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OUR MISSION:
To empower people to make choices
that result in a life of dignity and
increased independence.

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Week of May 25th, 2026

Happy Memorial Day!

2026 ERS Open Enrollment

The Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) encourages active employees and return-to-work retirees not enrolled in Medicare to prepare now for Summer Enrollment. This is your opportunity to make changes to your current coverage for yourself and your eligible dependents.

Summer enrollment is the only time of year to make benefit changes unless you experience a [qualifying life event](#), such as the birth of a child, marriage, or divorce. HHSC, DSHS, and OIG employees can make benefit changes from June 23 to July 4.

Your ERS Online Account

One of the most important steps in preparing is verifying your personal information. Make sure your mailing address and contact details are current with ERS, so you don't miss important mailings, including your benefits package.

To check your account information:

- Visit '[My Account Login](#)' on the [ERS website](#).
- Click 'Proceed to Login' if you have an account, or 'Register Now' to create one.
- After logging in, review the items under 'My Personal Information' list on the right-hand panel.
- Update as needed, double-check for accuracy, and click 'Save'.
- A confirmation message will appear when changes are saved.

To learn more, visit the [ERS Summer Enrollment webpage](#).

FCT/D Classes – Being on Time

Classes at FCT/D (NEPT & Refreshers) start at the published time – usually 8am or 1pm for most. To ensure classes go smoothly (and let out on time), anyone arriving late will be asked to leave and reschedule. Being on-time (or early!) for class is very important.

Do I really have to Stop?

I was told at the gate that I need to come to a full stop at the guard shack to show my badge. Is this right – and why?



It is right. A **full stop** is required – this allows the staff at the gate to see clearly see your badge and makes it much safer for them. Remember that you also need to have your window fully down and your badge in hand to show them. Not hanging on your mirror or lanyard.

Working at the gate can be ugly at times. It's hot, cold, windy or rainy. That, combined with staff that want to act snotty, makes for a long day. We would be happy to arrange a time for you to work there to see for yourself!

Food Truck Friday!

La Aguila Food Truck
Friday, May 29th
1130am-130pm
3rd Street (east of chapel)



Shout Outs!

I want to give a shout out to **Justin** in Maintenance for always having a good attitude and working hard to get our stuff fixed.

Shout Out to **Andrew** at FCT/D. He did a phenomenal job during the SUR MT recert class, he is a perfect example of a top tier instructor. He represented the facility in a way that would make you very proud, Andrew has become somewhat of a seasoned veteran during these trainings and other staff really appreciate his input and feedback to their questions. I am very happy and proud to be able to work with Andrew, just wanted to let you all know how great he is.

Would like to shout out **Motor Pool!** I had to reserve a car today for an upcoming out of town trip for an individual and I'm a little rusty as to the process. **Bryan** was so patient with me and walked me through it, and even when I called back, he was very positive and upbeat, and so willing to assist me so that the request went in properly, so that the individual could get their outing. I just felt like their department deserved a little recognition for all they do. I was grateful for his patience!

Shout Out to **Jason** at the Switchboard for the incredible print job he did for the Motor Pool. It was a large order well done and super-fast. We appreciate his talent and hard work!

I want to give a very well-deserved Shout Out to the Maintenance guys who assisted the Georgia-Pacific replacement project last week. With their assistance, they made the project move smoothly and quickly which helped the installation team finish 1 ½ days early. Thanks to **Terry Bloom, Kenneth Duncan, Roy Morgan, Buddy Lindsey, Ronny Ramsey, Jesse Pedroza, Jeff Channell & Keith Wakefield**

Click the picture to Vote!



Life Safety Code Tip of the Week

Doors that are equipped with door closers are operating/closing properly, **latch fully**, and are not blocked or prevented from closing. Doors being propped open with chairs, bricks, washrags, etc. is a huge Life Safety Code violation.

Shout Out Abilene!

We want to hear from you! Have a **suggestion** on how to make Abilene SSLC the best place ever to live & work? Have a **concern** to express? Want to **recognize someone** for their amazing work? **Shout Out and let us know!**



You can also **email** your Shout Out to jeff.goza@hhs.texas.gov or **text** it to 325.370.4525!