring them into compliance with State and County Laws and Regulations.

The Unit has an overall goal of working collectively with the Emergency Communications and Patrol Division to mitigate false alarms. Reductions in false alarms are accomplished by monitoring and maintaining the innovative and comprehensive false alarm management system Crywolf, which also offers a web portal for citizens to easily access. Crywolf has the ability to administer alarm system registrations and renewals, track and process false alarms, and manage fees and fine collections. The alarm permit web portal includes FAQs, an online payment system and direct contact to ask any questions citizens may have. The online portal assists in promoting public awareness on false alarm prevention and citizen compliance as well as vital information regarding the alarm regulations and prevention tips.



*Captain S. Hayes (left),
Deanna Pineda (middle),
Major J. Burger (right)*

In 2025, the Emergency Communications Center generated and dispatched First Responders to **15,409** alarm calls. Only **six** offense reports were taken and all other calls for service were preventable false alarms.

As of 2025, the Alarm Detail and False Prevention Unit is elated to announce the approval of **more than 450** Courtesy Senior permits. This new policy is intended to show appreciation and respect for residential permit holders aged 65 and older. AD & FPU collected **\$357,345.00** in permit fees for all Fort Bend County permit holders.

See index for full AD & FPU Productivity report.

Public Information Office

Throughout 2025, the Public Information Office (PIO) worked in close coordination with the Sheriff's Executive Command to produce and distribute a wide range of content, including broadcast and print media, social media updates, and public service announcements. These communications focused on crime trends, department operations, community programs, and ongoing investigations.

Public Information Officers (PIOs), Michelle Domengoni, M.B.A., and Brionna Rivers, handled all media relations for the agency, including responding to media inquiries, coordinating interviews, publishing press releases, and organizing press conferences. The team also played a key role in crafting and sharing important public safety messages and program updates with the community.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's App, managed by the PIOs, has continued to be a successful and widely used platform for delivering timely news, emergency alerts, traffic updates, and regularly published blog posts. Available for free on both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store, the app provides a centralized hub for accessing Sheriff's Office services and public safety information. Users can also report non-emergency incidents through the app, offering a convenient and efficient way to communicate with law enforcement.

In 2025, the PIO produced and published several high-interest videos and informational content to keep the public informed. These included updates on initiatives such as You Are Not Alone, Take Me Home, and the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP), as well as coverage of major violent crime cases, task force operations, apprehensions, and weather-related safety efforts.

The office also shared educational and safety-focused messages on topics including:

- Computer fraud prevention
- Pedestrian and traffic safety
- Summer safety tips
- Reporting suspicious activity
- Crime prevention initiatives
- Personal and business camera registry
- Recruitment and hiring events

In addition to public-facing communications, the PIO is responsible for maintaining the Sheriff's Office website, organizing and publishing important data and updates, and designing the Sheriff's Office Annual Report.

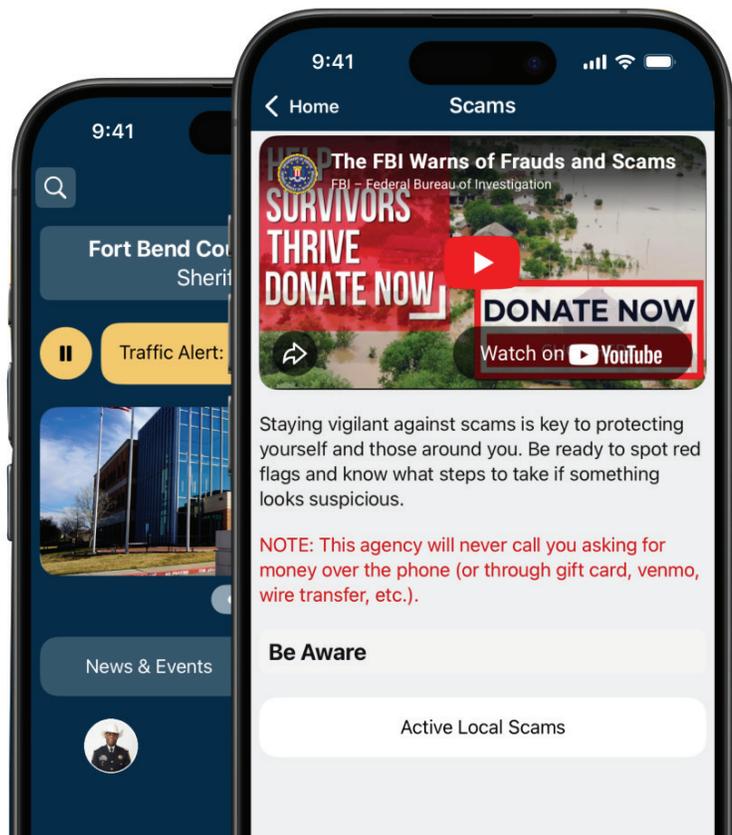
Public Information Office Accomplishments:

- 318 media inquiries received and processed
- 10 media interviews coordinated
- 17 media releases issued
- 5 media conferences held

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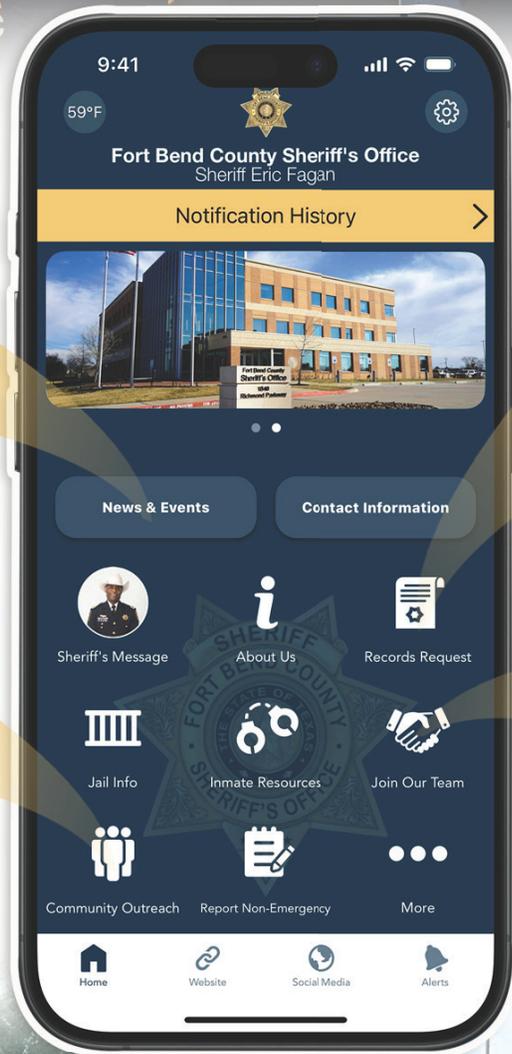


*Newly added
FBCSO App Feature*





HCC MOU Signing



Trunk or Treat



Media Interview



Community Outreach on Great Day Houston



Deputy Swear-In Ceremony



Splash Into Safety Campaign Launch



*Command Staff with
GHC 9-1-1 Coloring
Contest Winner*

Support Services Division

The Support Services Division is under the command of Captain Dalia Simons. The Division consists of the Emergency Communications Center, Support Services IT Unit, Emergency Management, and the Fort Bend CISM Peer Support Team.

Emergency Communications Center

The Emergency Communications Center is managed by Meghan Rivas.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications Center proudly serves as the primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for unincorporated areas of Fort Bend County, efficiently managing all incoming emergency calls for law enforcement, fire services, and emergency medical response. In addition to this critical role, the Communications Center also provides professional dispatch services for the Fort Bend County Constable Offices, as well as the police departments of Arcola, Meadows Place, Fulshear, and Lamar ISD. The Center further supports public safety by dispatching for the fire departments serving the communities of Needville, Orchard, Fairchild, Pleak, Thompson, Beasley, Northeast, and Pecan Grove.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Emergency Communications Center is the third largest communications center in the region, only behind Houston and Harris County. The Emergency Communications Center follows the standards established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO), and the National Emergency Number Associations (NENA).

The Emergency Communications 2025 call statistics are published in the index of this report. The Emergency Communications Center provides radio dispatchers to the Office of Emergency Management during emergencies, storms, inclement weather, large-scale events and mass gatherings. The Communications Center also serves as a backup communications center for municipalities located in Fort Bend County.

In 2025, the FBCSO Communications Center received a total of **400,710** calls that included 9-1-1 and administrative phone calls. Of these, **169,060** 9-1-1 calls were received and **94.5%** were answered in **15 seconds or less**, surpassing the Greater Harris County 9-1-1 network service level standard of **90%**.

Support Services IT Team

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Information Technology team provides internal support, as well as technical support for 12 law enforcement agencies, Fort Bend County EMS, and 8 fire departments within Fort Bend County. This team also assists with troubleshooting and repair, including intranet and internet connectivity with all forms of communications systems.

Throughout 2025, the Support Services technical staff (Communications System Specialists) assisted in the completion of the following projects:

- Development and deployment of the Live 9-1-1 application
- AV upgrade of our Richmond briefing room
- Migrating L3 camera videos from the server to the cloud
- Migrating the TLETS connection to the state from satellite to IPSEC
- Working with DPS to set up the TAK application
- Began the Eventide recording upgrade for dispatch
- Assisted the jail in setting up their new capture stations for imaging
- Began the process of testing Harris and Kenwood radios on our radio system
- Began replacing approximately 200 PCs
- Set up 70 laptops for EMS Ambulances
- Assisted EMS in configuring their Cradlepoint modems for their ambulances
- Worked with the Datavox to set up the video wall in the 9-1-1 call center
- Began working with County GIS on a Calls for Service Dashboard
- Replacement of Axon's BWC-3 (body worn camera) to BWC-4
- Completed calculated routing for EMS
- Completed USDD station alerting for EMS

To ensure there is little to no interruption in emergency services in the field and within our detention facility, the technical support staff provides an on-call service after-hours for all internal divisions and supported agencies that provide services to Fort Bend County.

The Support Service Division has been coordinating and assisting in the planning and system development for the Central Square Inform (Tiburon) System which will be a significant upgrade of the current CJIS system. This project is expected to go live in the third quarter of 2026. Additionally, the division is also assisting with the planning for the new Regional Training Academy and Emergency Communications Dispatch (PSAP) Center that will be located near the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. The assistance and planning ensure the most recent upgrades to the computer-aided dispatch and records management systems are completed. Regional complex work involves ensuring all data and communications systems are fully functional.



Telecommunicators



Telecommunicators

Support Services Accomplishments:

- 2,213 Support Services service requests (connectivity, software, hardware, and programming assistance)
- 705 On-call calls for service
- 796 Police/Fire/EMS radios programmed/repaired/firmware updates

Emergency Management

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Liaison, Captain Tiffany Budnik, serves as a critical link between the Sheriff's Office, county leadership, local municipalities, First Responders, and state agencies, ensuring seamless coordination during emergencies and disaster events. During 2025, significant progress was made in facilitating interagency communication and providing on-the-ground support during emergencies and disasters.

