



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM POLICE

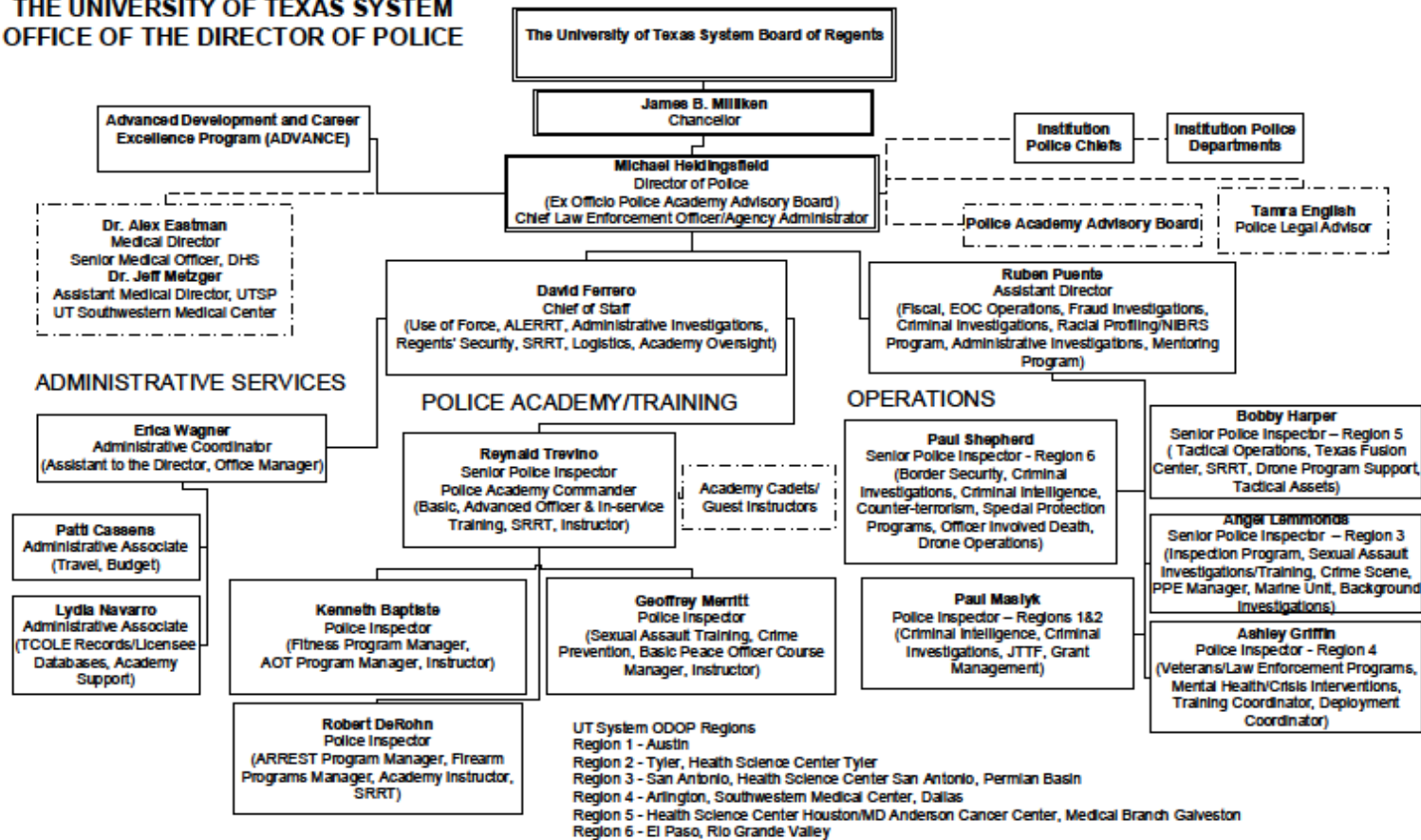
Annual Report

June 2020

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ODOP Staff Organization

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF POLICE



ALERRT – Advanced Law Enforcement Emergency Response Training
 ARREST - Advanced Rapid Response Emergency Scenario Training
 AIM – Armed Intruder Mitigation Program
 AOT – Advanced Officer Training

EOC – Emergency Operations Center
 JTTF – Joint Terrorism Task Force
 PPE – Personal Protective Equipment
 TCOLE – Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
 SRRT – System Rapid Response Team

Revised April 2020



ODOP Mission Statement

The University of Texas System Office of the Director of Police (ODOP) is charged with the responsibility of protecting the life and property of individuals who comprise the student body, faculty, and staff of The University of Texas System community.

