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Now You Know:

Yes, there are *Still* Texas Rangers by Robert Nieman, Editor



Running a family-owned freight company requires me to travel throughout the United States. In discussing my avocation as editor of the Texas Ranger Dispatch, it never ceases to amaze me when I am asked: "You mean there are still Texas Rangers?" or "Are the Texas Rangers really like Walker: Texas Ranger?"

A few statistics, provided by Captain Earl Pearson, Assistant Chief of the Texas Rangers, brings folks up to speed:

Capt. Earl Pearson, Assistant Chief

Complement

The Texas State Legislature has currently authorized (year 2000) 107 Texas Rangers to protect the lives and property of the people of our state. There are 16 captains and lieutenants; 91 field sergeants. Their performance in 2001 was impressive:

Economic Impact

- -\$2,737,083 in funds recovered from crimes an average of \$30,078 recovered per sergeant
- \$9,260,066 in restitution of property an average of \$101,759 per sergeant
- Total of \$11,997,149 an average of \$131,837 per sergeant

Cases

- Cases worked: 3,157 an average of 35.0 cases per sergeant
- 2,861 cases closed an average of 31.4 resolved per sergeant
- 1,697 arrests an average of 18.6 arrests per sergeant
- 1,481 convictions an average of 16.2 convictions per sergeant
- 534 homicides worked 361 cases were closed, resulting in 56 life sentences and 9 death sentences. An average of 5.9 homicides per sergeant.
- 1,814 robberies, thefts, and burglaries 1,088 were closed An average of 19.9 cases and 12 cases resolved per sergeant.

So, my answer to those asking is very simple. Yes, there are still Texas Rangers . . .

