

Dear Members,

I am honored and grateful to be able to offer this <u>2024 Annual Presidents Report</u>, in which I hope to convey a few things we have accomplished over the past year. I would also like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation for your trust and your support as your President.

My Commitment and Passion for this organization is still driven by our Mission Statement: "Law Enforcement and Citizens Working Together for a Safer Community."

In August, it was the kickoff to Region One Hosting the 2024 State Convention and Planning Workshop Hosted by us, MCSCAAA. It was a great opportunity for Region One and Texas State CPAAA to coordinate training up front and in the early stages of the planning and implementing the guidelines for hosting a convention. Was a large turnout. Our organization donated \$1500.00 to Region One to help get the Convention off to a start.

Conducted business as usual in September and jumped right into the Oct month with "Sharing is Caring" Holiday Food drive with MCSO. Was a great turnout and several of our members did amazing work at this event- thank you all who contributed your time!

The same week our organization volunteered at the MCSO Fall and Recognition Awards Ceremony. Another event that the MCSO graciously lets us help and volunteer. If you have not signed up for that event, I recommend it. It's amazing. During this time frame, the CCTA (Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack) Drill was exercised and encompassed 5 locations across Texas, including Montgomery. Our organization had the opportunity to volunteer for this fun and exciting learning event.

In November our organization also was able to volunteer for the MCSO Training Academy Class A-23 Cadet Graduation Ceremony, and what an honor it is for us to help and watch all these amazing women and men start their new careers in Law Enforcement.

Also in November was the beginning of the transitioning of our Liaison Officer and dear friend Steven Squire to move to a new position within the department.so we held a lunch at Honor Café to let him know how much we love and appreciate his dedication and love for our alumni. We also welcomed Caleb and his beautiful wife to the

MCSCAAA Family, as Caleb would be the new Liaison Officer Training under Steve and getting to know the new Academy students and of course our alumni family.

We can't forget Gods Garage too! What an amazing organization, if you don't know about them, look them up. They are doing God's work for sure. Our long time Historian Rita Crosby car just finally quite after many years of faithful transportation, it just was not dependable or safe anymore. We put her name on the list and applied for a car. It was a surprise to Rita when she was presented a Car in November! She finally had her freedom back.

In December, MCSO kicked off the annual Operation Blue Elf for 2023 and named it Operation Blue Elf Bikes and Badges. We had over 15 volunteers help with the event. our alumni Members cooked and just plugged themselves in wherever they were needed, It was a great success. Many kids received brand new bicycles and helmets!!

Also, in December our 1st VP Ronnie Rector worked many hours on a new Program called "Sit along with Dispatch". Liaison Officer Caleb was able to get approval for the project to move forward and so the birth of the "Sit alone with Dispatch" was born. So when your turn or opportunity comes around.... take it, you will not regret it. This program gives another insight into the hard work and professionalism of the MCSO 911 Dispatchers and call center group.

Our organization helped with donations and assisted with moving items for a MCSO Deputy that lost his home in a fire.

The K9 airport Decoy program was back in full swing. Many MCSCAAA Members participated in the Airport K9 Program and loved the interaction with the handlers and Dogs. If you get the opportunity to do that- please do.

The MCSO Crisis Negotiations Team Training Session was also held again this year at the Stonebridge Church and many alumni members were able to again participate in the action filled drill and helped the MCSO Negotiation Team train. What an honor that they let us do that each year!

Along with our Monthly GM Meetings we also again participated in the National Telecommunications Week and were able to provide Gift Cards to many of the Telecommunications and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

We volunteered for the MCSO Spring Recognition and Awards Ceremony. So many talents within MCSO.

MCSO Recruiting Events – This year was cancelled because of rain, but our members have participated in many in the past.

MCSO National Police Memorial Ceremony & Spring Recognition and Award Ceremony. MCSCAAA volunteers helped as needed.

We honored National Correctional Officer week from May 5th to the 11th. As we extended our deepest gratitude to the men and women who serve Montgomery County Jail Division.

We Participated in Bood Drive for "Cunningham Living"-Several members came out to give the "Gift of Life" to help save lives.

June was the Texas State CPAAA Convention at South Shore Resort and Convention Center- there was record registrations of almost 400 members. Many of our members volunteered their time and helped make it a grand success for the Region One group that hosted. Thank you to those that put so many hours into the success of the convention.

Our Alumni had several guest speakers that taught us many new things and let us get a look into their amazing work they do. Some Examples-

Deputy Degner - Search and Rescue,

Russell Quinn - Cyber Security and crime prevention

Woodforest bank - Check Fraud

And tonight, we had Kathryn Griffin, with Harris County Human Trafficking Victim Services....

To close out the year we needed to go out with a bang so in rolled Hurricane Beryl. My family and businesses were blessed, and we had minimal damages. But undeniably we survived another storm that came through Montgomery County, and we came out stronger as we all pulled together to help each other. Because that is what I have found this community and county is all about. "We Take Care of Each Other."

Our nation was put to another test this month as conservatives had to deal with more Hate Crimes- there was an assassination attempt on Former President Trump, and I tell you, God has a way of bringing people together and hopefully this was that moment in time that would bring Americans together again. God Bless America....

Over the last 8 years I have seen tremendous change in our county and our organization for the better, and that is because of our amazing members and our BoD that pulled together and made positive changes as a group and as a family!

The future of this organization is in the hands of the members and the direction they want it to go. Find those leaders that help the organization and members achieve greatness with *positivity* and vision for changes that only make us better!! Negativity and Gossip have no place in any organization, especially one that wants to achieve great things.

AND.... Never forget the reason why we are all here.....

"To Support the Women and Men of Law Enforcement!"

God Bless America, and as I have said from the beginning of my term..... "The Best is Yet to Come!"

Yours faithfully,

Debra Lee

MCSCAAA President