

Sheriff McCutchen issues appeal to citizens in fight against crime

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Wayne McCutchen today announced that Coke County Citizens are being invited to become Associate Member of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

Membership invitations will go out in the mail over the next several weeks. Associate Member funding allows the Sheriffs' Association of Texas to provide critical training, technical resources, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues to law enforcement officers across the state.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions to the Sheriffs' Association of Texas are tax-deductible.

"The Associate Membership Drive helps provide the funding which is vital to our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play," said Sheriff McCutchen.

The Associate Membership Program was created to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local Sheriffs' protect the lives and property of citizens.

"During these economic times, the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships continues to escalate, and

programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Sheriff McCutchen. "I encourage every citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can contact the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at: 1601 S. IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741 or <http://www.txsheriffs.org>

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(Continued from page 2) Congressional District are encouraged to submit their applications in the spring of their junior year of high school to Congressman Conaway at his

San Angelo Regional Office, 33 East Twohig, Suite 307, San Angelo, Texas, 76903. Deadline for completed applications to be received for the Class of 2019 (entering the Academy - Summer of 2015) will be October 22, 2014.

Comptroller distributes over \$800 million in sales tax revenue

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today that state sales tax revenue in January was \$2.3 billion, up 8.3 percent compared to January 2013.

"Increases were seen across all major sectors of the Texas economy," Combs said. "This indicates continued expansion in both consumer and business spending, and brings the growth in fiscal year-to-date collections

to 4.6 percent compared with the previous year. Sales tax revenue has increased for 46 consecutive months."

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their February local sales tax allocations totaling \$802.1 million, up 8.2 percent compared to February 2013.

The sales tax figures represent December sales reported by monthly tax filers as well as October, November, and December sales by businesses

that report tax quarterly.

Distributions to the City of Blackwell to date in 2014 are \$2,622.31, an increase of 8.61% over last year's figure of \$2,414.22 for the same period.

Distributions to the City of Bronte to date in 2014 are \$28,395.90, an increase of 2.99% over last year's figure of \$27,570.65 for the same period.

Distributions to the City of Robert Lee to date in 2014 are \$22,332.05, a decrease of 0.92% from last year's figure of \$22,540.75 for the same period.

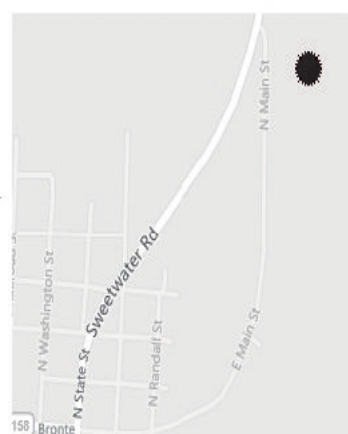
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