



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Celebrates Promotions and Awards**

(FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS) – The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office recognized the men and women within the department for their commitment to public safety and excellence in service.

The Promotions and Awards Ceremony was held at the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy, on Thursday, January 11, 2024.

Captain Wayne Hastedt was appointed into the position of manager of the Pro Active Unit of the Criminal Investigations Division. He started with the Sheriff's Office in 1990 as a deputy in the patrol division and was promoted to detective in 1993. In 1997, Captain Hastedt became the field training coordinator for the patrol division creating lesson plans for various subjects that were taught to personnel of the Sheriff's Office and outside agencies. He served as President of The Fort Bend County Deputy Sheriff's Association and played a lead role in bringing Civil Service to the Sheriff's Office. Captain Hastedt's badge was pinned by his wife, Deborah Hastedt.  
(Pictured Below)



Captain Angel Rader was appointed to manager of Detention Operations. Captain Rader has been an employee of the Sheriff's Office for more than 27 years. She began her career as a bonding clerk and was later transferred to the jail as a detention officer. In 2002, Captain Rader attended the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy. She served in the Honor Guard from 2007 to 2016. Captain Rader's badge was pinned by her husband, Sergeant Reid Rader. (Pictured Below)



Lieutenant Noel Gonzalez has served with the Sheriff's Office since March of 2000. He graduated from Wharton County Junior College Police Academy in 1998. Lieutenant Gonzalez has held the ranks of corrections officer, jail deputy, deputy bailiff for the 328th Associate District Court and the 434th District Court, Sergeant, and now Lieutenant. He served as the training supervisor for the detention division for the past 3 years. Lieutenant Gonzalez's badge was pinned by his wife, Susan Gonzalez. (Pictured Below)



Lieutenant Stephen Navarro was born and raised in Houston, Texas. At the age of 19, He enlisted in the United States Navy, completing four years honorably. From there, Lieutenant Navarro attended San Jacinto College and was employed at the Harris County Sheriff's Office. While employed at the Harris County Sheriff's Office, he attended the University of Houston/Downtown Police Academy. Upon graduating from the police academy, Lieutenant Navarro found a permanent home at the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, where he has worked for the past 14 years; 5 were spent as a Sergeant. Lieutenant Navarro's badge was pinned by his wife, Kelly Navarro. (Pictured Below)



**Additional promotions include:**

**Promoted to Sergeant**

Sergeant James Murray  
Sergeant Jason Villarreal  
Sergeant Danielle Lilly  
Sergeant Kristin Savinon  
Sergeant Brandon Goston  
Sergeant Mercedes Flores

**Promoted to Investigator**

Investigator Jason Stevenson  
Investigator Andres Reyes  
Investigator Angela Pedraza  
Investigator Eric Gardiner  
Investigator Shaquita lee  
Investigator Hossam Asaad  
Investigator Chelsea Cadman  
Investigator James Fowler  
Investigator Jordan Kelley  
Investigator Phillips Krebbs  
Investigator Garrot Tackaberry

During the Ceremony, various divisions also recognized personnel who went above and beyond in their role within the department. These employees received the Sheriff's commendation for valor, actions above the call of duty, and meritorious service.

"It's truly a joyous occasion when we witness family and friends come together in celebration," said Sheriff Eric Fagan. "Every person acknowledged plays a crucial role in the overall efforts of the Sheriff's Office to protect and serve Fort Bend County residents."

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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 and most diverse law enforcement agency in Fort Bend County. The Sheriff's Office has over 900 employees, including 615 sworn peace officers and 22 reserve volunteer 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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