



HARRIS COUNTY CONSTABLE PRECINCT 5

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Always Honor, Integrity, Service

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Thank you for your interest in learning about Constable Precinct 5 and our services.

The Harris County Precinct 5 Constables Office is a law enforcement agency dedicated to assuring a safe and secure environment to live and work. Our greatest assets are the men and women who constitute our agency. We strive to accomplish our mission through our core values: Honor, Integrity and Service.

If your area is interested in more information regarding our department or would like a presentation to your group, please contact our office at 281-492-3500 and ask for the Patrol Division.



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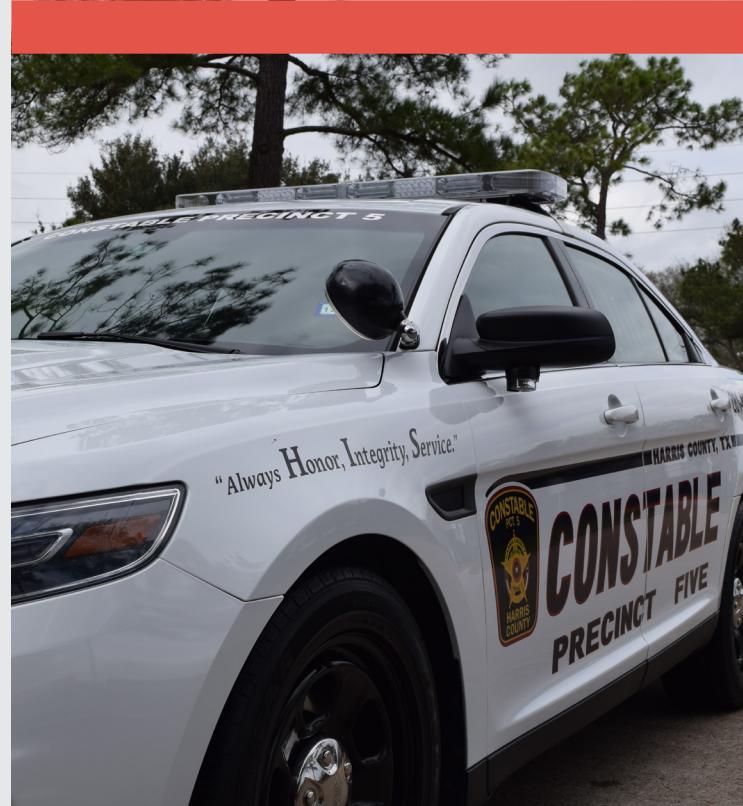




Constable's Statement

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On behalf of Precinct 5, I want to thank you for your support of the men and women of this Department. Precinct 5 has always maintained a strong partnership with the community it serves and my goal is to continue to grow and strengthen this partnership in the months and years ahead. I understand that building, cultivating and maintaining the community's trust are key elements in crime reduction in our neighborhoods. This Department's first priority is the safety of those in our community. A major component in accomplishing this is the reduction of crime. That is why we not only provide

high visibility patrols but also provide deputies with crime prevention expertise to help residents from becoming a victim of crime. Unfortunately, we cannot prevent all crime; when a crime does occur in Precinct 5, our department has highly skilled, uniformed investigators who will work with you to bring a close to your case.

Honor, Integrity and Service are our core values and is proudly displayed on our patrol vehicles. I expect our deputies to be honest, have the highest integrity and I stress the importance of service not only to the public but also to each other.



I am proud to serve you as your Constable and look forward to working with you and for you. Together we can work to keep our community safe.

Please visit our website at:

www.Constablepct5.com

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Ted Heap
Constable

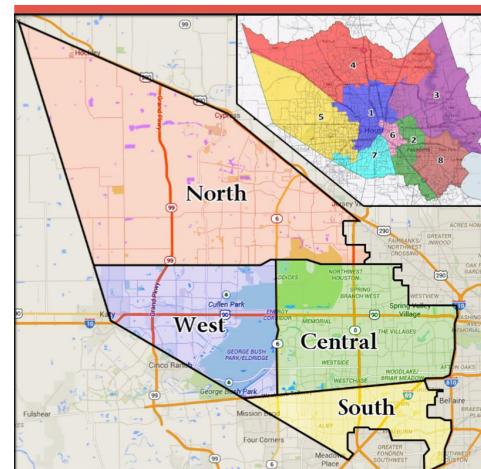




About Precinct 5

Earliest county records indicate the first Constable of Harris County Precinct 5 was C. Bolte, elected to office in 1879. Taking office in 2017, Constable Ted Heap is the 24th Constable to serve the citizens of Harris County Precinct 5. Through the years Precinct 5 has seen many changes in appearance and capabilities but one thing has remained constant – our commitment to serving and protecting the community.

