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CLEAT Delivers Big Wins in the 89th Session



The 89th Legislative Session is officially in the books—and it was a BIG win for Texas law enforcement. CLEAT took the fight to the Capitol and delivered, achieving nearly all of our legislative goals and shutting down harmful policies that would have threatened the profession and quality of life of law enforcement officers across the state. From defending rights and pensions to safeguarding privacy, reputation, working conditions, and officer safety—CLEAT always fights hard for law enforcement across Texas.

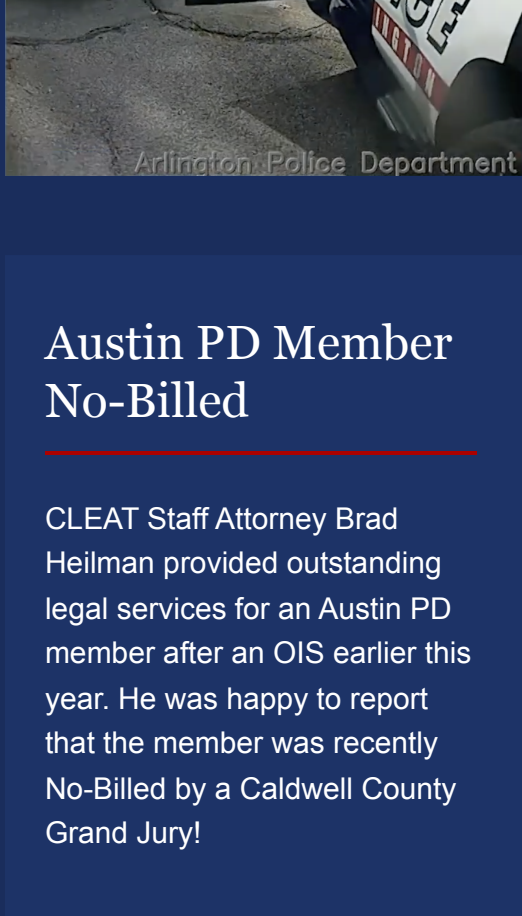
Click 'Read More' below to take a look at what we accomplished this session.

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Legal Highlights

Case Dismissed!

When a North Texas member faced serious charges and a hasty termination, CLEAT's legal team was there every step of the way. Here's what our member had to say:



"Thank you and your team so much for the efforts that have been made. Always being in my corner and fighting to exonerate me from the charges levied against me. The law enforcement community within North Texas should all know your team's name and have your number on speed dial. I will ensure that every cop I know and meet will know who you guys are and what you did for me."

Austin PD Member No-Billed

CLEAT Staff Attorney Brad Heilman provided outstanding legal services for an Austin PD member after an OIS earlier this year. He was happy to report that the member was recently No-Billed by a Caldwell County Grand Jury!

No-Billed in Fort Bend

CLEAT Staff Attorney Rey Ramirez assisted a member through a protracted investigation by the Fort Bend District Attorney's Office Civil Rights Division. After presenting facts and witnesses in rebuttal to the state's evidence, Rey was pleased to report that the grand jury elected to "No Bill," declining to prosecute all offenses. The member was very thankful to Rey and CLEAT for the help and dedication to this victory.

Plan for the Future: CLEAT Free Will Services



Dallas PD Sgt. Choice swung by the CLEAT office to grab a Will Packet, taking great advantage of the free will prep service available to all members! Just one of the many ways your CLEAT membership has you covered. Ready to take care of yours? Call or email us for info!

Organization News

Executive Board Meeting

The CLEAT Executive Board met in Austin ahead of the POMF Ride for the Fallen and Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony. Executive Director Robert Leonard provided updates to the board while President Scott Leeton led the meeting. CLEAT department directors and retiree representatives were also present for discussions on legislation, financials, membership and more!



Welcome New Staff Members!

