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Training Coordinator Joe Honhorst presents William Whitworth of New Braunfels P.D. with the honor graduate trophy.

Thirty Graduate from Academy

Graduation ceremonies were held for members of the Alamo Area Law Enforcement Academy on October 27 at the Jersey Lilly Room of the Pearl Brewery.

The 240-hour Basic Certification course is required for all Texas peace officers. Tony Morrow, special agent in charge of the San Antonio FBI office, was the guest speaker. Presenting the class with their certificates were Brady Thompson, assistant administrator of the academy; Al J. Notzon, AACOG executive director, Bob Dalglish, district director of San Antonio College Continuing Education and Walter Stanley of TCLEOSE.

Class members were:

Raymond S. Douglas, Ricardo P. Garcia, Alma O. Garza, Domingo P. Garza, Marshall D. Gillette, Juan M. Gonzales, Rosendo A. Hernandez, John J. Jandt, Charles E. Jenkins, Armando S. Jimenez, James W. Keith, Joseph A. Lanning, Jimmy L. Limmer, Edwin M. Poe, Antonio Ramos, Jacob Resendez, Jesse L. Rodriguez, Eli W. Roy, Sandra K. Ruedrich, Samuel R. Sanchez, Henry R. Sentmore, Emilio E. Solis, Paul M. Sotelo, Donald L. Sutton, Esmeregildo Tamez, Juan C. Villarreal, Pedro G. Villarreal, William P. Whitworth, and Virgil Newman.

Out of the 30 class members, 12 people were from outside of Bexar County.

The regional training grant is funded through the State Criminal Justice division. San Antonio College, under contract, conducts the course with coordination provided by AACOG.

In addition to the basic course, the academy offers 40-hour specialized classes throughout the year.



Rosendo Hernandez of the San Antonio Park Rangers receives his diploma from Walter Stanley of TCLEOSE while Joe Honhorst, SAC, and Carlie Evans, AACOG, look on.

Summary of Executive Committee Action

The Executive Committee reviewed eight applications during the month of October. At the first meeting, the Committee viewed a slide presentation of the Youth Conservation Corps program. The draft Elderly and Handicapped Public Transportation Services Plan for Bexar County was also presented. William Carpenter, AACOG Transportation Coordinator, said that the plan has been reviewed by involved local agencies, and comments/suggestions are vital to the plan's success.

Following a report from Phil Ryan, chairperson of the Regional Alcoholism Advisory Committee, the Executive Committee gave a favorable review to a \$144,766 application to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare/NIAAA from the Mexican-American Unity Council for "Casa del Sol". Chairperson Ryan commented that the program has been well-managed and cost-effective for five years of operation.

Due to current internal problems at the Economic Development Corporation/San Antonio and Bexar County, the Committee voted to postpone until next meeting an application for a nutritional program costing \$63,139 from the Community Services Administration. Committee Chairman Glen Hartman expressed his concern, as did City of San Antonio Mayor Lila Cockrell and Bexar County Commissioner Jeff Wentworth, over giving favorable review for federal projects when leadership of the policy board of the organization is unsettled. Continuing in the Human Resources Advisory Committee report, Chairman Bob Blase presented three applications for favorable review. Commissioner William R. Boyd of Frio County explained Frio County's position concerning one of the applications. The Community Services Agency of Dimmit, LaSalle and Frio Counties was approved for only two months of operation in Frio County because the County requested they be withdrawn from the service area of the Agency. Until a new agency takes over control of delivering social services on January 1, 1979, the County will continue to operate with CSA of Dimmit, LaSalle and Frio Counties. The applications before the Committee were a continuation grant for administration and a local initiative increase to the Community Services Administration for \$41,294 and \$177,613. The motion by Commissioner Boyd recommended pro-rating the Frio County share of funds for two months, with the remainder to be transferred to an agency specified by the County on January 1. The other application receiving favorable review was from the Bexar County Hospital District for a \$271,435 application to the state and HEW for a family planning grant.

The Alamo Area Council of Governments is a voluntary association of local governmental units joined together in a cooperative effort to meet the challenge of today's problems.