Precinct 5 is one of the largest Constable departments in the country and is responsible for service to most of West Harris County. Encompassing 370 square miles, the precinct boundaries extend from Loop 610 west to the county line and from Hwy 290 south to the county line. The patrol districts are broken down into four distinct areas: North, West, Central and South. Precinct 5 services more than 1 million residents in West Harris County.





OUR MISSION

To uphold the Constitution of the United States, preserve the peace and enforce the laws of the State of Texas by working cooperatively with the public and always serving with honor and integrity.

OUR VALUES

“always Honor, Integrity, Service.”

Honor:

We live by our oath of office; we recognize the dignity of every person we encounter.

Integrity:

We are honest and ethical in all of our actions.

Service:

We serve the public; we serve each other; we are servant leaders.



Quick Facts about Constable Precinct 5



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Pct 5 patrols 67 parks and community centers covering 14,888+ acres and includes 80 miles of hike and bike trails



384

Precinct 5 employs 384 law enforcement professionals



370

Precinct 5 encompasses 370 square miles including rural, agricultural and densely populated urban areas.

230

Precinct 5 has a fleet of 230 vehicles



Our Services

The Precinct 5 Constable's Office offers a variety of law enforcement services to members of our community. Safety of our residents is the number one priority of our agency. Precinct 5 has the reputation of being professional, responsive and innovative when addressing community needs.



Patrol

Patrol is by far the largest division within Precinct 5. Highly trained and well equipped, these deputies are the front line in the fight against crime. Patrol responds to your calls for service with the fastest response times within the city and west Harris County. In times of emergency quick response times are crucial.

Toll Road

Precinct 5 patrols almost 50 miles of toll roads, including the West Sam Houston Tollway, Westpark Tollway, and managed lanes of the Katy Freeway. These deputies are tasked with traffic enforcement, traffic interdiction, and accident investigation, on a road system where almost 270,000 vehicles travel daily.



Parks

Harris County has one of the most sprawling parks and trail systems in the country, and Precinct 5 is tasked with patrolling those within its boundaries. The Parks Division applies an innovative approach to patrolling the more than 59 county parks, encompassing over 14,000 acres, roughly 470 square miles.





K-9

The patrol K-9 enhances the capability of deputies responding to calls. K-9's are used to assist in tracking criminals, to locate missing persons/children, and to perform searches for hidden evidence. The mere presence of a K-9 can dramatically change the suspect's thinking, often resulting in surrender.

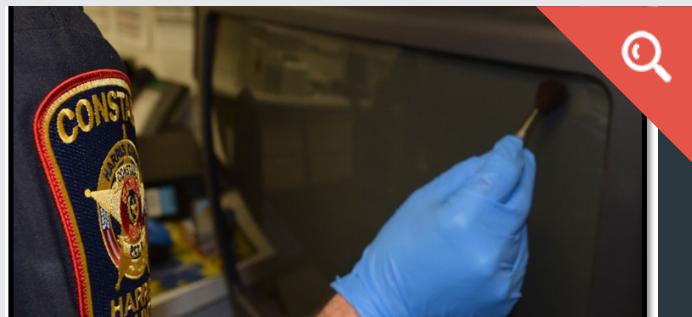
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Motors

Precinct 5's motorcycle unit's primary objective is traffic enforcement, ensuring traffic flows smoothly. They often concentrate efforts in school zones, identified problem areas, and accident scenes.



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Investigations

The criminal investigation division is organized into functional units comprised of: Uniformed Investigations, Environmental Crimes, Animal Crimes, Major Offenders, Game Room and Human Trafficking. Together, these investigators work to identify criminal offenders and seek justice for victims in our community.

