

# Hedwig Village Police Department



Annual Report 2021  
Chief David A. Gott



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I am proud to share this 2021 Annual Report with the citizens of Hedwig Village to showcase the outstanding efforts put forth by our employees to keep this city a safe place to live, work, shop and raise a family.

2021 was another challenging year. The COVID pandemic seems like it will never end. We also had the February freeze that nearly shutdown the entire state of Texas for a few days.

We did have some good news, total crime was down by over 10% for 2021 compared to 2020 and over 30% from the 2019 numbers. This is testament to the great work performed by your police department and the relationship we have with our residents, visitors and businesses. It takes all of us working together to keep crime low.

We welcomed in Tom Jinks as the new Hedwig Village Mayor in May 2021 and we want to wish former Mayor Brian T. Muecke well. He was a strong supporter of the police department and we appreciate his service to the city.

Always remember, your police department is here for you, be aware of your surroundings and never hesitate to call if anything seems wrong or out of place. In the event you want to commend the actions of a specific police department employee or have any questions or concerns you can contact me personally by calling the department at (713) 461-4797, or by e-mail at [dgott@hedwigtx.gov](mailto:dgott@hedwigtx.gov)



*David A. Gott*  
*Chief of Police*



## Mission

The department's mission statement articulates the reason for our existence as an organization. It serves as a continual reminder of the goals we strive to achieve and of the basic framework in which we operate to achieve those goals.

It is the mission of the Hedwig Village Police Department to provide a quality environment for our residents, business people and guests by preventing crime, maintaining the social order and reducing the fear of personal victimization. This mission is realized as we impartially, yet aggressively, uphold federal, state and local laws, conscientiously deliver professional police service and respect the individual rights of those we encounter.

## Values

The values of the Hedwig Village Police Department provide substance to those attitudes and beliefs that we adhere to as fundamental to policing. They are as follows:

**To Protect.** We believe we have an obligation to the citizens and business people living and working within Hedwig Village to protect life and property whenever and wherever either is threatened.

**To Serve.** We will strive to improve the quality of community life through the provision of superior and equitable services. We recognize that quality service goes beyond law enforcement and involves those legitimate service activities deemed important by the community. We understand that a reputation for quality service is built one police-community interaction at a time and we will endeavor to ensure each interaction adds to our reputation as a service organization.

**To Model Integrity.** We recognize that authority has been entrusted to us for the common good and believe that police officers must be people of integrity if we are to responsibly handle that authority. We define integrity as that quality which requires us to carefully evaluate each situation, make a valid legal, moral and ethical decision based upon the circumstances of that situation, and carry out the action required by that decision even when it is not convenient or popular to do so. We believe that people of integrity act in the described manner even when failure to do so would go unnoticed. We believe that police officers with integrity adhere to this philosophy in their private lives as well.

**To Demonstrate Professionalism.** We realize the general public has certain expectations regarding the manner in which police officers conduct themselves. Our demeanor when handling various situations, an attitude of impartiality, and the level of responsibility we exhibit when exercising authority are illustrations of the areas in which the public holds expectations. In the aggregate, the expectations the public has of us and our ability to meet those expectations, defines our level of professionalism. We believe that we have a responsibility to act professionally in all of our encounters with the public and with each other as well. We hold that professionalism extends beyond our regular tour of duty and is, in reality, a way of life.



