

HAPPENINGS

APRIL 2024



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1	2	3	4	5	6
HCEC NEOP=					
		09:00 am Handtevy Course			

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				09:00 am PHTLS- Hybrid Course	09:00 am ATLS- Refresher Course	09:00 am ATLS- Traditional Course

14	15	16	17	18	19	20
09:00 am ATLS- Traditional Course	NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK					
		07:30am ACLS- Experienced Provider Course				

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		09:00 am ACLS Update	09:00 am Cadaver Lab 10:30 am ESD #1 Board Meeting	09:00 am PALS Update		

28	29	30
		EMT-P4 & In-Charge Academy Letter of Intent DUE

Register for classes @

hcec.com/online-class-booking

MAY 2024

1	2	3	4

5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			10:00 am HCEC Case Review 01:00 pm Ultrasound Introduction			

12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	HCEC NEOP=		09:00 am Handtevy Course	09:00 am PALS Update		

19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		09:00 am ACLS Update	07:00 am Difficult Airway Course	07:00 am Difficult Airway Course		

26	27	28	29	30	31
	 MEMORIAL DAY				

EMS WEEK 2024 : Honoring Our Past, Forging Our Future



his strength and his determination.

We are proud to acknowledge all of these individuals for their life-saving efforts during this call:

On the evening of August 16, 2023, at 7:37 pm, the distress call came into the Harris County Emergency Corps 911 center, initiating a chain of events showcasing the professionalism and efficiency of their team.

We commend Katherine Gaitan, Harris County Emergency Corps call taker, who promptly sprang into action upon receiving the call, exemplifying poise and proficiency in handling the initial call. Gathering the pertinent information and meticulously detailing the caller's responses so that the appropriate

On Tuesday, 02 April 2024, HCEC medics, Hiram Castro and Eric Montelongo, District Supervisor Jennifer Pagel, Communications Center Senior Dispatcher Jessica Parks, and Call Taker Katherine Gaitan received commendations from Harris County Sheriffs Office.

Being honored for their efforts in saving the life of HCSO Deputy Joseph Anderson truly was a special occasion and we are thankful to HCSO for their recognition of our staff. The HCEC team was able to reunite with Deputy Anderson for the first time since the call in August 2023. His recovery is truly remarkable and a testament to

personnel would be dispatched.

We commend Jessica Parks, HCEC Communications Supervisor, for her quick recognition of the urgency of this call. She ensured that HCEC Medic 94 and District 90 Supervisor were dispatched and en route, along with Eastex Fire Department Engine 16, Tower 26, and District 26. As Katherine collected information about the call, Jessica verified the status of Life Flight, recognizing early on that their assistance would be crucial.

We commend Eastex Fire Department Captain Mark Hogue, Engine Operator Christopher Capellen, Engine Operator Peter Bowman, and Firefighter Waqas Khalil, the first emergency responders on the scene at 7:42 pm, for their rapid assessment, quick thinking, and decisive action in treating the wounds of Deputy Anderson before EMS arrival. Their dedication to providing immediate care and treatment undoubtedly made a significant difference.



We commend Hiram Castro and Eric Montelongo, HCEC In-Charge Paramedics, and Jennifer Pagel, HCEC Field Supervisor, for their prompt response and actions in providing advanced life support measures to Deputy Anderson. The team worked diligently in assessing and treating Deputy Anderson's wounds, administering life-saving interventions before the arrival of Life Flight.



In the back of the ambulance, Hiram, Eric, and Jennifer worked seamlessly with the Life Flight 6 crew to ensure Deputy Anderson received the necessary continuity of care during his transfer to the helicopter.



Their quick recognition of the severity of his injuries and the need to provide life-saving measures with decisiveness is why we can celebrate today with Deputy Anderson and his family and friends.

Thank you all for your exceptional service and the passion you have for the work you do.



HCEC C.O.R.P.S AWARD

**February 2024
Steven Nelson**

The HCEC employee recognition program is called the CORPS Award which stands for:

Caring for
Others with
Respect,
Professionalism, and
Service.

Employees are recognized for outstanding service, quality care and portraying HCEC's core values.



I would like to nominate Steven for a corps award because I feel like he embodies and represents HCEC with pride. He represents all the core values, not only has he made me feel welcomed at HCEC with I started 5 years ago but he has also opened his home to me and made me feel like family when I had none here. He not only opened his door to me and my son on the holidays but also to anyone who has no where to go with open arms and an open heart. I always know I have a place to go. Also he is an employee who sets a great impression for others to look up to and shows a great compassion to all the patients he serves in our district. He truly cares and you can tell he loves what he does.

– Sarah Martin

NOMINATE YOUR COLLEAGUES
@ <https://hcec.com/the-corps-award/>

WELCOME OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS!

Join us in extending a warm welcome to the latest additions to the HCEC team! These individuals have recently completed their NEOP training and are currently completing their field training.

Welcome aboard, and we look forward to the valuable contributions each of you will bring to our team!



