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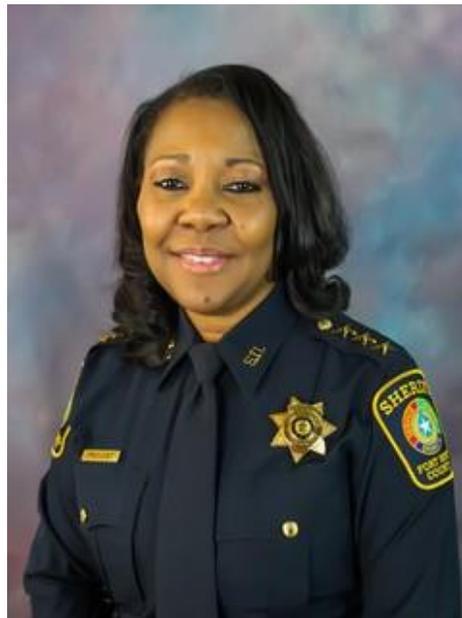
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## **Chief Deputy Mattie Provost Named Chief Deputy of the Year**

*Texas Chief Deputies Association honored the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office chief deputy who is the first woman and first African American to serve the county in this capacity.*



FBCSO Chief Deputy Mattie C. Provost

**(FORT BEND COUNTY, TX)** – Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Mattie C. Provost has been named the 2022 Melvin Drum Chief Deputy of the Year by the [Texas Chief Deputies Association](#) (TCDA).

Chief Deputy Provost was recognized at the TCDA Banquet on June 9, 2022 at their annual conference hosted this year in San Marcos, Texas.

The annual Melvin Drum Chief Deputy of the Year Award is the TCDA's highest honor, named for Melvin Drum who was the chief deputy of Ochiltree County. Chief Drum was not only an outstanding chief deputy but also was extremely involved in his community. Chief Drum lost his life in the line of duty while conducting a traffic stop connected to a domestic disturbance on March 28, 1987.

Fort Bend County Sheriff Eric Fagan commended Chief Deputy Provost on her honor.

"Mattie Provost is a well-respected, exemplary leader who serves with excellence as chief deputy. It's no surprise to me that her peers would recognize her in this way," said Sheriff Fagan. "We are blessed to have her on our Executive Command team and our Fort Bend citizens are blessed even the more."

Since the start of her FBCSO career in January 2021 as chief deputy, Chief Provost provides overall leadership and direction on all aspects of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. She brings more than three decades of professionalism to the agency. Chief Provost earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology and Corrections and Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Management from Sam Houston State University. She began her career at the Houston Police Department (HPD), moving up the ranks to Assistant Chief. She retired from HPD in March 2017, with an honorable discharge.

Chief Provost is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigations National Academy, Session #241, the Senior Management Institute for Police and a graduate of Leadership Houston, Class XXV. She is a member of the Police Executive Research Forum, International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement. A certified mediator and Texas Crime Prevention Specialist, Chief Provost earned the Texas Law Enforcement Master Peace Officers' Certificate. She has served on numerous committees within the law enforcement arena as well as in the community.

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**About the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office**

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office was founded in 1837 and is the largest law enforcement agency in Fort Bend County—the most diverse county in Texas. The FBCSO has over 800 employees, including 565 sworn peace officers and 25 reserve deputies dedicated to protecting and serving nearly 900,000 Fort Bend County residents. Among the 10 fastest-growing counties in the nation, Fort Bend covers 885 square miles and includes 21 unincorporated communities.

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