

# Public Safety Management News Briefs

## Fall Graduates

Jimmy Mullis graduated with his B.A. in Public Safety Management in December. Jimmy has extensive experience as an Assistant Chief and Battalion Chief in Pflugerville.



Jimmy Mullis

Leslie Blackmon, Cherye Ferrales, Margaret Galindo, and Chris Jester graduated with a B.A. in Criminal Justice. They have state and local law enforcement, corrections, emergency communications, and military experience.



Leslie Blackmon



Cherye Ferrales



Margaret Galindo



Christine Jester

We are blessed with a wonderful group of students who have many diverse experiences which enriches the learning of all. 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: John De La Garza

St. Edward's University has a wonderful group of faculty members. This issue we will focus on John De La Garza.



John De La Garza served in the San Antonio Fire Department for 33 years. During his career he saw duty in the Fire Suppression Division as a Firefighter, the Emergency Medical Services Division as a Paramedic, the Fire Marshal's Office as a Fire Inspector and the Fire Academy as a Training Officer.

John was promoted to the rank of Fire Captain in 1993. He was appointed Training Director and subsequently held the title of Training Coordinator at the San Antonio Fire Academy up until his retirement in 2008.

John has earned a Master of Science degree in Educational Human Resource Development from Texas A&M University—College Station; and has been certified as a Training Professional at the University's College of Education and Human Development. He also earned a Bachelor of Applied Studies Degree in Spanish with distinction from Our Lady of the Lake University of San Antonio, and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Fire Science from San Antonio College. He is currently enrolled at Texas A&M University where he is a doctoral student in Educational Human Resource Development.

John was an adjunct instructor at San Antonio College for 22 years where he taught Fire Science in

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the department of Protective Services. He also taught at Webster University—San Antonio campus—in the Human Resources Development graduate program for three years. He has received additional training at several institutions including The National Fire Academy at Emmitsburg, Maryland, the Texas Fire School at Texas A&M University, and the International Fire Service Training Center at Oklahoma State University.

John designed and implemented numerous educational programs for the fire service including physical fitness training for recruit personnel, high water rescue, cultural diversity, and methods of teaching course for fire service instructors. He also assisted in the development of an Employee Assistance Program for the San Antonio Fire Department.

## Spring Courses

### Public Safety Mgt Courses: Spring 2009

PADM 4341	Strategic Planning Government & Non-Profits
PSMG 4311	Human Resource Admin in Government
PSMG 4341	Terrorism & Disaster Preparedness
PSMG 4347	Global Perspectives on Terrorism

### Criminal Justice Courses: Spring 2009

CRIJ 2328	American Law Enforcement
CRIJ 1310	Criminal Law I
CRIJ 3313	Corrections
CRIJ 4347	Global Perspectives on Terrorism

## Summer Courses

### Public Safety Mgt Courses: Summer 2009

PSMG 4301	Community Relations and Public Safety
PSMG 4311	Human Resource Administration in Government
PSMG 4321	Planning and Decision-Making

### Criminal Justice Courses: Summer 2009

CRIJ 1306	American Court System
CRIJ 3336	Criminology

## Fall Courses

### Public Safety Mgt Courses: Fall 2009

PSMG 2302	Introduction To Emergency Management
PADM 2320	Introduction To Public Management
PSMG 4301	Community Relation/Public Safety
PSMG 4330	Budget-Public & Nonprofit Orgs
PSMG 4331	Managing Public Safety Agencies

### Criminal Justice Courses: Fall 2009

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

## Fire Chiefs Academy Plans 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.

## 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.



## Old Newsletters Online

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<http://www.stedwards.edu/newc/pace/psm/newsletters.htm>

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