

Special Events

The Awards Committee Valentine's Day Luncheon took place on February 14 and hosted by committee member, Donna Paul.

At the event were nachos and a host of pies, cakes and candy apples. Yum! Yum! Tasty treats for Valentine's Day.

The Awards Committee wishes to extend its thanks to the following contributors whose donations made the luncheon possible: Mrs. La Tonia Moutra (EMS), Deanna Tennyson (Admin), and Daisy Paul.

Special thanks to Liz Padilla (Q&A Supervisor) for her awesome candy apples and Flo Carmouche for her donations to the gift basket.

Award Committee Tonyel Tibbs' son, Damon Green, was the winner of the gift basket raffle event for Valentine's Day.

Welcome Aboard

Sr. 9-1-1 Telecommunicators for Fire-EMS: Nicole Flores, Elizabeth Boyd, and Courtney Wilkison.

Awards Committee Brief

The Awards Committee congratulates Fire-EMS Sr. 9-1-1 Telecommunicator, Ed Kolczynski, who recently promoted as a 9-1-1 Supervisor. Also, 9-1-1 PSAP Supervisor, Larnetta Brown was also promoted as a Sr. Fire-EMS Supervisor.

current events at the Houston Emergency Center



ats Off and Outstanding Services to the students of HSLE

Ivon Telon, a student in the Gifted and Talented program, has taken over 12 advance placement classes. He is the first in his family to graduate and attend college. Ivon Telon has been accepted to University of Houston Main Campus-Downtown.

HSLE students will be graduating on May 31, 2008. The Awards Committee extends its best wishes to all students as they continue their education and endeavors.

Pictured in the photo are the recent students of High School Law Enforcement: **Victoria Alamos, Josh De La Cerda, Trayveon Gilmore, Gabrielle Gomez, Carlisle Johnson, George Lozano, Rosemary Reyes, Sergio Rodriguez, Lisa Rodriguez, Ivon Telon, Brandon Williams, and Edward Reyna.**



Special Recognitions of new HFD Chiefs in the Houston Emergency Center

Sr. Captains: Brad Riley, Ricardo Everett, Michael Smith, John Ramirez, Kenneth Payne, Lorenzo Diaz, and William Fenner all underwent and passed the Promotion exam for Chief of Communications. Riley, Everett, Smith, Ramirez and Payne have now been assigned to the Communications Division in the HEC Center.

>> **Brad Riley:** "I have been with HFD for 34 yrs. I have been assigned to the Communications Division since December 1991. I am looking forward to working in the HEC as a Chief Officer because I think it will alleviate some problems the division has and I will be working with some old friends as well as new ones. A lot of changes have taken place. I worked at the fire station for 17 yrs before coming to Communication Division and I also was the Hydrant Officer for HFD for several years. I look forward to a rewarding time



here for the remainder of my time with HFD."

<< **Michael Smith:** "I have been with the HFD for almost 26 years. During my career I have had the opportunity to serve the citizens as a Firefighter, EMT, Paramedic, Hazardous Material Technician, Engineer/Operator, Communication Captain, and Sr. Communication Captain. I am looking forward to the challenges of my new position as Chief Communications Officer on the day shift."

Give to every human being every right that you claim for yourself---Robert Ingersoll **more >**



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>> **Ricardo Everett:** "I'm excited about being promoted to the position of Chief Communication Officer. I look forward in helping improve quality assurance and working with others. It's about time!"



<< **Kenneth Payne:** "The test was very difficult to study because of the large amount of materials which had to be read, and had to know. It was very exhausting on your physical and mental capabilities. I'm still recovering."



>> **John Ramirez:** Newly assigned to night shift. Ramirez says, "First of all, I have accomplished my lifetime dream. That is to become a Chief Communication Officer within the Houston Fire Department."



I first and foremost give thanks to God. Secondly, I give thanks to my wife and family for their endurance."

My goal is simple. It is to make this area of Houston Fire Department a comfortable working environment. Last but not least, to attempt to provide the best in customer services to citizens of Houston."

Awards Recognition



Employee of the Quarter
Connie Ethridge, 9-1-1 Fire-EMS Telecommunicator/Award Committee Member



Employee of the Quarter
Donna Paul, Sr. 9-1-1 Fire-EMS Telecommunicator/Award Committee Member



Director's Award Recipient
Elizabeth Padilla, 9-1-1 PSAP Supervisor / Award Committee Member

Corrections

In the February 2008 Volume 3, Edition 1, previous Employees of the Quarter were misidentified.



Robert Taylor



Jerline Mason

The correct names should have been Robert Taylor, Jerline Mason, Pam Wafer, and Alex Delgado.



Pam Wafer



Alex Delgado

We regret these mistakes.

The Awards Committee commends each participant for a dynamic effort and accomplishment.

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Proud Parents

Johnny Giles, son and Jessica Giles, daughter in law of Fire/EMS Sr. Telecommunicator, **Linda Giles-Terrell**, will be graduating with Honors in May from Prairie View A&M University with a Bachelor's Degree in Construction Science.

Johnny maintained the honor of being on the Dean's List his entire college career.

He has accepted a job offer in the Houston area and was also privileged to work in Trinidad this past summer.

What a dynamic accomplishment and a job well done!

Linda's 2nd son, Derrick Giles, has been accepted in the Navy.

Due to his college years and test scores, Derrick will be entering the Navy at a higher rank.

