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NTOA History

The National Tactical Officers Association was established in 1983 by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Captain, then-Lieutenant, John Kolman. Mr. Kolman hoped to provide a communications link between SWAT units throughout the United States and, later, other countries. Initially, membership in the Association was available exclusively to past or present law enforcement or military personnel assigned to SWAT/tactical teams and support personnel, i.e., hostage negotiators and TEMS personnel. However, in 1996, the NTOA also opened membership to all sworn active and retired law enforcement personnel and sworn correctional officers. This marked a significant event in the history of the NTOA because it enabled the Association to expand and prosper, thus providing additional services to the membership.

is the membership is presently comprised of more than 30,000 members, including more than 1,600 teams. Largely through the hard work of our instructors and a realistic costing approach, the NTOA training program continues to grow. Member services are also expanding in the areas of tactical data collection, equipment surveys, program reviews and training program and instructor development.

Each year since its inception, the NTOA has conducted a well-attended comprehensive five-day tactical operations training conference in September. In addition, NTOA hosts a Crisis Negotiations conference and a Breacher's Symposium. Information about all three events is available on this Web site. The Executive Director of NTOA, John Gnagey, the entire staff and the Board of Directors encourage our members to participate in these excellent training opportunities.

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All prospective members of the NTOA must meet prescribed membership criteria. Membership records are considered confidential, and exact figures are not disseminated. However, what can be stated

A Brief History of SWAT

The use of teams comprised of specially selected, trained and equipped personnel to resolve high-risk incidents, such as barricaded suspect/hostage situations, was born out of necessity. One of the most influential causes for the origination of these teams was the so-called "Texas Tower" shootings at the University of Texas at Austin, where Charles Whitman killed fifteen people and wounded thirty-one others on August 1, 1966. Also

Our Mission

The mission of the National Tactical Officer's Association is to enhance the performance and professional status of law enforcement personnel by providing a credible and proven training resource as well as a forum for the development of tactics and information exchange. The Association's ultimate goal is to improve public safety and domestic security through training, education and tactical excellence. The National Tactical Officer's Association operates with Veritas (Latin for truth, honesty and integrity) in our relationships.

influential were the violent riots and disorders of the decade of the sixties, many of which involved sniper fire directed at police and civilians.

Among the first agencies to organize SWAT teams were the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, both having established their fledgling teams during the latter part of 1966. The acronym SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) was originated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

The passage of time has proven that the use of SWAT teams is the safest and most effective means of resolving high-risk incidents.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name First Victor MI _____ Last Valdez
 Rank Sergeant
 Assignment: Full Time SWAT Full Time CNT
 Collateral Duty: Patrol SWAT Investigations TEMS Bomb Tech
 Home Address 413 N. 6th St. Apartment No. _____
 City Donna State TX Zip 78537
 Home Phone 956-341-5322 Home Fax _____
 Home E-mail _____ Personal Agency E-mail victor.valdez@hidalgo.so.org

AGENCY INFORMATION:

Agency Name Hidalgo Co. Sheriff's office
 Agency Address 711 El Cibolo Rd Suite No. _____
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TEAM INFORMATION:

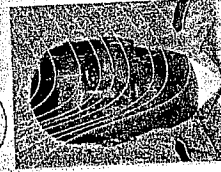
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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

711 EL CIBOLO RD.
EDINBURG, TEXAS 78541

I, Guadalupe "Lupe" Trevino,
Sheriff of Hidalgo County, State of
Texas, hereby appoint the below
named as my true and lawful Deputy

[Signature]

Sheriff

Victor Valdez
Sergeant
2117

Expires: 12/31/2012

TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR
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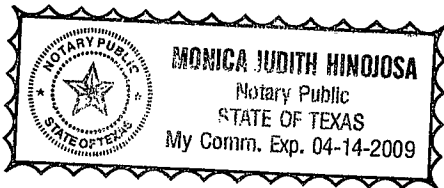
THE STATE OF TEXAS
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I, VICTOR VALDEZ JR., do hereby state that my membership in the
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I further state the following:

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SIGNATURE: Victor Valdez
TITLE: SERGEANT

Before me MONICA J. HINOJOSA, a Notary Public, appeared VICTOR VALDEZ and on his/hers oath deposed and stated that the facts as set forth in the above affidavit to be true and correct in every respect.