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Civil

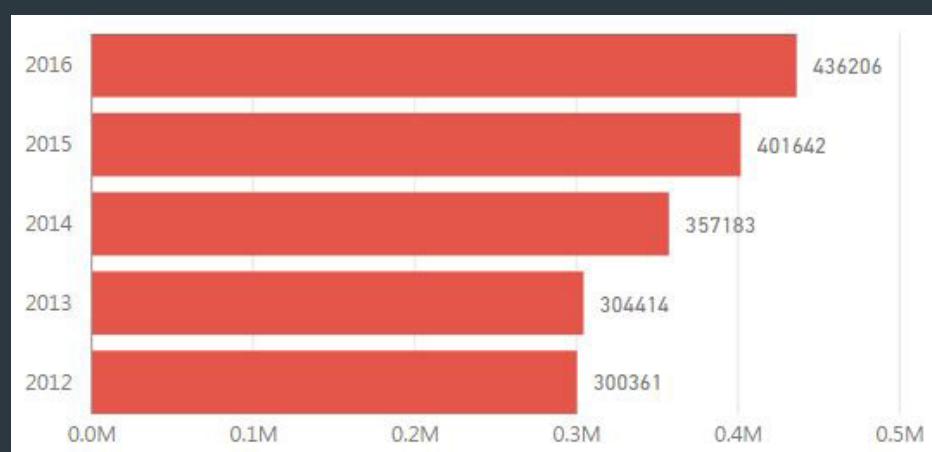
The civil division is responsible for representing the Constable in his statutory obligation to serve civil process and execute the commands of the courts while protecting and preserving the inherent rights of all parties subject to these orders.





Activity Highlights

Precinct 5 deputies engage in proactive police activities versus the traditional reactive response. The ability to focus on specific geographic areas increases law enforcement presence and visibility, which deters crime as opposed to merely responding to a scene after a crime has occurred.



Calls for Service

Precinct 5 responded to 436,206 Calls For Service in 2016, which was an increase of 8% compared to 2015 and 31% over 2012.

Total Arrests



In 2016 Precinct 5 responded to 3,339 incidents where an arrest was made. This was a 17% increase over 2015 and a 24% increase over 2012.

Proactive Calls



84% of Precinct 5's Calls for Service are proactive activities designed to prevent crime before it occurs. These actions increase police visibility and have been shown to create a safer community.

Alarm Calls



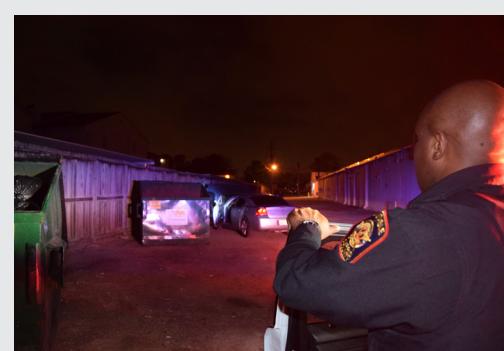
Precinct 5 Deputies responded to 7,557 alarm calls in 2016.

Average Call Response Time



All law enforcement agencies prioritize calls for service depending on their nature. Priority One calls are incidents involving immediate danger to citizens. Priority One response requires the use of emergency equipment for the deputy to arrive as quickly as possible. Priority Two calls are incidents such as property crimes, local alarms, and most often do not require the use of emergency equipment.

Pct. 5 prides itself with a rapid response time to calls for service. A lower response time is the cornerstone of our commitment to the safety of our citizens. A quick response enables the deputy a greater opportunity to make an arrest while a crime is being committed and to assist a crime victim in need.





Contract Patrol

The main objectives of the Precinct 5 Contract Patrol Program is to provide a highly visible presence, proactive crime prevention and immediate police services to citizens in need. This service is provided to contracting entities within the unincorporated areas of Harris County and within the city limits of Houston.

The Contract Patrol Program concentrates patrol efforts in a small geographic area whereas traditional law enforcement agencies concentrate patrol efforts spread out over larger districts. When a call comes to the call center, a Pct. 5 unit is typically geographically closer to the scene which decreases response time. Faster response times can save lives and apprehend offenders.

The deputies are familiar with the neighborhoods they patrol, the people, the kinds of activities that happen in their patrol area forming a relationship with the community they serve.



Benefits that traditional patrols cannot match.

- Highly visible patrols concentrated in smaller areas increases noticed police presence, in turn greatly reducing criminal opportunities.
- Having a deputy consistently patrol an area creates a unique familiarity of the area and the residents, thereby allowing quick perception by the deputy of anything out of the ordinary.
- Precinct 5 prides itself on extremely low response times with the average being between 2 and 5 minutes.
- Knowing their deputy is only a phone call away and minutes from their location, gives residents and business owners a feeling of confidence and security.



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Precinct 5 deputies aren't only called in to stop a crime in progress or take a report after one has been committed, they become a part of the community they serve and protect.

- A new benefit is the recently formed Uniformed Investigative Deputy Program (U.I.D.). This program allows for follow up investigations of crimes that affect our residents. The U.I.D. units perform a hybrid of patrol and investigative work allowing for quick follow-up and early case closures of crimes. The investigative benefit deters future criminal activity.