Tyler Grisham

EMT-P

Operations-Part Time

Brittany Holderreith

EMT-P

Operations-Full Time



YOUR MONEY LINE

Vacation Planning

"Isn't it amazing how much stuff we get done the day before vacation," - Zig Ziglar.

It's ok to admit it!

Who doesn't light up as a vacation is closing in?

It's also possible to simultaneously savor the thought of a vacation and have some internal dread about what it costs and how to pay for it. It's not uncommon for vacation debt to hang around for months and years after the experience has ended. So, you end up paying in multiple ways.

The ideal way to plan for a vacation is to determine upfront that your excursion will still leave you in a position of financial strength.

This means that your vacation will not leave you in deep debt, you won't exhaust your savings and planning for the future is still on track. How you get to this destination of vacation readiness involves a tad bit of planning. So before you conveniently pay for your vacation, ask yourself if using a high-interest credit card or taking out a loan leaves you in a position of financial strength.

Regardless of where you are going - a local spot in your community, a relaxing beach getaway, an adventurous hiking trip, or a cultural city escape, planning ahead will ensure a stress-free and enjoyable experience.

Create a vision of your vacation.

"If you are working on something exciting that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you" - Steve Jobs.

Think about your interests, preferences, and the type of experience you're seeking. Where will you go, how will you get there, who's there with you, how long are you staying. You get the idea. Skipping this step can lead to costly surprises. You want to envision the experience and the realistic costs associated with each activity. More importantly, your vision should be very open to revision. Don't fall hopelessly in love with vacation ideas that can't tolerate revision.

Set your vacation budget.

"Beware of little expenses. A small leak will sink a great ship". Benjamin Franklin

Setting your budget upfront will help tame your vacation reach. Before you add in the extra costs of planning for a vacation - understand what your financial situation actually looks like. You should have a surplus in your current finances to successfully plan for a vacation. You have a team of personal finance professionals who can help you determine this.

You'll need to have up-to-date numbers on the entirety of your vacation costs in different seasons of the year. Gather your research and tally up your numbers for destinations, lodging, food, travel costs, experiences, souvenirs, gratuity, and more. A revolving savings account can help you save for your vacation year-round. Buffer your final number and divide by the remaining pay periods to determine roughly how much you'll need to save per paycheck to cover your vacation in full. This is just one approach. You can explore other creative ways to save and finance your vacation with a Financial Guide.

Setting Boundaries

When you remove yourself from your everyday environment and step into your vacation scenery, it's not uncommon to lose touch with what you can afford or plan to spend. Be sure to communicate these boundaries with those who will have to live with the outcome of vacation spending if that gets off track.

When you incorporate the vision with the upfront work of digging into your numbers you will have a clear idea of your financial limits, you can narrow down your options and avoid overspending.

While on vacation

Embrace the experience knowing that you planned well.

One of the best parts of a vacation is the opportunity to disconnect from the stresses of daily life and truly immerse yourself in the experience. Vacation planning doesn't have to be a daunting task. By setting a budget, choosing your destination wisely, booking early, and preparing for the unexpected, you can ensure a smooth and enjoyable travel experience. Remember to leave room for flexibility and embrace the opportunity to create lasting memories.

Enjoy your getaway!

The Financial Guide Team

HCEC “Yearbook” photos!

We have begun the “journey” of refreshing all of staff portraits. We believe that every individual contributes uniquely to our collective success, and it is essential to showcase each of your personalities and professionalism that make HCEC exceptional.

Please schedule a time with Monty, mnorthern@hcec.com, to have your photo taken at Bender.

Please note the following uniform guidelines:

- Administration, Maintenance/Infrastructure, and IT:
Black HCEC Polo shirt
- Field Staff, Communications, Clinical:
Black HCEC Class B Uniform shirt

Apostol, Roger
Bailey, Christopher
Barrios, Gabriela
Carpenter, Curt
Carpenter, James

Carrico, Joshua
Carvalho, Nicholas
Castleman, Noble
Castro, Hiram
Cepeda, Omar

Chain, Kathy
Chancey, Shelby
Clemonds, Jennifer
Cole, Neely
Cooper, Summer



HCEC By the Numbers

911 STATISTICS REPORT FOR PERIOD 03-01-24 to 03-31-24

INCIDENT TOTALS																																
RESPONSE TYPE	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	TOTAL
ALS Response	53	63	50	58	45	44	59	47	52	54	55	43	50	47	57	42	63	54	51	57	53	57	58	63	56	54	37	44	53	64	55	1638
BLS Response	16	17	12	16	19	14	24	19	13	17	14	9	5	13	17	14	12	18	11	19	13	18	16	20	9	12	12	21	16	19	17	472
TOTALS	69	80	62	74	64	58	83	66	65	71	69	52	55	60	74	56	75	72	62	76	66	75	74	83	65	66	49	65	69	83	72	2110

