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Bruce Casteel by Robert Nieman

Senior Texas Ranger Captain Bruce Casteel was born in Rossville, Georgia, but lived there only two weeks before his family moved to Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, where he grew up.

Bruce eventually landed in Texas and began his law enforcement career in 1964 as a city police officer in Killeen, Texas. Approximately two years later he became a Bell County deputy sheriff. Eight months after taking that position, he was appointed as Chief Deputy Sheriff of Bell

County serving under then Sheriff Lester Gunn.

Casteel joined the Department of Public Safety as a recruit in March 1967 and graduated from the Training Academy in June 1967. He served as a Highway Patrol trooper in Bryan and Killeen and as a polygraph examiner in Austin and Waco before becoming a Texas Ranger in September 1973.

As a Ranger, Bruce was assigned to Company D and was stationed in Harlingen. After being promoted to ranger sergeant in 1985, he was transferred to Company D's headquarters in San Antonio. In 1988 he was promoted to captain in command of Company C in Lubbock. He continued his rise through the ranks, and in July 1992 he was named assistant commander of the Rangers and transferred to the Department of Public Safety's headquarters in Austin.

On August 1, 1996, Bruce was appointed Senior Captain, Chief of the Texas Rangers. He is now commander of one hundred and seven Rangers assigned to six companies across the state. The Ranger Division has twenty-one noncommissioned support personnel.

Captain Bruce Casteel certainly epitomizes the strongest and best qualities of the Texas Rangers. He has earned his place beside Rip Ford and Jim Ray, and together they form three of the brightest stars in the glorious history of the Texas Rangers.

