

# HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Commander Carlos X. Cantu



On Wednesday, August 24, 2016, the Harlingen Police Department proudly promoted seven employees to leadership positions. The Department commends their performance and dedication and is looking forward to growing together in our commitment to the Community. Congratulations to all our Community's recently promoted Leaders, and each of you and your families in your new journey and for your service.

Carlos X. Cantu was promoted to the rank of Commander.

Carlos X. Cantu has been with the Harlingen Police Department since 1989 and has worked within every division of the Department. He is a certified as a Master Peace Officer, TCOLE Instructor and Firearms Instructor. As a patrol officer he trained and mentored probationary officers as an FTO, then was assigned to the Support Services Division where in partnership with HCISD he instructed the D.A.R.E. program curriculum to Elementary & Middle School students. He promoted to Sergeant in 1999 and has supervised the records department and jail operations, served as a team leader on the department SWAT team, and Internal Affairs Supervisor. He was most recently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) in charge of the Major Crimes Unit, Crime Scene Response Team and Crime Fusion Center (CFC) Analytical Unit. In March of 2013 he completed the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) requirement to be recognized as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in Data Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) and has since participated in several implementation workshops across the country. Carlos is currently working in collaboration with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) to deliver similar workshops specifically to Texas agencies which are looking to implement the DDACTS operational model of traffic safety and crime reduction. Commander Cantu holds a Bachelors of Applied Arts and Sciences from Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX and is pursuing a Masters degree in Public Administration.

Carlos also concurrently served as an officer in the Army National Guard where he was deployed numerous times in support of the global war on terror. He retired from the military with the rank of Captain in September 2011 after 28 years of service.

Congratulations Commander Cantu!



Chief of Police  
Jeffrey Adickes

Assistant Chief  
Michael Kester

Executive Staff

Deputy Chief  
Luciano Rubio

Deputy Chief  
Hector Leal

Deputy Chief  
Daniel Villarreal

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