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## ANNUAL SHOP WITH A COP EVENT FOR 2017



Thank you to the Bixby Rotary Club and the Bixby Walmart for helping the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office and the Bixby Police Department make the holidays brighter for 25 area kids through "Shop with a Cop." The kids got to buy gifts for their families at no cost.

### THE 2017 SHOP WITH A COP EVENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.

2017 marks nearly two decades that TCSO has participated in this great event. Every year we have been fortunate to have the opportunity to partner with the South Tulsa County Rotary Club, and Bixby Police Department to help make the Christmas holiday bright for deserving children and their families. Each year children who are less are selected to participate in the program. This year we shopped with 25 children for over 100 family members. Each child puts together a list of family members and a wish list for each. The children are then told they are going to get an opportunity to shop for those family members. The gifts are purchased by the Rotary Club. Each child is escorted by law enforcement officers and a member of the Rotary Club.

The children are so excited to have the opportunity to pick out gifts for their loved ones. During this shopping venture we find out who and what the child wants for Christmas and it is secretly purchased for them as well. After the gift is purchased, it is wrapped by volunteers and sent home with the families for Christmas. This year the volunteer gift

wrapping elves were, Bixby City Councilman Richie Stewart and his campaign team. We like to extend a huge thanks to them as well. Every year the members of TCSO who participate cannot say enough about the feelings of joy and fulfillment it brings to their hearts to be able to participate in this event. This is not only a great opportunity to bring a smile to a child's face but also a great opportunity to interact and build positive relationships with the community we serve. Too often the only interaction people have with law enforcement is negative. Events like this provide a great opportunity so show the often forgotten side of law enforcement, service. T.C.S.O., Total Commitment Serving Others. Thank you to all who participated.

Cordially,  
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# MESSAGE FROM THE UNDERSHERIFF

As we close out the year 2017, I wanted to pass along some of my personal observations. Often times I get asked the following question from law enforcement colleagues and friends, "how do you like your new job?" I nearly always respond with "I like it... lots of new challenges and I get to be close to my friends and family now." Having reflected on the number of times I've been asked that type of question, and the many times I've responded to it, prompted me to expand on my thoughts.

"Lots of new challenges" for me, specifically means learning the various facets specific to a Sheriff's Office; Courthouse Security, Civil Division, Extraditions, and the Tulsa County Jail just to name a few. Most of the other units were familiar, (Patrol, Training, Quartermaster, Community Policing, Public Services, etc...) at least in mission and design, but the unique law enforcement structure of the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office is what most of my old police and trooper buddies like to hear about.

The second part of my general response: "I get to be close to my friends and family", has a particularly genuine meaning. When I say the word "close" I mean that in my personal opinion, members of a Sheriff's Office are closer to the community than any other law enforcement professional. We are firsthand stakeholders of public safety within our community, primarily because we live, work, and play among the people we serve. Now don't get me wrong... I believe all the other law enforcement agencies within our district play a significant role in the complete wholeness of our criminal justice system. However, I've never felt as close to my home community as I have as a member of the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff's Deputies routinely show a natural desire to give of themselves within our community. They have a selfless attitude when it comes to serving, and it is apparent we have people who possess true servants' hearts.

As a father of five kids, one of my favorite past times was coaching little league

baseball. I was honored to coach ball for 19 years and enjoyed interacting with my children through youth sports. After a competitive sporting event, it was always important that I took a moment and highlight the things our players did well, and also the opportunities to improve our play. What I learned was that this wasn't a good time to lecture on things, but rather take two or three "good and bad" topics and discuss them... and limit myself to five minutes or less. I try and use the same leadership tactic in my writing, (limit my observations/critique to only a couple of items and be able to read about them in five minutes or less).

Some things we could improve upon: law enforcement driving and firearms proficiency. In reviewing the collision incident reports that reach my desk, I've noticed we have much room for needed improvements. In the old Oklahoma Title 47 traffic law books, there used to be an enforceable statute entitled Improper Movement from a Direct Course. If this law was cited in an official collision report form, it was inevitably followed with a notice of a driver's Improper Evasive Action, which meant that even though a driver may not be considered "at fault", he or she was still on notice because they may have been able to avoid a crash if proper attention was given and evasive action was taken. This type of enforcement from supervisors ultimately cultivated good defensive driving skills among law enforcement professionals. The idea is to pay attention and devote full time and attention to your driving responsibilities.