- To oversee and guide the delivery of police services
- To train, develop and mentor
- To set the national standard for law enforcement at America's educational institutions
- **To always respect the principal purpose for a university: to educate our young people in a safe and secure environment**
- To operate in every location as a full service law enforcement agency
- To rely on the standards of national and state law enforcement accreditation, model policies and evidence-based best practices
- To set the expectation that our statutory obligations as peace officers shall be fulfilled and executed
- To identify emerging trends in public safety
- To support the institutions' law enforcement agencies with rapidly deployable special assets, advisors and resources
- To continually advance the science and delivery of police training and education
- To provide advice, counsel and guidance to institution police chiefs and their staffs



ODOP Mission Statement

- To foster the fullest cooperation, communication and coordination between the Director of Police and the institution chiefs
- To continually improve the quality of candidates chosen for selection as police officers



ODOP History



Created by the State of Texas Legislature in the wake of the active shooter event of August 1, 1966, The University of Texas System Police charter was to ‘...employ and commission peace officers for the purpose of protecting life and property...’ at the campuses of The University of Texas System or wherever else U. T. interests or assets were represented or present. This decision was followed by the creation of the Office of the Director of Police and The University of Texas System Police Academy in 1968 and thus began the 50+ year legacy of which we are a part today.

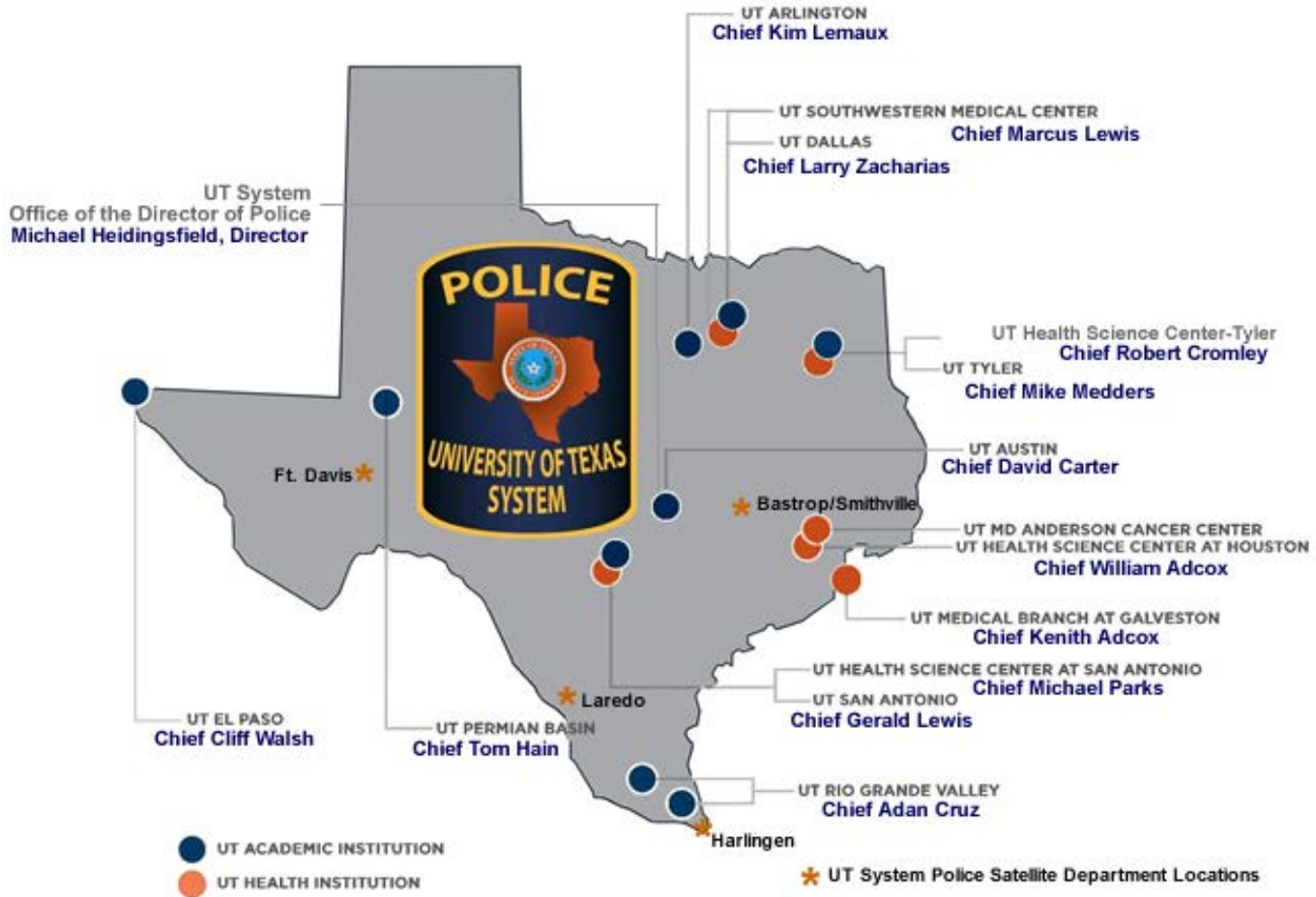


ODOP History

- 102 basic peace officer training classes have been successfully conducted with over 2,000 graduates
- 623 sworn police officers and 901 civilian staff members currently authorized



U. T. System Police Departments



U. T. System Police Personnel

as of December 31, 2019

	ACTUAL	AUTHORIZED
Commissioned Officers	560	623
Guards	483	538
Telecommunications Officer (Dispatcher)/Other	130	152
Civilian	195	211
TOTAL	1368	1524



U. T. System Police Sworn Personnel Strength as of December 31, 2019

Institution	Actual Strength	Authorized Strength
Arlington	46	47
Austin	91	99
Dallas	27	35
Southwestern Medical Center	41	48
El Paso	27	31
Medical Branch Galveston	68	72
