

# in touch



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## current events at the Houston Emergency Center

### October Events

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. In honor of this worthy cause, Houston Emergency Center (HEC) is pleased to be a sponsor of the Susan G. Koeman Foundation. We need your help. As a show of your support, each participant is asked to make a one time \$5 donation. For your donation, you will be allowed to wear jeans, a pink shirt, or the charity's special breast cancer awareness t-shirt every Wednesday for the month of October.

All funds collected will be donated to the Susan G. Koeman Foundation, a very worthy cause, and may be submitted to Elizabeth Padilla (Awards Committee Chairman), Pat Rosignon (Awards Committee Co-Chairman), and Rosalinda Bulman.

Thank you for your participation and for your patronage.

### Other Events:

October 30

Pumpkin Carving Contest (pumpkins must be real and carved). Battery operated lights only (no candles).

October 31

Dress up for Halloween

Q: Why did the bald man put a rabbit on his head?

A: Because he hoped for more hare.

Happy October!!!



### Welcome to "In Touch"

"In Touch", submitted by Karlos Castillo (HEC Supervisor), was chosen as the winning entry name for the HEC newsletter. As for the prize, Karlos received a \$50 gift certificate to any of Pappas Restaurants.

"I'm very happy and proud to know that my submission was selected," said Castillo. As for how he is going to use his gift certificate, "I'm taking my mother out for dinner!"

Thank you all for your efforts and welcome to the first edition.

Congratulations again, Karlos!



### Outstanding Services

We are pleased to announce the recent formation of the Employee Awards Committee.

The committee plans to Encourage, Empower, and Commend employees with various awards for outstanding performances and achievements. We will serve as a sounding board by soliciting your suggestions and recommendations for observed, outstanding employee performances. Overall, our goal is to improve employee relations at HEC.

Although we are still in the planning stages, feel free to submit your comments, suggestions, and recommendations to any committee members.

We stand to serve you.

#### Our Mission:

To empower and uplift all employees and encourage everyone to become a team player. Working together for the betterment of the Houston Emergency Center.

#### Our Objectives:

To improve employee morale and create a positive work environment for everyone assigned at Houston Emergency Center.

Too many people overvalue what they are not and undervalue what they are.

Malcolm S. Forbes

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### "In Touch" Recognition

L-R: Robert Taylor, Lupe Torres, Kevin Martin, Karlos Castillo, Felicia Bucker, Pat Rosignon, Joe Laud



# Labor Day BBQ Luau at the Houston Emergency Center

The Houston Emergency Center helped kick start the Labor Day weekend by providing over three hundred pounds of brisket, forty pounds of sausage, a cornucopia of potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni, dirty rice, beans, watermelons, cakes, and fruit salad for all HEC assigned staff.

Palm trees, tropical birds, and mermaids that served as center pieces for the dining areas set the tone for the gathering. Managers and supervisors wore their finest Hawaiian shirts and leis (some braved wearing grass skirts) to help serve food.

David Cutler, department director, notes that "on a daily basis, we handle a lot of emergency calls from citizens who need our help. Those types of calls are not only stressful for the callers but for our personnel who are handling those calls. This luau is a chance for all of us to get together and show our appreciation for all of their hard work."

Everyone in attendance appreciated all of the hard work that went into the organization of the event and are already looking forward to next year's shindig. Reservations for sand, sunscreen, and moist towelettes are currently being considered.

Aloha, y'all.

## New Births

Brenna and Keira (twin girls), grandchildren of Adele Gottlieb.

Osien Xander Laud, son of Joe Laud, 7/29.

Na'Kira Lorschea Rolling, daughter of Monica Lenzy, 8/10.

Ava Elizabeth Lynn Mata, granddaughter of Elizabeth Padilla, 8/14.

Teaveion LeEldric Hill, nephew of LaTonia Moutra, 8/31.

## Anniversaries

5-yrs Anniversary for Stuart and Vanessa Staggers, 8/15.

## Condolences

Celia (Sally) Rodriguez (8/14), mother, and Dora Almendarez (9/5), sister in law of Anna Leal.

Mary Russell (9/14), sister of Trina Debose.

Doris Johnson (9/20), mother of Yokisia Johnson.

## Birthdays

Pamela Cagle 9/4

Fred Cagle, 9/11

Greg Myers, 9/13

Juanesa Epps, 9/14

Seuwana Allen, 9/16

Robert Taylor, 9/22

Trina Debose, 9/26

Thelma Yancy, 10/2

Jose Cordova, 10/3

Leonel Avila, 10/4

Vanessa Staggers 10/5

Tonyel Tibbs, 10/6

Darlene Dawson, 10/9

Blanca Medina, 10/14

Vanessa Moore, 10/22

## Retirees

Lawrence V. Williams, 12-yrs.

Johnnie B. Ross, 22-yrs.

Carl Leffall, 23-yrs.

Debra Barrera, 29-yrs.

Geraldine Taylor, 32-yrs.



L-R HFD:

Cpt. Lorenzo Diaz,  
Chf. Danny Moore,  
Cpt. Mike Williams



Foreground to Back:

Theresa Holmes, Zulton  
Henderson, Roy Sandez,  
Salvator Guarjardo,  
Joyelle Green



L-R:

Michelle Allen,  
Jane Nyambura,  
Geraldine Taylor,  
Seuwana Allen



Servers (Foreground to back):

Roderick Jackson, Robert Taylor,  
Lt. Steve Gaines, Matt Hyde (HEC CTO),  
Patricia Curtis

Personnel (Foreground to back):

Yolanda Mohamad, Courtney Wilkisen,  
Gemar Burnom, Jean Silvas



**"Use It...Don't Abuse It!"**

Kick-off campaign to prevent the abuse of dialing 9-1-1 at the Greater Harris County 9-1-1 emergency network on September 7, 2006.

L-R: Lavergne Schwender (GHC), David Cutler, and CM Adrian Garcia,  
Lee Vela (Clear Channel Outdoor)

Bill White, Mayor  
David Cutler, HEC Director  
Barbara Evans, 9-1-1 HEC Asst. Dir.  
Matt Hyde, IT HEC Asst. Dir.  
Joe Laud, PIO / Editor  
Connie Ethridge, Sr. 9-1-1 TC / Asst. Editor  
Kevin Martin, 9-1-1 TC / Asst. Editor

Employee Awards Committee/  
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Felicia Buckner, 9-1-1 TC

Elizabeth Padilla, PSAP Supv.

Patricia Rosignon, Sr. 9-1-1 TC

Grace Sanantonio, Police TC

Robert L. Taylor, Employee Relations Mgr.

Tonyel Tibbs, 9-1-1 TC

Lupe Torres, 9-1-1 TC