Key areas of focus included:

- Supporting multi-agency coordination during severe weather events and large-scale emergencies
- Promoting interdepartmental communication to ensure timely situational awareness
- Assisting in after-action reviews and improvement planning to strengthen countywide response capabilities
- Maintaining strong partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies to optimize disaster preparedness and recovery resources

In 2025, key accomplishments and impacts include:

- **Winter Storm Enzo Activation (January 2025):** Coordinated multi-agency response efforts, providing situational awareness and real-time support, directly contributing to efficient resource deployment and public safety outcomes.
- **UASI Grant Award:** Secured funding to complete **camera upgrades for the Mobile Command Vehicle**, enhancing surveillance, operational command capabilities, and incident management effectiveness.
- **Hurricane Preparedness & Training:** Actively participated in **planning meetings and countywide training exercises**, strengthening interagency communication, readiness, and resilience for potential large-scale incidents.
- **Enhanced Interagency Collaboration:** Facilitated ongoing coordination among local, state, and federal partners, improving response efficiency, reducing duplication of effort, and reinforcing Fort Bend County's emergency management capacity.

Through proactive engagement, strategic planning, and operational support, the Emergency Management Liaison continues to advance the Sheriff's Office mission of protecting life, property, and critical infrastructure while fostering a resilient and well-prepared community.

Fleet / Asset Management

The Fleet and Asset Management Department, led by Asset Coordinator Michael A. Baranowski II, oversees the ordering, upkeep, and maintenance of the Sheriff's Office fleet, which includes more than 490 vehicles.

This diverse fleet ranges from patrol Tahoes and helicopters to airboats and mobile command stations. The department collaborates closely with county divisions and private vendors to ensure all vehicles remain fully equipped and operational to support the Sheriff's Office mission of serving the community.



Sheriff's Office Fleet



Sheriff's Office Fleet

In 2025, the department facilitated the addition or replacement of more than 79 vehicles. The Asset Coordinator also serves as the internal auditor for the Sheriff's Office, partnering with the Fort Bend County Auditor's Office to track, manage, and account for more than 2,300 capital assets purchased with county funds, each valued at over \$5,000. An annual, state-mandated audit of these assets is conducted, and as of Fiscal Year 2025, the department has maintained **100% compliance** for seven consecutive years.

Fort Bend CISM Peer Support Team

In 2025, the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team continued its mission of providing compassionate, peer-driven support to our deputies, detention staff, and civilian employees. This year highlighted the strength of our commitment to caring for those who serve on the front lines.

CISM responded to numerous critical incidents with immediate, on-scene support and facilitated debriefings within days of impactful events. Backed by 21 trained team members, 3 licensed clinicians, and 3 dedicated team leads, the team conducted 13 sessions. Through these efforts, the CISM Team has strengthened resilience, reinforced a culture of care, and helped normalize conversations around mental wellness for First Responders.

Beyond individual care, the work of the CISM Peer Support Team has fostered a healthier, more supportive workplace, ensuring those who protect our community are supported when they need it most.

As we look to the year ahead, the CISM Team remains dedicated to expanding outreach, strengthening partnerships, and continuing to provide resources that safeguard the well-being of our Sheriff's Office family. Through our partnership with Fort Bend County Behavioral Health Services, CISM has also assisted other agencies in creating their own CISM teams in an effort to ensure all First Responders within Fort Bend County have support. The greatest achievement this year has been ensuring no one stands alone in the aftermath of critical incidents - a commitment that will carry forward with pride and purpose.

CISM 2025 Impact at a Glance:

- **Sessions Conducted:** 33
- **Outside Agencies Served:** 3
- **Participants:** 73 Police | 8 Fire | 4 EMS | 9 Other
- **Team Composition:** 21 Members | 3 Clinicians | 3 Team Leads

OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Operations Bureau is under the command of Assistant Chief Deputy Norman Wong. The Operations Bureau oversees several key divisions within the agency. It encompasses the Detention Command, which includes both the Courts Division and the Detention Division, Criminal Investigations, Field Operations (Patrol), and Human Resources, playing a vital role in the agency's overall mission and daily operations.

Detention Command

The Detention Command, under the leadership of Major Angel C. Rader, is responsible for the comprehensive management, care, and custody of all inmates housed within the Fort Bend County Jail. This command also oversees court security operations throughout the adjudication process, including hearings and trials, ensuring a safe and orderly environment for judges, attorneys, court staff, and the public. Through strict adherence to state and federal standards, the Detention Command upholds the Sheriff's Office commitment to professionalism, accountability, and the secure and humane treatment of all individuals in its custody.

Courts Division

The Justice Center Court Staff is managed by Captain Kevin Hunt. The Court Staff remains committed to ensuring the safety and security of the courts, employees, and all who enter the Fort Bend County Justice Center.

Each day, Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office personnel assigned to the Justice Center are responsible for providing comprehensive security coverage, including:

- The public screening area and front desk
- Inmate holding cells and central control
- The employee entrance at the Expansion Building
- Courtrooms located both within the Justice Center and at off-site court locations
- Monitoring of the parking lots and parking garage

The Courts Division plays a critical role in maintaining a safe environment for all courtroom participants, including judges, prosecuting attorneys, witnesses, and members of the public. Court personnel are essential to the smooth operation of the courts in Fort Bend County, overseeing the management and movement of detained individuals, as well as monitoring defendants during court proceedings.

Staffing

The Court Security Division is staffed by a dedicated team responsible for maintaining safety and order in court facilities. As of 2025, the division's personnel include one captain, one lieutenant, three sergeants, and 50 deputies, all committed to ensuring the security and smooth operation of the county's court system.



Deputies at the Justice Center

Office of Court Administration (OCA) Reporting

Under Senate Bill 42 - the Judge Julie Kocurek Judicial and Courthouse Security Act of 2017 - all court security incidents must be reported to the Office of Court Administration (OCA) within three business days of occurrence.

Reportable incidents include:

- Threats to persons or property
- Disorderly conduct
- Assaults
- Escapes or escape attempts
- Introduction of weapons or contraband
- Other serious security issues impacting court operations

OCA Reports Submitted in 2025:

Incident Type	Count
Suspicious Activity	1
Physical Altercation (Case-Related)	1

Risk Management Reporting

Court Security personnel must submit Risk Management reports for incidents involving civilians, Sheriff's Office employees, or damage to county property.

Risk Management Reports Submitted in 2025:

Report Type	Count
EMS Reports	10
Non-EMS Reports	7
Employee Injury Reports	2
Property Damage Reports	0

Use of Force / ARS Reports

The following Automated Report System (ARS) reports were submitted in 2025:

ARS Incident Type	Count
Terroristic Threat	1
Possession of Prohibited Substance	1
Significant Incident Reports	2
Failure to Register as Sex Offender	9

Inmate Escort to Court

Court Security is responsible for the safe and timely transport of inmates from the jail to court hearings.

Total Inmates Escorted from Jail to Justice Center: 4,165

Total Inmates Escorted from Jail Courtroom to Magistrate Court: 9,023

New Arrests / Commitments from Court

Individuals who appear in court and are taken into custody due to warrants or sentencing are processed by Court Security personnel.

Arrests from Court Appearance: 499

Security Screening

To maintain courthouse safety and prevent the entry of weapons or contraband, Court Security conducts thorough security screenings for all who enter the Justice Center.

Total Individuals Screened: 245,192

Monthly Average: 20,432

Detention Division

The Detention Division consists of three connected jail facilities: the East Tower, West Tower, and the Old Jail, with a combined total of 1,766 beds and a holding cell capacity of 90. The average daily inmate population is approximately 850.

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS) inspects our jail annually. A limited compliance review was conducted on February 13, 2025, and we are proud to report that the Fort Bend County Detention Division continues to remain in full compliance with state standards.

Technology and Education Initiatives

The Detention Division has partnered with Securus Technologies provide secure tablets to inmates. These tablets are not connected to the open internet and operate within a secure jail network.

They allow inmates to:

- Communicate with family and friends
- Access educational programs
- Engage with a variety of applications via Edovo

While a kiosk system remains available, the tablets allow inmates to participate in educational programs from their cells, increasing engagement and accessibility.

Since January 1, 2025:

- 58,590 learning assignments completed
- 3,990 courses completed
- 1,796 unique active learners
- 40,935 learning hours logged

Top 5 Courses:

- Christ Un-barred
- Rising Strong: A Substance Abuse Recovery Course
- Parenting While Incarcerated
- Always With You
- Book of Mormon Videos



Detention Division Command:
Major A. C. Rader,
Captain T. Chesser, Captain S. Soland

Justice Readiness Initiative (JRI)

Launched in October 2024, the Justice Readiness Initiative addresses the needs of inmates found incompetent to stand trial. These individuals often face wait times of up to two years for placement in a State Hospital, delaying their legal cases.

Key Partners:

- Behavioral Health Services
- District Courts
- Fort Bend County Public Defender's Office
- Fort Bend County Attorney's Office
- Wellpath (our contracted medical provider)

Goals and Strategies:

- Medication management by our psychiatry team (CCP 46B & HSC 574.106)
- Active support from psychiatric technicians (Psych Techs)
- Behavioral documentation and observation
- Reduction of waiting time by up to 18 months

Similar jail-based programs in Texas report up to 90% competency restoration within six months.

FY2025 JRI Highlights:

- Successfully conducted 16 court-ordered medication hearings for patients on the state hospital wait list (100% success rate)
- Piloted a jail-based curriculum for competency restoration—designed by a team including a psychiatric technician, nurse, and psychiatrist
- Developed tablet-based educational materials tailored to inmates' literacy levels
- Provided targeted education for inmates scheduled for competency evaluations, improving understanding and legal competence

In December 2025, the JRI program graduated 17 inmates who completed the Legal Educational Development portion of the program.

Mental Health Highlights

Behavior Management Plan

Implemented by the Mental Health Department to safely mitigate self-injurious and destructive behavior patterns. Outcomes have been positive and sustainable.

Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program

In partnership with UT Health Houston McGovern Medical School, the Fort Bend County Jail launched a Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship training rotation.

This program:

- Enhances the continuum of care
- Exposes future forensic psychiatrists to jail-based systems
- Reinforces Fort Bend's commitment to research-driven, humane mental health care

Additional Benefits of the Fellowship Program:

1. Access to Specialized Expertise

Fellows bring advanced, up-to-date clinical knowledge from academic institutions, introducing evidence-based practices in mental health, addiction treatment, and integrated medical care.

2. Program Development

Fellows help design or pilot innovative interventions, such as reentry planning, trauma-informed care models, and substance use treatment.

3. Improved Continuity of Care

Fellows often facilitate stronger connections between jail-based and community care systems, supporting better discharge planning and reducing recidivism.