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Application Review Agenda

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HUMAN RESOURCES ADVISORY

Committee meets: Thursday, November 16, 1 p.m., Three Americas Building
Comments to: James M. Brandes by Wednesday, November 15

- 8-11-18-701 APPLICANT: University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
"General Practice Residency in Dentistry": To provide advanced knowledge and training in all of the dental specialties with emphasis on comprehensive care. Total Cost: \$133,242. Funding Agency: PHS/DHEW.
- 8-11-18-702 APPLICANT: University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
"Dental Effects in a Population Exposed to Water Flouridation Levels in the 'Critical' Zone": A study involving Southwest Research Institute as well as the Health Science Center Dental School. Total Cost: \$207,782. Funding Agency: EPA - \$178,150. Local Match: \$29,632.
- 8-11-18-703 APPLICANT: City of San Antonio/San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
"Childhood Immunization Maintenance Program": To assure immunization levels of 90% for children under age 15 in Bexar County by providing protection against measles, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, rubella (prepuberty) and mumps (pre-schoolers); and to establish a permanent mechanism to provide comprehensive immunization services to nearly 100% of the new borns in Bexar County. Total Cost: \$404,419. Funding Agency: DHEW/CDC - \$237,677. Local Match: \$150,708. State: \$16,034.
- 8-11-18-704 APPLICANT: Community Services Agency of Dimmit, LaSalle & Frio Counties
"Family Planning Project": To provide comprehensive family planning services to approximately 3,000 persons in the counties of Dimmit, LaSalle, Frio, and Medina Counties. Total Cost: \$342,036. Funding Agency: HEW - \$206,615. Local Match: \$135,421.
- 8-11-18-705 APPLICANT: Economic Opportunities Dev. Corp. of San Antonio/Bexar
"Regional Migrant Manpower Program": To provide a comprehensive range of manpower services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers. Total Cost: \$259,200. Funding Agency: DOL - \$259,200.
- 8-11-18-706 APPLICANT: Texas Institute for Educational Development
"Basic Health Education Program": To change poor people's behavior patterns from seeking crisis, acute type health care to seeking patterns of health maintenance on their individual lives. Total Cost: \$131,900. Funding Agency: CSA.
- 8-11-18-707 APPLICANT: Economic Opportunities Development Corporation of San Antonio and Bexar/Planned Parenthood
"Comprehensive Family Planning Services": To provide comprehensive family planning services, including health examinations, venereal disease screening, education and contraceptives to approximately 19,000 persons in the San Antonio/Bexar County area. Total Cost: \$1,083,300. Funding Agency: HEW - \$321,700. State: \$687,500. Local Match: \$74,100.

HUMAN RESOURCES ADVISORY Continued

- 8-11-18-708 APPLICANT: Southwest Research Institute
"Expansion of Rehabilitation Engineering Resources for the Severely Handicapped":
 To expand and improve evaluative and technical services for application of technology
 to the needs of severely handicapped persons in order to improve vocational productiv-
 ity. Total Cost: \$90,200. Funding Agency: Tex. Rehab. Comm. - \$82,000. Local
Match: \$8,200.
- 8-11-18-709 APPLICANT: Texas Migrant Council, Inc.
"Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Program": To provide comprehensive employment,
 training and supportive services to farmworkers in South Texas. Total Cost:
\$1,593,506. Funding Agency: DOL.
- 8-11-18-710 APPLICANT: San Marcos-Hays County Health Department
"Migrant Health Project": To provide health care services to migrant farm workers
 and seasonal agricultural workers in the counties of Blanco, Caldwell, Comal, Guada-
 lupe, Hays and Travis. Total Cost: \$128,734. Funding Agency: HEW - \$102,683. Local
Match: \$26,051.
- 8-11-18-711 APPLICANT: Comal County Mental Health Mental Retardation
"Transportation Services": To continue and improve the transportation program for
 mentally retarded persons in Comal County to include fixed route and demand responsive
 services. Total Cost: \$38,850. Funding Agency: UMTA - \$31,080. Local Match: \$7,770.
- 8-11-18-712 APPLICANT: Kerr County Special Opportunity School
"Transportation Program": To assist mentally retarded adults with transportation
 services enabling them to participate in comprehensive training and to receive sup-
 portive services in the project area of Kerr and Gillespie Counties. Total Cost:
\$19,950. Funding Agency: UMTA - \$15,960. Local Match: \$3,990.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW

Committee meets: Tuesday, November 21, 9 a.m., Three Americas Building
 Comments to: Mel A. Goodwin by Monday, November 20

- 8-09-18-005 APPLICANT: Barber Ford Sales, Inc., Floresville
"Business and Industrial Loan to Expand Business": Application to Farmer's Home Ad-
 ministration for loan guarantee. Total Cost: \$300,000. Funding Agency: FMHA -
\$300,000. Lender: First City National Bank, Floresville.
- 8-11-18-001 APPLICANT: South Texas Harvestore Systems, Inc.
"Business and Industrial Loan to Implement Business Operations": Application to Farm-
 er's Home Administration for loan guarantee. Total Cost: \$400,000. Funding Agency:
FMHA - \$400,000. Lender: First National Bank of New Braunfels.
- 8-11-18-002 APPLICANT: Faust Hotel Corp., New Braunfels
"Business and Industrial Loan to Refinance Land and Building": Application to Farm-
 er's Home Administration for loan guarantee. Total Cost: \$800,000. Funding Agency:
FMHA - \$800,000. Lender: Surety Savings Association of Houston.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING

Committee meets: Wednesday, November 15, 1:30 p.m., Three Americas Building
 Comments to: Carlie E. Evans by Tuesday, November 14

8-11-18-301 APPLICANT: City of San Antonio
"San Antonio Supplemental 1979 Mini-Bloc Grant":

8-11-18-302 APPLICANT: Bexar County
"Bexar County Supplemental 1979 Mini-Bloc Grant":

Review of the prioritized project requests in each supplemental budget. Total TCJD request for the two applicants is \$723,349.

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY

Committee meets: Monday, November 6, 1:30 p.m., Three Americas Building
 Comments to: Tylor Probasco by Monday, November 6

8-01-18-812 APPLICANT: Wilson County
 Project amendment to increase funding for courthouse restoration. Federal Funds:
\$31,675. Local Funds: \$31,675.

Consider position statement regarding the review of applications for funds from the office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, USDI.



Major Edwin Mote, commander of the 507th Air Ambulance Company at Fort Sam Houston, listens intently to a resolution commending the MAST unit from the AACOG Executive Committee. Chairman Glen Hartman reads the commendation as Mayor Art Howell of Boerne (left) and Kerr County Judge Juluis R. Neunhoffer take part in the ceremony. The resolution was at the request of Judge W.O. Hatafield of Bandera County for the dedicated service provided by MAST during the recent severe flooding in Bandera, Kendall and Kerr Counties.

Semi-Annual Meeting Set for December 13

The Winter Semi-Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting of the Alamo Area Council of Governments will be held December 13 at the El Tropicano Hotel in San Antonio with a full day of activities.

Beginning at 9 a.m., a general session to explain the overall 1979 work plan will be conducted in the Hemisfair Room. Between 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., smaller groups will be formed by program areas for further informal discussions.

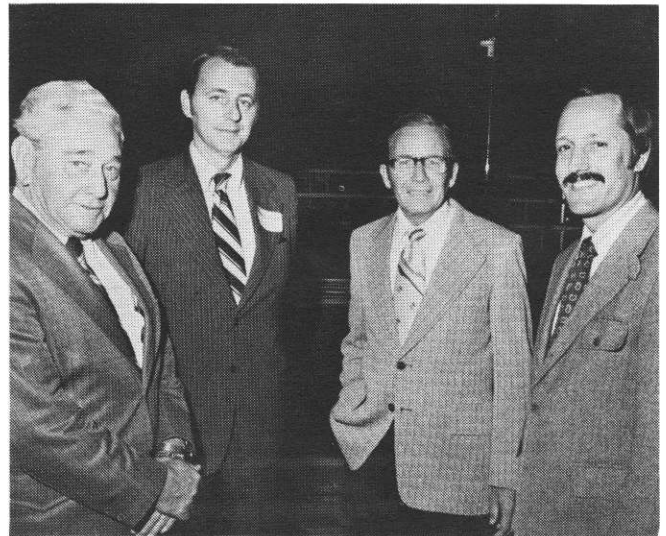
Items to be covered on the agenda of the AACOG Area Council and Executive Committee meeting, which will start at 10:30, will be the election of officers and the adoption of Program 1979 and the Budget. Also included for approval by the 89-member governments attending the meeting will be the by-laws revisions recommended by the By-Laws Committee. The meetings are free of charge to the public and all interested citizens are urged to attend. The twice-yearly meetings bring together the Area Council and the Executive Committee to review policy and budget.