Houston (Health Science Center + MD Anderson Cancer Center)	81	95
Permian Basin	14	17
Rio Grande Valley	49	51
San Antonio	45	51
Health Science Center San Antonio	37	42
Tyler	13	14
Tyler Health Science Center	8	8
ODOP (as of 12/31/2019)	13	13
TOTAL	560	623



U. T. System Police Accredited Departments

- Arlington – CALEA & IACLEA
- Austin – CALEA
- San Antonio – CALEA & IACLEA
- Medical Branch - Galveston – CALEA
- Health Science Center - Houston/M. D. Anderson Cancer Center – CALEA, IACLEA, TPCA
- Health Science Center - San Antonio – IACLEA
- Southwestern Medical Center – IACLEA & TPCA

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)

International Association for Campus Law Enforcement Administration (IACLEA)

Texas Police Chiefs Association (TPCA)



U. T. System Sworn Officers by Gender and Ethnicity

As of March 2020

Ethnicity	Total by Ethnicity		Male	%	Female	%
White	296	52.11%	247	43.48%	49	8.63%
Black	79	13.91%	62	10.91%	17	2.99%
Hispanic	176	30.99%	138	24.30%	38	6.69%
Asian	7	1.23%	5	.88%	2	.35%
American Indian	2	.35%	1	.18%	1	.18%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0
Multicultural	8	1.41%	8	1.41%	0	0
	568		461	81.16%	107	18.84%



U. T. System Police Academy

- Four full-time staff members
- Basic Academy – 23 weeks
- 16 Consecutive Basic Academy classes passing State Peace Officer licensing exam at rate of 100% on first attempt
- In-Service Training
- Advanced Rapid Response Emergency Scenario Training (ARREST) including firearms simulator, use of force/ de-escalation, ambush and breaching training
- Advanced Officer Course – 4 weeks



U. T. System Policy 170 – Oversight of Law Enforcement and Security for the U. T. System

ODOP Responsibility – Director of Police, Agency Administrator and Chief Law Enforcement Officer

- Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) considers the U. T. System Police as one state law enforcement agency made up of the Office of the Director of Police and 13 full-service campus police departments
- Law enforcement and security standards and practices, staffing levels, training requirements, professional qualifications, police academy, commissioning/revocation authority, inspections, System Rapid Response Team, administrative and criminal investigations, executive and special protection, major crimes team, counterterrorism, intelligence, crime analysis, command & control, promotional process, all police policy



Range of Offenses and Major Incidents Investigated/Responded to by U. T. System Police (Past 12 Months)

