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In 2010, the Texas Department of Public Safety celebrated its milestone 75th Anniversary. The board and staff of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame congratulate the Department and the Texas Public Safety Commission on their outstanding public service to the people of Texas. Since 1935, the men and women of Texas DPS, both sworn officers and staff, have adapted and maintained a standard of service respected worldwide. The following timeline was issued by the department in commemoration of its distinguished history.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

75 Years of Courtesy – Service – Protection

THE BEGINNING

1923 Men hired by Stephen F. Austin to “range” over the land to protect settlers from Indian attack
1835-1836 Texas Revolution
1836 The Rangers formed as a specific unit by the provisional government of the Republic of Texas
1845 Texas became the 28th state on December 29th
1845-1848 Mexican-American War
1860-1865 Civil War
1870 Constitution amended to give Black Americans the right to vote
1874 Formally dubbed the “Texas Rangers” by the legislature of the State of Texas
1896 US Supreme Court approved “separate but equal” doctrine
1900 Hurricane levels Galveston Island with death toll estimates between 6,000 and 12,000
1901 Spindletop (near Beaumont) became the first oil gusher

1905 FBI is established
1914 Ford began mass marketing of inexpensive cars
1917 The Highway Department formed
1917-1921 World War I
1919-1933 Prohibition
1920 US Constitution amended to give women the right to vote
1927 The Highway Department hired 19 License and Weight inspectors
1929 The inspectors became known as the Texas State Highway Patrol (HP)

Stock Market Crash lead to the Great Depression

1935 Department of Public Safety created by combining the Texas Rangers and the State Highway Patrol -- four Headquarters Bureaus also created: Education, Communications and Identification & Records initially, then the Intelligence Bureau was added shortly

Standard office work hours were 44 hours a week including 4 hours on Saturday morning

1937 The Department is given responsibility for all driver licensing
The Narcotics Bureau created
The Auto Shop opened

1938 License and Weight (Now Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE)) separated from the regular traffic patrol function

FLSA enacted setting minimum wage and overtime rules, which set the standard workweek to 40 hours
GROWING UP WITH TEXAS

1941-1945  World War II
1941     Compulsory traffic accident reporting added to the duties of DPS
1944     The Department first used the polygraph as a crime fighting tool
1947     Texas City explosion levels town, kills 581 and hospitalizes over 1800 injured; focused the attention of the nation on disaster preparedness and disaster prevention
1948     The first teletype network linked Austin, Dallas, Houston, Waco and Arlington
1949     DPS bought its first airplane to aid in law enforcement
1950-1953  Korean War
1951     The Texas Legislature passed the Texas Communist Control Act to be enforced by the newly created Internal Security Section at DPS
          The Motor Vehicle Inspection (VI) Act passed

1952     The Safety Responsibility Act enacted requiring Financial Responsibility (or Auto Insurance)
1953     The Department moved into new Headquarters on North Lamar
1954     US Supreme Court struck down "separate but equal" and ordered school desegregation

1954     Senator Joe McCarthy begins hearings on Communism
          Women gained right to serve on juries
1955     The Training Academy opened for use
          Use of Radar for traffic enforcement began
1957     Motorcycles completely phased out
          Major reorganization created six regional commands and Headquarters divisions
          The first Hispanic Highway Patrolman hired
1958     Modern uniform worn by all patrol services adopted
1964-1968  Landmark federal Civil Rights legislation passed outlawing discrimination in such areas as voting, public accommodations, housing, private employment
1963     Governor moved the State Civil Defense Office (now TDEM) to the DPS
          President Kennedy shot and killed and Governor Connally wounded in Dallas
1964-1975  Vietnam War
1966     Miranda v. Arizona case outlines rights of those arrested - changes police procedures across the country
          Shooting rampage on UT campus in Austin leaves 14 dead and 29 injured
1967     Data Processing Division created
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<td>The first Black recruit admitted to the Academy</td>
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<td>Helicopters were assigned to each Region</td>
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<td>Watergate scandal leads to President Nixon's resignation</td>
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<td>Computerized files began being transmitted to agencies throughout the state over the TLETS</td>
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<td>1976</td>
<td>A Crime Analyst Section created in CLE</td>
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<td>The first DNA profiling test was created</td>
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<td>AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) implementation began</td>
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<td>The Administration License Revocation (ALR) program began</td>
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<td>1995</td>
<td>Concealed Handgun Licensing (CHL) legislation passed</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>Oklahoma City Federal Building was bombed in April</td>
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<td>1997</td>
<td>CODIS database came online</td>
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<td>1999</td>
<td>Rangers bring a peaceful resolution to 7 day standoff with armed separatist in Ft. Davis</td>
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1999  DL Division was created from combining the DL Field Service in TLE and the Driver License & Control Service in Administration
1999  Columbine school shootings occur
2000  Unsolved Crime unit started in the Ranger Division
2001  Began processing DL transactions Online
       9/11 - the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, DC were attacked by high-jacked planes
       Afghanistan war against Al Qaeda begins
2002  Private Security Licensing was moved to DPS by the Legislature
       Texas Amber Alert network was initiated
2003  Firearms range opened in Florence
       Space Shuttle Columbia broke up over TX during reentry killing all seven on board
       TLE was reorganized and renamed to THP – Also renamed Capitol to Region 7 and created a Region 8 in the Valley
       Iraqi war begins
2004  Regulatory License Service created by combing Concealed Handgun Licensing and Private Security Licensing
2005  Hurricanes Katrina & Rita hammers the Louisiana & Texas coasts
2006  Physical Readiness Testing for current commissioned employees begins

2007  In-car computers were installed in DPS Black & Whites
       Bureau of Information Analysis (BIA) is created in CLE to merge all Crime Analyst services under one command
2008  Over 450 children were taken into custody in a criminal and children's protective services investigation into underage sex at the YFZ Ranch
       Ike destroys much of Texas coast between Galveston and LA border
2009  The Department implements a major restructuring establishing a regional unified command structure increasing emphasis on counterterrorism, intelligence, technology & business processes
2010  The Department of Public Safety celebrates their 75th anniversary with a Diamond Jubilee