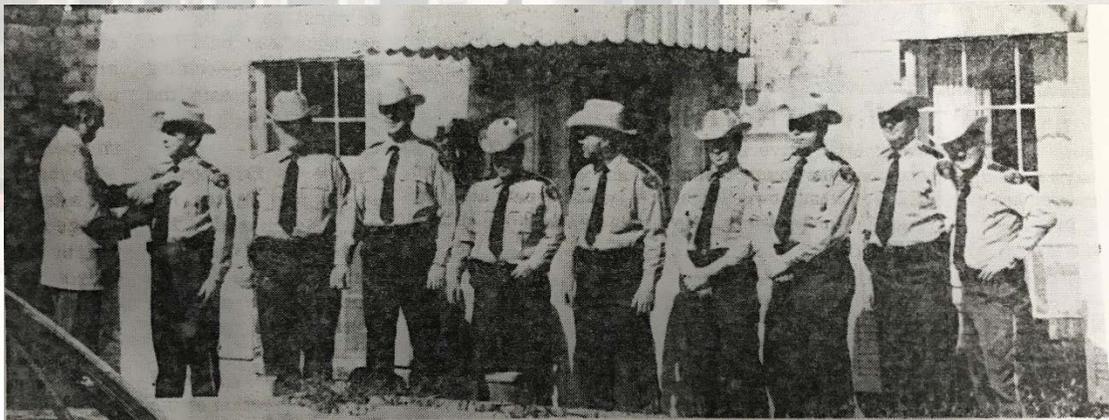
# Hedwig Village

According to local historian Thomas Roth, the Memorial Villages derived from land grants given to John Taylor and Isaac Bunker for their service during the Texas War of Independence from Mexico. Over the years, they sold parts of their land and the area was settled. In the early years, the area contained mostly farms, but there were also sawmills and lumberyards due to the area being heavily wooded.

In 1954, a group of citizens, intent on instituting zoning and resisting being annexed by Houston, incorporated the Memorial Villages and the city of Hedwig Village was born. The city is named after Hedwig Road, which was named after Hedwig Jankowski Schroeder, a landowner who emigrated from Germany.

Before the incorporation, the Harris County Sheriff's Office policed the area. After incorporating, the villages appointed one paid marshal and had several volunteers patrolling in their own cars. In 1958, Hedwig Village voted to join with other area cities to form a joint police department. As time passed, the citizens of Hedwig Village realized that in order to meet the unique policing challenges of its community, they would need to form their own police department, and, in December of 1976, the Hedwig Village Police Department was created. The original department consisted of one police chief and eight police officers. The first chief was James H. 'Jimmy' Jones, a retired Houston Police Officer.

Today, Hedwig Village is a dynamic city with approximately 2500 residents, over 500 businesses and a day-time population of around 30,000 people. The police department has become a fully functional modern department with 24 full-time employees.



## New Arm Of The Law Sworn In

Hedwig Village Mayor E.P. Marx, left, pins on Police Chief Jimmy Jones's badge in ceremonies at the Town Hall. The mayor personally pinned on each new officer's badge (l-r) Ron Parker, Terry Lange, Mike Lane, Gene

Howard, Harry Wallace, James Johnson, W.L. Norman, and W.G. Rush. The new Hedwig Village Police went on duty at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

--Photo By John Gaines

*Swearing in of the original chief and eight officers on Tuesday, December 28, 1976.*

# City Government



Dane Johnson  
Council Member  
Position 2

Matt Woodruff  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Council Member  
Position 4