INCIDENT TOTALS BY SHIFT																																
SHIFT	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	TOTAL
A-Shift	7	66	19					56	10	58	14					44	21	64	11					63	13	52	10					508
B-Shift	62	14	43	13					55	13	55	5					54	8	51	9					52	14	39	6				493
C-Shift				61	7	47	12					47	12	47	15					67	7	62	11				59	7	66	18	545	
D-Shift					57	11	71	10					43	13	59	12					59	13	63	20				62	17	54	564	
TOTALS	69	80	62	74	64	58	83	66	65	71	69	52	55	60	74	56	75	72	62	76	66	75	74	83	65	66	49	65	69	83	72	2110

INCIDENT PRIORITY LEVEL SUMMARY							
RESPONSE TYPE	Alpha	Bravo	Charlie	Delta	Echo	Unspecified	TOTAL
ALS Response	163	257	388	601	36	193	1638
BLS Response	228	36				208	472
TOTALS	391	293	388	601	36	401	2110

*Incident Totals and Incident Priority Level Summary represent single incidents assigned to the HCEC system and do not include incidents assigned to Supervisors, 9912, CHP1, or MD1.

INCIDENT RESPONSE TOTALS BY UNIT																																
UNIT	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	TOTAL
9912						2																										2
CHP1																			1													1
D90	1		2	9	2	5	8	5	4	2	2	2		1	2	3	7	5	3	7		2	8	5	6	6	3	2	3	6	6	117
D901	4	5	3	2	3	2	1		3	11	2	3	3	3	6	2		3	2	5	5	2	1		4	6	3		3	5	1	93
EMS980			2			3	8								4							8						3		9		37
HCMD1																						1			6	1						8
M91	8	9	9	6	6	6	5	5	7	12	9	7	8	5	8	9	8	9	5	8	8	6	7	8	7	11	7	8	6	10	7	234
M910		5					3													4									4			16
M92	11	7	7	12	5	8	8	8	6	11	11	7	7	8	7	4	8	6	8	12	4	7	4	17	8	10	5	6	7	10	7	246
M920	7	8	5	13	5	10	4	9	9	7	7	10	8	7	7	6	7	3	8	9	4	4	5	8	7	8	5	4	3	9	8	214
M921																				2								4	3	2		11
M93	7	6	5	6	9	5	9	9	5	9	8	5	7	6	10	4	11	9	5	8	8	10	5	5	7	5	7	7	7	9	7	220
M930	9	10	8	6	11	1	8	7	8	8	5	7	7	10	8	6	11	6	6	8	7	7	9	6	10	10	6	8	10	7	8	238
M94	7	9	12	11	8	5	13	11	11	7	13	5	4	5	12	7	10	8	8	12	7	7	10	12	7	9	6	4	7	8	8	263
M940				7	5	2	7		5				4					6		4					2					4		46
M941	7	1																		6	6	8	2					5	4	1		40
M95	4	7	5	6	2	11	8	8	5	7	6	4	6	2	6	4	7	8	6	5	7	9	10	9	4	6	7	5	4	9	9	196
M950																													1	1		2
M96	6	9	7	6	7	5	10	7	8	9	8	6	8	10	8	7	6	9	8	7	8	10	8	10	8	5	5	9	7	7	8	236
M97	4	5	6	11	3	3	2	5	3	7	5	2	1	4	7	6	12	8	8	4	3	2	10	7	7	6	4	3	7	5	6	166
M980	3	5			4											4					4				2				4		5	31
TOTALS	78	86	71	95	70	68	94	74	74	90	76	58	63	61	85	62	87	80	68	93	73	81	85	89	85	83	58	68	80	102	80	2417

The complete set of March 2024 statistics can be found

at

<https://hcec.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/911-Unit-Statistics-Report-11-Harris-County-Emergency-Corp.pdf>

Happy Birthday



Austin Dickson
04/04



Isaac Sanchez
04/14



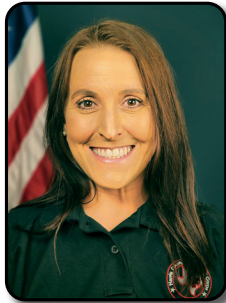
Blake King
04/17



Cheri Perches
04/17



Nicholas Carvalho
04/18



Erin Turner
04/19



Michael Graham
04/25



Anthony Guzzo
04/27



Christina Townsend
04/27



Kerstyn Harrison
04/28



Ashley Ruiz
04/28

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



Austin Barrie
2023



Ray Taylor
2023



Joshua Andrews
2022



Isaac Sanchez
2019



Michael Graham
2019



Alex Cherem
2018



Jordan Robertson
2017



Celeste Gras
2015



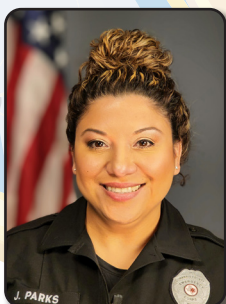
Shameeka Murphy
2015



Bryan Whitfill
2012



Patrick Boren
2011



Jessica Parks
2009



Jeremy Hyde
2008



Stacey Akerstrom
2006