4. Broader Community Impact

Fellows trained in jails often pursue careers supporting underserved populations and contribute to diversion programs, mental health courts, and reentry services—addressing incarceration caused by untreated illness.

Vocational Program Highlights

Stars and Stripes Reentry Program

Supports incarcerated military veterans in achieving healthy, productive transitions back into the community.

Reentry Workforce Development and Life Skills Program

Aimed at reducing recidivism through preparation for employment and life post-incarceration.



Male Vocational Program Graduation Ceremony

FY2025 Program Achievements:

- 118 inmates participated
- Program expanded from 12 to 15 weeks
- Curriculum included:
 - Purpose development
 - Computer basics
 - Recovery (12-step)
 - Therapeutic writing
 - Job readiness
 - Financial literacy
 - Parenting and manhood training

Funded through Commissary, the program employs:

- Case management Motivational interviewing
- Peer mentoring
- Skills training
- Ongoing support



Female Vocational Program Graduation Ceremony

Mission: To send individuals home better than they came.

Healthcare Access

Our medical services are provided by Wellpath as part of our annual operating budget.

Enhancements Introduced in FY2025:

- **Access Health** (Fort Bend County's indigent healthcare provider) now operates full-time within the jail.

Services include:

- Adult/pediatric care
- Women's health
- Dental services
- Pharmacy access

More info: myaccesshealth.org

- HealthPlan Freedom helps eligible pretrial inmates enroll in Affordable Care Act (ACA) health insurance. This:
 - Is free and optional
 - Assists families with medical access
 - Enables cost recovery through insurance billing

Immigration Enforcement Partnership

The jail now participates in the ICE 287(g) Program, authorized under Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

This partnership allows trained personnel to:

- Identify and process removable aliens with criminal charges
- Enforce specific immigration duties under ICE supervision
- Execute administrative warrants

More info: ice.gov

Food Services & Facility Upgrades

Partnering with Aramark for food and commissary operations, our newest contract includes improvements to the Officer Dining Room:

- Modern redesign
- Updated kitchen equipment
- Expanded menu for staff

Enhanced Security Measures

Upgrades to the jail include the installation of a new body scanner with advanced capabilities to detect and prevent contraband. All operators undergo annual proficiency training to ensure its safe and effective use. This initiative underscores our ongoing commitment to safety.

In conclusion, the Fort Bend County Detention Division remains committed to ensuring security and safety, promoting inmate rehabilitation, maintaining fiscal responsibility, and fostering strong community partnerships. Through innovative programming, strategic collaborations, and continuous facility improvements, the division strives to support its staff, prepare inmates for successful reentry into society, and enhance public safety throughout Fort Bend County.



New body scanner

Field Operations

The Field Operations Division, under the command of Major Rudy Castaneda and managed by Captain Michael Fisher, serves as the most visible component of the Sheriff's Office, directly engaging with the community on a daily basis. Through consistent community presence, rapid response capabilities, and professional law enforcement practices, the Field Operations Division works to deter crime, foster public trust, and ensure the safety and well-being of residents across the county.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is composed of dedicated essential employees who serve as the first responders for all residents of Fort Bend County. Primary responsibilities include responding to emergency calls for service, non-emergency calls for service, traffic enforcement, preliminary investigation of an offense, documenting offense for further investigation, and providing support to other law enforcement agencies within the county.

The Patrol Division encompasses several specialized units including Traffic Enforcement, Air Support, Drones, Livestock, K-9, SWAT, Honor Guard, Dive Team, Take Me Home, and Reserves. These units work collaboratively to address the diverse needs of the community in both the rural and urban areas.

To better serve the needs of our residents the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division operates out of three locations: Richmond, Fulshear, and Missouri City to provide quicker responses. Each of the locations has an assigned Intake Deputy to assist residents who prefer to come in and make a report. The Patrol Division operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round.

The division is committed to the ongoing development and training of its personnel with each new Deputy undergoing a 17-week Field Training Program after they have completed the State Licensing Curriculum, as well as additional ongoing training throughout the year. The Patrol Division strives to ensure its Deputies are equipped with the latest training, techniques, and technologies to effectively serve the residents and businesses of Fort Bend County. Guided by the core values of Service, Honor, and Dignity, the vehicle crashes remains steadfast in its mission to ensure the safety and well-being of all citizens within the county.

Traffic Unit

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Traffic unit is dedicated to keeping roadways safe through traffic enforcement, crash investigations and community engagement. The Unit consists of motorcycle units and SUVs.

The traffic unit utilizes drones and has several drone pilots within the unit. Drone pilots are trained to support crash investigations.

Members of the unit are highly trained, holding advanced certifications in areas such as crash reconstruction, forensic mapping, and transportation law. The Traffic Unit is responsible for investigating serious collisions, including auto-pedestrian incidents, crashes resulting in serious bodily injury or death, and cases involving Failure to Stop and Render Aid or Failure to Stop and Give Information cases. In addition, the unit is tasked with overseeing wrecker compliance.

The unit works closely with the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office to ensure thorough investigations and effective prosecution of these cases.



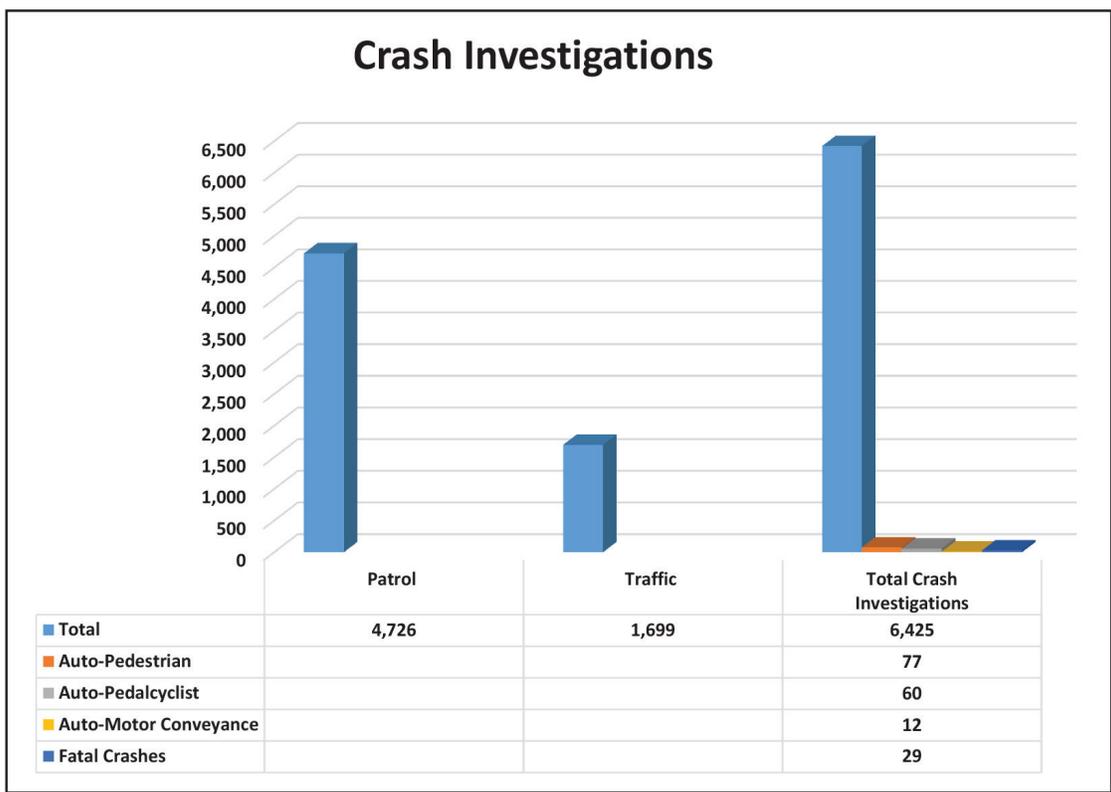
Additionally, the Traffic Unit enforces school zone safety, responds to traffic-related complaints from the community, and plays an active role in public outreach efforts. The unit is also tasked with enforcing the Lisa Torry Smith Act (87(R) SB 1055), a law created to protect pedestrians in crosswalks.

Through enforcement, investigation, and education, the Traffic Unit remains dedicated to reducing crashes, saving lives, and serving the residents of Fort Bend County with professionalism and integrity.

In 2025, the Patrol Division investigated **6,425** motor vehicle crashes. Of these, **1,699** were worked by the Traffic Unit. Below is a breakdown of injury crash ratings for the vehicle crashes.

- Fatal injury: 29
- Suspected serious injury: 104
- Suspected minor injury: 616
- Possible injury: 524
- Not injured: 4,798
- Unknown injury: 354

In addition, the Patrol Division investigated a total of **606** Fail to Stop and Give Information cases, **26** Fail to Stop and Render Aid cases, and **296** traffic complaints.



Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Patrol Districts

Patrol districts are structured around geographic areas comprising neighborhoods, business and retail centers, schools, industrial complexes, parks and recreational areas, hospitals, places of worship, and government buildings. Each of the nine existing patrol districts are designed to enable deputies assigned to each district the ability to develop close community and business ties to foster cooperative relationships meant to help resolve crime, delinquency, and disorder. Deputies are expected to engage in proactive outreach efforts to advance the pillars of Community-Oriented Policing. This approach reorients patrol activity to emphasize non-emergency service, such as proactive and coactive problem solving, decentralizing command, and enabling beat deputies to work with community leaders and members to identify and resolve public safety problems, including necessary and valid approaches to address root causes of crime and disorder.