He is scheduled to leave at the end of April. What a great accomplishment and good luck Derrick!



PFC Jamarian Warfield, son of Fire/EMS Supervisor, **La Tonia Warfield Moutra** was stationed at 4th Brigade Echo Company 464, Ft. Stewart, Georgia 31313.

His deployment to Iraq was October 2, 2007.

If anyone wants to correspond with him, his E-mail address is Jmann0421@yahoo.com.

If anyone has a family member or love one who is serving the military, and wishes to recognize him or her, please submit their picture so that it can be posted in the break room.

Employee Discipline Committee

In order to achieve a more balanced discipline process at HEC, an Employee Discipline Committee (EDC) was created to review all sustained complaints against HEC employees, including supervisors and managers.

The EDC meets on a bi-weekly basis to review complaints and provide input regarding the discipline (if any) to be issued by the HEC Director.

EDC Committee member, **Linda Giles-Terrell**, states that "it is an excellent opportunity to be a part of a policy making entity that is responsible for decisions that could affect all HEC employees for the betterment of our work environment."



< EDC:

Gwendolyn Miller,
Chairperson

Lettie Preston,
Co-Chair

Larnetta Brown,
Co-Chair

Daniel Mott,
Secretary

Barbara Brooks

Linda Giles-Terrell

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Congratulations to all HEC employees who participated in the 1st Annual Health and Fitness Mayor's Cup!

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Priscilla Destin 1/2
Charmaine Murray 1/4
Daniel Mott 1/8
Kaci Keyes 1/8
Courtney Wilkison 1/8
Angela Campbell 1/10
Sara Jermany 1/10
Deborah Hardy 1/13
Estela Rostro 1/15
Barbara Monford 1/17
Fernanya Winston 1/18
Kenneth Karm 1/20
Erika Barnes 1/22
Joyelle Green-Mayes 1/23
Monica Lenzy 1/23
Barbara Evans 1/25
Kathleen Yzaguirre 1/25
Robert Molina 1/26
Jean Silvas 1/28
Karla Vaughan 1/28
Oscar Calderon 1/29
LaTonya Green 1/29
Delores Marin 1/30
Lola Purvis 1/30
Donna Wells 1/30
David Cutler 1/31
Walter Letien 1/31

Stephanie Barfield 2/1
Cynthia Wall 2/12
Eloisa Chavez 2/4
Raymond Morris 2/4
Patrick Bradley 2/5
Gloria Collins 2/5
Bretah Menifee 2/7
Jonathan Titus 2/10
Donald Elder 2/10
Lance Johnson 2/10
Willie Holcombe 2/11
LaTonya Moutra 2/11
Shirley Blackshear 2/16
Kim Petty 2/16
Latonya Bigger 2/16
Linda-Giles-Terrell 2/18
Christopher Boone 2/19
Hosea Argueta 2/20
Lupe Torres 2/20
Ruben Leija 2/23
Cathy Garcia 2/27
Esteban Ortega 2/28
Marilyn Richards 2/28

Sonia Reid 3/1
Deborah Dorsey 3/2
Joel Avery 3/3
Darlene Brown-Keller 3/9
Patrick Brown 3/9
Desira Thomas 3/9

Erika Sandoval 3/10
Karlos Castillo 3/17
Arletha Ford 3/17
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Lisa Maldonado 3/17
Josephine Panares 3/19
Dale Bobb 3/20
Grace Santantonio 3/21
Valerie Ricks 3/23
Beatrice Salinas 3/24
Elizabeth Beregszaszy 3/25
Fujie Sheng 3/30

Christina Longoria 4/1
Roderick Jackson 4/2
Arlexza Aviles 4/4
Hannah Bilson 4/6
Stella Branford 4/9
Stephen Bissill 4/10
Patricia Sneed 4/10
Desaray Rodriguez 4/13
Susan Walker 4/13
Rosa Murrell 4/19
Mollie Wong 4/22
Crystal Pech 4/25
Joel Casas 4/27
Connie Ethridge 4/28

Anniversaries

3-yrs for Frank and LaTonia Moutra, 1/8
24-yrs for Randy and Corina Love, 1/13
34-yrs for Mel and Adele Gottlieb 1/25
11-yrs for Joe and My-Linh Laud, 1/25
12-yrs for Clarence and Kemmie Estes, 1/28
13-yrs for Felix and Linda Terrell, 2/25
19-yrs for Roz and Robin Bulman, 3/18
5-yrs for Eugene and Connie Ethridge 4/2

New Births

Christian Jeremiah Flournoy, son of
Angelica Castoreno

Farewells

Corina Love
Ken Meyers

Condolences

Amy Youngblood, mother of Darlene Andres
(Dawson), Police Telecommunicator

JaVon Lawrence, grandson of Linda Terrell,
Fire-EMS Sr. 9-1-1 Telecommunicator

Lannie M. Henry, Grandmother of Blanca Medina,
Fire-EMS Sr. 9-1-1 Telecommunicator

Alyne Fellers Killebrew, grandmother of
David Killebrew, HPD Police Dispatcher

Items of Interests

- **St. Patrick's Day:** The shamrocks were received with good luck of the Irish, hosted by Awards Committee Member Grace Santantonio and assisted by the Awards Committee.

Everyone was delighted by the whole event. It was an Irish surprise!

- **Moments in History:** The 40th Anniversary of Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

Bill White, Mayor
David Cutler, HEC Director
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