



# Safety as a Chapter Priority

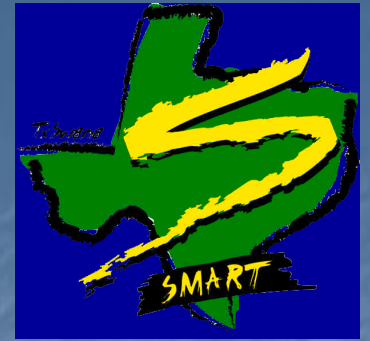
## TxSWANA – Lonestar Chapter-

### Safety Management and

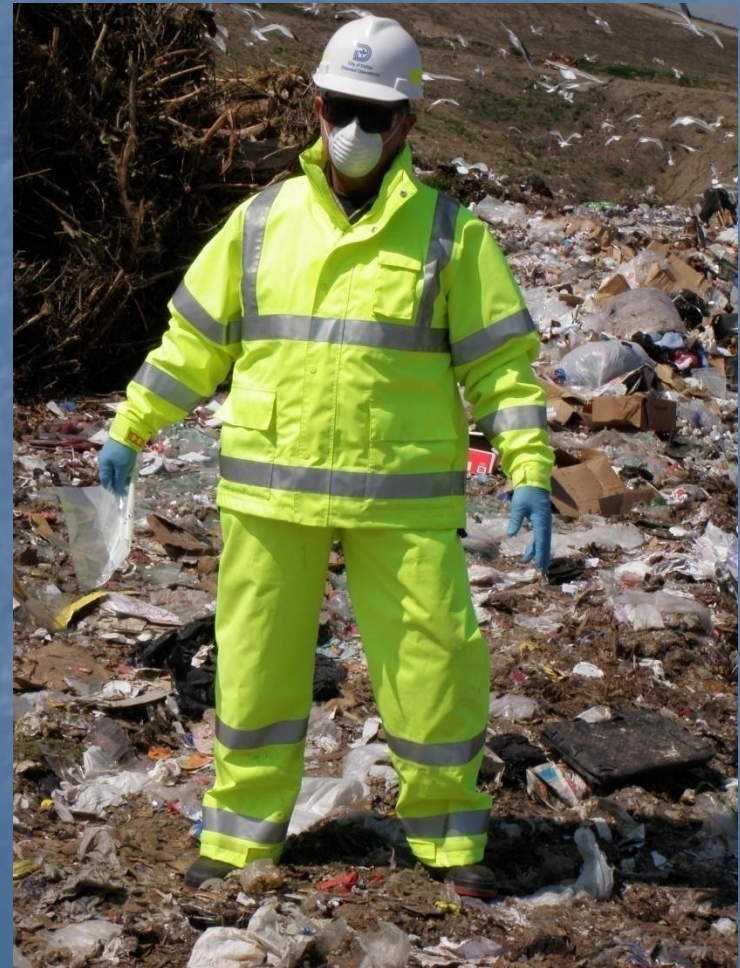
### Resource Team – S.M.A.R.T



# Overview



- History
- Our charge
- Composition
- Goals
- Benefits
- Accomplishments
- Safety Audits
- Safety Awards



# History

- 1981
- Top Song – Bette Davis Eyes – Kim Cairns.
- Raiders 27 Eagles 10 – Sorry Philly Fans!
- World Series – Dodgers over Yankees (6).
- Texas Solid Waste Professionals emerge.
- 1997
- The Network for Safety in Texas begins.





# History



- TXSWANA
  - Formed in 1981 as Governmental Refuse Collection and Disposal Association
  - Renamed to TXSWANA in 1989
- SMART
  - Formed in 1997
  - Jimmy Huff & Others
- How they're Connected
  - Sub-Committee to provide for the safety of employees





# Our Charge



- The Safety Management and Resource Team (SMART) is charged with the mission to support a resource network and facilitate the exchange of strategies, focusing on accident and injury reduction.



# Chapter Focus

- Supports the Group.
- Makes use of our skills and abilities.
- Champions the cause by actions.
- “Safely, Orderly and Expeditiously”
- Encourages entrepreneurial focus on safety activities.
- Understands the importance of the discipline.