Shirley Rouse  
Council Member  
Position 5

Tom Jinks  
Mayor

Scott Davis  
Council Member  
Position 1

Harry Folloder  
Council Member  
Position 3



# City Hall Staff



Kelly Johnson  
City Administrator



Lisa Modisette  
Assistant City Secretary



Yolanda Lopez  
Administrative Assistant/Accounting Clerk



Angie Ventura  
Community Development Coordinator



Diana Ruiz  
Municipal Court Clerk

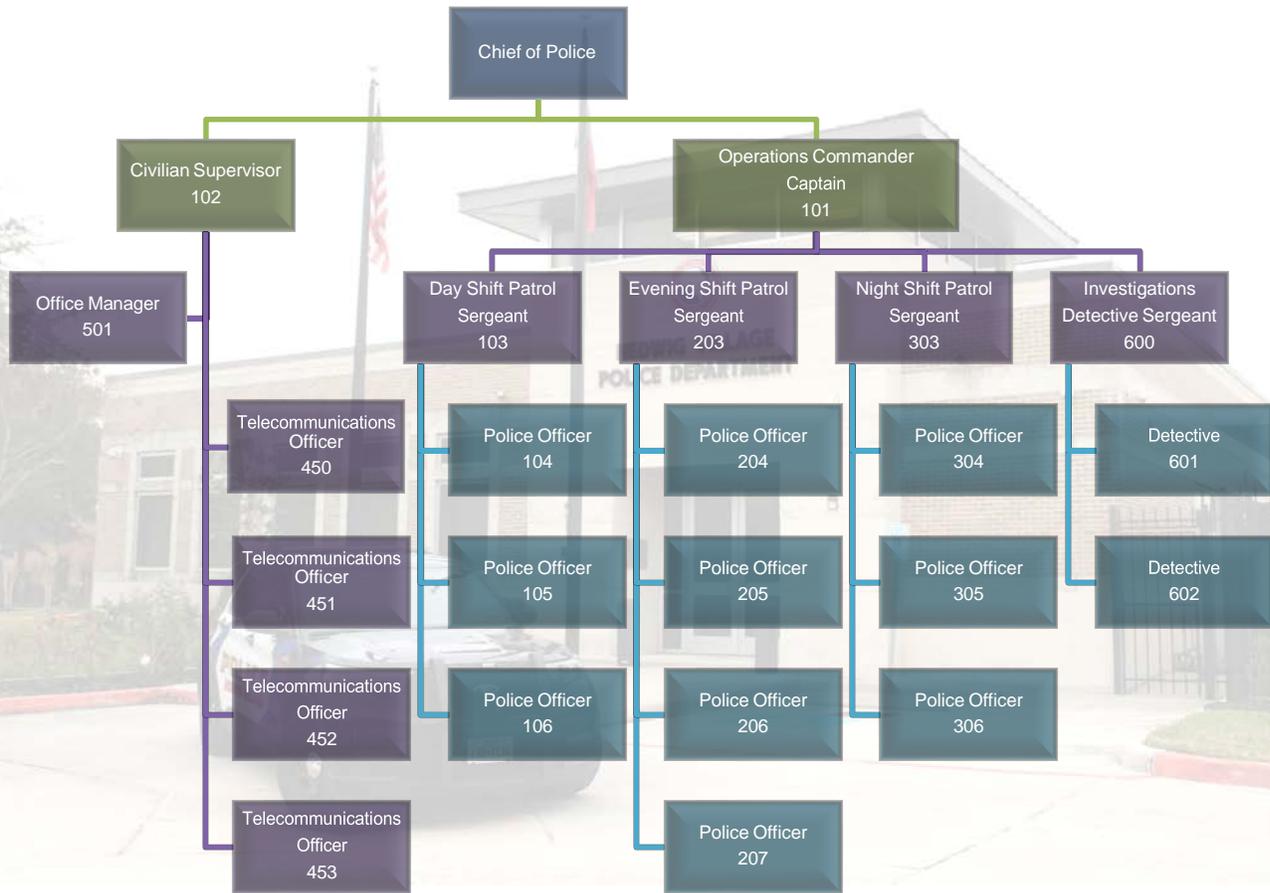


Terry Vick  
Maintenance/Animal Control Officer



LuzDenny Fernandez  
Part-time Court Clerk

# Hedwig Village Police Department Organizational Chart



# Roll Call



Chief David A. Gott



Captain Paul Warner



Civilian Supervisor  
Amanda Winter



Detective Sergeant  
Marvin Collins



Sergeant  
Steve Packard



Sergeant  
Darrell Owens



Sergeant  
Shahzad Khan



Detective  
Terry Wu



Detective  
Yonathan Sadikin



Police Officer  
Frank Schulgen



Police Officer  
Julie Buhs



Police Officer  
Wenceslao Candido



Police Officer  
Brandon Bloodworth



Police Officer  
Zackary Doughty



Police Officer  
Bradford Davis



Police Officer  
John Garza



Police Officer  
Joseph Bissett



Police Officer  
Williams Jorge



Police Officer  
Usama Shahid



Office Manager  
Cynthia Lisella



Telecommunicator  
Charles Vyles



Telecommunicator  
Karin Paredes



Telecommunicator  
Mark Payne



Telecommunicator  
Brittney Hales



Custodian  
Larry Fillmore





### Texas Law Enforcement Recognition Program

The Texas Law Enforcement Recognition Program is a voluntary process where police agencies in Texas prove their compliance with 166 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices. These Best Practices were developed by Texas Law Enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service, the reduction of risk and the protection of individual's rights. These Best Practices cover all aspects of law enforcement operations, including use of force, protection of citizen rights, vehicle pursuits, property and evidence management, and patrol and investigative operations.

The Hedwig Village Police Department became a recognized agency in 2010. The recognized status is good for a four-year period, so in 2014 and again in 2018, the department completed another full and rigorous examination by the Texas Police Chief's Association and was re-recognized. Being recognized is the gold standard for Texas law enforcement and should assure the citizens of Hedwig Village that its Police Department is conforming to the current state of the art in law enforcement.