Deputies communicate and receive calls via the Sheriff's Office Communications Center and operate across three separate radio channels indicated below:

- Patrol Channel 1: Districts 2, 5, and 7 (Northwest Fort Bend County)
- Patrol Channel 2: Districts 1, 3, 8, and 9 (North, Central, and South Fort Bend County)
- Patrol Channel 3: Districts 4 and 6 (East and Southeast Fort Bend County)

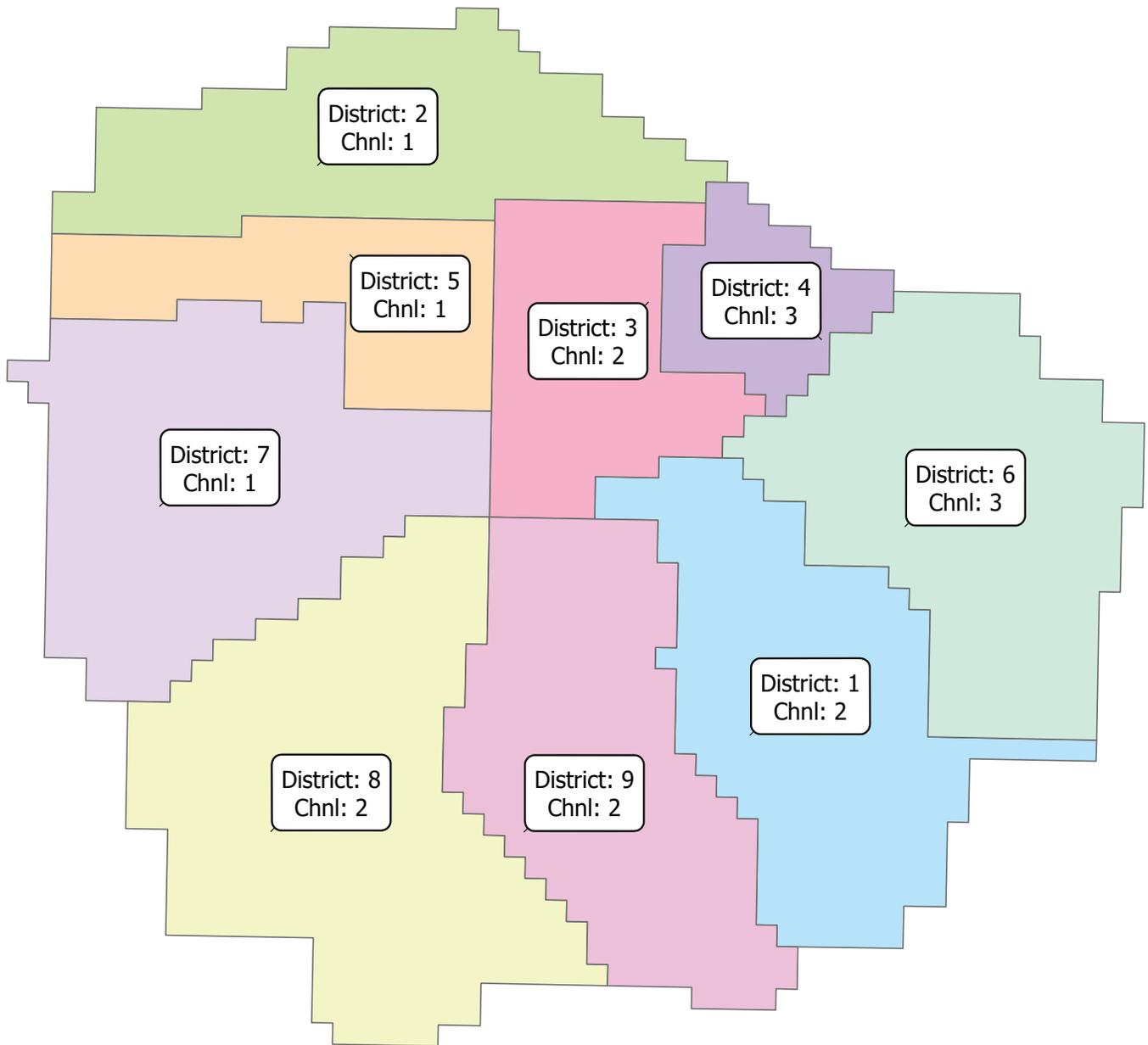
During specialized events, tactical operations and special proactive investigations within those districts, other police employees communicate on Tactical Channels TAC 1 or TAC 2. As with all radio communication, dialogue across all channels is recorded and archived daily. Specialized units, such as investigators, warrant deputies, transport units, and police administrators communicate on the radio based upon their physical location and as needed by the field operation.

Emergency Medical Services, Fire departments, Fort Bend County Constables, Fire Marshals, and several municipalities are also dispatched throughout Sheriff's Office districts. When necessary, particularly during large-scale events, radio channels may be patched to enable all responding and active units to communicate with each other on one channel. The Annual Fair Parade is an example of a multijurisdictional public safety effort in which one incident action plan is developed to manage multiple agency deployments.

When patrol districts were first developed, they were designed based upon dynamics, such as calls for service, neighborhoods, and the geographic layout of the county. One of the primary initial factors was determining how deputies could quickly respond to calls in their area using the existing road design and freeways. The current design enables deputies to reach areas within various communities and the services and amenities available to that community. This also enables deputies to gain local knowledge, build community trust, identify recurring problems and deteriorating conditions and collaborate to prevent crime and delinquency.

Districts, 2, 5, and 7 comprise the northwest and west parts of Fort Bend County and includes Cinco Ranch and the Katy area as well as Simonton and the areas outside Fulshear. Districts 1, 3, 8, and 9 is the largest geographic area and includes central, south, and southwest Fort Bend County. The outskirts of Rosenberg, Richmond, Kendleton, and Needville are managed by deputies assigned to this area. Finally, districts 4 and 6 are located in the outskirts of the Sugar Land municipal area. Hwy 6 is the nearest major thoroughfare, and the Southwest Freeway, Hwy 59 also traverses this area. The area also includes suburban Missouri City through Fresno and Arcola.

Fort Bend Sheriff Patrol Districts



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Air Support Unit

The Air Support Unit is comprised of pilots and the Tactical Flight Officers (TFOs) that have a mission to support the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office in a variety of operations. Some of the operations that the Air Support Unit assists with are missing/endangered persons, vehicle/foot pursuits, burglary calls, and active shooter events. The Air Support Unit is also requested and utilized by other agencies in the county to include the Constable's Offices, Emergency Management, and Fire/Rescue.

Currently the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office's Air Support Unit has three full-time pilots, one part-time pilot/instructor, and one full-time TFO. The Air Support Unit utilizes two helicopters, Raven 8 (N218FB) and Raven 9 (N259FB).

The growth of the personnel in the Air Support Unit will further enhance the service that the unit will be able to provide for the community in Fort Bend County.

Yearly Statistics:

- Calls for Service: 244
- Flight Hours: 291.1
- Other Agency Assist: 46
- Missing Persons: 24
- Call Out: 40
- Training Flights: 40



Joint Air Support and Swat Training

Drone Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Program

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office UAS (Drone) Program supports the Patrol Division in a variety of operations, including search and rescue missions, crowd monitoring during events, and providing real-time surveillance during active shooter situations and other critical incidents. This technology allows deputies to receive vital information without being placed in harm's way. The unit also assists in monitoring and assessing flood and weather events.

The unit's training team ensures that all Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office UAS pilots are proficient in operating the equipment and fully understand the laws governing the UAS Program.

The Drone unit utilizes advanced software capable of streaming live video footage from multiple drones and locations simultaneously, providing decisionmakers with a real-time, first-hand view of ongoing situations. The unit also supports crash reconstruction investigations using specialized equipment and training. The unit has pilots across many divisions including Patrol, SWAT, and CID. The Fort Bend County UAS consists of the following assets: two DJI M4T, two DJI M30T, five DJI Mavic 3T, and two Autel EVO II.



Deputy Paul with Drone Tahoe



In 2025, the Fort Bend County UAS Team added two dedicated UAS Tahoes that enhanced the capabilities of the unit.

Looking ahead to 2026, the UAS Program plans to update its systems to replace aging units in the fleet. The team is also exploring the addition of specialized drones for SWAT operations.

Flight breakdown:

- Crash reconstruction flights: 46
- Training flights: 618
- Calls for service: 245
- Criminal Investigations Division flights: 475

Livestock Unit

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Livestock Unit is a specialized team of deputies responsible for responding to incidents and concerns involving livestock throughout the county. These deputies are highly trained to handle a variety of livestock-related issues, including investigations into animal welfare, ownership disputes, and violations of state and local regulations.

In addition to managing livestock cases, the unit also investigates reports of animal cruelty within the unincorporated areas of Fort Bend County. These investigations often involve non-livestock animals such as dogs, cats, and other domestic pets, ensuring that all animals within the county are afforded appropriate care and protection under the law.

Livestock Unit Accomplishments:

Loose Livestock:

- Livestock Penned: 2,381
- Livestock Complaints: 231
- Owner Notified: 1,160
- Livestock Impounded: 62
- Impounds Returned: 10
- Citation Issued: 17
- Gone on Arrival / Unable to Locate: 247
- Checked / Fixed Fence: 804
- Follow-up: 1,639
- Call Outs: 36

Auto/Livestock Accident:

- Crash Investigations: 64

Cruelty Investigations:

- Cruelty Calls: 112
- Cruelty Warrants: 5
- Animals Seized: 7
- Court Hearings: 8
- Cases Filed: 10

Livestock Auction:

- Receiving Pens Checks: 38
- Estray Sold / Adopted / Euthanized: 44



Livestock Unit

Stock Owner:

- Contact: 725
- Assist/bury/move livestock: 43

Administration:

- JP / County Court: 18
- County Clerk Office: 12

Miscellaneous Assistance:

- Other Agency Assist: 34
- Off-Duty Calls for Service: 129
- Assist With Other Calls: 47

Case Illustration

On May 4, 2025, deputies from the Livestock Unit responded to a report of a loose calf in the area of Roesler Road and FM 361 in Needville, Texas. Upon arrival, deputies observed a small calf, estimated to be approximately one week old, standing alone in an open hay field. No mother cow or other cattle were located nearby. Due to the immediate risk of dehydration, starvation, or predation, the calf was impounded and placed under the care, custody, and control of the Livestock Unit.

The calf, affectionately named "Bella," required bottle-feeding three times daily. After completing the designated holding period, Livestock Unit personnel coordinated an adoption with the daughter of a local livestock owner. Bella has since been thriving in her new home and is now part of a larger herd, continuing to receive excellent care.



Bella

K-9 Unit

The K-9 Unit maintains and deploys police canine teams to support the mission of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. Each police canine team consists of a deputy, and their K-9 partner. The K-9 Unit enhances the operational functions of Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office through crime prevention, narcotics detection, explosive detection, apprehension of criminals, officer safety, and service to our community.

K-9 Accomplishments:

- Deployments: 113
- Apprehensions: 39
 - Murder Suspects: 1
 - Robbery: 6
 - Aggravated Assault: 11
- Other Agency Assist: 11



K-9 Unit

The K-9 unit continues to train with other K-9 units throughout the county on a regular basis to sharpen their skills and to maintain an effective relationship with the K-9 community in Fort Bend County. This relationship allows for greater communication and effectiveness when a K-9 is needed to reach a successful conclusion to many incidents in our community.

SWAT

The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, is a designated section of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office whose members are tested, selected, trained, equipped and assigned to resolve critical incidents involving a threat to public safety which would otherwise exceed the capabilities of traditional law enforcement first responders and/or investigative units. The SWAT Team is focused on tactical resolutions, as opposed to other functions. The purpose of the SWAT Team is to increase the likelihood of safely resolving critical incidents; however, additional responsibilities for which the SWAT Team is tasked include specialized support for the agency's Patrol, and Criminal Investigations Divisions and training of agency personnel.