- Aggravated assault
- Aggressive panhandling
- Arson
- Assault on Peace Officer
- Attempt to Disarm Peace Officer
- Auto burglary
- Auto theft
- Bomb threat
- Breach of computer security
- Burglary
- Career Criminal Encounters
- Credit card abuse
- Criminal mischief
- Criminal trespass
- Death investigation
- Disorderly conduct
- Driving while intoxicated
- Drug/Alcohol Overdose
- Drugs/Drug Smuggling/Drug Diversion
- Elopement of Psychiatric Patient
- Emergency mental health commitments
- Family/dating violence
- Felon with Firearm
- Felony parole/probation violators
- Felony theft
- Fire/Arson
- Forgery
- Fugitive from Justice Arrest
- Harassment
- Hazing
- Homicide (Odessa active shooter and Austin Cap Metro fatality accident)
- Illegal entry into U.S.
- Indecency with child
- Invasive visual recording
- Interference with emergency communication
- Life saving
- Missing Person
- Possession of child pornography
- Prescription fraud
- Prohibited weapon
- Protective Order Violations
- Protests
- Public Intoxication
- Public lewdness/Indecent Exposure
- Resisting arrest/evading arrest
- Robbery/Aggravated Robbery
- Sexual Assault
- Shooting
- Stalking
- Stolen firearms
- Street Gang Member Encounters
- Suicide
- Terroristic threat
- Unlawful carrying of weapon
- Unlawful restraint
- Violation of sex offender registration



Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Data

Part I Crimes Calendar Year 2019-2015

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Homicide Reported (Odessa, Austin)	2	0	1	1	0	Assaults reported	559	475	427	482	526	Auto Theft reported	36	37	38	53	47
Unfounded	0	0	0	0	0	Unfounded	20	17	18	11	15	Unfounded	2	4	9	9	7
Actual	2	0	1	1	0	Actual	539	458	409	471	511	Actual	34	33	28	44	40
Cleared	2	0	1	1	0	Cleared (52.7%)	284	268	297	349	431	Cleared (26.5%)	9	3	4	10	15
Sexual Assault Reported	33	37	29	27	19	Burglary reported	95	88	118	109	149	Arson Reported	3	1	1	3	2
Unfounded	2	7	3	3	5	Unfounded	3	7	9	5	10	Unfounded	1	0	0	0	0
Actual	31	30	26	24	14	Actual	92	81	109	104	139	Actual	2	1	1	3	2
Cleared (35.5%)	11	8	13	13	11	Cleared (18.5%)	17	16	28	23	14	Cleared (0%)	0	0	0	0	1
Robbery Reported	11	17	9	16	13	Theft Reported	1602	1485	1676	1605	1748						
Unfounded	0	4	1	1	2	Unfounded	132	134	141	166	176						
Actual	11	13	8	15	11	Actual	1470	1351	1535	1439	1572						
Cleared (36.4%)	4	3	2	9	4	Cleared (7.2%)	106	112	163	190	187						



UCR Data – Part II Crimes/Other Information

(Criminal Trespass, Fraud/Embezzlement, Criminal Mischief, Weapons Violations, Controlled Substance, DWI, Disorderly Conduct, Public Intoxication, Harassment, Bomb Threats)

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Reported	3102	3237	3903	4134	4064
Unfounded	95	71	121	109	136
Actual	3007	3166	3782	4025	3928
Cleared (58.4%)	1755	2000	2781	2832	2763
Arrests Custodial (students)	190	231	262	278	296
Arrests Non-Custodial* (students)	455	260	285	383	423
Arrests Custodial (non-students)	1222	1541	2165	2070	2216
Arrests Non-Custodial* (non-students)	436	345	386	472	418
Calls for Service (number per year)	898,819	973,261	1.03M	1.15M	1.11M
Life Saving Episodes by Officers	9	13	9	8	14
Unlawful Entry/Assist US Border Patrol Brownsville Campus	33				
Involuntary Mental Health Commitments (non-clinical setting)	102	131	158	135	128
Suicides	9	7	7	9	10
Suicides attempted	22	17	19	28	39

*non-custodial arrests – defendants are cited and released on promise to appear in court



Use of Force/Pursuits/Stops

2019 – 2015

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Use of Force – Incidents	124	122	111	78	93
Taser Use or Exhibition	20	9	7	12	11
Pepper Spray Use or Exhibition	3	0	0	2	3
Baton Use or Exhibition	0	1	0	0	0
Empty Hand Tactics	74	75	67	48	47
Exhibit Firearm	26	34	26	17	26
Use of Firearm	1 ¹	3 ²	0	1	0
Assaults on UT System Police Officers	6				
Attempt to take weapon of UT System Police Officer	3				
Reported/Recorded Motor Vehicle Stops	22,352	22,746 ³	9316	9092	9055
Pursuits	6	12	9	14	16

¹Odessa Active Shooter Event

²Three animals euthanized 2018

³The Sandra Bland Act, effective September 1, 2017, changed reporting requirements for motor vehicle stops to require reporting of warnings issued, as well as tickets and citations.



