

## UTSA Police Department Changes to a New Uniform and Patch

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the police cadets of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Basic Peace Officer Class graduated from the University of Texas System Police Academy. Three of the graduates are from UTSA and they are shown in the photograph to the right. From left to right in the photo are Officer's Jonathan Pfaff, James Lee and Patrick Lopez.

There was one very noticeable change in this class that had not been seen since April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1989, and that was the uniform they wore at graduation. All 15 of the UT System institutional Police Departments will have three years to transition to the new uniform; however, UTSA PD has begun the transition immediately and should complete the transition within the next three

months. During this time, you may see officers wearing both uniforms around campus until the transition is complete. In addition to the uniform all officers will be wearing a new police patch which is shown below with the previous uniform types and patches since the late 1960's.



**New UTSA PD uniform is now dark blue with new patches**  
All UTSA PD officers will begin wearing this soon  
Photo: UTSA PD



This patch was worn from 1968 to the eighties with a white shirt.



This patch was worn in the mid eighties with a white shirt.



UTPD uniform that was worn from 1968 to 1989

**A look at some of the different uniform styles that we have worn throughout the years.**



This patch was worn on the French blue shirts starting in 1989.



UTSA PD uniform that was worn from 1989 to 2011



The new uniform patch reflects our Texas heritage and is worn on the new dark blue uniforms.

## History of The University of Texas System Police

Created by the State of Texas Legislature in the wake of the active shooter event of August 1, 1966, The University of Texas System Police charter was to '...employ and commission peace officers for the purpose of protecting life and property...' at the campuses of The University of Texas System or wherever else UT interests or

assets were represented or present. This decision was followed by the creation of the Office of the Director of Police and The University of Texas System Police Academy in 1968 and thus began the nearly 50 year legacy of which we are a part of today. Since that time ninety two basic peace officer training classes have been

successfully conducted by the Police Academy with almost 2,000 graduates since January of 1968. Today The University of Texas System Police deploys 515 sworn police officers and 800 civilian staff members across the State of Texas and at the 15 U.T. System institutions to fulfill that original mandate to protect life and prop-

erty. With over 500 sworn officers, the UT System Police as an agency is larger than 95% of the 15,000 law enforcement agencies in the United States. It is this new generation of police officers who are tasked with protecting one of the four largest public university systems in the United States.

