

TEXAS GAME WARDEN Recruiter's Corner

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Warden Spotlight Series (Q&A with Texas Game Warden Gilbert "Sonny" Alaniz, Bastrop County, 12 years of service.)

What are some career opportunities you have been afforded outside of your regular field responsibilities in Bastrop County?

I have been very privileged to participate in several specialized teams while still being actively assigned as a field game warden in Bastrop County. As a member of the Search and Rescue (SAR) team and a Swift Water Technician, I have contributed to numerous SAR missions throughout the state, most recently as a boat operator and rescuer during Hurricane Harvey in East Texas. I am also a member of the State Forensic Reconstruction and Mapping (STORM) team that investigates serious boat accidents and fatalities to determine the cause of the accident with reconstruction evidence, that could help prevent future accidents. As a member of the Executive Protection team, I provide security to state dignitaries during special events around the state. Additionally, I was recently selected to participate in a new Game Warden leadership program through the Center for Creative Leadership, which will instill valuable management techniques that I can apply throughout my career. Each of these opportunities increases my knowledge and ability to serve my community as a Texas Game Warden, in the most well-trained and effective way possible.

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February 2 - TPWD Headquarters, Intern Recruitment Seminar, Austin

February 8 - Prairie View A & M University and Texas State University, San Marcos

February 13 - Texas State University, San Marcos

February 15 - Jackson State University, Jackson, MS

February 20 - Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, MS

February 21 - Alcorn State University, Lorman, MS and Grambling State University, Grambling, LA

February 27 Tarleton State University, Stephenville

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