More information and a complete description of the program may be viewed by going to the Texas Police Chiefs Association website at <http://www.texaspolicechiefs.org>

## National Incident Based Reporting System

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program transitioned the previous crime reporting system into the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS provides a much broader picture into where and how crime is occurring. The Hedwig Village Police Department reports crime numbers to the database once each month. The below is a compilation of our NIBRS crime data for the past six years.

Classification of Offense	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
1. Criminal Homicide - Total		1				
a. Murder		1				
b. Manslaughter*						
2. Forcible Rape - Total						
a. Rape						
b. Attempts to Commit Rape						
3. Robbery - Total	3	4	1	6	2	6
a. Firearm	2	1	1	3		1
b. Knife or Cutting Instrument						
c. Other Weapons		1		2		1
d. Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.)	1	2		1	2	4
4. Assault - Total	15	19	20	21	18	13
a. Firearm			2		1	
b. Knife or Cutting Instrument		1	1			
c. Other Weapons			1		2	1
d. Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.						
e. Other Assaults - Simple*	15	18	16	21	15	12
5. Burglary - Total	13	9	7	6	3	9
a. Forcible Entry	2	4	4	5	3	5
b. Unlawful - No Force	11	5	2			4
c. Attempted Forcible Entry			1	1		
6. Larceny - Theft - Total	167	179	128	195	151	126
7. Motor Vehicle Theft - Total	4	6	8	6	10	7
a. Autos	46	5	8	6	8	7
b. Trucks and Buses					1	
c. Other Vehicles		1			1	
8. Arson - Total	1					
Total	203	218	164	234	184	161

## Arrests and Citations

The Hedwig Village Police Department aggressively targets, arrests and cites those who commit criminal violations in our city. Below is a compilation of our arrest and citation numbers for the past four years.

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021
Citations	4102	2931	1967	1550
Warning Citations		2596	3562	1827
Arrests	547	325	178	115

The 115 persons, 81 males and 34 females, arrested were charged with 121 separate offenses, to include:

Aggravated Assault with a Motor Vehicle	1
Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child	1
Assault	5
Auto Theft	1
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	1
Criminal Trespass	2
Driving While Intoxicated	16
Evading Arrest in a Motor Vehicle	4
Failure to Exchange Information (Vehicle Accident)	1
Fraudulent Use of Possession of Identifying Information	1
No Driver's License/Driving While License Suspended	2
Possession of a Controlled Substance	7
Possession of a Controlled Substance w/Intent to Deliver	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1
Public Intoxication	1
Theft	2
Traffic Offenses	1
Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon (Handgun)	8
Outstanding Warrants	65

## Calls for Service

This table reflects the calls for police service handled by the department. Code 1 calls assume that a serious threat to life or serious bodily injury is in progress. Code 1 calls are dispatched immediately, and the response will normally be with emergency lights and siren activated. Code 2 calls assume a crime against property or a conflict between parties that could reasonably result in bodily injury to any person is in progress. A call for service may also be categorized as Code 2 if it is not in progress, but a response is urgent (i.e. burglar alarm, disturbance). Most calls are handled as a Code 3, which assumes no known emergency exists, such as a report call.

**The house watches and business checks** are outstanding programs that the department offers. The house watch is initiated by a resident, normally when the resident will be away from the home for a period of days, such as out of town on vacation. Once initiated, a police officer will physically go to the house several times each day, on all shifts, and check the perimeter of the house. Most business checks are conducted at night when the businesses are closed. This program is intended to prevent burglaries and vandalism.

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021
Code 1 Calls	46	32	47	*
Code 2 Calls	375	285	277	*
Code 3 Calls	4658	4190	3754	*
House Watches	5850	5027	4597	*
Business Checks	3350	4158	9428	*
Officer Initiated	532	373	723	*

\*due to the change in RMS, these numbers are still pending\*

## Criminal Investigations Unit

The Hedwig Village Police Department Criminal Investigations Unit consists of one detective-sergeant and two detectives. Detective Sergeant Marvin Collins supervises the unit. The unit also maintains our website, processes evidence, conducts training and handles many other duties. The table below reflects the investigations conducted by the unit.