George Aranda

Field Representative

George is a seasoned law enforcement professional with over 30 years of experience at the Dallas Police Department, culminating in several leadership roles, including Sergeant of various units, such as recruiting, gang, and violent crime units. Holding a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and receiving numerous awards throughout his career, he is also the founder of the Dallas NLLEO and a former CLEAT Board Member. George now serves as our newest CLEAT Field Representative for North Texas/Dallas Metro, and we are thrilled to have him on board as he continues to draw from his experience in serving the community, officer advocacy, and championing the rights, safety, and professional development of Texas peace officers.



Daisy Castillo

Membership Services

Daisy first came to CLEAT as a temp, and is now an official staff member with the Membership Services team! She is one of the friendly voices you hear when you call the CLEAT office, ready to help members. She values the opportunity to support those who serve and protect Texas communities!



Around the State

Welcome Webb County Constables Association!



Welcome to the CLEAT Family, Webb County Constables Association! In Laredo, CLEAT Field Rep Steve Ayala met with the newly formed association's board and members as they explored options for the strongest legal protection and benefits. After a detailed presentation and Q&A, we're proud to announce that the members voted to affiliate with CLEAT! We've got your six and are here to support you every step of the way.



SWTX College

CLEAT Field Representative Steve Ayala attended the Law Enforcement Cadet Graduation Ceremony at Southwest Texas College for over 69 cadets—many sponsored by agencies including Eagle Pass, Austin ISD PD, San Antonio ISD PD, Uvalde PD, and Crockett County Sheriff's Office.



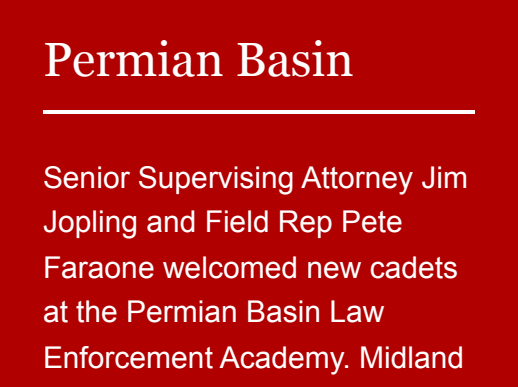
UT PD

CLEAT Recruiting Director Janet Cole snapped this shot of Supervising Attorney Kathy Reyes and Staff Attorney Brad Heilman presenting to 19 PPOs at UTPD. Proud to provide the best benefits and legal coverage available to Texas law enforcement!



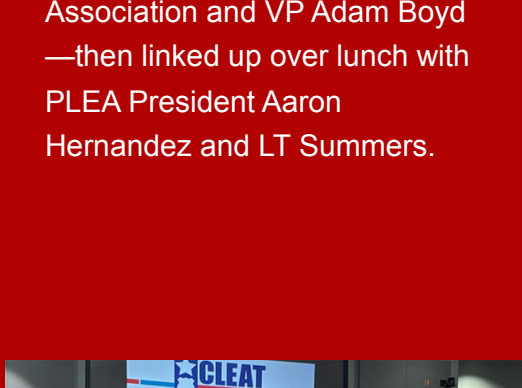
Mesquite

General Counsel Jahe Bishkin was happy to attend a recent Mesquite Police Association membership meeting—connecting with members, hearing local concerns, and sharing key info.



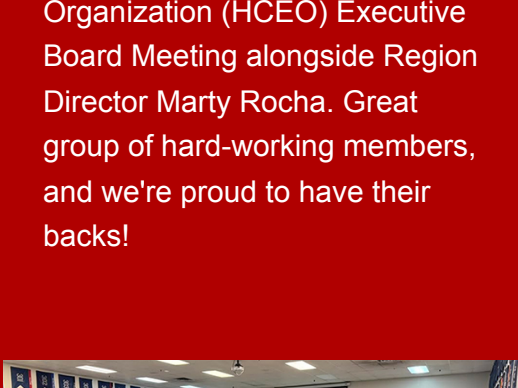
Travis County

CLEAT's finest legal minds in Central TX got together to demonstrate their culinary prowess, grilling for the hardworking corrections staff in Del Valle and in Austin with our Field Staff! Just one small way to thank our Corrections members!