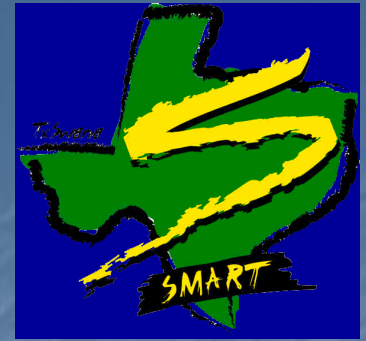
# Composition



- Safety professionals from throughout the State of Texas representing their municipalities.
- Solid Waste Specialists
  - From Orange to El Paso – 856 Miles
  - From Amarillo to Brownsville – 794 Miles
  - Total Square Miles - 261,231
    - Everything's Big in Texas, Even our Trash



# Goals



- Bottom-line, to reduce collisions and incidents to both our employees and the citizens we serve
  - Quarterly Meetings
  - Exchange policies and procedures
  - Confer when implementing new policies and procedures
  - Discuss recent accidents
  - Compare strategies
  - Compare Data with Long term goals of reducing Injuries and Collisions within our communities





# Benefits



- Its free
- Advocacy – Strength in numbers,
- Professional Development
- Multiple Perspectives
- Builds Relationships – allows for growth.
- Career Advice and counseling.
- Diverse Backgrounds.
- Education Levels.
- Various Licenses.
- Migrated from throughout the country.
- Provides a vehicle for occupational safety within our individual communities.



# Accomplishments



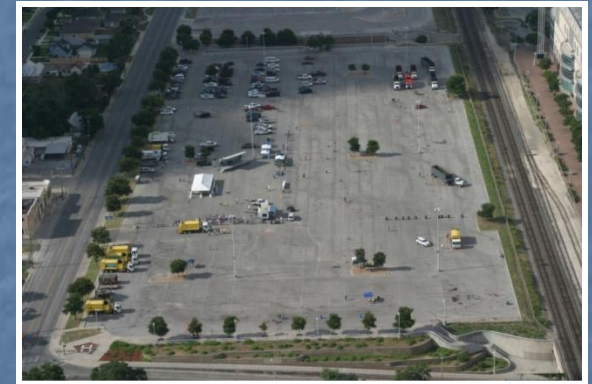
- Technical Training
  - Wide array of background skills
  - Industry Exposure
  - Multi-Discipline – Fire, PD, Safety, Solid Waste
  - Industry Experience and Specialty Trained
  - Developed a sound network of skilled industry subject matter resources
  - Provided a forum for continual improvement



# Accomplishments



- Assisting with Chapter Events
  - Road-E-O
    - Safety Perspective
    - Judging & Score Keeping
    - Safety Perspective is reinforced
  - TxSWANA Conference
    - CEU level presentations
    - Safety focused
      - Sources, SWANA, Blue Ridge Services, JJ Keller and more
  - Topics based on input by the executive board







# Safety Audits



- They are free
- The process
  - A community contacts the SMART Team through the Board of Directors
  - Community defines the scope of the inspection
  - Determine if they want to use their standards or other municipality standards
  - Provide a report of findings



# Jimmy Huff Award



- DART Process- (DART (Days Away/Restricted or Transfer Rate)).
- Presented annually at the TXSWANA conference.
- Designed to stimulate interest in prevention and to promote workplace safety.
- Disqualifier
  - Fatality
  - Must show an decrease in Injuries.



# Jimmy Huff Award



- Benefits:
  - Friendly Competition.
  - Leadership desire to win = Safer Employees.
  - More Productivity, less Injuries.
  - Seeking to use data for long term planning.







# Other Awards



- Special recognition for a specific act
  - Collectors pull attacking dogs off of a little boy and helped animal control locate the animals





# Questions







# Contacts



- Chairperson-SMART
- Rusty Cockerham
  - City of Garland
  - Email: [rcockerh@ci.garland.tx.us](mailto:rcockerh@ci.garland.tx.us)
- Vice Chairperson-SMART
- Garland "Tony " Gross
  - City of Garland
  - Email: [Garland.Gross@Sanantonio](mailto:Garland.Gross@Sanantonio)
- Member/Presenter
  - David P. Vartian
  - City of Dallas
  - Email: [David.Vartian@DallasCityhall.com](mailto:David.Vartian@DallasCityhall.com)

