

LCRA Public Safety History and Overview

LCRA Board Meeting
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Enhancing the Lives of Texans

**Protecting the people, assets and interests of
LCRA and the natural resources of Texas**



Public Safety History



Claude S. Shipp

- **Appointed superintendent of police at Buchanan Dam in August 1935**
- **LCRA's eighth employee**
- **In 1940, at the request of the commissioners of Burnet and Llano counties, Shipp hired 12 police officers to protect Buchanan and Inks dams as part of lead up to World War II**

Public Safety History (Continued)

- As LCRA was completing Fayette Power Project Unit 1 in 1979, General Manager Charles Herring tapped John Wood to form and lead LCRA's law enforcement body
- Wood was a retired Texas Ranger captain with 36 years of law enforcement experience

"Captain Wood's qualifications prove him to be an excellent choice for the position. His vast amount of experience in investigating large-scale thefts and his familiarity with modern-day electronic security equipment will be invaluable to LCRA."

- General Manager Charles Herring



Captain John Wood

Five Strategic Functions

Securing LCRA
infrastructure

Enforcing
laws on
LCRA lands

Enforcing laws on
LCRA-managed water

Protecting
LCRA-managed
environmental resources

Providing emergency
response and resilience

Securing LCRA Infrastructure



Public Safety

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Level 3 security officers



24/7

Dispatch and alarm monitoring



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Peace officers called Rangers



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