McLennan County

These new McLennan County Deputies are covered by the best legal plan available to law enforcement in Texas! CLEAT Recruiting Director Janet Cole was on hand in Waco late last month, answering questions and welcoming new members.



Permian Basin

Senior Supervising Attorney Jim Jopling and Field Rep Pete Faraone welcomed new cadets at the Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy. Midland Deputy Sheriff's Association President Bobby Neal was one of the instructors!



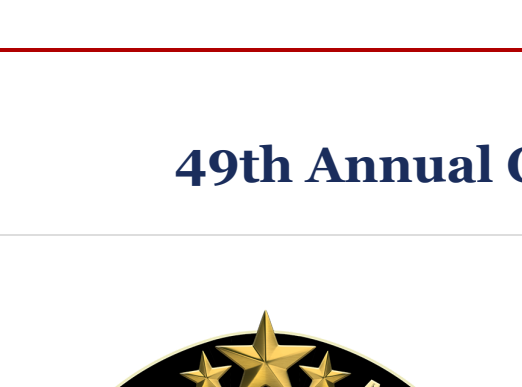
Pflugerville

Field Rep Danny Arredondo and Region 8 Director Richard Lozano caught up with members of the Pflugerville ISD Police Association and VP Adam Boyd—then linked up over lunch with PLEA President Aaron Hernandez and LT Summers.



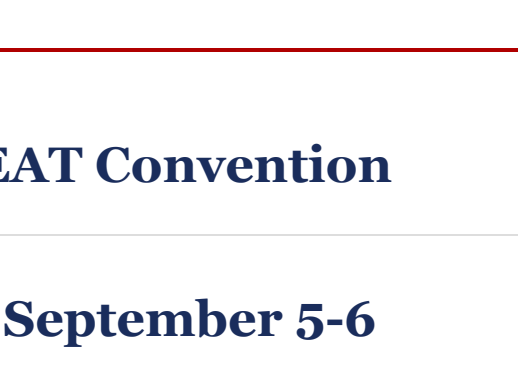
Harris County

CLEAT Executive Director Bob Leonard and Field Rep Hans Marlicuc were honored to attend the Harris County Employees Organization (HCEO) Executive Board Meeting alongside Region Director Mary Rodas. Great group of hard-working members, and we're proud to have their backs!



El Paso Training

De-Escalation Techniques training in El Paso! Training Coordinator Jeff Lake led the course with support from Field Rep Pete Faraone, Region Director Omar Gonzalez, and EPMPQA past Pres Patrick Natividad. Strong CLEAT presence for top-tier officer training!



Dallas

Region Director/NLLEO Greater Dallas Chapter President Juan Hernandez spoke with over 60 DPD recruits about the importance of joining NLLEO & CLEAT for benefits and legal representation. Field Rep George Aranda was on-hand to answer further questions about CLEAT membership.



El Paso County

Staff Attorney Karen Dykes, Field Services Director Todd Harrison, and Field Rep Pete Faraone joined EPCSOA President Omar Gonzalez for great convo, local updates, and a packed membership meeting. They spoke about upcoming bargaining, recognized the Member of the Quarter, and welcomed a new board member to the team.