We could all, (including myself) improve upon our firearms proficiency. I find my busy lifestyle doesn't always include the time necessary to maintain a steady high level of firearms ability, though it may become critical to any situation in law enforcement. We should all strive to get to the firing range more often, and increase our marksmanship with the firearms we

carry and depend on each day. It is wise to invest many hours of training for only a split second decision which will ultimately affect our own lives, or the lives of those around us. So think of your family, friends, work colleagues and citizens, and consider your own abilities during non-stressful firearms training, then make a change, if one is necessary.

What I see TCSO members do on a routine basis, is continue to provide for the citizens of Tulsa County. I see deputies paying it forward by buying lunch for others, and TCSO members donating to worthy causes such as United Way, Special Olympics, and various holiday food drives. Time and again we hear good stories from our folks at the Sheriff's Office, and we proudly offer our congratulations to all of our men and women working hard to serve. Probably what is most impressive, are the Detention Personnel who enter that secured facility day in and day out, making the most of their professions. They are the grinders who take their jobs seriously, maintain a positive demeanor and make the most of their careers.

I want to thank you all for the work you do on a daily basis. Given recent events throughout the nation, and the increase in violence against law enforcement officials, it is admirable that you all continue the desire to perform the tasks that are asked of you. Please know you will all continue to receive support from your administration and we are always open to good ideas which will ultimately determine the success of our agency.

**Happy Holidays and God bless each and every member of the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office.**

- Undersheriff George Brown

## OUR HISTORY

# “FEARLESS”

Deputy Sheriff J. B. Hamby | Part I

By TCSO Historian  
Retired Sgt. Lyndall Cole***“I’m not coming out!”***

I can only imagine how many times these words have been spoken by suspects wanted by the law to some of our deputies, but they were the wrong words to say to a man who never showed fear like J. B. Hamby, Hamby would come in and get you!

J. B. (Red) Hamby began his career in Law Enforcement as a dispatcher for Troop B of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol in Tulsa under the supervision of Lieutenant Dave T. Faulkner. When Faulkner successfully won the 1958 Tulsa County Sheriff's election, he would soon hire Hamby as one of his dispatchers. Deputy Hamby was only a few months into his first year when he would show his determination in capturing the “bad guys.” In May of 1960, two men attempted to rob a Tulsa Quik-Trip store. Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Lloyd Hobbs had noticed a car parked beside the store around 4:00 a.m. Knowing this was not quite right, Trooper Hobbs pulled his unit into the store's parking lot to investigate. As Trooper Hobbs turned his unit toward the suspicious vehicle, two men jumped in the car and rammed his patrol unit. Trooper Hobbs' unit was rendered undrivable but he still had his radio so he called for assistance and Tulsa Police and Tulsa County units quickly responded.

The responding officers quickly found the suspect's car, it was too badly damaged, just a few blocks away. Tulsa Police Officer Tom Surber responded with his personal K-9, Nero. (In 1962, Sheriff Dave Faulkner established the first “official” agency sponsored K-9 unit in Tulsa County, but prior to our unit, Officer Tom Surber had purchased his own dog, a German Shepard named Nero, and paid for his own training. Although not agency sponsored, and according to current information available, this would make Officer Tom Surber and Nero the first K-9 unit in Tulsa County.) After tracking the two suspects to Mingo Creek, Nero lost the scent, however, thanks to Nero bringing the officers to this location, footprints were found close by which would lead the posse of officers to a nearby house which would turn out to be the home of one of the suspects.

When the officers knocked, a woman answered. This woman was later determined to be the wife of one of the suspects. She stated her husband was not home and she

re-assured the officers that there was no one home with her at the residence. After receiving permission to search the property, the officers found what appeared to be stolen items, from several burglaries inside a barn. Finding no one inside the barn or house, it was decided upon to search the attic of the residence. Showing no fear, it was Deputy Hamby who quickly volunteered and proceeded to climb into the attic. As he entered the attic space, Deputy Hamby panned his flashlight back and forth, and was able to see the two suspects hiding behind the chimney. Thinking quickly, because he was unarmed, (apparently it was necessary for him to take off his gun belt in order for him to fit into the attic space,) Deputy Hamby called down to the other officers that there was no one in the attic. Once Hamby had crawled back out, the group of officers called to the suspect's informing them they were discovered by Hamby and demanded they surrender. The two suspects eventually complied.

