

## Talking Points

CADET CLASS 2005-A GRADUATION

CENTRAL JURY ROOM

CADENA-REEVES JUSTICE CENTER

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2005 5:30 p.m.

- THANK YOU CHIEF ORTIZ.
- GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME CADETS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS PRESENT.
- BEFORE I BEGIN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE TRAINING ACADEMY STAFF FOR YOUR DEVOTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.
- TODAYS GRADUATION IS A SPECIAL OCCASION FOR YOU AS WELL AS YOUR FAMILIES.
- I WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS. [PLEASE RISE]
- THE FEELING OF WITNESSING A FAMILY MEMBER GRADUATE FROM THE CADET ACADEMY IS VERY MEMORABLE AND FOR OTHERS A RELIEF.
- WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE AND DEDICATION IN PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES SO WE CAN LIVE SAFELY AND SLEEP AT EASE IN OUR HOMES.
- I REALIZE THE ACADEMY IS AN INTENSIVE AND STRESSFUL EXPERIENCE; BECAUSE I STOOD IN YOUR SHOES NEARLY 25 YEARS AGO.
- 30 CADETS ENTERED THE ACADEMY THREE LONG MONTHS AGO AND 28 OF YOU SURVIVED.
- AND WE CONGRATULATE YOU TONIGHT.
- YOU HAVE ENTERED THIS PROFESSION NOT FOR THE GLORY AND ADMIRATION BUT BECAUSE YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
- YOU COMPLETED A THREE MONTH COURSE THAT FAR EXCEEDS TRAINING STANDARDS.

- AND YOU SHOULD ALSO BE PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT.
- TONIGHT CHIEF ORTIZ AND I CHALLENGE YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THOSE YOU ARE CHARGED TO OVERSEE.
- YOUR ROLE WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION IN PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY AND ASSISTING IN THE REHABILITATION PROCESS.
- ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF BEXAR COUNTY, AND COMMISSIONERS COURT, I WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY.
- MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL
- CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2005.