UTSP/ODOP Significant Initiatives & Events– 2019

- Conversion of Crime Data Collection from the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting System (UCR) to the FBI National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)
- Development and Adoption of Formal UTSP Policy on Active Shooter Response
- Operationalization of FAA-compliant/TX DPS-certified law enforcement drone program
- Comprehensive Review of all UT System Police (UTSP) policies (67) and Training/Advisory Bulletins (27)
- Undertake an Across the Board Study of Compensation for UTSP Officers
- High Impact UTSP Chiefs' Conference in Brownsville Hosted by ODOP and UTRGV PD Focused on Border Protection
- Successful Completion of Biannual Audit of the UTSP Academy by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE)
- Deployment of UT System Police officers from every institution police department and the Office of Director of Police in support of the UT Permian Basin Police Department in the aftermath of the deadly Labor Day holiday weekend active shooter event in Odessa, a deployment in size equivalent to that which occurred for Hurricane Harvey
- Award of the UTSP Distinguished Service Cross (highest award that can be given) to UTSP Lieutenant for His Response to the Active Shooter Event in Odessa
- Successful Launch of ODOP Marine Patrol Program for Hurricane-Related Floodwater/Rescue Response
- Creation of Police Canine Kennels and Run at UTSP Academy
- Adoption of 40 Hour Crisis Intervention Training Block for the Basic Peace Officer Course



UTSP/ODOP Significant Initiatives & Events – 2019 (continued)

- Successful Launch of Temporary Program to Monitor the Movement of Displaced Persons from Central America and Mexico to Border Cities Hosting our Campuses
- Implementation of Policy/Training Modifications Required by 86th Legislative Session
- The UT Medical Branch Galveston PD Marine Unit provided assistance to the US Coast Guard in June 2019 in a search/rescue /recovery operation involving a local fishing vessel and a passenger lost overboard/drowned in the Galveston Bay
- In January 2019 an Austin Cap Metro bus struck and killed a bicyclist on the UT Austin campus; UT Austin PD arrested and charged the bus driver with Manslaughter



2020 Public Safety Concerns

- COVID 19/Public Safety Impacts
- Violence Associated with Public Protests and Demonstrations (Targeted and Indiscriminate)
- Active Shooter Threat
- Sexual Assault on Campuses
- Terrorist Events
- Insider Threat



2020 Initiatives

- Ensure a Safe and Comprehensive Response to the COVID 19 Public Health Emergency
- Establish a Standing Personal Protective Equipment Program at ODOP for Contingencies
- Continue UTSP Compensation Study Begun in 2019
- Assist and Support UT Health Science Center Tyler PD in Expansion of Police Services to UT Health East Texas Facilities
- Assist and Support UT Health Science Center PD and UT Tyler PD with the Impact of the Merger of the Institutions and the Public Safety Implications
- Ensure Public Safety and the Right to Freedom of Speech, Public Assembly and Freedom of Expression are Preserved and Protected at Institutions.



2020 Initiatives (cont.)

- Successfully graduate and celebrate our 103rd Basic Peace Officer Course with added instruction as mandated by TCOLE
- Continue to enhance and repurpose UTSP Academy facilities to include jogging/training trail, and rehabilitated fitness training facility
- Implement a Police Bike Training Course at the UTSP Academy
- Explore Distance Learning Opportunities at the UTSP Academy
- Develop emergency medical care capability at UTSP Academy



U. T. System Police Officers of the Month for 2019

April 2020
Jo Ann Alvarez
UT Permian Basin PD



March 2020
Michelle Stellato
UT Arlington PD



February 2020
Rene' Guinn
UT Tyler PD



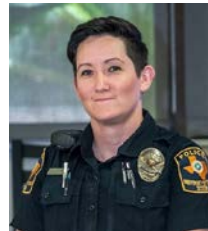
January 2020
David Chambers
UT Austin PD



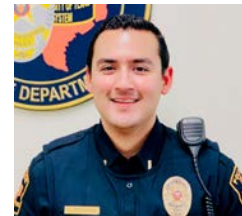
December 2019
Crystal Dessena
UT Permian Basin PD



November 2019
Chelsea McGee
UTMB Galveston PD



October 2019
Samuel Hernandez
UT Rio Grande Valley PD



September 2019
John Rogatski
UT Arlington PD



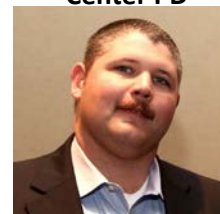
August 2019
Somer Fernandez
UT Dallas PD



July 2019
Isaac Graham
UT Houston PD



June 2019
Jacob Twombly
UT Southwestern Medical
Center PD



May 2019
Susan Gibbs
UTMB Galveston PD

