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## Sugar Land Police Department Joins Growing Team of Local Law Enforcement Partnering with Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels

Sugar Land, Texas (May 17, 2019) — Just in time for Law Enforcement Appreciation Week, the Sugar Land Police Department announced their new partnership with Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels (FBS) to deliver meals to homebound senior citizens within the City of Sugar Land. Police Chief Eric Robins announced on May 6, 2019 that the Sugar Land Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit will deliver meals to seniors while on duty. The unit's primary role is to interface and liaison with the community for non-emergency situations such as attending home owner's association meetings, assisting in the formation of neighborhood watch groups, and various other crime prevention programs.

"Fort Bend Seniors is excited to have a growing number of local law enforcement agencies committed to community service and safety," said Manuela Arroyos, CEO of Fort Bend Seniors. "Their participation feeds local homebound seniors in need while ensuring our community remains a safe place to call home."

Local law enforcement currently partnering with FBS to outreach in their communities include five local agencies. Rosenberg Police Department headed by Chief Jonathan White and Fort Bend County Constable Mike Beard (Precinct 1) in Richmond are regular volunteers at FBS holiday events for seniors at the Bud O'Shieles Community Center. Deputy Sonnier of the Fort Bend County Sherrif's Office Crime Prevention Unit deliver meals regularly with Fort Bend Seniors. Stafford Police Department also recently joined FBS in delivering meals, headed by Chief of Police Richard Ramirez with Assistant Chief Glynell Horn. Chief White, Constable Beard, Assistant Chief Horn and Chief Robins recently joined FBS for the national "March for Meals Community Champions Day" celebrated by Meals on Wheels programs across the country on March 21 to deliver meals to senior constituents in their area. These law enforcement agencies deliver meals to homebound seniors in their area as a way to liaise with the community, as well as to perform wellness checks on some of their community's most vulnerable constituents.

Sugar Land PD crime prevention officers will pick up meals 3 days per week at the FBS Distribution Center at Christ Church Sugar Land (3300 Austin Parkway). Officers will receive a predetermined delivery route of around 8 seniors enrolled in the Meals on Wheels program, which takes no more than 1 hour to complete. Along with providing necessary meals, the officers can offer crime prevention tips, safety inspections, companionship and social interaction to homebound seniors.

To join the Sugar Land PD and local law enforcement in the fight to end senior hunger and isolation, visit the FBS website at <a href="https://www.fortbendseniors.org">www.fortbendseniors.org</a> or call 281-633-7049 to discover donation and volunteer opportunities near you.

## **About Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels**

Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, a United Way Agency, is committed to helping seniors remain independent by

enhancing their quality of life through services and resources. FBS provides hot, home-delivered meals to more than 1,500 senior citizens daily, many who live alone and cannot prepare their own meals. In addition, FBS offers older adults' meals from 12 congregate sites – or community centers, transportation to and from the centers, health screenings and recreational activities.

Fort Bend Seniors is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code as a non-profit corporation, and as such contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent as allowed by law. For more information about Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels, visit <a href="https://www.fortbendseniors.org">www.fortbendseniors.org</a>.



From left, Assistant Chief Glynell Horn of the Stafford Police Department, Chief Eric Robins of the Sugar Land Police Department, Chief Jonathan White of the Rosenberg Police Department, former Rosenberg Chief of Police and current FBS Board Member Robert Gracia. Joining together on March 21 for Community Champions Day, these law enforcement officers delivered meals to seniors in need throughout Fort Bend County.



Deputy Charles Sonnier of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit picks up his regular meal deliveries for seniors from Lin Leverette, a volunteer meal packer at Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels.



Rosenberg Chief of Police Jonathan White (left) and Constable Mike Beard (Fort Bend County Precinct 1) serve meals to seniors at the annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 30, 2018.