After the business meeting, a luncheon will be held in the Continental Ballroom. Further information will be mailed to all persons receiving the Region.

Academy Graduation - More from page 1



Members of the graduating class pictured with SAC administrators (above). Sheriff Walter Fullers of Comal County, Tony Morrow of the FBI office, Deputy Virgil K. Newman of Comal County, and Al Notzon (top right). Class President Raymond Douglas from New Braunfels Police Department delivers the class address.



"Regional Approach Is Best for Local Government"

"Considering the fact that we are approaching real limits on tax resources, it is not just good business for local governments to work together. It is becoming a necessity."

So spoke County Judge William O. Beach of Tennessee's Montgomery County and current President of the National Association of Regional Councils; who was in Houston last month to address some 350 local officials assembled from the 24 regional councils of governments located across Texas.

"With public dollars becoming tighter and the demand for services increasing," Judge Beach emphasized, "an important issue all levels of governments are now facing is priority setting. We cannot continue to spend money on every program we'd like to spend it on as if our resources were unlimited. At the local level, we must identify the vast array of needs we have and then set priorities for those which are most important," he urged.

"Regional councils," the NARC President continued, "through comprehensive planning and the A-95 review" of proposed projects seeking Federal financial assistance "can do a great deal" in this regard and he urged regional councils to concentrate on moving in that direction.

Terming "priority setting" as one of the key issues facing regional councils of governments, Judge Beach, who is also Immediate Past President of the National Association of Counties, asked the Texas regional council representatives to "develop an overall strategy of needs for the region and set priorities on them."

"This priority setting process," he said, "provides an excellent means to involve people from all walks of life - governmental leaders, business and professional leaders, the academic community, civic-minded housewives, and others."

Seeing the A-95 Project Notification and Review System, which is conducted by the Alamo Area Council of Governments 12-county portion of Texas, as "an important tool" to check ourselves and be sure that we are meeting those priorities, Judge Beach observed that "when an application for Federal funding comes before the council of governments, we should all be asking ourselves whether that is an identified priority or whether we are guilty of applying for a program because there is funding available, even though it is not a priority need.

"The future of the integrity, viability, effectiveness, and the very existence of local government is at stake" in this effort, he felt. "The regional approach," he emphasized, "is the best defense we have in support of local government against the encroachment of Federal and state agencies in what we regard as local affairs."

What can local elected officials do to insure that decisions are made at the local level? Judge Beach considered. Give your regional councils your support and your participation, he answered.

First, participate in your councils and express your views, he urged. Next, keep informed because there is nothing that weakens the regional concept more than for someone from the state of Federal government or the general public to ask you what your regional council is doing and for you to say, "I don't know," he emphasized.

Insist on controlling your regional council, he urged his audience of council of governments board members. Judge Beach was among a number of speakers and panelists who participated in the two days of the Annual Conference of the Texas Association of Regional Councils.

Abridgement of an article published in H-GAC Spectrum

Calendar

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held in Room 532, Three Americas Building

- Thursday, November 2 Frio County RC&D/Goals, 5:30 p.m., Courthouse, Pearsall.
- Friday, November 3 Bexar Senior Advisory, 10 a.m.
- Monday, November 6 Open Space Advisory, 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 8 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 9 Regional Drug Abuse Advisory, 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 14 Regional Alcoholism Advisory, 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 15 Criminal Justice Planning, 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 16 Human Resources Advisory, 1 p.m.
Task Force on Women & Alcohol/Drugs, 5:30 p.m., Luby's
Cafeteria, 719 N. Main
- Friday, November 17 Alamo Senior Advisory, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 21 Regional Development & Review, 9 a.m.
Vandalism Task Force, 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 29 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1:30 p.m.

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