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021
Cases Assigned	662	643	507	466
Cases Cleared	411	258	149	145
Cases found to be Unfounded (offense did not occur, incorrect title)	92	149	150	162
Cases Suspended (no further workable leads)	150	227	200	141

## Internal Affairs

The Internal Affairs process is meant to protect the integrity of the police department. We conduct a full and impartial investigation into every complaint against any of our employees and hold them accountable if we determine they fell short of our expectations. Each investigation will receive one of the below dispositions:

- Unfounded.* The allegation is proven to be false or not factual.
- Exonerated.* The incident occurred but was lawful and within departmental policy.
- Not Sustained.* The investigation revealed insufficient evidence to either prove or disprove the allegation.
- Sustained.* Allegations are proved to be true based upon a preponderance of the evidence.
- Information Only.* No allegations were made against any departmental employee. The investigation was conducted to determine if departmental policies and procedures were followed.

In 2021, we completed 5 formal investigations as follows:

Control number	Date of Incident	Allegation	Disposition
21-001	03/28/2021	Professional Demeanor	Sustained
21-002	06/06/2021	Improper Police Procedure	Unfounded
21-003	06/18/2021	Care of City Equipment	Sustained
21-004	06/13/2021	At-Fault Accident	Sustained
21-005	12/07/2021	Improper Police Procedure	Exonerated

## Use of Force Incidents

All Use of Force incidents are documented, carefully reviewed and forwarded up the chain of command to the chief of police. A yearly audit is conducted to ensure departmental policies are being followed and to ensure departmental policies conform to best practices. In 2021, our officers were involved in 10 use of force incidents as follows:

Offense Number	Date	Type of Force	Reason for Use of Force
202100200	01/04/2021	Pointed Firearm	Arrest Stolen Vehicle Suspect
202100471	01/10/2021	Deployed Taser	Arrest Felony Suspect
202100851	01/20/2021	Pointed Firearm	Arrest Vehicle Burglary Suspect
202102602	03/04/2021	Pointed Firearm	Arrest Felony Suspect
202103831	03/25/2021	Pointed Firearm	Arrest Felony Suspect
202107099	06/09/2021	Physical Force	Arrest Felony Suspect
202107105	06/09/2021	Physical Force	Arrest Felony Suspect
202107923	06/27/2021	Pointed Firearm	Arrest Stolen Vehicle Suspect
202109956	08/06/2021	Physical Force	Arrest Emergency Detention Order
202110778	08/19/2021	Pointed Firearm	High Risk Stop – Stolen Vehicle
202110950	08/24/2021	Pointed Firearm	Arrest Misdemeanor Suspect
202111555	09/06/2021	Physical Force	Arrest Misdemeanor Suspect
202112172	09/21/2021	Pointed Firearm	Arrest Misdemeanor Suspect
202112706	10/06/2021	Pointed Firearm	Arrest Felony Suspect
202114687	11/23/2021	Physical Force	High Risk Traffic Stop
202115565	12/11/2021	Physical Force	Resist Probable Cause Search

## Vehicle Pursuits

The police department conducts an audit of all vehicle pursuits to ensure our policies are being followed and that our policies match current best practices. In 2021, our officers were involved in 7 vehicle pursuits as follows:

Offense Number	Date	Reason Initiated	Arrest Made	Charges
202100471	01/10/2021	Traffic Violation	Yes	Possession of Marijuana/Evading Arrest
202101501	02/05/2021	Stolen Vehicle	Yes	Evading Arrest w/ Vehicle
202102602	03/04/2021	Traffic Violation	Yes	Evading Arrest w/ Vehicle
202102696	03/04/2021	Traffic Violation	Yes	Evading Arrest w/ Vehicle
202103831	03/25/2021	Stolen Vehicle	Yes	Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle
202112172	09/21/2021	Theft	Yes	Theft/Evading Arrest w/ Vehicle
202112548	10/10/2021	Welfare Check	No	None

## Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR)



The ALPR cameras snap pictures of license plates of vehicles traveling through the city and check the license plates through police databases. If the plate is from a reported stolen or wanted vehicle, an alert is sent to our Communications Center for dispatch to the units in the field. The cameras also aid in follow-up investigations. The cameras are installed throughout Hedwig Village, the other Memorial Villages and Memorial City Mall. We also have access to readers in Katy, Jersey Village and other cities. The 10 cameras in Hedwig Village resulted in the following in 2021:

Type of Alert	Number of Alerts	Vehicles Located	Arrests Made
<b>Stolen Vehicle</b>	32	1	0
<b>Stolen License Plates</b>	35	0	0
<b>BMV Suspects</b>	1	0	0

## Community Policing

The Hedwig Village Police Department has a philosophy of Community Policing, which means that the department works with the community to maintain public safety and prevent crime. Hedwig Village Police Officers are encouraged to become familiar with the community, listen to citizens' concerns, and assist them with problem-solving. Community Policing works to enhance public safety and improve the quality of life within the community.