Deputy Hamby wasn't afraid of ghosts either! In 1962, Hamby responded to a haunted house call. A Mr. and Mrs. Johnson claimed to have been awakened by a bright light outside their window and then heard screams of children and the sounds of a man choking. They called the sheriff's office and the following night Deputy Hamby drove to the Johnson's house to have a listen for himself. Deputy Hamby spent three hours at the house but no “occurrence” or “appearance” happened this night, but Mr. Johnson had told Deputy Hamby that there were also rumors that the back yard of their residence had an old grave in it. Deputy Hamby was shown a small impression in the ground with a small illegible grave marker. To make the family feel better, Hamby dug up the “grave” and found that someone had just buried a dog. I guess like most suspects he encountered in his career, ghosts didn't want anything to do with Deputy Hamby either!

By early 1962, Sheriff Dave Faulkner launched a campaign to acquire two police dogs for our office. Faulkner wanted two dogs, one to work the east side of the county and one to work the west side of the county. By July, the Sheriff had selected two of his deputies to be our first K-9 Units. Deputy J. B. Hamby would receive the first dog and training, and he would also be placed

in charge of the new unit. Deputy Mobile Robinson would receive the second dog and training. Through a contest, the names were selected for our first two dogs, the names selected were Tex and Apache. Deputy Hamby was given Tex and Deputy Robinson was given Apache.

In August, Deputy Hamby traveled to Harry Nawroth's dog training school in Brighton, Missouri, where he was introduced to his new German Shepherd partner, Tex. Deputy Hamby trained with Tex for two weeks and, at first, had some difficulties, but once dog and master established their bond, they were an effective law enforcement team. Tex had a harness, which other than the obvious purpose of a leash, also had a regular flashlight attached to it on the left side. This was used to distract a suspect away from the officer. On the right side of the harness was a red light whose beam shown to the rear. This enabled Deputy Hamby and other officers to maintain a visual on the dog at night. It also enabled Hamby to lay it down near evidence for other deputies to locate easily.

In the early morning hours of Sunday, August 19, 1962, the first full-time K-9 Unit in Tulsa County history received its first call. A night watchman for Funks Aviation near 51st Street and Lynn Lane had called the Sheriff's Office to report that he had found two burglars inside the building. When Deputy Hamby and Tex arrived, the night watchman had two of the suspects against a fence, but two other suspects had gotten away. Deputy Hamby instructed Tex to guard the two suspects at the fence while he and the night watchman pursued the other two suspects. The two officers found the other two suspects, a man and a woman, sitting in the getaway car. When they returned to the aviation building with the other two suspects, Tex still had the other two suspects pinned against the fence; they hadn't moved, not even a little. These three suspects Deputy Hamby and Tex arrested on their first call together at Funks Aviation led to the first court conviction in Tulsa County history involving a K-9 unit.

***Good Boy, Tex!***



# LET'S GET MOVING

## "NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IDEAS FOR FITNESS BEGINNERS"

By Deputy Cass Filhiol

OK, so you're an absolute fitness beginner who has little or no idea about the pleasures and pains of healthy, active living. However, if you feel it's time to get off your behind and improve the state of your mind and body, it might be prudent to adopt some of the following healthy and active New Year's resolution tips to enjoy a healthier lifestyle.

### **Eat more fruit and vegetable portions every day**

This is a simple yet highly effective New Year's resolution that could really boost your day-to-day health. Try to eat the recommended portions of fruit and vegetables each day to keep your body energized with nutrients, vitamins and minerals.

### **Join a gym or health club.**

If you really want to fight the flab, joining a gym or health club could be ideal for burning fat and improving your body shape. With a variety of membership types available to suit all your needs, joining a gym has never been easier!

### **Cut down on your daily salt intake.**

High salt consumption can lead to a variety of health problems, including raised blood pressure and heart disease. As a result, there really is no need to make every meal taste like the Dead Sea.

### **Try a new sports activity.**

If you want to boost your fitness levels but feel the gym isn't right for you, a new sports activity could provide a fun yet fit alternative. With clubs offering everything from karate classes through to skydiving tutorials, it could be time to get sporty and enjoy a healthier future!

### **Curb your drinking habits.**

As all those festive hangovers may have hinted, heavy alcohol consumption can entail serious health consequences, with long-term implications including weight gain, depression, chronic sickness, and an empty wallet! Whilst the odd social drink is perfectly acceptable, it might be time to reassess things if you frequently binge drink. So curb your alcohol intake today and you may just save more than a little money in the process.

