

CAPCOG recognizes Constable Dussetschleger

The Capital Area Council of Governments has honored Lee County Constable L.E. "Buster" Dussetschleger for CAPCOG volunteerism.

Dussetschleger, with 40 years' experience in law enforcement, has volunteered with CAPCOG in various capacities including more than three decades of participation on the Law Enforcement Education Committee, service on the Homeland Security Task Force and teaching duties with the Regional Law Enforcement Academy.

Though newly retired, Dussetschleger will continue serving on the LEEC.

CAPCOG seeking GIS map project proposals by Feb. 14

CAPCOG is seeking proposals to create and update geospatial map data in a two-year initiative for the capital area. Proposals are due at CAPCOG's Austin office by 4 p.m. CST Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013.

Contact Ange Kogutz at 512-916-6057 or akogutz@capcog.org to register and receive a copy of the RFP.

RFP materials, including a Q&A sheet, are also available at www.capcog.org.

CAPCOG launches Blanco County Transportation and Economic Development Plan

CAPCOG and partners have launched an initiative that will yield a first-ever integrated economic development strategy and official major thoroughfare plan for a rural county in the region.

The Blanco County Transportation and Economic Development Plan will identify opportunities and solutions to help residents, business, local leadership and other stakeholders travel more efficiently and maximize the county's economic potential.

With the initiative proposed to include an advisory committee, public involvement and other key components, project team members from CAPCOG, the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas A&M Transportation Institute got efforts under way with a presentation to the Blanco County Commissioners' Court last November.

A draft of the plan is expected to be completed by August 2013. View the presentation at www.capcog.org.



Regional Law Enforcement Academy Director Mike Jennings (right) recognizes Lee County Constable L.E. "Buster" Dussetschleger for longtime service on CAPCOG's Law Enforcement Education Committee.

Upcoming Events

**Aging Advisory Council, 1-3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4
CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**Regional Environmental Task Force, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 4 Blanco County Courthouse Annex**

**Clean Air Coalition Advisory Committee, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 7 CAPCOG Live Oak Room**

**Homeland Security Task Force, 9 a.m.-noon Thursday,
Feb. 7 CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**CAPCOG Executive Committee, 10 a.m.-noon
Wednesday, Feb. 13 CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**Central Texas Clean Air Coalition, 11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 13 CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**Capital Area Public Health and Medical Preparedness
Coalition, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27
CAPCOG Agave Room**

**Homeland Security: Long-Term Interoperability Meet-
ing, 1-3 p.m. Thursday, March 7 CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**Regional Law Enforcement Academy (RLEA) Class:
Advanced Concealed Handgun Training for Teachers, 7
a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, March 11-15 San
Marcos Police Department Range**

**RLEA: Basic Peace Officer Course (part-time, evening),
March 18-Nov. 8 Williamson County Sheriff's Annex-
Lott Center**

**RLEA Class: Focus on Reducing Impaired Driving
Among Youth, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, March 22
CAPCOG Mesquite Training Room**

**9-1-1 Task Force, 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, March 27
CAPCOG Pecan Room**

**Criminal Justice Advisory Committee Grant Applica-
tion Review, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday,
April 1 and 3 CAPCOG Pecan Room**

This month at CAPCOG

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CAPCOG's 2013 Executive Committee has elected its officers for the year, affirming the Nominating Committee's recommendations.

Officers, who serve a one-year term and also compose the Budget, Audit and Strategic Planning Subcommittee, help guide the audit team, oversee the CAPCOG budgeting process with staff, annually evaluate the agency's executive director and make recommendations on administrative or programmatic strategies.

The five officers include Burnet County Judge Donna Klaeger as immediate past chair, along with City of Round Rock Mayor Alan McGraw, chair; Llano County Judge Wayne Brascom, first vice chair; City of Elgin Mayor Marc Holm, second vice chair; and Caldwell County Judge Tom Bonn, secretary.

Ozone Action Plan outreach gets under way

With CAPCOG Clean Air Coalition's acceptance into the Ozone Advance Program, a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency initiative to help areas stay in step with federal ozone standards, stakeholders are invited to help develop a new regional air quality plan.