**53
CONTRACTS
MADE UP OF
115
CONTRACTING
NEIGHBORHOODS
AND BUSINESSES**



Investigations

The Criminal Investigation Division is organized into six functional units: Uniformed Investigations, Environmental Crimes, Animal Crimes, Major Offenders, Game Room, and Human Trafficking.

1 Major Offenders

The Major Offenders Unit consists of undercover officers who investigate major crime. These crimes can range from major marijuana growing operations, fraud investigations, fencing operations, burglary rings, cargo theft, as well as organized crime and gang activity. This Unit works closely with several drug task forces, state agencies, federal agencies and the Houston Police Department.

2 Game Room

These investigators concentrate on illegal gaming operations where crime statistics indicate a higher rate of criminal activity. These criminal activities are often linked to organized crime and can sometimes be lengthy investigations.

3 Human Trafficking

This is a highly trained unit that specializes in identifying human trafficking, primarily through the sex trade. Human trafficking is often disguised through street prostitution, forced labor, and online solicitation practices.

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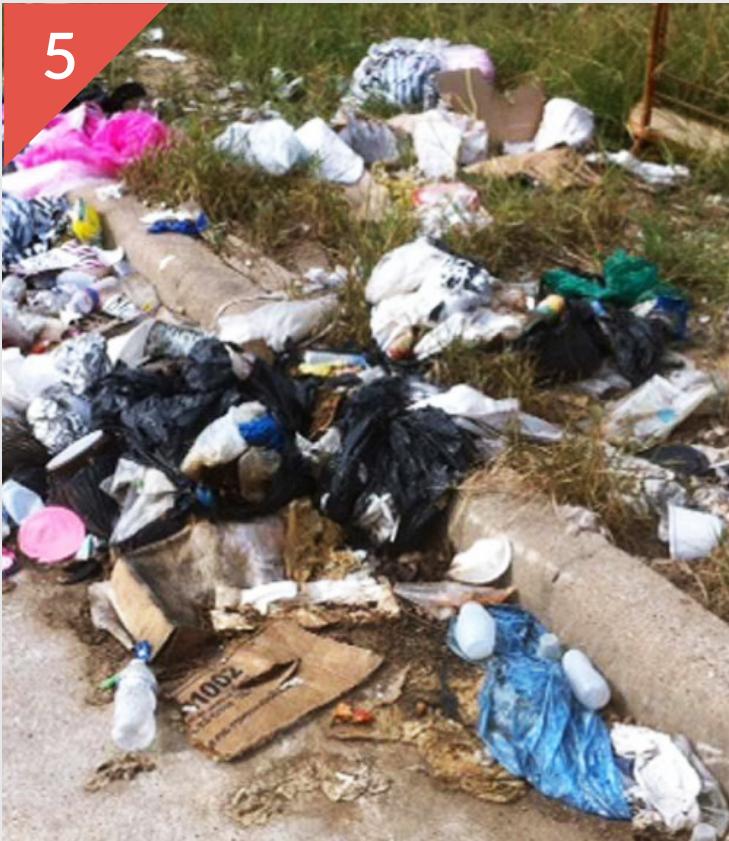


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Uniformed Investigators

The investigative deputy receives advanced training to conduct thorough investigations. This unit improves the quality of preliminary investigations, increases the effectiveness of patrol and allows for early case closure. The expeditious handling of investigative calls increases the investigators ability to identify cases with workable leads

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Environmental Crimes

The Harris County Precinct 5 Environmental Crimes Unit is a county-wide investigative task force that collaborates with other agencies within the Houston/Galveston region. The objective of this unit is to enforce all state and federal environmental laws, as well as improve the environment through remediation. Illegal disposal of solid waste has become a major issue within our neighborhoods, both inside city limits and in the unincorporated areas of Harris County. This Unit uses the latest techniques and equipment to investigate, identify, and pursue violators of these environmental laws and regulations. The Precinct 5 investigators assigned to this Unit have received extensive training, on both federal and state levels, to ensure success in their efforts.

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Animal Crimes

Some of the most heartrending crimes are those perpetrated against animals. It is the task of the Precinct 5 Animal Crimes Unit to investigate and file charges against those who commit these crimes. During the course of an investigation, investigators will document and collect evidence for use in both civil and criminal court cases. The unit maintains a productive investigative caseload while working with other governmental agencies, animal welfare organizations and the citizens of Harris County. Because of their expertise in working with distressed animals, these investigators are often called in for animal rescue cases as well.



