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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 (FBCSO) recently recognized several 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 Wednesday, December 10, 2025.

Lieutenant John Williams earned his basic TCOLE license at Brazosport College, joining FBCSO in 2011 as a reserve deputy. He began full-time Detention work in 2012. As Deputy, he served as Field Training Officer (FTO), Special Response Team member, and Special Response Team instructor. Promoted to Sergeant in 2018, he served in the Detention Division, obtaining his TCOLE Instructor License, later completing the FBI LEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute.



Lieutenant John Williams pinned by wife and kids



Sergeant Austin Eaton brings a unique background to his role, beginning his public safety career in 2005 as a paramedic, where he served as a FTO and In-Charge Paramedic with specialized expertise in Tactical EMS, Hazardous Materials, and Rescue Operations. In 2010,

he transitioned to Telecommunications Operator and Patrol Officer, gaining experience in patrol, field training, SWAT, air support, crash reconstruction, and firearms instruction. He also taught the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy. Sergeant Eaton holds multiple licenses, including Paramedic, Advanced Peace Officer, Telecommunicator, and Jailer. He serves as a SWAT team Assistant Leader and Marksman. He is a certified drone pilot and firearms instructor for ALERRT and less-lethal munitions.



Sergeant Austin Eaton pinned by wife



Sergeant Larry James, a Fort Bend County native, launched his career in 2010 after earning TCOLE certification from the University of Houston–Downtown Police Academy. A proud graduate of Prairie View A&M University with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Texas Southern University with a Master's in Public Administration, he began his career with the Hempstead Police Department, where he served as a Patrol Field Training Officer, Patrol Sergeant, and CID Sergeant. Holding a Master Peace Officer Certification and active in the National FBI Academy (TX Chapter), Sergeant James joined FBCSO in 2021. He has served in Detention and Patrol divisions and now leads as a Nightshift Patrol Sergeant, continuing to advance his career with dedication to the community he calls home.



Sergeant Larry James pinned by daughters



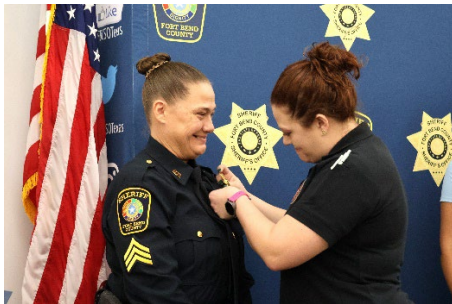
Sergeant Jason Stevenson brings more than two decades of law enforcement experience to FBCSO. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran, he began his public safety career after graduating from the Gus George Law Enforcement Academy in 2005, serving first in the Detention Division before moving into Patrol and CID. Throughout his career, he has distinguished himself as an Adjunct Instructor and FTO, earning Basic and Advanced Instructor certifications and dedicating over a decade to training and mentoring officers across the region. Now serving as a Patrol Sergeant, he continues to lead with professionalism, a strong work ethic, and an unwavering commitment to developing others through honor, integrity, and purpose.



Sergeant Jason Stevenson pinned by dad



Sergeant Sondra Zouzalik began her career with the FBCSO in 1999 as a Corrections Officer and quickly advanced, earning her peace officer certification at Wharton Jr. College and becoming a Deputy in 2001. With an Associate's Degree in Culinary Arts from the Art Institute of Houston, she spent over 13 years leading operations in the jail kitchen before transitioning to the jail towers, where she served as FTO and Mental Health Peace Officer. In 2018, she joined the Crisis Intervention Team, dedicating eight years to specialized mental health response and training. With over 3,500 training hours and Master Peace Officer and Master Jailer certificates, Sergeant Zouzalik brings exceptional expertise and dedication to every role she serves.



Sergeant Sondra Zouzalik pinned by daughter



During the ceremony, Sheriff Fagan recognized personnel who went above and beyond the call of duty. The following employees received the Sheriff's Commendation for Life Saving, Valor, and Meritorious Service:

- Deputy Natalie Clee
- Deputy Randy Glendening
- Deputy Taylor Glendening
- Telecommunications Officer Ashley King
- Lieutenant Richard Reiser
- Investigator Melissa Tobias
- Sergeant Terrance Wall

"Recognizing the men and women of the Sheriff's Office for their remarkable achievements is a privilege," said Sheriff Eric Fagan. "Their dedication, excellence, and steadfast service to our community reflect the very best of this agency."

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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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