### **Broaden your knowledge.**

Whilst it's important to maintain your physical fitness, it's equally vital to exercise your mind if you want to enjoy a healthy and happy life. If you feel you don't always maximize your brain power, why not take part in evening classes (or even further education) to broaden your knowledge and offer a work-out to those sleeping brain cells?

### **Spend more time with your family.**

Another way of boosting your mental wellbeing is to enjoy more family-friendly activities. Whether playing a board game, day tripping or cooking with the kids, a supportive family environment will make you appreciate the simple pleasures in life more readily. So think twice before saying yes to that overtime and enjoy some quality family fun instead!



## YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

### 15 YEARS

Deputy David Coatney

### 10 YEARS

Deputy Leighton Boyd

### 5 YEARS

Deputy Matthew Gray

Deputy Whitney Murray

Detention Officer Corey Crow

Detention Officer Jacob Grounds Duncan

Detention Officer Chris Inthasone

Misty Cupps

## CONGRATULATIONS



On December 22, TCSO swears in 12 new Detention Officers to carry on the work in the jail. Congratulations to our new officers.



D.O. Monica Haney's Certificate of Achievement from the Supervisory Development Program

## CONGRATULATIONS



Sara Gadd receives the Community Service Council's Communicator Award

The Community Service Council honored **Sara Gadd** on December 14, 2017 with the Community Service Council Communication Award. The Council honored a number of people who have gone 'Above and Beyond' to help them achieve their mission this year. The Community Service Council has a mission to be a Communicator, Convener, Connector, Creator, and Capacity Builder. They honored her as a Communicator because of the amazing work she has done and continues doing to bring awareness to Human Trafficking in our community.

Communicator: We promote understanding of challenges and needed solutions through listening, data gathering and analysis, research, needs identification, education and action.



TCSO's first Ugly Sweater Contest :

1st place winner - Capt. Jason Morrison (far right)

2nd Place - Meredith Baker (center)

3rd Place - Loo-Who-Who-ser LaDonna Penny (left)



## FOP NEWS

FOP Lodge 188 and the Sheriff's Office once again teamed up to assist many families have a blessed Christmas. The Mike Clancy Toy Drive is one of the most successful Christmas drives yet. Donations came from several donors to help us with our efforts. Some of the many included Tulsa Spine & Specialty Hospital who donated decorated trees that were amazing, along with toys and gift cards. Toys were given by deputies, reserves, volunteers, and Tulsa County employees, along with overwhelming support by Oklahoma Reserve, Tyner Holmes, and Bob Hurley Ford. TPD also teamed up with us donating toys and turkeys.

We assisted Daybreak families again and several other families within the Tulsa County area which consisted of 40 families with over 100 Children. The lodge and office for the second year has enough toys donated to help two schools, North Ridge and Garfield in Sand Springs. Unlike last year when we gave each child a toy, we were able to give each child 4 toys. The Sheriff and Santa helped pass out some of the gifts. With the remaining toys left from the school, we assisted the Sand Springs Orphanage and the Salvation Army. Over 1100 children were helped in these operations. We also helped with the Secret Sheriff event at the Tulsa Housing Authority. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who assisted us in any way. *Have a Happy New Year.*

Paul Tryon  
FOP President



Sgt. Maybee and Dep. Blendowski deliver toys, hats, gloves and socks to Sequoyah Elementary, where they were given to kids in need.



Sheriff Regalado, Undersheriff Brown and Sheriff's employees delivered donations that blessed 10 families who are clients at Daybreak Family Services.



The kids were excited to see Santa.

## FOP AUXILIARY NEWS

Tulsa County Sheriff's FOPA hopes that everyone had a wonderful Christmas. We had our annual Christmas party for the Deputies and they families, Santa made an appearance and the children had a great time. We help with the Mike Clancy Toy drive and again this year it was a great success. The Auxiliary meets the 3rd Monday of every month.

## TCSO & ENDUI PARTNERS

88 is a reminder of how many lives have been lost to drunk driving crashes in Tulsa County since 2013. This holiday season the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office and ENDUI partners worked together to combat drunk driving through increased enforcement and DUI checkpoints.



