

## **Law Enforcement Appreciation Day is January 9**

Friday, January 9 is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Founded in 2015, the day serves as a tribute to the men and women across America who have made the sworn commitment to protect and serve our communities, sometimes at all costs.

Among the organizations that were part of the inaugural event observed annually on January 9 were the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Law Enforcement United, the Fraternal Order of Police, the FBI National Academy Associates, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S), and the Officer Down Memorial Page, among others.

Under H.B. 297, passed in 2017, Texas joined the growing list of entities who observe the national event by designating January 9 as Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in Texas. On C.O.P.S. website ([www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/projectbluelight](http://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/projectbluelight)) is a listing that details how citizens can show their support on Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Those activities include:

- Wearing blue clothing in support of law enforcement.
- Sending a card of support to your local police department or state agency.
- Sharing a story about a positive law enforcement experience on social media.
- Asking children in your community to write letters in support of law enforcement.
- Participating in Project Blue Light by proudly displaying your blue light in support of enforcement.
- Organizing an event or a rally in support of your law enforcement officers.

The City of Horseshoe Bay is proud to employ 22 full-time police officers, 3 dispatchers, and 2 animal control officers. Horseshoe Bay PD serves the community with a full range of police related services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Our officers are fully commissioned and state licensed police officers with full powers of arrest and both local and county-wide jurisdiction due to previously established joint-powers agreements with Llano and Burnet counties in addition to the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The department's services and responsibilities range from traffic enforcement to criminal investigation, with a heavy emphasis on high-profile proactive patrol operations to help reduce crime. You will find our law enforcement personnel very personable, professional, and highly trained. The Horseshoe Bay PD is second to none when it comes to service above and beyond what is normally expected of law enforcement agencies.

Of the 22 full-time officers, most have many years of experience in a wide variety of police related fields, with 14 having achieved their Master Peace Officer certification, the highest rating given by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education. As one of the most experienced law enforcement agencies in our area, averaging more than 19 years of experience per officer, the Horseshoe Bay PD provides well-established maturity and a common-sense approach to problem solving and community policing issues.

Please take a moment to say thank you to a Horseshoe Bay Police Department employee when you see them about town or stop by the station at 1 Community Drive to share your heartfelt support.