

## INTRODUCTION

### Jennifer Mills

Good Evening, I'm Jennifer Mills.

As chair of this event, it is my great privilege to welcome you to the 2009 Johnny Sides Rookie of the Year Awards Banquet. At this time, I would like to recognize the following individuals and organizations that joined us tonight: TXU Energy, Congressman Pete Sessions Office, State Representative Carol Kent, Dallas City Council member Sheffie Kadane, the Fallen Officer Foundation and the Assist the Officer Foundation. Tonight's honorees include Officer Corey Barnes from the Central Patrol Division, Officer Christopher DeLeon from the Southwest Patrol Division and Officer Kristin King from the Northeast Patrol Division. Each of these finalists exhibit outstanding accomplishments, an impressive work ethic and are an example to all of us.

Their diligent efforts to protect the citizens of Dallas are being celebrated tonight at the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Johnny Sides Rookie of the Year Awards Banquet. We are proud to recognize them as this year's Johnny Sides Rookie of the Year finalists. Unfortunately, our scheduled emcee, Rebecca Lopez, will not be able to join us this evening as she is on assignment in Killeen, Texas. Please keep those families who lost loved ones or had relatives injured in the Fort Hood tragedy yesterday in your thoughts and prayers.

At this time it is my pleasure to introduce this evening's master of ceremonies, Gloria Campos. Gloria is co-anchor of News 8 at 6 and News 8 at 10, and is the producer of "Wednesday's Child" on WFAA-TV/Channel 8 in Dallas, Texas. Campos earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from Southwest Texas State University, now known as Texas State University, San Marcos. She was awarded Texas State University of Journalism and Mass Communication Alumnus of the Year in 2004. Gloria currently serves on the Advisory Board of the College of Fine Arts and Communication. Gloria and husband, Lance, have been married for more than 20 years and

have twin sons, Greg and Tony. When not at the station or volunteering in the community, Gloria enjoys reading, gardening, movies, and spending time with her family outdoors, especially camping. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Gloria Campos to the podium. (Lead applause) Gloria approaches stage...

## PROGRAM

### Gloria Campos

Thank you, Jennifer. At this time, the audience will learn more about our three finalists with this short video presentation created by the Dallas Police Department. (View Video). (Video run time is 5 minutes).

Beyond honoring one Rookie Officer, the Dallas Junior Chamber of Commerce makes a donation to the Assist the Officer Foundation. Detective Thomas Popken has joined us this evening as a representative of the foundation. Tom is a 30 year veteran of DPD. He currently works in personnel, but, previously worked patrol, served as a defensive tactics instructor at the police academy and then worked narcotics on a federal task force. Tom is the past chairman of ATO and he served in that position for 6 years. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Thomas Popken to the stage. (Lead applause). Tom approaches stage...

### Tom Popken

Mr Popken speaks for 3-5 minutes about the Assist the Officer Foundation...

### Gloria Campos

Thank you, Tom. This evening we are excited to have our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Eric Coleman, converse about his experience in law enforcement and how he brings his real world experience to the classroom. Dr. Coleman is Assistant Professor and Interim Program Coordinator for the Department of Criminal Justice in the School of Public Affairs and Community Service at the University of North Texas - Dallas campus. Prior to joining the

academic community, Dr. Coleman began a career in law enforcement in 1981 as a police officer briefly for the City of Stamford, Texas. He later joined the Jones County Sheriff's Department, advancing to Captain, where he served until December 1996. Dr. Coleman received an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Navarro College, a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a concentration in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from Western Illinois University and a Master of Arts in Political Science and Public Administration from Midwestern State University. In addition, Dr. Coleman completed a Doctorate in Higher Education Leadership with a specialization in Criminal Justice Education at Nova Southeastern University in 2008. Dr. Coleman holds Basic, Intermediate, Advanced and Master Peace Officer Certifications, as well as, an Instructors License from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer's Standards and Education. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Eric Coleman to the stage. (Lead applause) Eric approaches stage...

#### **Eric Coleman**

Dr. Coleman speaks for 15 minutes about his experiences, the officer of the future...

#### **Gloria Campos**

Thank you, Dr. Coleman. We are honored tonight to have last year's Rookie of the Year in attendance, Officer Lenard Webb. Officer Webb had an interest in police work at an early age. His father was a lieutenant for the Fort Worth Police Department, so it was only fitting that he joined the Fort Worth Police Explorer program while still in high school. Prior to joining the DPD, he spent four and a half years in the US Marine Corps in the 2/11 First Marine Regiment, one of the first units to cross the Iraq border during Operation Enduring Freedom. Since his 2006 graduation from the academy, Officer Webb has rarely missed a day of duty and consistently exceeds his performance objectives. Please join me in welcoming Officer Webb to the stage. (Lead applause) Lenard approaches stage...

## **Lenard Webb**

Officer Webb speaks for 3-5 minutes...

