

ATASCOSA COUNTY JUDGES REPORT

Last week was the celebration of law enforcement and I agree with everything that was written. I cannot add anything to it. But, I would like to comment that it has been an honor for the last 4.5 years to be associated with the Sheriff's department and the Jail operation in Atascosa County, not forgetting to mention the 911 calling center supervised by the Sheriff.

The management of a jail is a very difficult job and the staff in Atascosa County Jail seems to make it look easy. But it is not. Our jail has had nearly 40 consecutive years of excellent ratings and passing scores from the state Jail Standards Commission. That takes hard work. I complement all of the jail staff for their efforts. The jail staff has to transport and guard prisoners to court most days of the week. The training, expertise, safeguards and protocol require much training and special people to do it.

The patrol deputies keep the county secure 24/7 as we go about our business and sleep in our beds. They have to engage situations constantly none of us would want to be involved in. The court bailiffs stand ready to lay their lives on the line to protect the court personnel, and the courtroom attendees. The Sheriff's investigators risk their lives every day in the course of their job.

We all, who work in government, are tasked to do the best we can with limited resources. I have seen all county law enforcement pull together between departments, such as the Sheriff's office, the Fire Marshall, the Constables as well as the local police departments, as comrades in arms when the need arises.

These are some of the finest people I have ever had the pleasure to work with. The professionalism is high and so is the performance. They do live to serve and protect. I have seen firsthand their commitment, carried out with honor.

Quote – "If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking." George S. Patton
Thanks for listening.

We want you to be proud of your County Government.