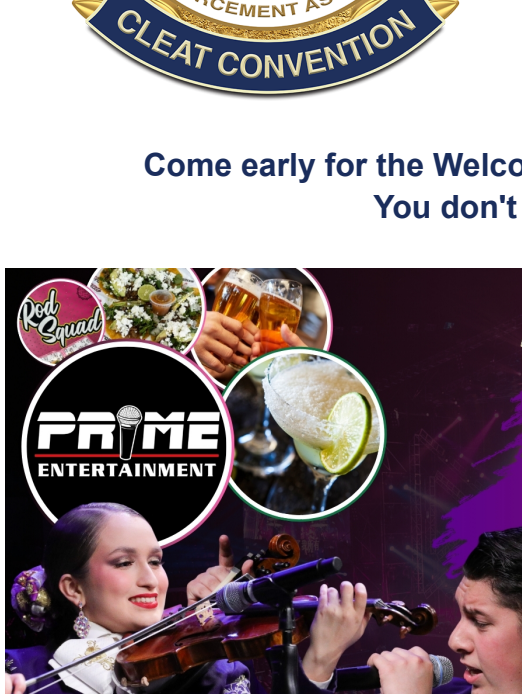


Galveston County

CLEAT Recruitment Specialist Cheryl Siegelin dropped off a bunch of good snacks and several cases of bottled water to the Galveston County Sheriff's Office to help them power through Jeep Weekend. They were happy for the assist on such a busy event weekend!

