



40TH ANNUAL TJA CONFERENCE

MAY 4–MAY 8, 2026 | SAN MARCOS, TX

Monday, May 4

7:30am Registration for Participants

8:30–9:15am **OPENING CEREMONY**

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Presentation of Colors

Travis County Sheriff's Office - Honor Guard

National Anthem

Maria Edwards

Welcoming Remarks

Frances Dembowski, Sharese Hurst, Sheriff Anthony Hipolito, Brandon Wood

9:15–9:30am **Election Information and Introduction of Candidates**

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9:30–9:45am Break

9:45–11:30am **KEYNOTE SESSION**

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A Plot Against the Downtown Detention Center

Sheriff Daron Hall, Brian Beazley, Cory Witkus,
and Thomas Conrad

11:30am–1:00pm Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00pm **Jerry Baggs Annual Golf Tournament**

Kissing Tree Golf Course

1:00–5:00pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)

I The Basics

Texas Commission on Jail Standards

Spring Lake AB

II Legislative Update

Greg Whitley

Spring Lake C

III Below 100

Kenny Lemons

San Marcos River

IV Veteran's Class

Melvin Bowser

Chautauqua

5:00–7:00pm **Annual Jack Crump Scholarship Fundraiser Bar-b-que**

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\$10 per person to be collected at the event

Tuesday, May 5

7:00–11:30am Exhibitor Set-up

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8:00–9:30am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)

I Assertiveness

Melvin Bowser

Spring Lake A

II Ethics

Jason Davis

Spring Lake B

III Fighting Fentanyl - The Noah Rodriguez Story

Mark Andrews & Janel Rodriguez

Spring Lake C

**IV Corrections Tactical Teams -
Risk and Liability Management**

Dionisio Dorado & Shawn Garicia

San Marcos River

**V Motivating Your Employees -
Team on Three; Put Me In Coach**

Alan Johnston

Chautauqua

9:30–10:00am Break

10:00–11:30am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)

I Finding Your Voice

Ricky Armstrong

Spring Lake A

II Liabilities

Aimee Crockett

Spring Lake B

III Trauma Informed Culture

Karen Ranus

Spring Lake C

IV Recruitment and Retention

Rowdee Edwards & Johnny Jaquess

San Marcos River

V Road To Retirement

Cynthia Gonzales

Chautauqua

11:30am–1:00pm Exhibit Hall Opens - Lunch and Fellowship for Participants

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11:30am–5:00pm **Annual Blood Drive**
sponsored by Southern Health Partners

Parking Lot

1:00–2:30pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (repeat from 8:00am)

2:30–3:00pm Break - Visit with Exhibitors

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3:00–4:30pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (repeat from 10:00am)

Wednesday, May 6

8:00–9:30am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)

I The Power of the Rubber Chicken

Jess Christensen

Spring Lake AB

II Don't Be That Guy: Redux

Ray Scifres

Spring Lake C

**III Emotional Intelligence:
Know Thy Self, Know Thy Co-Worker**

Heath Crossland

San Marcos River

IV Peer Support

Tamara Spencer

Chautauqua

9:00am–5:00pm **Jail Standards Showdown**

Hosted by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards

Chautauqua B

9:30am–2:00pm Exhibit Showroom Open

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9:30–10:00am Break - Visit with Exhibitors

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10:00–11:30am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (continued from 8:00am)

11:30am–1:00pm Lunch in the Exhibit Hall

1:00–2:30pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (repeat from 8:00am)

2:30–3:00pm Break

Foyer

3:00–4:30pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (continued from 1:00pm)

Thursday, May 7

7:00–8:00am **Prayer Breakfast**

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8:00am **Jail Administrator Photo**

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8:15am **Sheriff's Photo**

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8:30–10:00am **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)

**I The Culture We Create: How Organizational
Psychology Shapes Correctional Behavior**

Marcy Calnan

Spring Lake A

II Suicide Prevention

Tamara Spencer

Spring Lake B

Thursday, May 7 continued

III Complacency Melvin Bowser & Sarah Bigham	Spring Lake C
IV Corrections K9 - Start to Finish Charles Lenhard & Jeremy Landen	San Marcos River
V Report Writing Jason Davis and Jess Christensen	Chautaqua

10:00–10:30am Break Foyer

10:30–12:00pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (choose one)

I Building Hope Behind Small Walls: Programming in Rural Jails Marcy Calnan & Robert Whitfield	Spring Lake A
II Complicance Jennifer Segura	Spring Lake B
III Hot Topics Texas Commission on Jail Standards	Spring Lake C
IV Jail Based Competency Restoration John Shoemaker, Jennifer Brashear, & Keisha Morris	San Marcos River
V Trauma Medical Care Jessica Medrano	Chautaqua

12:00–1:30pm Lunch (On Your Own)

1:30–3:00pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (repeat from 8:30am)

3:00–3:30pm Break

3:30–5:00pm **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (repeat from 10:30am)

7:00pm–12:00am **Dinner and Entertainment** Veramendi

Friday, May 8

8:00–11:30am Gangs and Social Media: CSTIU Gang Identification Noe Enciso & Antolin Torres	Spring Lake
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