SWAT Accomplishments:

- Armed Barricaded Subject Scenes: 10
- High-Risk Search and Arrest Warrant Scenes: 17
 - 1 Murder Arrest Warrant
 - 1 Human Trafficking Search Warrant
 - 1 Narcotics Search Warrant
- Limited Response Search Warrant Operations: 8
- Quick Reaction Teams for the FBC Fair Parade: 2



Fort Bend Regional SWAT during Rook training

While the SWAT team is designed to de-escalate and negotiate highly volatile situations, including armed subjects, in 2025, the SWAT team was not involved in any use of force incident in its 38 activations.

Also in 2025, the SWAT Team received two highly valuable pieces of equipment. In January of 2025 the SWAT Team took possession of our Rook. The Rook is an armored Caterpillar Skid Steer loader capable of providing ballistic protection for multiple team members either on the ground level, or on the second and third floors of buildings. In addition, the Rook comes equipped with a hydraulic ram, grapple, and vehicle extraction tool. SWAT also took possession of Rex the Robot Dog (featured on the cover). Rex is capable of opening doors, climbing stairs, and searching areas for suspects before SWAT Operators are deployed into the building.



SWAT ROOK

Take Me Home Program

The Take Me Home Program is managed by Sergeant Matthew Hricko and provides vital support to individuals with cognitive impairments or disabilities who are prone to wander. The program allows families to register their loved ones by providing identifying details, emergency contact information, and other pertinent data, which are securely stored in a law enforcement database. In the event a registered individual goes missing or is found and unable to communicate, deputies can access this information to help identify and safely reunite the person with their family.

In 2025, the program experienced a 27% increase in registered dependents, rising from 294 to 376, and a 14% increase in registered law enforcement personnel, from 461 to 526. The program successfully reunited two registered dependents with their loved ones. Following nationwide coverage of a Take Me Home success story in July 2025, 15 additional residents were registered by their families.



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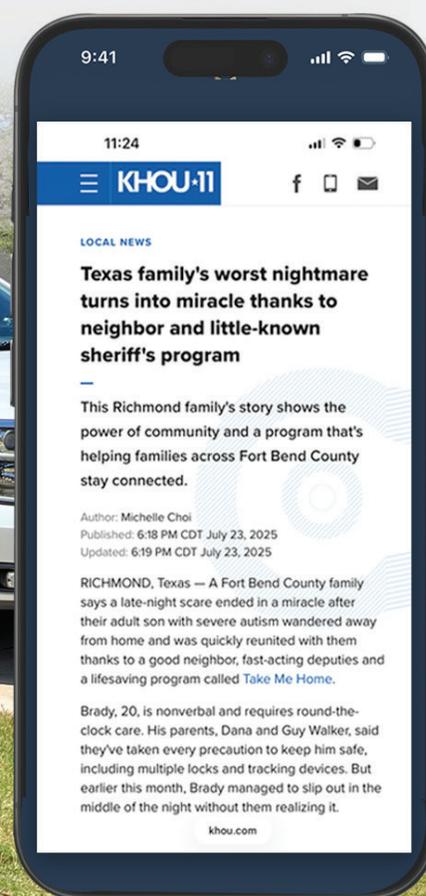
FBCSO Quickly Reunites Missing Man with Family Through Take Me Home Program

(FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS) - The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office (FBCSO) is proud to share the successful recovery of a missing 20-year-old man with cognitive disabilities, thanks to the department's Take Me Home program.

In the early morning hours of Wednesday, July 16, at approximately 1:45 a.m., deputies responded to a call in a Richmond subdivision about an adult found wandering the neighborhood. A nearby resident, Alec Denobrega, noticed the young man—later identified as Brady—wandering along the street and eventually into his garage. Denobrega immediately called the Sheriff's Office for assistance.

Deputies arrived quickly and attempted to communicate with Brady through both ESL (English as a Second Language) methods and written messages but were unsuccessful. Using Brady's physical description and photograph, deputies accessed the Take Me Home database and were able to identify him within minutes. Deputies also used a nickname listed in the system to help build trust with Brady, ultimately convincing him to follow them to his home.

Brady was safely reunited with his family within 15 minutes after deputies arrived on scene.



Sergeant Hricko during KHOU 11 Interview

Honor Guard

The Fort Bend County Honor Guard Team is led by Commander Sergeant Mercedes Flores, the first female in Fort Bend County history to be in the position of a Commander for the Team.

The Honor Guard Team is composed of 16 men and women of the Sheriff's Office who volunteer their time to train and serve at special functions and official assignments authorized by the Sheriff or designee. Five members were selected to attend the Texas Thin Line Training at the Texas Honor Guard Academy in Kyle, Texas.

The Honor Guard team consist of the following units:

- Casket/Memorial Guard Mount
- 21- Gun Salute - **Team Leader Deputy A. Gil**
- Color Guard - **Team Leader Deputy D. Paul**
- Wall of Honor
- Family Assistance Team

The Honor Guard Team is deployed for special events such as the opening and closing ceremonies of the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, officers' funerals and memorials, and other formal occasions including the County Treasurers' Association of Texas Annual Conference. The team's primary mission is to honor fallen or retired law enforcement officers, uphold professionalism and discipline, and foster community pride and respect for the law enforcement profession. Over the years, the team's role has expanded to include participation in funerals for non-line-of-duty deaths, parades, and civic events on holidays such as the Fourth of July, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day, as well as special events requested by the Sheriff's Executive Command Staff. The Honor Guard also assists outside agencies as needed, both within Fort Bend County and throughout the State of Texas.



*Honor Guard at
9/11 National Day
of Service*

In 2025, the Honor Guard Team was invited to participate in the 9/11 National Day of Service on September 6th at the Houston National Cemetery. Traditionally, this solemn event features a mixed flag team representing multiple agencies; however, for the first time, the Color Guard was composed exclusively of members from the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard Team. The team also received a token of appreciation for its participation in the County and District Clerks' Association of Texas Summer Conference.

Each year, the Honor Guard Team has the privilege of representing the Sheriff's Office at three major events: the annual Texas Peace Officers' Memorial in Austin, the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Officers' Memorial held at the Sheriff's Office, and the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service in Washington, D.C.

Dive Team

The Fort Bend County Regional Dive Team is comprised of Deputies from the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office and firefighters from Northeast Fire and Rescue. The dive team is a FEMA certified team that is equipped and trained by personnel with Northeast Fire and Rescue.

As a regional asset, the dive team will respond to water rescues and recoveries throughout the county on a 24-hour basis, supporting all public safety agencies in Fort Bend County and agencies within the region.

All members of the dive team are required to complete and pass the International Association of Dive Rescue Specialists (I.A.D.R.S.) annual Watermanship Tests, that demonstrate each member's proficiency and comfort in waterborne operations. The members of the team must also complete a minimum of 18 dives over a three-year period to maintain their certifications.

To maintain the proficiency and standards required to be a FEMA certified dive team, there are training sessions conducted quarterly. These quarterly training sessions focus on water rescue, search patterns, sonar equipment operation, diver survival, blackout diving operations, and general dive operations.

The dive team utilizes a variety of specialized equipment during operations, including a SHERP UTV, a remotely operated vehicle (ROV), side-scan sonar, and an airboat provided by the Sheriff's Office.

Dive Team Accomplishments:

- Deployed 2 times for vehicle recoveries
- Recovered 1 weapon

Reserves

The Reserve Division is composed of licensed peace officers who bring a wealth of experience from prior careers in law enforcement—many having served with distinction in the Sheriff's Office or other agencies across Texas. These deputies volunteer their time to reinforce key operations throughout the agency, including Patrol, Crisis Intervention, Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, Court Security, and Detention.



FBCSO Reserve Captain Roger McGaffin Pinning Ceremony

Operating with the same credentials and capabilities as full-time field personnel, Reserve Deputies take on a wide range

of assignments, many of which are self-initiated and strategically aligned with the Office's public safety mission. Their contributions are seamlessly integrated into the daily successes of the divisions they support.

What sets the Reserve Division apart is its impact: through uncompensated service, these deputies save Fort Bend County taxpayers thousands of dollars annually. Their dedication reflects a deep commitment to community, professionalism, and the values of the Sheriff's Office.

In 2025 alone, Reserve Deputies logged **over 4,400** hours of volunteer service, including:

- Patrol operations: 659 hours providing critical field support and increasing agency visibility
- Judicial Integrity: 1,400 hours dedicated to enhancing the safety and security of County Courts
- Community Engagement: Extensive commitment to public safety programs, community-wide outreach, and specialized assignments throughout the year

Whether providing specialized operational support or representing the Sheriff's Office at public events, the Reserve Division continues to be a vital force multiplier—quietly amplifying the reach and effectiveness of Fort Bend County law enforcement.

Human Resources

The mission of the Human Resources Division within the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office is to ensure an appropriate level of staffing is maintained so that the citizens of our county remain safe. This includes law enforcement officers as well as support staff that make it possible for our officers to perform their jobs effectively and safely.

FBCSO Human Resources is led by Captain Nate McDuell, a 35-year law enforcement administrator with many years of HR experience. The Human Resource function is vital to the successful operation of any organization and the FBCSO HR Division works daily to hire, process and maintain adequate staff.

Functions handled by HR include recruiting, interviewing, pre-employment testing, background investigations, maintaining mandatory state-required certifications and random drug testing. Human Resources also conducts divisional needs assessments, employee placement, job analysis and announcements, records management and retention as well as a host of other functions in support of Sheriff's Office employees.

HR recruiters attended **62** job/career fairs and high school recruitment events, making contact with over 650 potential employees. Background Investigators conducted 213 investigations of potential employees.

HR Accomplishments:

- 1,689 pre-applications received
- 512 applications received/processed
- 194 Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) Secure Share requests
- 124 FMLA applications completed
- 56 open records requests processed from outside entities
- 11 retirements processed
- 67 resignation/terminations processed
- 491 Brady Requests satisfied
- 93 new employees on-boarded
- 1,450 employee subpoenas processed



Sheriff's Office Human Resources Team

In coordination with recruiter Deputies Olivia Autrey and Frank Davis, the Human Resources Division attended 81 career fairs, local police academies, high schools and universities. The Human Resources Division successfully reduced the job application by dozens of pages and provided notary services to all applicants at no charge.

Investigations Command

The Investigations Command, led by Major Rudy Castaneda, provides comprehensive investigative services through two distinct divisions. The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) operates in a reactive capacity, investigating crimes after they occur through its six specialized units: Robbery/Homicide, Special Crimes, Family Violence, Burglary/Theft, Fraud, and Misdemeanors. In contrast, the Special Investigations Division functions proactively, targeting criminal activity before it escalates and disrupting organized crime through the Narcotics, Human Trafficking/Internet Crimes Against Children, Gang, Auto Theft, and Crime Reduction Units. Together, these divisions provide a balanced approach, addressing immediate criminal incidents while mitigating long-term threats to public safety.