The coalition, comprising elected officials from Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson counties, will first launch a training this month for interested local government staff and others willing to participate in outreach efforts.

Participating outreach partners would help spread the word about the OAP's purpose, ozone air quality challenges facing the region and more.

Individuals interested in participating in the outreach training or offering input on the plan as stakeholders can contact Andrew Hoekzema at ahoekzema@capcog.org.

Learn more about the OAP and other regional air quality planning issues at CAPCOG's website.



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Grant Alerts

Citizens' Institute on Rural Design request for proposals for workshop grant
Deadline: March 5
<http://www.rural-design.org/>

NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes grant
Deadline: March 5
www.grants.gov

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities grant
Deadline: March 7
www.grants.gov

U.S. Economic Development Administration FY 2013 Economic Development Assistance Programs
Deadline: March 13
www.grants.gov

Department of Housing and Urban Development Comprehensive Housing Counseling Program
Deadline: March 18, 2013
www.grants.gov

TCEQ Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program,
Deadline: May 31 or until all funding is awarded, whichever occurs first
www.tceq.texas.gov

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CAPCOG's Use-of-Force Simulator: A timely training tool

With recent mass shootings nationwide putting the spotlight on prevention, preparedness, protection and response, ongoing professional training for peace officers holds a crucial role in helping law enforcement keep communities safe.

For 18 years and counting, the Capital Area Council of Governments Regional Law Enforcement Academy has been training new and veteran police officers in using force and responding to emergency situations. A key tool? CAPCOG's Use-of-Force Simulator, which provides active-shooter training to law enforcement agencies and police cadets.

The simulator, an integrated system using software, a video screen and hundreds of potential incident scenarios, provides a realistic use-of-force training that helps participants develop the skills required for law enforcement personnel armed with both lethal and less-lethal weapons. Scenario content sets include various potential outcomes relevant to patrol; tactical matters; corrections; airport, school or military situations; drug enforcement; security; and active-shooter incidents. The simulator's mobility — it's contained in a wheeled trailer — allows for use at permanent facilities or off-site locations.

A typical training session lasts about 45 minutes. To begin, the simulator operator first refreshes the officer or cadet on use-of-force issues and departmental policy. The student then receives a weapon similar to what he or she carries while on duty. The simulator weapon does not fire live rounds but produces the same sound and recoil of a live weapon upon discharge.

The officer or cadet is then shown a video scenario during which the student must ask questions, give commands and ultimately decide the amount of force needed to resolve the situation. Depending on the student's questions or commands, the simulator operator is able to escalate or de-escalate the scenario with the onboard computer system.

Once the session ends, the instructor and student review it using video replay.

Participants can expect all the hard realities of a real encounter. Judgment calls, indecision, sudden fear, partial understanding, blind-side surprise, eye-blink response, physical and psychological responses and life or death choices all contribute to the training experience that conditions the officer or cadet for survival.

The simulator features exceptionally realistic video and environments for all aspects of firearms handling, including marksmanship, tactical strategies, observation skills, scene assessments, interactive dialogue, problem-solving and decision-making. The tool provides for practice of high-stress, high-liability incidents that can be more costly or difficult to recreate by conventional methods.

In operation locally since August 2010, the simulator has visited every county that CAPCOG serves. Personnel trained on the simulator report that it has helped them during critical incidents such as an officer-involved shooting. One local officer reported that the training helped prepare him to save not only his life but other officers during a recent such incident.

Visit www.capcog.org to explore educational opportunities including Advanced Concealed Handgun Training for Teachers, a March 11 to 15, 2013, course that will include the Use-of-Force Simulator.

Did you know?

The simulator is available to any agency — including school districts — that employs peace officers.

The tool includes hundreds of scenarios, including several school-based versions involving a homicide in progress.

It's a cinch to reserve this cost-effective training — at just \$10 per officer — by contacting CAPCOG Regional Law Enforcement Academy at 512-916-6161.

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The Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) was created by state statute and is governed by elected officials from the 10-county region it serves. Programs and services related to public safety and emergency response, environmental planning, economic and community development and the elderly are delivered at a regional level to leverage funding, maximize cooperation and eliminate duplication. CAPCOG serves Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis and Williamson counties.

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