*National Night Out*



*July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade*



*National Night Out*

## E-Notification

E-notification is an avenue for the city and the police department to communicate valuable information to our residents. Once registered, residents will receive emails concerning crime in the city and city happenings. Your email will never be sold, given to any outside entity or used for any advertisements. It is easy to register for and easy to cancel if you no longer wish to receive the emails. Just click on 'e-notification signup' on the home page of the city website at [www.Hedwigtx.gov](http://www.Hedwigtx.gov). As part of our continued effort to keep our residents informed and protected, the police department strongly recommends all residents sign up for e-notification.

## Crime Mapping

Your police department has partnered with Motorola's City Protect to provide a free to use on-line crime mapping program. This helps us keep you informed about recent criminal activity in our city. By accessing the link below, users can see a visual representation of crime sorted by zip code, address, street and/or city. Over 800 law enforcement agencies nationwide, including the Houston Police Department and the Harris County Sheriff's Office, utilize this service to keep their citizens informed. To access this service, visit [www.CityProtect.com](http://www.CityProtect.com).



## Big Freeze



What started as some beautiful winter weather in February turned into a nightmare as the freezing temperatures caused a complete power outage and loss of water service in Hedwig Village. The police department suffered alongside our residents, but our officers and dispatchers made it to work every day, calls were answered and patrols continued.

## New Records Management System

Hedwig Village made a large investment in improving the technology of the police department with the replacement of our Records Management System, switching to Tyler Technologies. This change permeated all facets of the police department, replacing our computer aided dispatch, jail system, property room database, incident reporting, electronic ticket writers and GPS for the patrol vehicles. Though we have only been on-line fully since 12/01/2021, we have already noticed that this is a huge improvement from our previous provider.



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## Promotions

On August 17, 2021, Shahzad Khan was promoted to Sergeant and Yonathan Sadikin was promoted to Detective. Each of these officers participated in a promotional process and were selected for promotion based on their ability and experience.



Sergeant Khan's wife and son pin on his new badge

Sergeant Khan has over ten years of police experience, including three with the Hedwig Village Police Department. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston in Criminal Justice, holds a Master Peace Officer Certification and speaks multiple languages, including Urdu, Hindi and some Spanish.

Detective Sadikin has been with the department for over two years. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston in Hotel and Restaurant

Management, is an E5 in the Texas Army National Guard and speaks Indonesian and some Spanish.



Detective Sadikin takes the oath of office

## New Employees

We welcomed six new employees in 2021:

Officer Bradford Davis was sworn in on January 22, 2021

Officer John Garza was sworn in on May 7, 2021

Officer Joseph Bissett was sworn in on June 14, 2021

Officer Williams Jorge was sworn in on July 19, 2021

Telecommunicator Brittney Hales joined us on September 25, 2021

Officer Usama Shahid was sworn in on December 2, 2021



Telecommunicator Brittney Hales



Officer Joseph Bissett



Officer Williams Jorge



Officer Bradford Davis



Officer Usama Shahid



Officer John Garza

# Awards

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, several members of the department were honored for their outstanding service as follows:

**Service awards** are given for every five years of service to honor the employee's dedication and commitment to the city of Hedwig Village. This year **Sergeant Darrell Owens** was honored for 20 years of service and **Sergeant Marvin Collins** was honored for 15 years of service.



*Sergeant Owens 20 Years of Service*



*Sergeant Collins 15 Years of Service*

**Major Awards** are given to employees who distinguish themselves by going above and beyond the call of duty. This year we honored the following three employees for their outstanding contribution to the mission of the police department:

Led by Civilian Supervisor Amanda Winter, our **Telecommunicators** were given a **Unit Citation** for the incredible work they did as a team throughout 2021. They were short staffed for much of the year, they had to work long hours of overtime, change their regular shifts and work on many of their regular days off. But these dedicated public safety professionals all pitched in, they answered every emergency call and kept our officers safe and informed.



**Detective Yonathan Sadikin** was awarded the **Guardian of the Year**. This award emphasizes the importance of our house watch and business check programs. Detective Sadikin led the department in the number of house watches and business checks performed and is a true guardian.