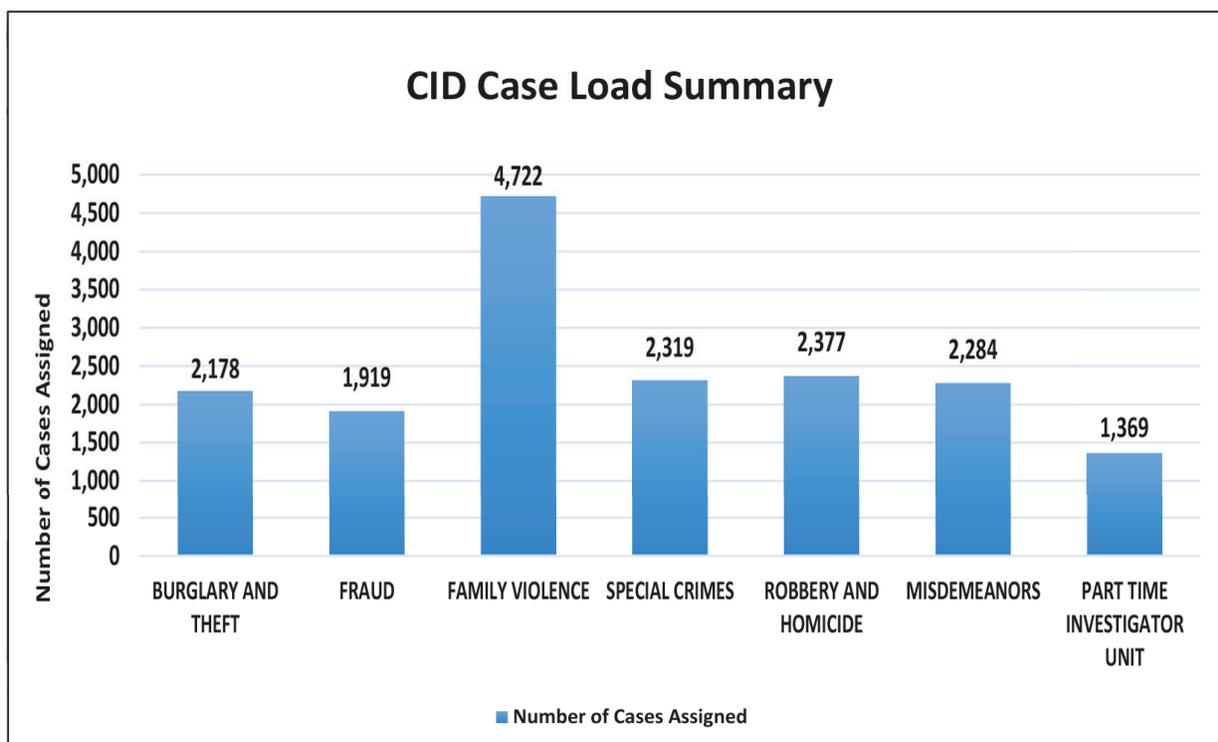
Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is managed by Captain Scott Heinemeyer. The division is organized into six investigative units: Robbery/Homicide, Special Crimes, Family Violence, Burglary/Theft, Fraud, and Misdemeanors. The division also includes Investigative Support Units, including Warrants and Crime Scene Investigators. The Warrants Unit is responsible for the apprehension of fugitives, prisoner transport, and out-of-state extraditions. In 2025, the Warrants Unit executed **3,232 warrants**. The Crime Scene Unit (CSU) is responsible for the collection, processing, and retention of scene evidence, along with other seized or collected property.



CID, Go Purple Day

Additional support units include Criminal Intelligence Analyst, Crime Victim's Liaison, Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR), and administrative staff. These support units assist in relaying critical information to and from the Texas Fusion Center, identifying crime trends via data analysis, and organizing complex information needed during investigations. CID personnel assist victims by providing referrals and advocacy, and by submitting incident-based information to state and federal agencies.



CID Total Assigned Case Load: 17,168

See index for Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Summary.

Case Illustration

In April 2025, the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Robbery/Homicide Unit began investigating a series of Aggravated Robberies that occurred between April 5 and April 15 along the Highway 6 Corridor in Sugar Land, Texas. In each incident, an unidentified female suspect entered businesses under the guise of conducting legitimate transactions, threatened employees with a handgun, and stole cash from open registers. Investigators conducted detailed scene and follow-up examinations, which included the collection of surveillance footage and latent print evidence.

On April 16, 2025, investigators, in coordination with the Crime Reduction Unit (CRU), launched a surveillance operation. During this operation, deputies observed the suspect driving a vehicle linked to one of the robberies and conducted a traffic stop. Through a methodical investigation, including fingerprint analysis from one of the crime scenes, the suspect was definitively identified. Arrest warrants were subsequently prepared, and the suspect was booked into the Fort Bend County Jail on charges of Aggravated Robbery, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and additional outstanding warrants.

This collaborative investigation also contributed to resolving related aggravated robbery cases handled by the Sugar Land Police Department and the Harris County Sheriff's Office, clearing a total of seven cases. The dedication and meticulous approach of all personnel involved exemplify the Sheriff's Office's commitment to delivering superior law enforcement service to the residents of Fort Bend County.



Special Investigations Division

Narcotics Task Force - Criminal Interdiction

The multi-agency Narcotics Task Force is a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Initiative (HIDTA), and is responsible for the disruption, dismantling and prosecution of all narcotics trafficking organizations or individuals involved in the manufacturing, transportation, distribution, sale and/ or use of all illicit narcotics in or being transported through Fort Bend County. The Narcotics Task Force is comprised of the following agencies working in unison for this purpose:

- Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office
- Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office
- Richmond Police Department
- Rosenberg Police Department
- Missouri City Police Department
- Sugar Land Police Department
- Drug Enforcement Agency

During the 2025 calendar year, the Narcotics Task Force, working along with partner agencies, seized 1,981 pounds of illicit narcotics, seized over \$820,496 in currency linked to narcotics trafficking, along with 29 firearms from suspects involved in the trafficking of narcotics. Additionally, the Narcotics Task Force conducted over 152 investigations and effected 112 arrests / criminal charges.

The Unit focuses on those engaging in offenses involving illicit narcotics on all levels and areas of Fort Bend County, including neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and the thoroughfares traversed by traffickers.

Case Illustration

An investigator with the FBCNTF obtained information that a residence in Needville was being used to grow marijuana and psilocybin mushrooms. The residence was located on Saddle Drive in Needville. On May 1, 2025, the resident was stopped on traffic after leaving his residence and provided investigators with a consent to search the residence. Upon entering the residence, investigators confirmed the house had been converted into a marijuana and psilocybin mushroom grow house. The following contraband was located inside the residence and seized pending prosecution:

- 146.4 lbs of marijuana (203 plants)
- 195.7 lbs of psilocybin mushrooms
- 48.5 lbs of chocolate bars infused with psilocybin mushrooms
- 3 ounces of MDMA
- 3.1 ounces of liquid LSD



Narcotics seized items

Human Trafficking and Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)

The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit is devoted to investigating allegations of child exploitation on the internet. The crimes include child pornography and online solicitation of minors. The Human Trafficking Unit investigates all crimes involving trafficking of persons and all runaway cases. This unit is partnered with the Houston Metro Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance (HTRA).

HTRA is a collaboration of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies working together with area social service organizations. Since its inception, it has become recognized as a national model for its partnerships and effectiveness in identifying and assisting the victims of human trafficking, and effectively identifying, apprehending, and prosecuting those engaged in trafficking offenses. This unit works in conjunction with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies during the course of certain investigations and is frequently called upon by outside agencies to assist in criminal investigations.

The Human Trafficking and ICAC unit conducted approximately 29 operations which resulted in approximately 29 arrests for crimes related to Human Trafficking, Crime Against Children and Prostitution related offenses. The unit also participated in 27 recoveries of victims of human trafficking from these operations.

Auto Theft Unit

The Auto Theft Unit is responsible for the investigation of stolen vehicles, organized theft rings, recovered vehicles, abandoned vehicles and 68A inspections, which are inspections conducted by a law enforcement officer to verify the identity of a vehicle for registration purposes. In addition to providing the aforementioned service, detectives within this unit investigate criminal offenses associated with Auto Thefts, Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicles, Burglary of Motor Vehicles and Vehicle Related Criminal Mischief. In total, this unit investigated approximately 1,810 cases during the calendar year. It also conducted 1,644 68-A inspections and recovered 37 stolen vehicles.

Gang Unit

The purpose of the Gang Unit is to protect the public from street gang violence and to provide the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office with investigative, enforcement, and intelligence support in combating street gang activity. The Unit also works closely with the Human Trafficking Unit and Narcotics Unit due to gangs being involved in both areas of criminal activity.

The Gang Unit pursues violent gangs through sustained, proactive, and coordinated investigations to obtain prosecutions on violations such as racketeering, drug conspiracy, and firearms violations. This Unit meets a two-pronged department need. First, to carry out its mission to protect the public and suppress criminal activity, and secondly, to accurately identify and regulate members of known street gangs believed to be involved in criminal activity. Detectives within the Gang Unit are also tasked with assisting fellow detectives in the investigation of various criminal offenses in which gang affiliations are identified.

The Gang Unit initiated an ongoing program in 2003 focusing on the apprehension of fugitive gang members within Fort Bend County. This county-wide program is run in partnership with municipal police departments within the county.

Gang Unit Accomplishments:

- 6 operations
- 18 arrests for illegal gang activity
- Illegal gambling operations resulting in 2 arrests and over \$15,000 in currency and illegal gambling machines

Crime Reduction Unit

The Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) is assigned to the Pro-Active Unit of CID. The unit's primary function is to serve as a "crime hot spot" unit that researches criminal activity throughout the county and concentrates on solving crime in the areas most impacted. The CRU completed the team's fourth year of enforcement activities at the conclusion of 2025.

Deputies deploy during peak offense time periods and identify criminal suspects when offense details are determined by crime analysis algorithms. The CRU also assists the Patrol Division, Narcotics Task Force, Human Trafficking Unit, Auto Theft unit, Burglary and Theft Unit, and other agencies throughout the year with special operations and investigations.

CRU Accomplishments:

- Traffic Stops: 871
- Arrests: 72

Case Illustration

On January 11, 2025, the California Highway Patrol alerted the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office about a stolen Lamborghini Urus tracked to an unknown location in the area. The Crime Reduction Unit (CRU) successfully located the vehicle on a car hauler, which also contained two Mercedes G-Class SUVs. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the Mercedes SUVs had fraudulent vehicle identification numbers and were reported to be stolen from various locations across the state.

This incident highlights ongoing issues with luxury vehicle theft and the use of fraudulent documentation in the auto theft industry. The investigation is part of a broader effort to combat organized vehicle theft rings in Texas and beyond.



