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### **Troy Nehls Seeking Re-election as Fort Bend Precinct 4 Constable**

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Troy Nehls is pleased to announce his intention to seek re-election as Constable for Fort Bend County Precinct Four. Nehls is proud of his record as a first-term Constable, and maintains he has kept his campaign promises of four years ago. The promises included informing and educating the public on the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Constable, which Nehls believes “is one of the most misunderstood elected offices in County government. Our office has held numerous speaking engagements throughout the entire County, speaking about our duties and responsibilities so our citizens we serve can have a better working knowledge about what we do and what we can do for them.”

Additionally, Nehls promised to bring fresh ideas and leadership back to the Constable’s office. Over the past three years the Precinct Four Constable’s Office has seen many changes including the utilization of an active Reserve Deputy force, the implementation of trucks as patrol vehicles, which are of more use during floods and hurricanes, and contracting with New Territory and the Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority to provide supplemental patrols. In addition, Precinct Four also contracts with First Colony to provide patrol services in the Sweetwater Subdivision. The Reserve Deputy Program consists of volunteer deputies who contribute over 100 hours per month to the citizens of Fort Bend County. “The Reserve Deputy Program consists of former and current police chiefs, an attorney, firemen, an other outstanding members of our community”, states Nehls.



Deputies under Nehls have been trained in Child Passenger Safety and have assisted hundreds of parents to ensure their children are traveling safely. “Programs such as this are very popular with parents and we are pleased to provide this free service”, adds Nehls. Staff within the office has been increased to include a full-time Warrant Deputy and the reclassification of two civilian staff members to “Administrative Deputy”. This reclassification allows the office staff to conduct law enforcement functions such as serving civil documents without calling a deputy off of the street.

During this term, Nehls has received an education scholarship awarded through the “100 Club” and is currently enrolled at the University of Houston – *Masters in Criminal Justice* degree program. Additionally, Nehls has continued to serve his country in the US Army Reserve as a Major in the 451<sup>st</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion located in Pasadena. In 2004, Nehls served a nine-month tour in Iraq and was the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal for his actions. In fact, Nehls has recently been notified of an involuntary mobilization for service in Afghanistan where he will serve as a Team Leader of a Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT). Nehls expects to be in Afghanistan by the end of February and should return around Christmas.

While Nehls did not expect to be called again to active duty before his planned 20-year retirement in July 2008, he is proud to serve his country and looks forward to the challenge. “I am a staunch supporter of our military forces and am honored to continue to do my part in this Global War on Terror”. Nehls is confident his office will run smoothly in his absence under his Chief Deputy, Chad Norvell, and Lt. Robin Dale Frazier. Both have a very active role in the daily operations of the office and are well known throughout the county offices.