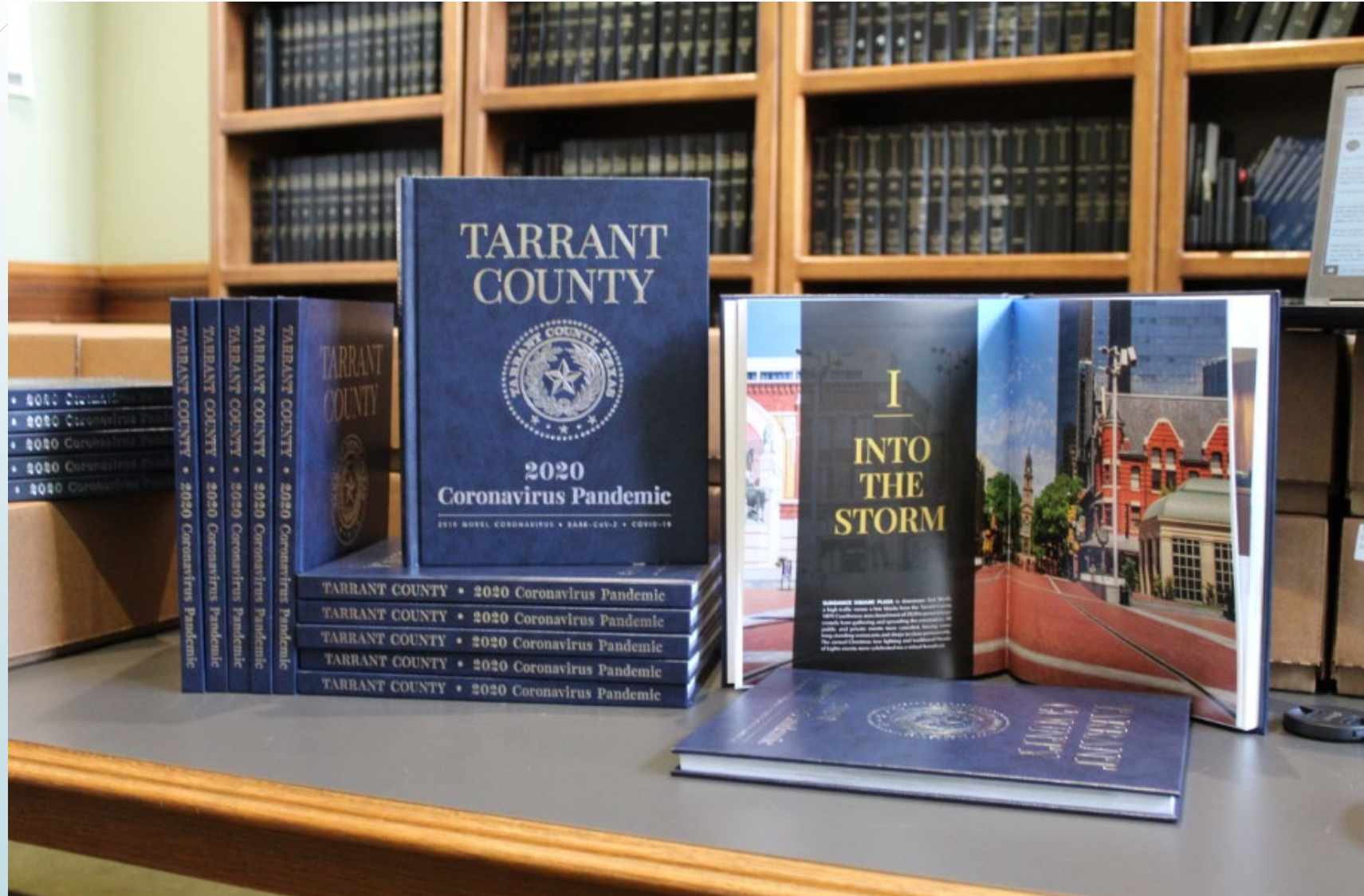




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Governor's Message

"The state of Texas is strong; our people, resilient. As we have seen in years past, when tested by fire, flood, or hurricane, Texans respond with resilience and calm resolve. And just as we overcome those challenges, we will overcome this one."

Greg Abbott

GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT
48th Governor of the State of Texas

02.01.21 | The following excerpts are from Governor Greg Abbott's
Annual State of the State Address to the 87th Legislative Session

LOOKING BACK, it's clear that 2020 was a year unlike any in our lifetime—not just for Texas and America, but for the entire world. I've seen first-hand the personal hardships and the pain that we have all endured. Our hearts are with those who suffered from COVID-19. And we mourn for every single Texan who lost their lives to the virus. We pray that their families will heal from the hurt of losing a loved one. We also pray for all Texans who are still recovering from COVID-19.

To say the pandemic is a challenge is an understatement, but to say that it has been a reversal of who we are as Texans is a misstatement. Texas remains the economic engine of America. The land of unmatched opportunity. Our comeback is already materializing.

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Texas has added new jobs for eight months in a row. In December alone, Texas added more than 46,000 new jobs. Texans are returning to work. Students are returning to school. Families are re-establishing routines. With each passing day of more vaccinations and increased immunity, normalcy is returning to Texas.

But it has not been easy. In times of adversity, there will always be heroes who rise above the challenges we face. Our communities are filled with heroes. Heroes who summoned the strength and perseverance to fight. Not just for themselves or their families, but for their neighbors, their communities, and even complete strangers.

As we continue to combat the pandemic, plus medical improvements that are helping us move beyond this challenge.

To defeat this pandemic, we are accelerating the vaccine process. Texas was the first state to vaccinate more than 1,000,000 residents. Just two weeks later, we exceeded 2,000,000 vaccinations. That number will increase even faster in the coming weeks as additional vaccines are approved. We will continue expanding vaccinations across Texas until every Texan who wants one will be able to get one.

The pandemic has revealed what makes Texas great, as well as ways that we can make it even better. No doubt, we faced hard times this past year. But as Texans, we never shy away from challenges. Instead, we can embrace them. We must seize this opportunity to make our state healthier, safer, freer, and more prosperous for all who call Texas home.



"As we open Texas, we are each called upon to be Texans: to act responsibly as we re-engage in the economy... Lives depend on our actions. I know you will respond as Texans."

—GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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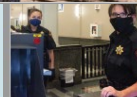
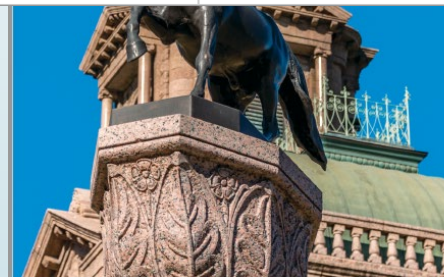
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Starting was reassigned to other divisions to help with staffing shortages due to the coronavirus. These reassgments included background investigations, Livestock Estray Enforcement Program (LEEP), confinement hospital arrival, and security for the Tarrant County Health Department's leading vaccination site. Due to deputies contracting the virus and deputies being reassigned to assist other divisions, the Sheriff's Office had to get approval from County Commissioners to create 20 substitute deputy positions to help with deer security.

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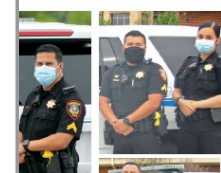
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PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the law enforcement arm of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office. Deputies respond to citizens' calls for assistance, conduct traffic enforcement, investigate traffic accidents, and investigate reports of crime or suspected criminal activity in unincorporated Tarrant County. Many patrol deputies began their career with the Sheriff's Office as detention officers.

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