Our Contract Communities

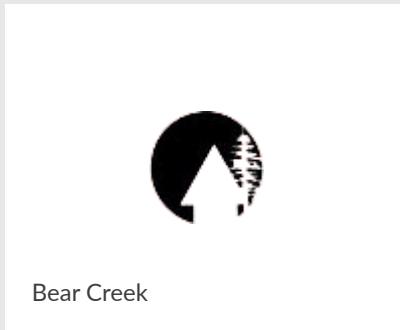
Precinct 5 maintains 53 contracts with Homeowners Associations, Municipal Utility Districts and Business Districts. Together, these contracts represent over 115 neighborhoods and districts. Precinct 5 deputies work with their community partners to stay informed of issues within their contracts and proactively prevent crimes before they occur.

Some of the People We Serve.





Seeking new Community Partners.



Bear Creek



If your area is interested in more information regarding the Contract Deputy Program or would like a presentation to your group, please contact our office at 281-492-3500 and ask for the Patrol Division.





Over 270 Years of Experience and Service...

The Command Staff of Precinct 5 Constable's Office brings a wealth of experience to the agency leadership team. With a combined total experience of over 270 years, and careers spanning every aspect of Law Enforcement the agency is in good hands. Our Command Staff is extremely dedicated to our values "always Honor, Integrity, Service".



Feedback

We are extremely proud of our relationships within our contract communities. We consistently receive positive feedback about our deputies. Precinct 5 has strong community ties which are essential to effective law enforcement.

What They Say About Us

"There are many reasons why my Ashford neighbors and I are glad to be a part of the Precinct 5 deputy program. The most important is response time! I know that from the moment a call is received at Precinct 5 dispatch, a deputy will be on the scene within minutes. I also know that there is a strong partnership between the Houston Police Department and Precinct 5 resulting in open communications."

Skip Skinner, Security Director and Board of Directors, Ashford Community Association

"Before we had a contract with Precinct 5, our neighborhood was experiencing a tremendous increase in crime. I called every agency I could think of and only one responded - Harris County Precinct 5. They took care of the problems immediately. They are approachable, responsible, and very well trained. We feel fortunate to have precinct 5 patrolling our neighborhoods."

**Susan Herring, Security Director
Memorial Parkway**



Q & A

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What is the difference between a police officer, a sheriff, and a constable?

The short answer is the uniform. The State of Texas makes no distinction between them. In fact, when defining who is a peace officer the state identifies sheriffs, constables, marshals, and police officers in that order. Besides organizational structure and some added duties, such as maintaining the county jail and serving court orders, there is no difference between them.

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How does the contract program work?

Under the Contract Deputy Program, deputies are assigned to a specific geographic area. This benefits the residents in several ways. First, deputies are never more than a few minutes away. We pride ourselves on extremely fast response times to calls for service. Second, the deputy becomes familiar with the neighborhood and its residents, allowing them to better identify unusual or suspicious activity. Third, consistent high visibility of the deputy and distinctively marked patrol cars, serves to deter criminal activity.

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What is the difference between Contract Deputy, security officer, and off-duty police officer?

A Contract Deputy is a fully-licensed peace officer who is on duty and assigned to your area. The deputy has the authority and duty to enforce all the laws of Texas and preserve the public peace. The deputy is fully equipped and trained in the latest procedures, and has

the backing of an entire agency.

Security guards are crime prevention guards assigned to protect specific people and property. A security guard is not the same as a police officer and they have no more authority to enforce state law than an average citizen. When a citizen or a security guard detains a suspect, they must contact local law enforcement to complete the report and arrest of the individual.

An off-duty police officer has the same training and authority as the contract deputy, but there are some major limitations. First, as stated in the name, the off-duty officer is not on duty and does not have access to all of the same equipment and resources. Second, you are making an agreement with an individual or group of individuals instead of a certified state government agency.

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What services do I receive with my contract?

When contracting with Pct. 5, your neighborhood, M.U.D. or Business District receives professional and accountable police services. In addition to the normal patrol duties, you will benefit from several of our other divisions, such as our Uniformed Investigation Unit, Animal Crimes Unit, Environmental Crimes Unit, Major Offenders Unit, and Game Room and Human Trafficking unit. You can also take advantage of our Vacation Watch Program, where a patrol deputy will check your residence daily while you are gone so you can be reassured your residence will be secure when you arrive back home.

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