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Dear MCSCAAA Members,

It has been a very rewarding first year for me as President of this wonderful organization. I have become acquainted with dozens of you over the last twelve months as we've met together and volunteered together. It has been a true blessing for me to witness first-hand so many of you who have unselfishly dedicated your time to serving MCSO.

The year has flown by quickly, probably since we have been so busy since the last Annual Meeting. Our recorded total volunteer hours of 5,307 surpassed the previous twelve-month total of 3,983, which was an increase of 33%. What an accomplishment! The list of activities for which we provided support is commendable, some of which were for the first time. Especially noteworthy is our support of several multi-agency task force initiatives that focused on street racing and parking lot takeovers, and also the several DWI No Refusal events. Captain Shipley has become very fond of us!

The Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday season has always offered us many opportunities to serve MCSO and the community. Last holiday season was no exception with our involvement in "Shop with-a-Cop," "East County Christmas," and "Bikes and Badges." So many of you made the last holiday season a blessing for so many. My involvement with "Shop-with-a-Cop" was my favorite event of the year, as I got to walk around Target with a teenage girl as she shopped for family members. When I said, "We need to get you something," she made a beeline for the makeup section! So much fun!

We participated in solemn events, too. We provided support at the annual "National Day of Remembrance for Murdered Victims" memorial ceremony, as well as at the funeral of Deputy Erika Serrato. Our presence and assistance at these events is rewarding in a different way, as we show we care to families and friends who have lost loved ones.

We supported Sheriff Doolittle at the swearing-in ceremonies of all MCSO personnel at the beginning of the year, and provided ushering support at two Cadet graduation ceremonies, one for Cadet Corrections Officers, and another for Cadet Deputies. We also served at the MCSO Recognition and Awards Ceremonies. A few Members supported MCSO officer training sessions at the Lonestar Convention Center, where Myra Womack acted as our unofficial MCSCAAA Goodwill Ambassador! And several Members have provided on-going support to the MCSO operation, with two Members assisting the Quartermaster, and six Members assisting the Jail Chaplain. Finally, a dozen Members regularly attended and supported the two CPA class sessions, 2025.2 and 2026.1.

It is also worthwhile to note that nine of our Members have assisted TSA with K9 training at the George Bush International Airport. We also had more than a dozen Members provide support at the week-long 9-1-1 Junior First Responder's Camp, which included role-playing victims in a variety of emergency situations. The make-up looked pretty real on some of our folks, especially on Jennifer

Hartshorn's burnt hand, Sheryl Galleron's gunshot wound, Myra Womack's compound fractured ankle, and Chris Chippas' glass-filled face. And John Kessler gave a stellar performance when he dropped to the floor and had a seizure. The look on some of the Junior Responder's faces when they saw these victims was hilarious!

Our membership numbers have rebounded over the year due to the welcome addition of many new Members from CPA Classes 2025.2 and 2026.1. It has been nice to see so many new faces at recent meetings and volunteering events. Their participation in several events since their graduations has given our organization a nice shot of enthusiasm and energy!

We had several speakers at our General Meetings this past year that provided quite a variety of interesting information. Speakers and topics included:

- "Redemptive Hiring" by Cody Nath of Refined Technologies, which covered their practice of hiring mostly ex-felons, thus giving them second chances at life beyond prison.
- "Safe Driving" by Sgt Richard Standifer (DPS), who has a talent for making a boring subject very lively!
- "The Montgomery County Food Bank" by Scott Burns, which gave an overview of this very impressive charitable organization.
- "MCSO Drones" by Deputy Samuel Harrison, which gave a very interesting look at drone capabilities and use by MCSO.
- "The Police Unit within the MCTX Fire Marshall's Office" by Sgt Darren Parker, which gave an interesting overview of the police function withing the Fire Marshall's Office.
- "Montgomery County Judge Roles and Responsibilities" by Judge Mark Keough; Mark's overview took two separate meetings because he enjoyed being with us so much!

We plan to continue to bring in a wide-variety of interesting speakers again over the next twelve months.

The recently-completed TCPAAA Annual Convention in Allen, TX was attended by 15 of our Members. It was an extremely well-organized convention that had very informative break-out sessions and inspiring principle speakers. It was good to spend lots of time getting to better know our Members, as well as in meeting a host of great volunteers from all over our state. The attendees were extremely happy to hear that we would step-in to host the 2027 Convention. Together we are going to meet the challenge to put on a successful convention next year.

Finally, I want to thank and recognize a few individuals for their dedicated service over this last year. I actually want to recognize dozens of you, but I'll just pick a few and trust you won't be disappointed if not mentioned.

- First, congratulations to Dante Perez-Marquez for being recognized by MCSO as Volunteer of the Year. This is a well-deserved recognition of Dante's many hours of volunteer service to MCSO. His almost 500 hours of volunteering led all other MCSCAAA Members last year.
- Also, thank you Juli Schmoker for not only doing such a great job as our Treasurer, but for all of the shopping, storage, and delivery you did for our events in which we provided food and beverages. Thanks to Robert as well for his part in all of that activity.
- Thank you Steve Squier for your great leadership and support as our MCSCAAA Liaison, your enthusiastic commitment to our mission is genuine and we appreciate it.
- Thank you Executive Board members for your support and the roles you played in making our year so successful.

- Thank you Debbie Lee and Cheryl Schubert for revitalizing and managing our website and Facebook page.
- Thank you Bob Hook for your sage advice and support, as well as your faithful attendance at the CPA classes and our General Meetings.
- Thank you Chris Mann for being involved in so many of our volunteering events, and your willingness to do whatever is needed to be done, no matter how menial the task.
- Finally, congratulations again to Foy Day, our now retired MCSCAAA Chaplain, for more than 42,000 hours of volunteer service in many organizations. What a great example you are to so many.

So, my thanks to all of you for the part you played in our great year. I look forward to serving with you again this next year.

Sincerely,

Pat Shannon