

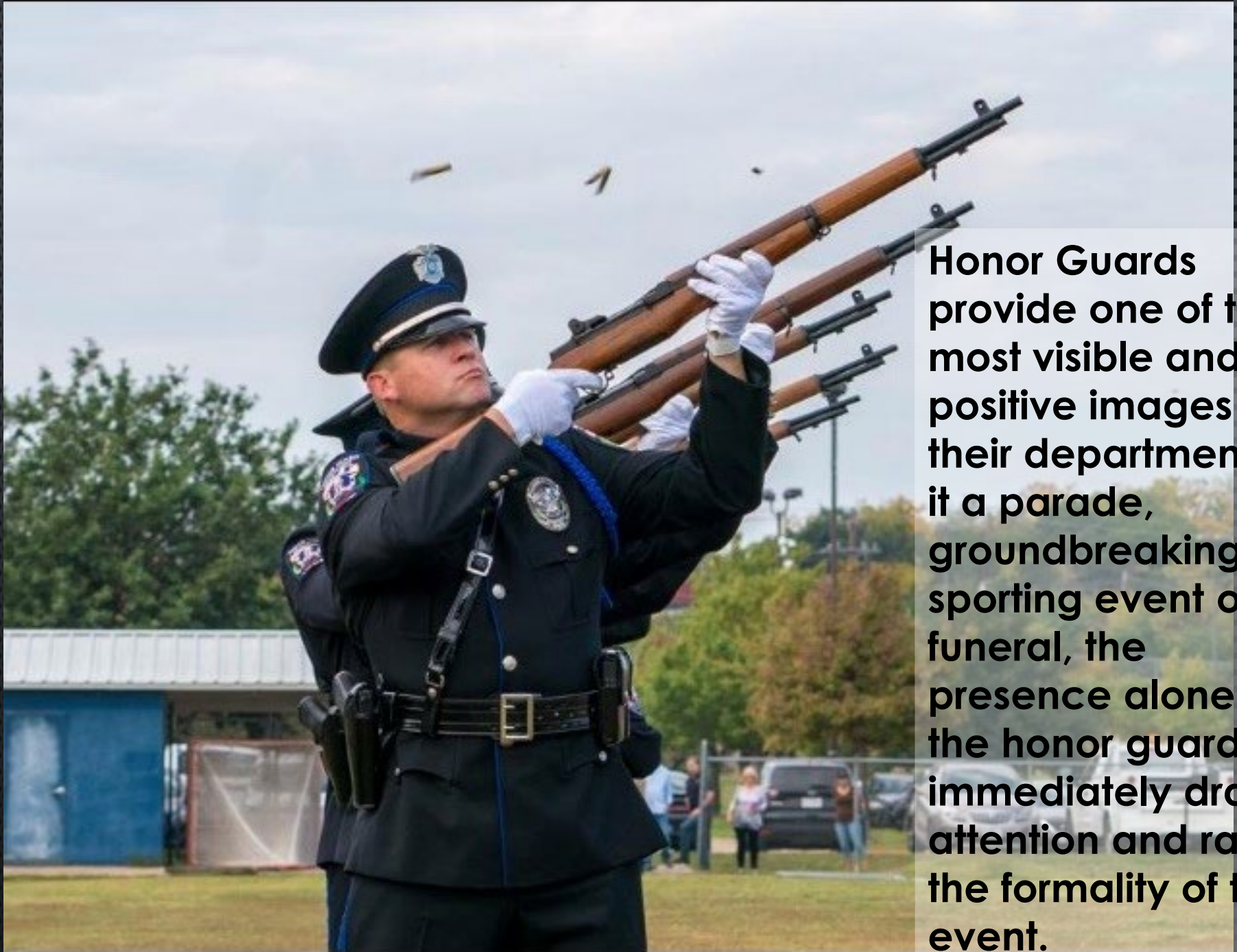
# GEORGETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD



*MISSION: To represent the department as a highly disciplined team serving with Dignity, Honor, and Professionalism at all ceremonial functions.*



# PURPOSE



**Honor Guards provide one of the most visible and positive images for their department. Be it a parade, groundbreaking, sporting event or funeral, the presence alone of the honor guard immediately draws attention and raises the formality of the event.**



# BACKGROUND

The current Georgetown Police Honor Guard was established in 2009.

Every member of the GPD honor Guard has attended the National Honor Guard Academy where they received specialized training in:

Funeral Planning,  
Drill and Ceremony,  
Death Vigil and Casket Watch,  
Casket Movement,  
Flag Folding,  
Ceremonial Firing Detail,  
Color Guard,  
Posting/Retiring of Colors,  
Rifle Movements,  
Bugler, and  
Proper US Flag Etiquette.



In addition, the Honor Guard continues to train and serves the police department and the community as a visual reminder of the service and traditions of law enforcement, forever respecting and remembering those who have come before us and those who will follow.



# EVENTS REGULARLY ATTENDED

National Police Week, Washington DC

Texas Peace Officer Memorial

Statewide Funerals for Fallen Officers

Patriotic Appreciation Events

Presentation of the Colors

Veterans Events

Parades

City Events

Various Ceremonies

Educational Events



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The **AMERICAN FLAG** signifies our commitment and patriotism to this great country and its veterans.

The **NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MEMORIAL FLAG** represents our honor to fallen officers in the United States.

The **FIVE-POINTED STAR** not only signifies the Great State of Texas, but the white color of the lone star symbolizes our honor to fallen officers in the State of Texas.

The **BLACK RIBBON** with red letters is symbolic of the black shroud/band worn on badges by the Law Enforcement community as a display of mourning and a constant reminder of the dangers of this occupation.

The **RED – NOSCITUR A DECUS** means **“They are known by their honor”**, and the red is for the blood and sacrifice given by a fallen fellow officer.

The **BLUE TRIM** around the ribbon and the patch symbolizes the courage officers find when faced with insurmountable odds. The line represents the barrier between disorder and a civilized society, between order and chaos, between respect for decency and lawlessness.

The **OLIVE BRANCH** on the right of the patch signifies our dedication to the family of a deceased officer by symbolizing **Peace** for the family.

The **OAK BRANCH** on the left side of the patch signifies our dedication to the family of a deceased officer by symbolizing **Strength** for the family.

# The Meaning