CRU with seized vehicles

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2026

This coming year will be met with continuation and expansion of the many successful community programs initiated by Sheriff Fagan's administration in 2021. New policing challenges will add to the current concerns over employee retention, mental health and wellness, and recruitment. The new challenges will be continued advancements with technology and internet-based crimes, homeland security threats related to transnational organized crime, foreign terrorist organizations, and geopolitical conflict. The 2026 FIFA World Cup games will bring large numbers of international visitors to our region and increase the threat landscape.

Technology, data analytics, and broader community engagement are among the advancements to policing in modern times and will continue to shape the immediate future of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. Private and public organizations invested record figures in the billions of dollars for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the supercomputing infrastructure this year. Across the globe, progressive organizations can achieve in hours what took weeks or months. Hundreds of variables can be processed in real-time, transforming complex pattern analysis into instantly actionable insights and decisions to dramatically reduce massive datasets and do so with greater speed and precision.

The large datasets can be used for predictive policing, identifying threats and patterns and guiding decision-making. AI tools can automate time-consuming tasks and provide a larger amount of time for community engagement and field work by deputies. AI can also process vast amounts of data, including case files, social media posts, online forums, and can help investigators find trends, patterns, and threats. Potential leads can be generated faster and more accurately than human analysts. This has been discussed with the Fort Bend County IT executive staff, and a program is being designed and written to enhance criminal investigations.

For FY2026, FBCSO is studying an expansion to its aerial surveillance system to include Drones as First Responders (DRF) similar to programs in Chula Vista, CA PD and West Palm Beach, FL PD that immediately deploy drones to emergency and violent crime calls, enabling arrival within 30 seconds. DRF video and audio assists field operations personnel as they drive to the scene and will identify perpetrators before they leave, also possibly tracking offenders as they flee. DRFs reconstruct fatality and injury crashes and provide enhanced situational awareness to responding deputies. This technology adds to the recent acquisition of robotics and equipped vehicles to respond much quicker to violent crime calls and emergencies. The DRF will add to the complex environment which now includes as many as 500 FucusConnect cameras which residents have made available when necessary to Sheriff's deputies.

In FY2025, the grants team submitted \$10.8 million in local, state, and federal grant proposals to fund protective equipment, technology, software, and new positions. To assist with increasing investigative caseloads, grant coordinators will submit a proposal in FY2026 under SB2177, passed in the 89th TX Legislative Session, to address violent crime clearance rates. Likewise, replacement and upgraded radios, new software programs, conducted energy devices, and personal protective equipment will be the focus of this year's funding effort. Grant funded positions, including fusion and crime analyst, victim advocate, and a domestic violence investigator will continue through FY2026 and beyond.

In FY2025, the BJA Community-Oriented Policing Services Office (COPS) awarded FBCSO a \$3.2 million 3-year grant to hire 10 new deputies. The deputies will engage high-crime areas and work closely with community partners to identify root causes of crime, delinquency, and disorder and implement initiatives to resolve those concerns. The deputies will be hired in January 2026 and will be assigned to hot spots in the Fresno and other Fort Bend County areas. After the 3-year grant period, deputies will be retained for this area. A FY2026 Community Development Block Grant award will fund 10 new, fully equipped patrol vehicles. The increased personnel will staff low-to-moderate income areas where neighborhood blight and related conditions may be contributing to crime.

FBCSO is involved with security planning for the Summer 2026 FIFA World Cup soccer games and celebrations and is a regional Urban Area Security Initiative partner alongside other agencies within the greater Houston metroplex. Sheriff's Office assets, including equipment and personnel are part of the regional partnerships necessary to ensure public safety and security. Joint operations centers coordinated intelligence and information sharing, and large-scale event coordination are expected to provide security for as many as 500,000 Houston-area visitors who will attend games and festivities.

Successful FBCSO programs, including Juvenile Justice Advisory Council, the Sheriff's Foundation, You Are Not Alone, Project Lifesaver, Kids and Cops, and Take Me Home will be retained and continue to grow. Other effective policing programs, such as Human Trafficking Alliance, Crime Reduction Unit, Selective Traffic Enforcement, and the Narcotics Task Force continue to evolve. Detention programs for inmates remain intact and programs for inmate high school equivalency and vocational training are planned for FY2026.

Finally, a look to the future would be incomplete if we omitted reference to the opening of the Sheriff's Office Regional Training Complex at 2710 Stella Rd, Rosenberg, Texas. The majority of the construction work is complete, and final cosmetic touches are being made to enable occupancy early 2026. An additional unit consisting of a supervisor and five instructors will be hired to augment the existing staff of five instructors. Advanced training courses have been developed and will be offered for tactical safety, driving, firearms proficiency, supervisory, management and leadership training, and many specialized courses in criminal investigations, interview and interrogation, trauma-informed sexual assault investigations, forensics, and many other topics for professional development of our region's first responders.

Developing and effectively training its personnel, particularly supervisors, managers, and leaders, will enable the Sheriff's Office to posture itself as a learning and progressive professional organization. Indeed, there is much to do, but there is confidence that Sheriff's Office employees are prepared to lead the organization forward through all challenges in 2026 and beyond.





Building Exterior

Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Regional Training Facility

Since the January 2024 groundbreaking, development of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Training Complex has continued to advance in alignment with the County's long-term public safety development goals. In January 2025, Sheriff Eric Fagan assigned Special Projects Commander Tiffany Budnik to oversee the project due to the rapid progress occurring across multiple components. Throughout 2025, Captain Budnik worked to keep the project team focused on maintaining momentum toward early 2026 completion. She will continue to work closely with project partners to ensure it stays on budget and meets all safety, quality, and regulatory standards.

In parallel with construction, planning is underway to support phased activation of select training elements as they become operationally ready. This approach allows Sheriff's Office personnel to begin utilizing portions of the complex prior to full project completion, while construction activities continue in other areas of the site.

Initial early-use milestones are anticipated to include outdoor and specialized training areas such as state-of-the-art indoor shooting range, followed by the grand opening of our main Training Building which includes our Emergency



Fitness Center



Shooting Range

Communications Center subject to final inspections and system readiness. Sheriff's Office staff are coordinating with Information Technology, Support services, and public safety partners to equip, staff, and secure facilities, while monitoring schedule alignment, operational readiness, and system integration to support a smooth transition into early use.

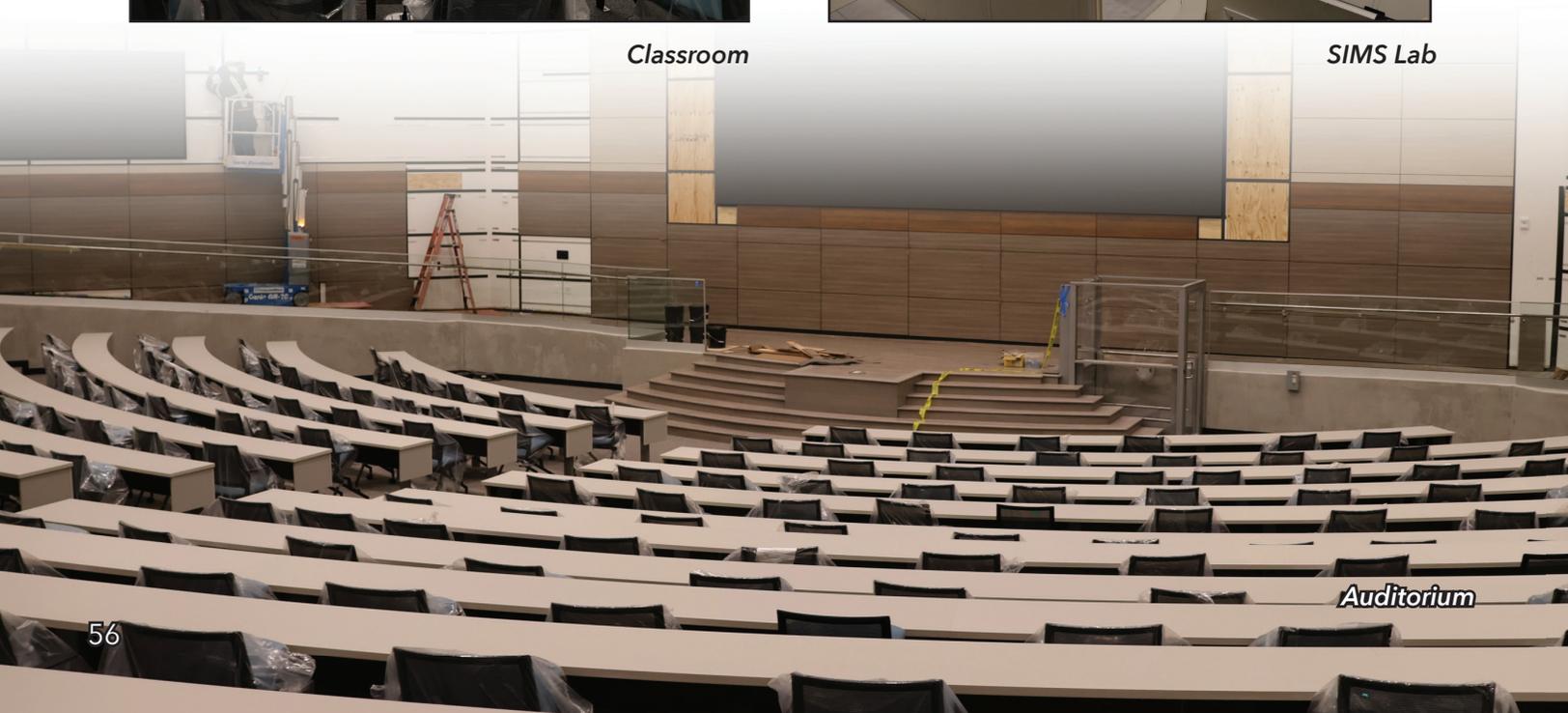
Once fully operational, the facility will include an auditorium; Basic Peace Officer Course and Basic County Corrections Course classrooms; a clean room; two dual-use classrooms; three single-use classrooms; conference rooms; a library; a defensive tactics area; a simulation (SIMS) lab; and a shooting range with both 25-yard and 100-yard facilities. The facility will also feature a driving track and a training tower.



