

Katy ISD's finest are here  
to serve and protect



# KEEPING **KATY ISD** SAFE

Katy ISD's finest are out in our community protecting the students, staff, and even parents. You can find them on every school campus, at sporting events, and activities at the Merrell Center.

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The Katy ISD Police Department was established in December 1988 by the Katy ISD board of trustees. Each high school in Katy has an officer assigned to it, and there are patrol officers on duty 24 hours, 365 days a year throughout the entire district, which covers three counties: Fort Bend, Harris, and Waller. Four leaders of the Katy ISD Police Department share their passion for their job and appreciation for a supportive community.



## **Chief Robert E. Jinks**

Chief Robert E. Jinks has been with the Katy ISD Police Department since January 1989 and became the chief in September 2015.

He has deep Katy roots as he, his wife, and children attended Katy high schools. Jinks enjoys working for the school district and feels supported by the community. In comparison to other districts in the area, he thinks that Katy ISD has more support. Jinks enjoys elementary students and says, "I love interacting with the elementary kids. They really listen to and look up to us." The elementary students are excited when the officers are on campus for events and love asking questions. He enjoys football games and other extracurricular activities within the district and visiting areas in Historic Katy and LaCenterra with his family.



### Deputy Chief Robert Keith Meier

Deputy Chief Keith Meier has been with the Katy ISD Police Department for 28 years and has lived in Katy for 22 years. Prior to Katy, Meier was with the Sherriff's Department in Galveston County. He enjoys attending the high school varsity football games the most. He is on duty for the majority of the games, where he and other officers provide protection for the referees, help oversee the entrance gates and ticket sales, and maintain a protective presence in the stadium. Meier loves visiting with the elementary students because of their eagerness to see the officers and learn from them. He says the middle school children ask more difficult questions, for example about politics, and he likes to steer clear of those conversations. Meier says, "We follow the laws, and people are supportive. They stand with us." He enjoys riding his motorcycle and eating steaks at different restaurants in the community.



### Captain Kevin Tabor

Captain Kevin Tabor celebrates 20 years with the Katy ISD Police Department this year. He was a security guard at one of the alternative schools for two years prior to joining the department. Tabor is in charge of assigning officers to all campus-based events, including those at the Merrell Center. He is often found at the football games, working a gate, or coordinating the officers on duty. Captain Tabor has worked in every division within the department. "I think a lot of the public doesn't realize that our officers receive more training than other police departments. Some of our officers get an excess of 100 hours of training a year, others 200 to 300," he says. Tabor is also in charge of social media for the department where he posts daily for the Facebook page, Twitter feed, and updates the department's website.



### Captain Ivan Nelson

Captain Ivan Nelson has 16 years with the Katy ISD Police Department and was with the Nueces County Sherriff's Department for 14 years prior. "I've only worked for two agencies, but since I've moved to Katy, I would not want to work for any other place. This community is very supportive," says Nelson. He enjoys working with his team and is currently the captain of the operations bureau. Nelson's most rewarding work was when he ran the D.A.R.E. program. "Katy is a close-knit community. It has a small city feel, even though it has a large population," shares Nelson. He enjoys living in the area and is proud of the dedication that he and his coworkers have to the department and community. **KM**

*LANA TIMBS is a proud Aggie that loves spending time with her family and friends and learning through new types of adventures each and every day.*

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Katy ISD PD received an outpouring of support from all campuses this year



Students showed their support of Katy ISD PD with fresh lemonade



The officers take part in the Teddy Bear Cops program to provide comfort to children in crisis

