

## PSM News Briefs

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### Spring Graduates ☺

Receiving their B.A. in Public Safety Management were Charles Cullum [*Cum Laude*], Sean Ford [*Magna Cum Laude*], Daniel Galvan, Antonio Martinez [*Summa Cum Laude*], and James Welton [*Magna Cum Laude*].



Charles Cullum



Sean Ford



Daniel Galvan



Antonio Martinez



Jimmy Welton

Receiving their B.A. in Criminal Justice were Trinidad Buentello and Meredith McShane Marlatt



Trinidad Buentello



Meredith Marlatt

It should be noted that Antonio [Tony] Martinez was recipient of the coveted Presidential Award for his work at St. Edward's University. We are blessed with a wonderful group of students who have many diverse experiences which enriches the learning of all. Several of these graduates are moving on to graduate programs. Congratulations to all! Remember that: *The privilege and the penalty of your education and the position you hold in the community is that, over the coming decades, as in the past, you will be the pace setters for political and social thought in your community. You may accept this responsibility, but it makes no difference. It is inescapable. If you decide to set no pace, to forward no dreams and to have no vision, you will still be the pacesetters. You will have decided that there is no pace.* - Adlai Stevenson

### Faculty Focus: Pete Baldwin

St. Edward's University has a wonderful group of faculty members.

Pete Baldwin is an outstanding practitioner in the field of emergency management. He has B.S. in Political Science and Speech Hardin-Simmons University and a Masters of Public Administration Texas Tech University.

He has great experience with eight years with the State of Texas; twenty years with Travis County serving as County Judge's Assistant, Executive Liaison to the Commissioners' Court on road, bridge and park issues and Emergency Management Coordinator. He was appointed as Travis County's first Emergency Management Coordinator in February 1992. He has coordinated emergency response and recovery efforts under five Presidential Disaster Declarations and numerous local disaster declarations that included floods, droughts, tornadoes, severe weather and the threat of wild fires. He has assisted thirteen incorporated cities in passing local ordinances to join Travis County in a coordinated emergency planning effort. He has Coordinated Mutual Aid Agreements with fourteen incorporated cities, 10 area counties and the Lower Colorado River Authority. He has assisted Travis County fire departments with preparedness efforts for wild land fires and hazardous materials response.

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He co-chairs the Austin/Travis County Multi-agency Incident Command System Taskforce that created county wide system for disaster operations. He co-chairs the Interagency Disaster Council that serves to coordinate hospital issues during significant events. He co-chairs the Austin/Travis County Counter Terrorism Planning Group. He has achieved and maintained Travis County's compliance with state and federal requirements for an Emergency Management Program. He is also an instructor for Incident Command System, Domestic Preparedness (Nuclear, Biological and Chemical) Awareness, Operations and Incident Command, Fire Weather Analysis and Instruction, and adjunct Instructor for Division of Emergency Management. He is also an active member of several professional emergency management organizations.

## Fall Courses

### Public Safety Mgt Courses: Fall 2009

PSMG 2302	Introduction To Emergency Management [online]
PADM 2320	Introduction To Public Management [online]
PSMG 4301	Community Relation/Public Safety
PSMG 4330	Budget-Public & Nonprofit Orgs
PSMG 4331	Managing Public Safety Agencies
PSYC 2317	Social Statistics

### Criminal Justice Courses: Fall 2009

CRIJ 3322	Juvenile Justice
CRIJ 4341	World Justice Systems [online]
CRIJ 4345	Contemporary Issues in C.J. [online]

## Fire Chiefs Academy Conducts Third Session

After a successful first cohort group completed, this past summer, the second cohort will come together again in May 2009 at SEU. In addition, a new cohort will begin.

The Chiefs Academy is a unique learning opportunity tailored to chief officers to provide a practical, comprehensive overview of the job Texas fire chiefs are expected to accomplish. The presenters are experienced practitioners with firsthand knowledge of local government and fire administration.

The Chief's Academy is comprised of two one-week sessions separated by a year. A service project and exams are required during the interim. The Chief's Academy is a residential program. Participants spend time together in a dorm on campus, sharing meals in the student center, enjoying summer evenings in Austin and learning from each other. The networking is fantastic. Professional contacts are made and friendships formed.

## Proposal for Curriculum Options

The Public Safety Management Advisory Committee has approved a recommendation to allow for the choice of several criminal justice courses as options to the listed Organizational Communications. This does **NOT** affect those who are already in the program unless one wants to make some changes. This will allow more choice for students to meet their needs and schedules. This will give students more options and alternatives which will be helpful for students needing classes in an online format. It also is consistent to our mission to encourage collaboration and understanding between public safety entities. There should also be an easier transition from community colleges. The addition of an optional internship is in response to a survey of students last December.

The proposal must be approved by the St. Edward's University Academic Council. If you would like to comment on this proposal, please contact Craig Campbell at [craigc@stedwards.edu](mailto:craigc@stedwards.edu).

PSMG 4347 Global Perspectives on Terrorism would become a necessary course for those entering the program after approval in 2010. **Three** elective courses could be selected from the following list:

- PSMG 4349 Special Topics
- CRIJ 4350 or PSMG XXXX Internship
- PADM 4341 Strategic Planning Govern. & Nonprofits
- COMM 3301 Found of Org.Comm. & Leadership OR
- COMM 3301 Leadership Theory & Group Performance
- COMM 3322 Group Communications & Team Building
- COMM 4341 Conflict Resolution in Organizations
- ENGW 3335 Technical & Business Writing
- CRIJ 1302 Administration of Justice
- CRIJ 1306 American Court System
- CRIJ 1310 Criminal Law
- CRIJ 2328 American Law Enforcement
- CRIJ 2328 American Law Enforcement
- CRIJ 3323 Corrections [online]
- CRIJ 3323 Constitutional Criminal Procedure
- CRIJ 3336 Criminology [online]
- CRIJ 4341 World Justice Systems [online]
- CRIJ 4345 Contemporary Issues [online]

We currently allow for public safety management classes to be taken as electives for three required criminal justice electives.

## St. Edward's University Highly Ranked Again

For the Sixth consecutive year *U.S. News & World Report* has recognized St. Edward's University among the top master's-granting institutions in the Western Region.

*The mission of the Public Safety Management Program is to develop effective leaders, promote career advancement, and encourage collaboration among public safety entities and between those entities and the public in order to enhance their ability to ensure public safety.*