

VISION

Tricia Rutledge has been an agent for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for the past eleven years. She was hired in 1998 and was assigned to the Fort Worth District. After working there for several years, she transferred to the Austin District and worked there until her present assignment working out of the Sam Marcos Outpost office.

Agent Rutledge is an employee that can be counted upon. Her dependability has made her a solid employee. She continues to be a self-started and has performed a very wide variety of assignments this past year. During this past year she has worked undercover assignments, alcohol related source investigations, background investigations, work with the youth educational efforts like Project SAVE and Shattered Dreams, retailer education, alcohol permit and license applications, conference instructor for TWLE, academy class instruction, participated in Cops N Sops and Cooperative On-premise stings, sale to minor stings, Operation Safe River & Lakes and Operation Safe Proms and Graduations.

Agent Rutledge is always promoting a positive image and professional demeanor. She is currently a member of the Hays County Law Enforcement Association and recently received a "Government Public Service Recognition" from the city of San Marcos.

Agent Rutledge continues to be a hard worker resulting in a high volume of work regularly produced. She takes responsibility and direction, and strives to do the best she can in all areas of her performance. Most of all, she is a team player always there for fellow agents, support staff, and supervisors in whatever they need.

Following Hurricane Ike's landfall along the Texas coast this last year, the Governor's Office requested the assistance of the TABC to the Houston area. During the month of September, Agent Rutledge was one of 110 TABC agents deployed to provide relief to the Houston Police Department. She displayed a deep desire to serve and protect the citizens of Texas during this difficult time. She demonstrated a respect to those who lost everything and also provided compassion to those who were truly helpless.

Agent Tricia Rutledge has been very instrumental in the success of Project SAVE (Stop Alcohol Violations Early) and Shattered Dreams, reducing underage drinking and impaired driving, in our area high schools. She has made a difference by promoting responsible service when it comes to alcoholic beverages. Her knowledge, skills, and abilities have helped store employees provide responsible alcohol sales, service and to deter violations.

Agent Rutledge has established a good working relationship with other state, county, and city law enforcement agencies and departments. Through the Operation Safe Rivers and Lakes Program, Agent Rutledge quickly established a task force consisting of TPWL Game Wardens, local Constables, and TABC agents. The results were very successful in curtailing rowdy behavior. More recently she headed up and organized "Operation Fake Out" at Texas State University. This operation targeted minors and

the use of fake ID's by working with doormen, bartenders, and waitresses. Her hard work led to the cooperation of several outside departments and agencies. This law enforcement effort with the retailers worked together to curb underage drinking.

Agent Rutledge has recently taken on the role of TABC Investigator. She has the task of researching and reviewing permitted and licensed locations that have a pattern of behavior that would threaten the safety, health, and well being of the community. She is also involved in investigations of "breaches" of the peace and protests as they involve licensed or permitted locations.