

El Paso County Sheriff's Association

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## EPCS A MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

*Hope everyone is doing well,*

*Thank you to those who have signed up for the mailing list. The purpose of this Newsletter is to keep you all informed with the latest that's going on with your Association.*



*It was a good turnout at the General Membership meeting on the January 30<sup>th</sup>. Our Association is now up to 780 members after the 12 new cadets signed up last week. To the 12 new members, welcome to the family!*



meeting, Mrs. Karen Dykes. Karen is very excited to be on board and brings a lot of legal experience to our team. We look forward to working with her!

*We have had some changes to the [EPCSOA Board](#). In accordance with our constitution, Deputy Omar Gonzalez has been appointed as Vice President and Lt Marvin Ryals has been appointed as Secretary. Deputy Joe Rodriguez and Detention Officer James Munoz have both been appointed to the Board of Directors. All Board members are excited to work for you.*

*Our accountant is working on the end of year report. As soon as it is complete it will be put out to the membership for anyone who would like to view it. The board no longer has a check book in our possession, all checks will come directly from the accountant.*

Our [website](#) continues to be updated. We have added instructions to print out your [CLEAT dental and vision insurance cards](#). I have been advised that the insurance cards will no longer be mailed out. Please feel free and let us know if there is something else you would like to see on the website.

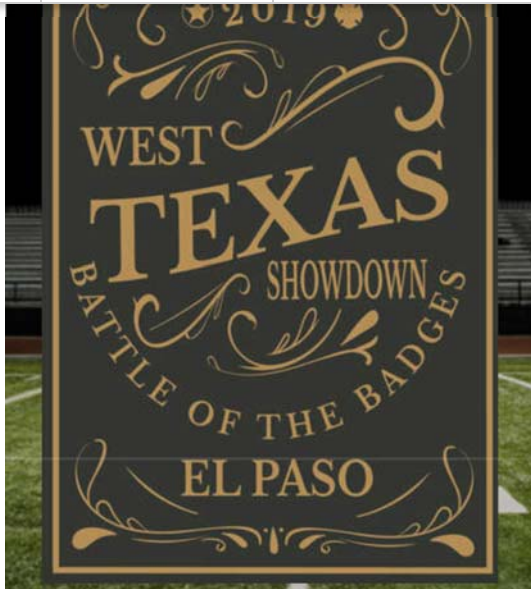


As I have been walking around and talking with members, many Officers have told me that they do not receive Association emails. I have looked into this problem and found that about 170 members had not been added to the email group used for association emails, mostly newer Officers within the last few years. I believe I have



*As many of you know, in our contract we have been allowed to have monthly meetings with the Sheriff to discuss working conditions. All though it was never used before, I thought it would be a great way to try and solve some problems through dialogue. The Advisory Committee meetings with the Sheriff have been going well and we have been able to navigate and improve on many issues through communication. OC/CPR/Taser and AED training and re-certification will start soon for Detention Officers. The Sheriff agreed to hire 6 part time Animal Control Officers to relieve some burden on Deputies with animal calls. Some Deputy sections have been able to get their 84-hour work schedules back. We haven't been having issues with the 30-minute lunch breaks in the jails anymore. The Annex got their Fresh Market from El Paso Snacks that the Sheriff expedited to give Officer's food options. We will continue with the monthly advisory meetings which I am confident will continue to be a great tool for us to improve on working conditions through communication.*

There is a [Battle of the Badges](#) flag football tournament coming up. The dates are March 8<sup>th</sup>



contact for the tournament is Jesus Salmeron 915-203-0728. We would love to sponsor a couple teams to represent the EPCSOA.

*As always, try to stay positive. Take care of each other. Don't let negative people bring you down or divide us. Have a great week.*

*Thanks,*

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