# HOPPIN' JOHN RECIPE



## HOPPIN' JOHN

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 50 minutes  
Yield: Serves 4-6 as a side dish

## INGREDIENTS

1/3 pound bacon, or 1 ham hock plus 2 Tbsp oil  
1 celery stalk, diced  
1 small yellow onion, diced  
1 small green pepper, diced  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
1/2 pound dried black-eyed peas, about 2 cups  
1 bay leaf  
2 teaspoons dried thyme  
1 heaping teaspoon Cajun seasoning Salt  
2 cups long-grain rice  
Scallions or green onions for garnish

## INSTRUCTIONS




1. If you are using bacon, cut it into small pieces and cook it slowly in a medium pot over medium-low heat. If you are using a ham hock, heat the oil in the pot. Once the bacon is crispy (or the oil is hot), increase the heat to medium-high and add the celery, onion, and green pepper and sauté until they begin to brown, about 4-5 minutes. Add the garlic, stir well and cook for another 1-2 minutes.
2. Add the black-eyed peas, bay leaf, thyme and Cajun seasoning and cover with 4 cups of water. If you are using the ham hock, add it to the pot and bring to a simmer. Cook for 30 minutes to an hour, or longer if needed, until the peas are tender (not mushy).
3. While the black-eyed peas are cooking, cook the rice separately according to package instructions.
4. When the peas are tender, strain out the remaining cooking water. Remove and discard the bay leaf. Taste the peas for salt and add more if needed. If using a ham hock, remove it from the pot, pull off the meat, and return the meat to the pot.

Serve the dish either by placing a ladle-full of black-eyed peas over steamed rice, or by mixing the two together in a large bowl. Garnish with chopped green onions. Serve with collard greens, kale, beet or turnip greens.

Extracted from Simply Recipes  
[http://www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/hoppin\\_john](http://www.simplyrecipes.com/recipes/hoppin_john)



# TRAINING CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
 <b>HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!</b> 				<b>1</b> <b>Courageous Leadership</b> Wood Room	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>SWAT Training</b> All Day  <b>Captain's Mtg</b> 1430 hrs. - 1600 hrs. Wood Room	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Captain's Mtg</b> 1430 hrs. - 1600 hrs. Wood Room 	<b>15</b> <b>Mobile Cop</b> 0900 hrs. - 1600 hrs. Wood Room	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Below 100</b> 0800 hrs. - 1200 hrs. Wood Room <b>Below 100</b> 1300 hrs. - 1700 hrs. Wood Room <b>Employee Focus Group</b> 1500 hrs. - 1600 hrs. Wood Room	<b>21</b> <b>SWAT Training</b> All Day  <b>Captain's Mtg</b> 1430 hrs. - 1600 hrs. Wood Room	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Cultural Diversity</b> 0800 hrs. - 1700 hrs. Wood Room <b>Captain's Mtg</b> 1430 hrs. - 1600 hrs. Wood Room			

## JANUARY 2018 BIRTHDAYS

Carr, Emily 01/01  
 Foote, Shawn 01/01  
 Harrell, William 01/01  
 Johnson, Sean 01/01  
 Stallings, Sarah 01/03  
 Colbert, Corey 01/05  
 Jackson, Arthur 01/05  
 Pritchett, Cutter 01/05  
 Weir, Leo 01/05  
 Ingwersen, Nicholas 01/06  
 Kingfisher, Patricia 01/06  
 Heathcott, Bobbi 01/08  
 Johnson, Jacob 01/09  
 Montgomery, Aaron 01/09  
 Cherry, Christopher 01/10  
 McDaniel, Kimberly 01/10  
 Straily, Clinton 01/10

Hull, David 01/11  
 Juelfs, Dillon 01/11  
 McDonald, Eric 01/11  
 Ocon, Nicholas 01/11  
 Martinez, Ridel 01/12  
 Mayes, Alannah 01/12  
 Durant, Jacob 01/14  
 Swatsenbarg Jr, Bobby 01/14  
 Tatum, Rhea 01/14  
 Martin, Roy 01/16  
 Brinlee, Stephen 01/16  
 Rice, Cadyn 01/16  
 Roebuck Smith, Casey 01/16  
 Victory, Joshua 01/17  
 Lambert, Travis 01/18  
 Huss, Paul 01/19  
 Palmer, Eric 01/20

Benight, Debra 01/21  
 Downing Moreland 01/21  
 Holloway, Stacie 01/23  
 Mabry, Derrin 01/23  
 Buggs, Gwendolyn 01/24  
 Chuculate, Dakotah 01/24  
 Hill, John 01/24  
 Gordillo, Patricia 01/26  
 Deen, Anna 01/28  
 Green, Justin 01/28  
 Harral III, Norwin 01/29  
 Butler, Tori 01/30  
 Gray, Timothy 01/30  
 Ratliff, Stuart 01/30  
 Allison, Bethany 01/31  
 Penny, LaDonna 01/31