Events

49th Annual CLEAT Convention

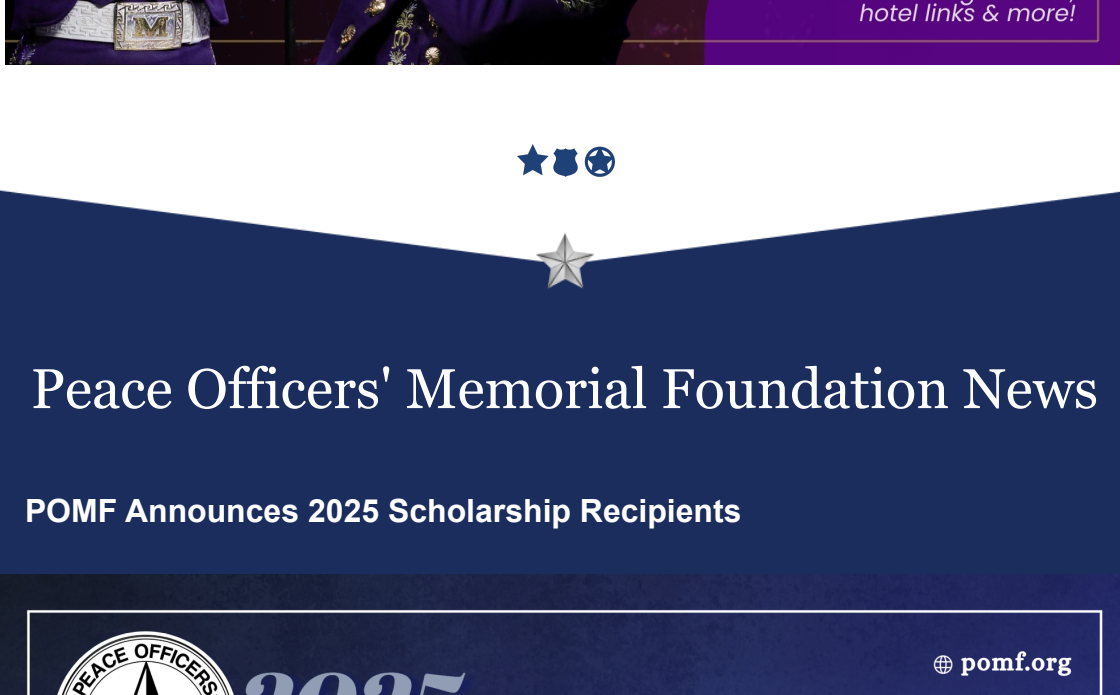


September 5-6 @ the McAllen Convention Center

Details & Registration

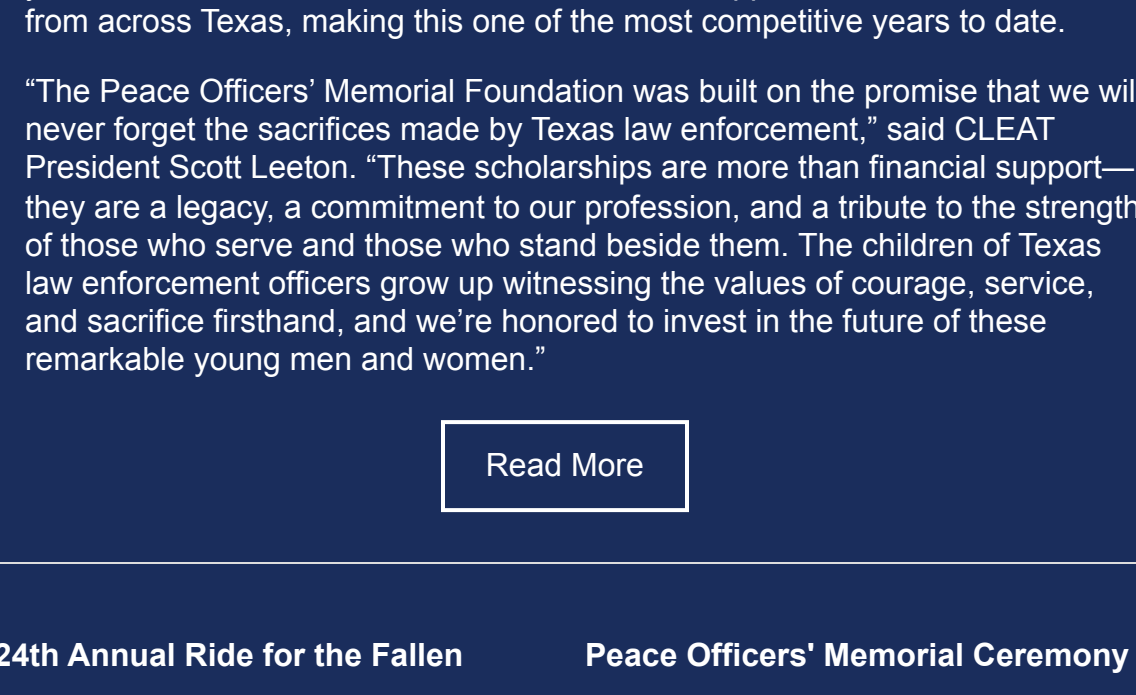
Discounted hotels available for a limited time only. Click Details & Registration above for all information and links.

Come early for the Welcome Reception on September 4th!
You don't want to miss this!



Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation News

POMF Announces 2025 Scholarship Recipients



The POMF Scholarship Committee receives many qualified applicants each year, and 2025 set a new record. More than 300 applications were received from across Texas, making this one of the most competitive years to date.

"The Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation was built on the promise that we will never forget the sacrifices made by Texas law enforcement," said CLEAT President Scott Leeton. "These scholarships are more than financial support—they are a legacy, a commitment to our profession, and a tribute to the strength of those who serve and those who stand beside them. The children of Texas law enforcement officers grow up witnessing the values of courage, service, and sacrifice firsthand, and we're honored to invest in the future of these remarkable young men and women."

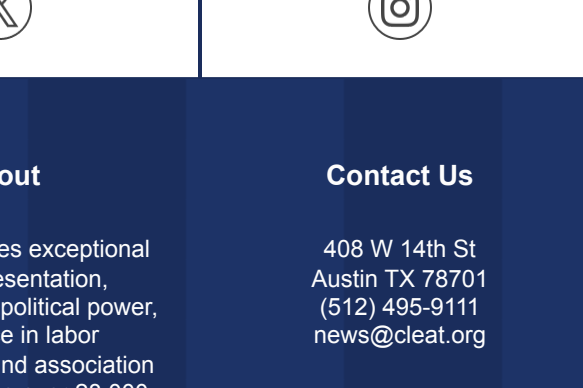
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24th Annual Ride for the Fallen



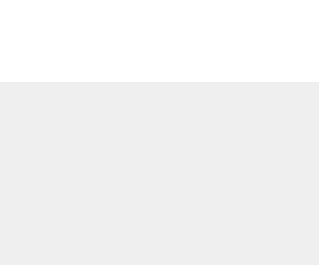
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Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony



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