Monica Hinojosa
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE
STATE OF TEXAS

AUTHORITY: LGC Sec. 113.064b

COUNTY AUDITOR'S FORM: SFA-CA-041



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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name First Jesse MI J Last Brown
 Rank Rangemaster
 Assignment: Full Time SWAT Full Time CNT
 Collateral Duty: Patrol SWAT Investigations TEMS Bomb Tech
 Home Address 500 Date palm Apartment No. _____
 City McAllen State Texas Zip 78501
 Home Phone 956-279-2522 Home Fax _____
 Home E-mail _____ Personal Agency E-mail JBrown@hidalgoso.org

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Agency Name Hidalgo County Sheriff's office.
 Agency Address 711 East El. Cibola Suite No. _____
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Jesse J. Brown
Deputy Sheriff
1208

I, Guadalupe "Lupe" Treviño,
Sheriff of Hidalgo County, State of
Texas, hereby appoint the below
named as my true and lawful Deputy.

Sheriff

Expires 12/31/2012

Date Employed 04/01/1990	Card Issue Date 10/29/2008
T.C.L.E.O.S.E. 55202	Height Weight 5' 7" 210
Eye Color BROWN	Hair BROWN
Sex Male	Race White
D.O.B. 10/17/1963	D.L. # 10597697

IF FOUND, PLEASE MAIL TO:
HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
P.O. BOX 1228
EDINBURG, TEXAS 78540
(956) 383-8114

NOTICE

This identification card certifies that Jesse J. Brown is commissioned by the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office as a full time peace officer as defined by the Texas C.C.P. article 2.12 and licensed by The State of Texas as authorized by Title 10 Chapter 1701 of The Texas Occupation Code.



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THE STATE OF TEXAS
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I, JESSE JAMES BROWN, do hereby state that my membership in the
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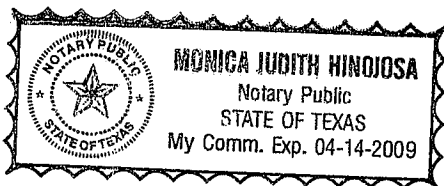
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TITLE: _____

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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name First Tom MI F. Last Wilmon
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 Home Address 6504 N. 17th Apartment No. _____
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Willemon, Thomas F.
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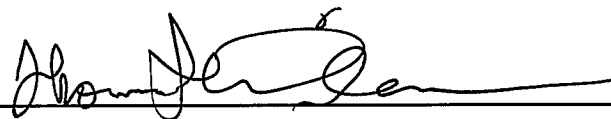
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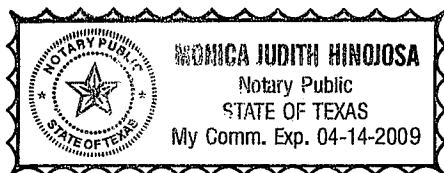
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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name First Antonio MI J Last Zarzoza

Rank Senior Deputy Sheriff / Academy Instructor

Assignment: Full Time SWAT Full Time CNT

Collateral Duty: Patrol SWAT Investigations TEMS Bomb Tech TRAINING ACADEMY

Home Address 3309 Salinas St. Apartment No. _____

City Edinburg State TX Zip 78541

Home Phone 956-569-7868 Home Fax N/A

Home E-mail training@sdsfactual.com Personal Agency E-mail antonio.zarzoza@hidalgo.org

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Juan A. Zarzoza
 Deputy Sheriff
 3693

I, *Juan A. Zarzoza*, Sheriff of Hidalgo County, State of Texas, hereby appoint the below named as my true and lawful Deputy.

Juan A. Zarzoza
 Sheriff

Expires 12/31/2012

Date Employed	11/07/2002	Card Issue Date	10/29/2008
T.C.L.E.O.S.E.	281405	Height	5'8
Weight	195	Hair	BLACK
Eye Color	BROWN	Race	White
Sex	Male	D.L. #	17940868
D.O.B.	09/07/1974	IF FOUND, PLEASE MAIL TO: HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE P.O. BOX 1228 EDINBURG, TEXAS 78540 (856) 363-8114	



NOTICE

This identification card certifies that **JUAN A. Zarzoza** is commissioned by the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office as a full time peace officer as defined by the Texas C.C.P. article 2.12 and licensed by The State of Texas as authorized by Title 10 Chapter 1701 of The Texas Occupation Code.

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I, ANTONIO J. ZARZOZA, do hereby state that my membership in the NATIONAL TACTICAL POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION on behalf of Hidalgo County is necessary in the performance of my duties as an official/employee of Hidalgo County. I further state the following:

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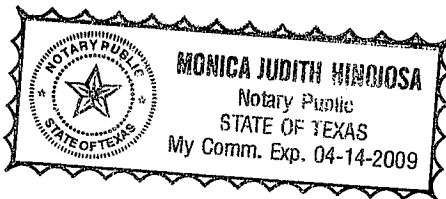
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