





In January of 2017, Trey Holleway was promoted from Criminal Investigations Division Lieutenant in Conroe to Criminal Investigations Division Captain in Houston. Trey was assigned as the District Commander of District 2A in Houston and stationed at the Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Center where he led, supervised, and managed inter-agency strategic planning to address gang crimes and violence in Harris County and Southeast Texas. The Houston TAG Center was a pioneer in establishing a collaborative environment of Local, County, State, and Federal law enforcement and prosecutor offices through operational partnerships and targeted investigative efforts that act as a force multiplier in joint gang enforcement operations. Since the inception and success of the TAG Center in Houston, several other TAG Centers have been established around the State and funded by the Governor's Office to further cooperative law enforcement efforts in combating threats posed by gangs.

Shortly after arriving at his new command at the TAG Center and working with his personnel and interagency counterparts, they noticed an unusual uptick in violent crime in Harris County. Through cooperation between agencies and the sharing of real-time information, they determined that violent crime in Harris County had reached an all-time high with the aggravated robbery rate being the highest in the nation. As a result, Trey reassigned some of his personnel to a Violent Crime Squad and added an additional Violent Crime Squad to address the issue while working with partner agencies. The Governor of the State of Texas implemented a Violent Crime Initiative and they developed Operation North Star (ONS) to combat the escalating violence with the base of operations and strategic oversight being under Trey's command.



The early success of ONS proved to be pivotal in the identification, detection, apprehension, and prevention of violent crime in the area of operations that lead to a sharp downturn of aggravated robberies and a persuasive increase of arrests.

Trey, while working with his Violent Crime Squads, developed an investigative approach designed to mitigate the use of deadly force incidents while apprehending suspects following an act of violence where the perpetrators were mobile in a vehicle. These techniques were highly effective and taught to other law enforcement agencies.



Following nominations, the Violent Crime Squads under Trey's command received numerous internal awards for their innovative approaches to violent crime and in 2019 received the Johnny Klevenhagen Award from Houston Crime Stoppers where a partnership between his Violent Crime Squads and the Harris County Sheriff's Office led to the dismantlement of over 135 robbery crews responsible for more than 600 robberies and the arrest and removal of more than 400 violent criminals. His units also received Second Place Honors from the International Association of Chiefs of Police with six of his officers receiving Officer of the Year Awards from the 100 Club of Houston in 2020.





Due to the uptick in online threats against schools, people, places of worship, and mass gatherings, the Texas Department of Public Safety implemented the Threat to Life Initiative for the purpose of assisting

local agencies with investigating and mitigating those threats. This initiative fell under Trey's command at the TAG for all of Southeast Texas and he developed reporting requirements and operating procedures for his personnel who were very successful in preventing acts of violence and securing prosecutions.

As a Captain, Trey continued his role with the State Police Unified Reporting System (SPURS) as a developer, instructor, and troubleshooter. He also continued to manage and assign personnel for the Executive Protection Bureau in providing protection for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the Attorney General of Texas. During this time, border deployments remained constant and he scheduled personnel on a rotational basis along with fulfilling his duties upon assignment at the Border Security Command Center where he worked with Local, State, and Federal partners to analyze threats, develop responses, allocate resources, and deploy personnel.

As a District Commander it was Trey's responsibility to manage critical incident responses to both natural and man-made disasters. He attended numerous trainings and workshops to prepare for wildfires, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and critical infrastructure failures. These learned skills proved to be a benefit during the unprecedented and prolonged weather event caused by Hurricane Harvey.

Trey was also responsible for conducting use of force investigations involving his personnel where serious bodily injury and/or death had occurred. Trey remained involved in firearms training and instruction of his personnel teaching tactical techniques and application, and he maintained operational approval and oversight of covert and overt field operations and plans.

Outside of the TAG environment, Trey continued a strong working relationship with the United States Marshals Gulf Coast Violent Offenders & Fugitive Task Force and had two Special Agents assigned to their collaborative efforts to identify, track, locate, and apprehend high-risk fugitives. He also assigned Special Agents to the newly formed Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Houston Area Crime Gun Strike Force to link guns to crimes. In the first two years of the Strike Force nearly 300 arrests were made as a result of the collaborative efforts. Trey also continued a strong working relationship with the FBI Safe Streets Task Force and had several Special Agents assigned to that program.

After twenty seven years and nine months with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Trey retired in September of 2020.