Classroom



SIMS Lab



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FBCSO Communications Productivity Report

2025

Call Data	2025	2024
• Calls Incoming/Outgoing		
○ 9-1-1	169,060	169,749
○ 10 Digit	231,650	270,524
▪ Total.....	400,710	440,273
• Calls for service		
○ E.M.S.	55,296	52,919
○ Fire	45,184	43,923
○ Police	438,575	392,911
▪ Total	539,055	489,753

Radio Transmissions

• Police Channels		
○ PAT 1 (Districts 2,5,7).....	917,935	878,059
○ PAT 2 (Districts 1,3,8,9).....	922,453	895,364
○ PAT 3 (Districts 4,6).....	945,722	906,361
▪ Total	2,786,110	2,679,784
• Fire/EMS Channels		
○ ERD 1&2.....	376,880	401,536
○ ERD 3&4.....	362,864	374,118
○ ERD TAC 1.....	11,859	16,307
○ ERD TAC 2	4,429	6,502
▪ Total	756,032	798,463

Data Entry

• Entries/Clears into TCIC/NCIC database	
○ Entries/Modifies/Locates.....	8,184
○ Clears/Cancel	4,728
Total.....	12,912

Staff Retention

• Number of TCOs hired, transferred, terminated, or resigned in 2025	
○ Hired.....	19
▪ Of those 20 retained	13
○ Total Resignations	9
○ Transferred	2
○ Terminated	2

Call Volume Statistics

The Emergency Communications Center is recognized as the Fort Bend County Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and serves as the Fort Bend County 9-1-1 Emergency Call Center, operating 24 hours per day. The Call Center's 2025 performance was outstanding, as call-takers, radio dispatchers, and support staff managed all incoming Fire, EMS, and Police calls within the Communications industry standards for best practices. Of the **169,060** 9-1-1 calls received, **94.5% of those were answered in 15 seconds or less**, surpassing the Greater Harris County 9-1-1 network service level standard of 90%. Every conceivable call type was handled by standards upheld by the Association of Public Safety Officials (APCO) and GHC911 best practices.

This year, the following call volume was managed by each of the separate radio dispatch channels:

PAT 1, districts 2, 5, and 7, representing Northwest Fort Bend County (Katy, Fulshear, Rosenberg, and Orchard areas); 132,980;

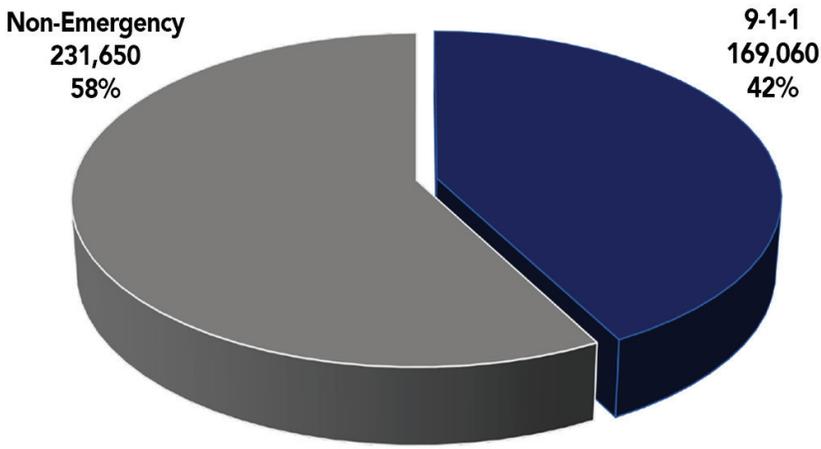
PAT 2, districts 1, 3, 8, and 9, representing Southwest and Central Fort Bend County (Rosenberg, Beasley, Pleak, Needville, Fairchilds, and Longpoint areas); 131,827;

PAT 3, districts 4 and 6, representing East and Northeast Fort Bend County (Sugarland, Fresno, Missouri City, Greatwood, Meadows Place, and Four Corners areas); 123,538;

CW, representing calls involving units such as warrants, task forces, multijurisdictional units, and others; 11,204;

OUT, representing outside first responder agencies; 39,021.

The percentages are depicted in the Police Calls pie chart and Calls by DGroup.

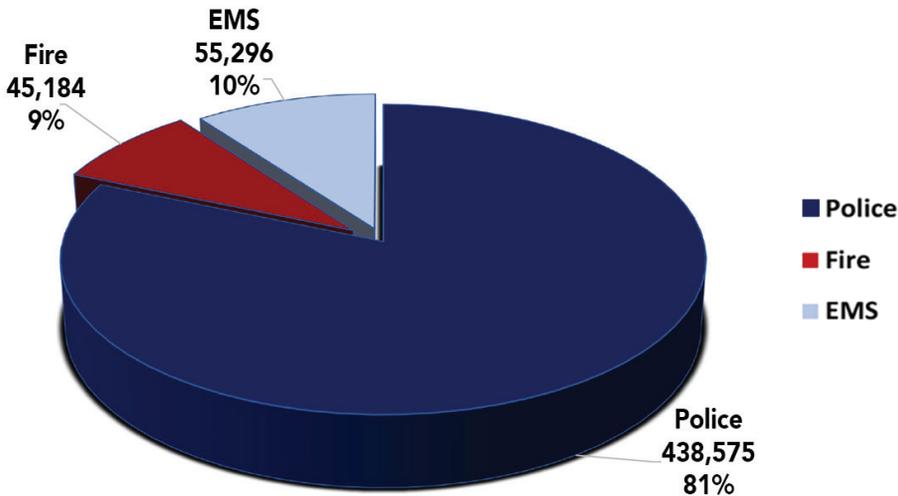
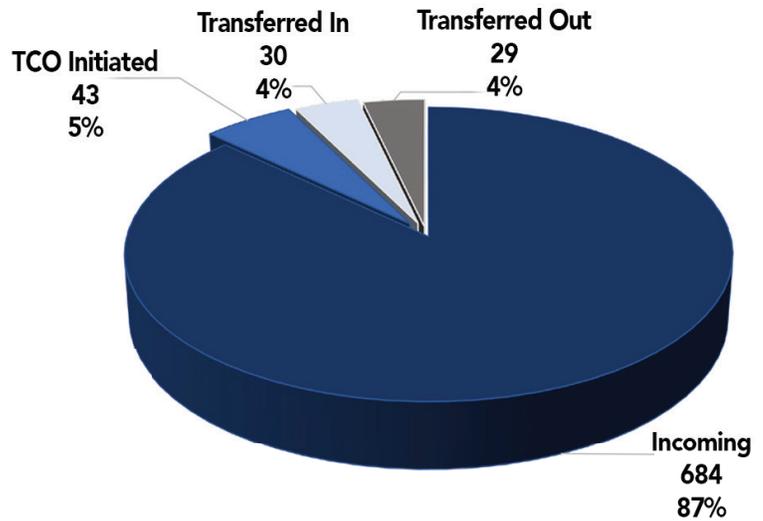


Incoming Call Volume

- 911
- Non Emergency

Text to 9-1-1

- Incoming
- TCO Initiated
- Transferred In
- Transferred Out

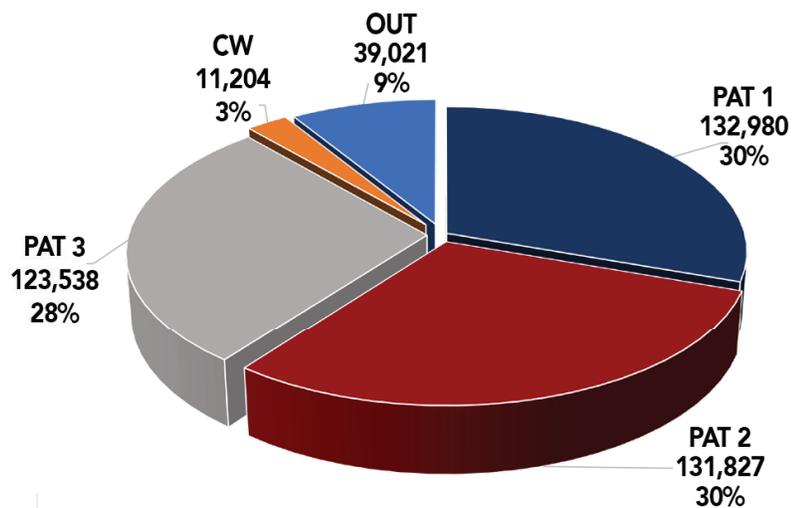


Calls Received by Service Type

- Police
- Fire
- EMS

Police Calls by Patrol Channel (PAT)

- PAT 1
- PAT 2
- PAT 3
- CW
- OUT





Alarm Detail & False Prevention Unit

2025 | PRODUCTIVITY OVERVIEW

Alarm Permit Data

	<u>In-Office</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>Total</u>
• New Permit \$35	163	1,459	1,622
▪ Total	\$5,705	\$51,065	\$56,770
• Expired \$35	129	1,770	1,899
▪ Total	\$4,515	\$61,950	\$66,465
• Renewal \$10	2,835	17,860	20,695
▪ Total	\$28,350	\$178,600	\$206,950
• False_No Permit \$35	87	689	776
▪ Total	\$3,045	\$24,115	\$27,160
• Overall Total	3,217	21,778	24,995
▪ Total	\$41,615	\$315,730	\$357,345

Alarm | Calls For Service

- Alarm Calls For Service | 15,409
 - Preventable False Alarms | 15,403
 - Offense Reports | 6
 - (5) Burglary Of Business
 - (1) Attempted Burglary

Annual Stats | False Alarm Calls

2025	15,409
2024	16,180
2023	16,816
2022	17,503
2021	17,042
2020	14,838
2019	21,333

2025 Reported Crime

	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Aggravated Assault	Robbery	Rape	Homicide	Total Part 1
January	71	357	37	60	10	6	1	
February	52	207	21	49	10	6	1	
March	54	275	34	41	13	16	1	
1ST QUARTER	177	839	92	150	33	28	3	1,322
April	39	217	38	39	12	9	0	
May	64	201	18	44	8	8	0	
June	59	250	22	46	9	14	2	
2ND QUARTER	162	668	78	129	29	31	2	1,099
6 MONTH	339	1,507	170	279	62	59	5	2,421
July	59	186	27	49	6	9	0	
August	54	227	23	43	7	5	0	
September	43	204	31	52	6	10	0	
3RD QUARTER	156	617	81	144	19	24	0	1,041
9 MONTH	495	2,124	251	423	81	83	5	3,462
October	39	204	26	34	7	7	1	
November	42	184	34	40	3	10	0	
December	45	220	21	43	9	10	0	
4TH QUARTER	126	608	81	117	19	27	1	979
FULL YEAR	621	2,732	332	540	100	110	6	4,441

UCR Part I Property Crimes

Burglary - TX Penal Code Sec 30.02 unlawful entry into a building or habitation with intent to commit a felony, theft, or assault or remaining concealed inside with that intent.

Larceny - TX Penal Code Sec 31.03 - unlawful appropriation of property with intent to deprive the owner of the property.

Auto Theft - TX Penal Code 31.03 - unlawful appropriation of a motor vehicle with penalty based on car's value.

UCR Part I Violent Crimes

Robbery - TX Penal Code Sec 29.03 - intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury to another or placing another in fear of imminent bodily injury or death while in the course of committing theft.

Rape - Sexual Assault as defined in TX Penal Code Sec 22.011 - an offender who engages in sexual contact with someone without their consent; aggravated offense when victim is seriously injured, threatened with death or injury or kidnapping, use or brandishing a deadly weapon, multiple offenders, use of date rape drugs, victim less than 14 years of age, elderly or suffering a disability.

Homicide - TX Penal Code Sec 19.01 intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence causing death of an individual.

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