**Officer Brandon Bloodworth** was awarded the **Officer of the Year**. Officer Bloodworth led the department in citations and was one of the leaders in arrests made. He also became a Field Training Officer, took over the Simulator duties and became our departmental Firearms Instructor.

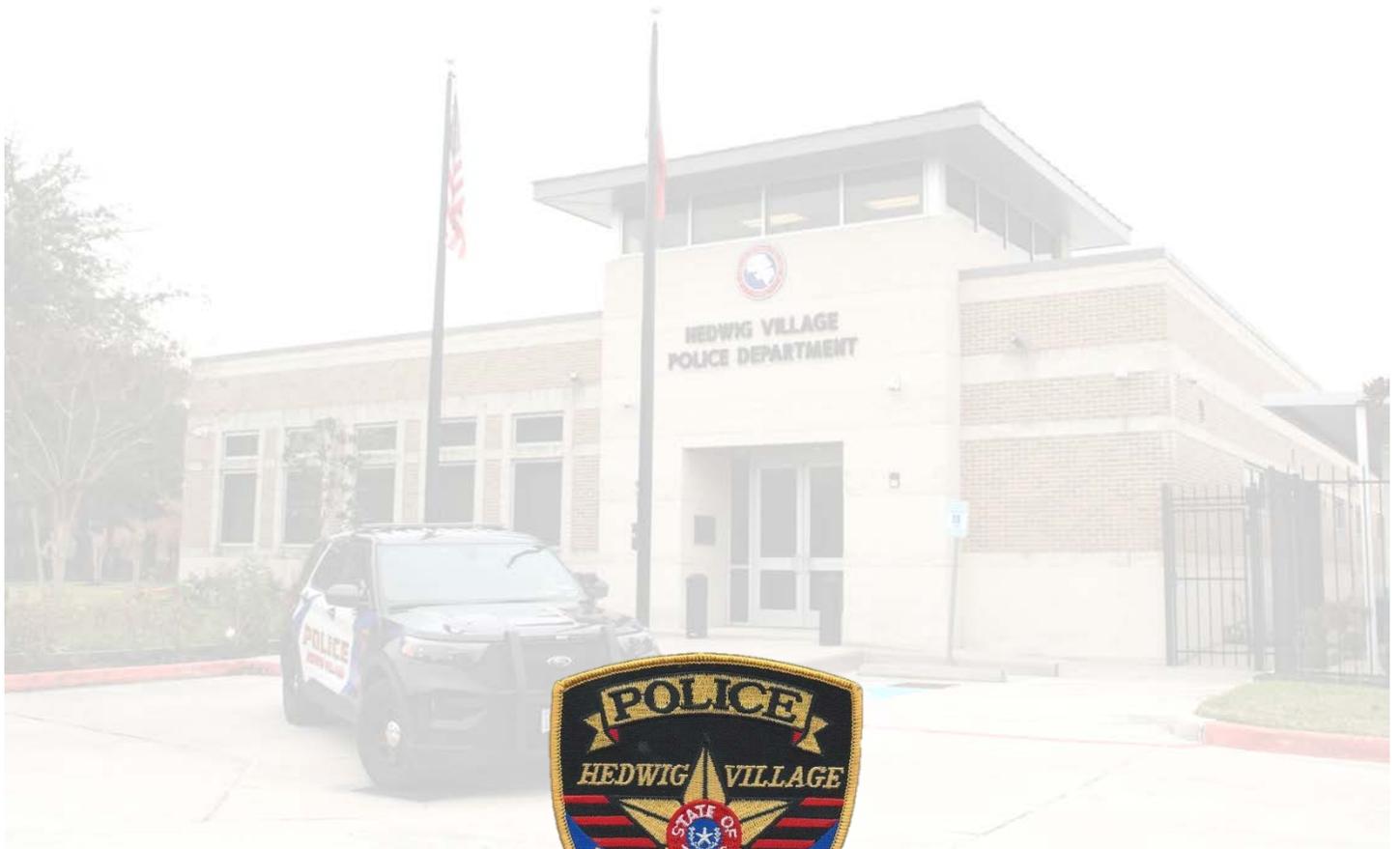


**Sergeant Steve Packard** was named **Supervisor of the Year** for his outstanding leadership. Sergeant Packard is a great street supervisor in addition to handling many other duties for the department. He is a problem solver who can get to the root of a problem and implement a solution.









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