## **Gloria Campos**

Thank you, Officer Webb. Before we introduce the Johnny Sides Rookie of the Year finalists, Police Chief David Kunkle has joined us and will address the audience. David Kunkle began his career in 1972 as a patrol officer with the Dallas Police Department. Shortly, thereafter, he was promoted to Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. At age 28, he was the youngest captain in the history of the department. In 1982, he was hired as Grand Prairie's Police Chief. In January 1985, David Kunkle assumed the duties of Police Chief in Arlington. After his tenure at the Arlington Police Department, Kunkle became Deputy City Manager of Arlington in 1999. In June 2004, David Kunkle returned to the Dallas Police Department as Police Chief. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Texas at Arlington. Please join me in welcoming Chief Kunkle to the stage. (Lead applause) David approaches stage...

## **David Kunkle**

Chief Kunkle speaks for 5 minutes...

## HONOREE INTRODUCTIONS

### Gloria Campos

Now to tonight's honorees...

At this time, it is with great pleasure that I introduce the 2009 Johnny Sides Rookie of the Year finalists.

Tonight's first honoree is Officer Corey Barnes from the Central Patrol Division. Officer Barnes is a native of Corsicana and attended Sam Houston State University, earning a degree in criminal justice while also working for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a correctional officer. After graduation, he worked for the Walker County Community Supervision and Corrections Department before joining the DPD in November 2006. Officer Barnes is a valuable member of the Crime Response Team at the Central Patrol Division, where his alert skills, diligence and strong work ethic help curb crime in our city, especially drug activity and motor thefts. Officer Barnes is highly respected and consistently commended by his fellow officers and citizens alike for his reliability and dedication to his job and his team-player attitude. Please join me in welcoming Officer Barnes to the stage.

(Lead applause) Corey approaches stage...

Our next nominee is Officer Christopher DeLeon from the Southwest Patrol Division. Officer DeLeon was born and raised in Pasadena, Texas, and joined the DPD in August 2006 after earning his Political Science degree from Texas A&M University. His initiative, keen observation skills and knowledge of known criminals and crime trends has led to numerous criminal apprehensions and suspect identifications in the city. He has a consistent record of commendations, a solid work ethic, and positive attitude, all of which demonstrate Officer DeLeon's commitment to his division. He not only seeks out training opportunities for himself but helps train his fellow officers, in addition to, serving as an adjunct instructor for the Dallas Police Academy. Officer DeLeon's dedication to making the lives of Dallas' citizens safer and willingness to stand by them in hard times is also

proven by his regular participation in charities and community events such as food and clothing drives. Please join me in welcoming Officer DeLeon to the stage.

(Lead applause) Chris approaches stage...

Last, but certainly not least, our final nominee is Officer Kristin King from the Northeast Patrol Division. Officer King grew up in the Houston area and actually started her career in the biology field as a research assistant after earning an Associate Degree in Natural Sciences from Lee College and a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Sam Houston State University. Having minored in criminal justice helped her more easily transition into her position with the DPD in March 2007. Officer King has a straightforward, yet, professional approach with the public and makes a point of enlisting the help of property managers and store owners in fighting crime in the neighborhoods. She has been one of the most active rookies with regard to arrests and citations, which has helped lead to a 21% decrease in part-one crime within a one-year period. Officer King also demonstrates her leadership skills and energy by volunteering with the Crossroads Community Service ministry as well as performing with the Dallas Police Choir. Please join me in welcoming Officer King to the stage.

(Lead applause) Kristin approaches stage...

### **Jennifer Mills**

It is now my pleasure to announce the recipient of the 2009 Johnny Sides Rookie of the Year Award...and the winner is...(read name in envelope).

Rookie Officer gives 3 minute acceptance speech. Jennifer shakes officer's hand, gives him/her plaque and pose for picture.

Ask State Representative Carol Kent to approach stage. State Representative Carol Kent, House District 102, has a certificate she would like to present to the winner. (Lead applause)

Ladies and Gentlemen, join me in one final round of applause for all our honorees. (Lead applause)

Now, I'd like to turn it over to our President, Ms. Emily Hoad. Emily has been active with DJCC since 2001, during that tenure she has held several board positions. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Hoad to the stage.

## CLOSING

### Emily Hoad

Thank you, Jennifer, and again congratulations to our three rookie finalists. Award nominations were solicited from the police department and reviewed by the committee. (Feel free to add comments)

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## Committee Members

And, last, but certainly not least, since early Summer, our committee members have worked hard to produce tonight's event. Please help us thank:

- Kristal Adam, Board Liaison
- Nadia Ali
- Bruce Candia
- Julie Hinterthuer
- Emily Hoad
- Chris Kobler
- Scott Miller
- Regan Schiestel and...
- Tiffany Vanek

Thank you all for being a part of tonight's event and helping us recognize these amazing Rookie officers. Now, we'd like to invite you to join us in the Melrose Library Bar for an after party. You can step just across the foyer and look for our DJCC signs. Again, thank you and we look forward to seeing you at next year's Johnny Sides Rookie of the Year Awards Banquet.

(Please ask rookies, VIPs and chamber members to stay for pictures)