



Summer Conferences!

Summer means conferences for the HCSS sales staff! Hopefully you caught us at one of the many events we attended - if not we will be at the TAC Legislative conference in Austin, August 28 & 29

Summer Conferences

- June 11-13 Texas Chief Deputies Association Annual Training Conference - Kerrville, Texas
- June 16-20 County & District Clerks' Association of Texas Summer Annual Conference - San Antonio, Texas
- June 25-27 Justices of the Peace & Constables Association of Texas Annual Education and Training Conference - Frisco, Texas
- July 11-13 Texas Municipal Courts Association Annual Conference - San Antonio, Texas
- July 15-17 Texas County & District Retirement System Annual Conference - Austin, Texas
- July 17-18 Texas Justice Court Judges Association Annual Educational Conference - Austin, Texas
- July 21-22 Sheriffs' Association of Texas Annual Training Conference and Expo - Corpus Christi, Texas
- Aug 28-29 Texas Association of Counties Legislative Conference - Austin, Texas

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REMINDERS!

Back up

VERIFY your back up

Stay current with
HCSS updates

Contact HCSS before
purchasing new
hardware

Enjoy the rest of your
summer!!

Summer 2013: An exciting time at HCSS!

Between conferences, staff additions, office additions, legislative changes, the addition of the VERY important COPsync911, and everyone's normal summer schedules...the summer of 2013 has been a busy one!

Please take a minute to read about all the changes we have made this summer to keep up with the growth of our company and to better serve you!

Changes to the 2013 HCSS Users Conference

As our company continues to grow, so does our annual user's conference. The 2013 conference will be returning to the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville, November 19-22. We have added an extra day so that we can give more attention and focus to each user group.

	Budgetary, Law Enforcement, and County & District Clerks	JP & Municipal Courts
November 19 Tuesday	Registration, hospitality, and Q&A	
November 20 Wednesday	Sessions	Registration, hospitality, and Q&A
November 21 Thursday	Departure	Sessions
November 22 Friday		Departure



NEW HCSS EMPLOYEES



Mary Ellen Gillen is our new office manager. She comes to us with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and 20+ years of experience at various positions at The Hartford. You may have already "met" Mary Ellen as one of the friendly voices who answer the phone!



Sue Ann Brooks is currently helping us update our user manuals and will soon be joining our tech support team. She studied Law Enforcement at San Antonio College and worked as a dispatcher for 4 years. After 23 years of working at various Texas Universities, Sue Ann is excited to be joining the HCSS staff!



Stay current with Windows

If you have...	Short Term	Long Term
Windows 7 or 8	Stay current with Windows updates.	You're in good shape.
Windows XP or anything else	Microsoft will stop supporting XP in April 2014 and these older operating systems will not give you access to many of the new features the current technology offers. Start making plans to upgrade!	

Adding on to the HCSS Office...

This June we are happy to announce the completion of an addition to our main office just outside Boerne, Texas. We increased the square footage by almost 50% with the addition of a new tech support center, additional restrooms and storage space.



We hope you can forgive the noisy phone calls over the past few months and will agree that the construction was well worth it as this will help in our main objective - serving YOU!

If you are going to be in the area, give us a call! We'd love to give you the grand tour!



Upcoming Legislative and Reporting changes



JP Courts - Small Claims Court is going away and your small claims cases will be handled under your Justice Civil Court. You're still handling the same cases, the change is on your OCA report. Starting September 2013, all civil cases will be reported as either: Debt Claim, Landlord/Tenant, or Small Claims. A Civil Case information sheet will also be required of all cases filed on or after August 31, 2013. You can find this form on the OCA website.



JP & Municipal Courts - SB 1419 established a new court cost! The \$2 Truancy Prevention and Diversion Fund is a state court cost, however, the county or city may keep 50% if a juvenile case manager program is established or in the process of being established.



County & District Clerks - HB 1513 authorizes commissioners court to increase a district court records archive fee from \$5 to not more than \$10 and authorizes a county clerk to increase the RMP and Records Archive fees from \$5 to not more than \$10. The fees revert to prior amounts Sept. 2019.

Also, we have been working with OCA and Texfile to be sure we are ready for all E-Filing requirements.



Treasurers - SB 656 amends the Local Government Code relating to the transparency in the budgeting adoption processes of municipalities and counties, and includes specific requirements for filing and posting adopted budgets..



Tom Morrison is the newest addition to our development team. He brings with him 35 years of experience working at Liant Software /Micro Focus which gives him what he needs to hit the ground running at HCSS. His skills and creativity will be evident in some upcoming changes! Stay tuned...

COPsync911 - Every Second Counts!

COPsync911 takes school security to a new level. If under potential threat, the school opens an immediate and direct real time connection with the law enforcement officers closest to the threat.



- Immediate alert to dispatch and law enforcement
- Get officers on scene faster
- Live chat between officers, dispatch and threat environment
- Downloadable building sketch of threat location
- Call HCSS for more info!