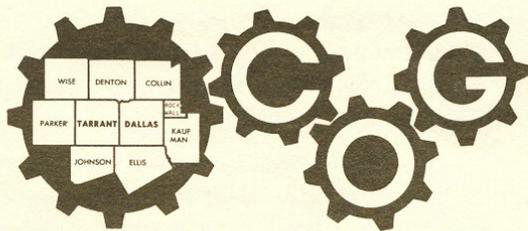


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DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMY APPOINTED



JAMES S. KLINE

Mr. James S. Kline has been appointed Director of the North Central Texas Regional Police Academy. Mr. Kline, who is presently Coordinator of Police Training for the Governmental Research Center of the University of Kansas, will assume his duties on January 1, 1968.

COG's Executive Director, Bill Pitstick, announced Mr. Kline's selection after an intensive nationwide search from among many qualified applicants and recognized professionals — and after receiving a recommendation from a screening committee composed of Fred Conover, Chief of Police of Grand Prairie; J.W. Golden, Chief of Police of Richardson; Tom J. Vandergriff, Mayor of Arlington; and George Schrader, Assistant City Manager of Dallas.

Mr. Kline is an Army veteran and attended Kansas State University. He served as Under Sheriff and Sheriff of Marion County, Kansas for seven years before being appointed Special Agent for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation in 1954, a position he held for nearly ten years. In his present position, which he assumed in 1963, he has organized and conducted statewide training programs at all law enforcement levels.

A First in the Nation

The Regional Police Academy, which is scheduled to open after the first of next year, is thought to be the first of its kind in the United States. It is a result of a coordinated effort by local governments, working through their regional organization, the Council of Governments, to provide high quality law enforcement training for local officers.

The Academy will serve all local governments in the North Central Texas region. It will offer courses of instruction in the areas of recruit, in-service, and specialized training. The Academy is truly a regional effort. It will be supported by membership dues and tuition fees paid by cities and counties who wish to participate. It is anticipated that only local funds will be utilized

initially in the establishment and operation of the Academy. The facility will be located in the Great Southwest Industrial District, midway between Dallas and Fort Worth at the geographical center of the region.

Citizens' Committee

Many local officials and citizens in the region have played a big part in the establishment of the Regional Police Academy, but the facility is the direct result of the work of COG's **Citizens' Study Committee for Law Enforcement**, chaired by Mayor Tom J. Vandergriff of Arlington. The overall committee is divided into five subcommittees. These and their chairmen are: **Communications**, Dr. Joe B. Rushing, President, Tarrant County Junior College; **Facilities, Detention, and Criminal Justice**, Carl B. Flaxman of Dallas; **Public Awareness and Response**, Dr. August O. Spain, Department of Government, TCU; **Standardization of Ordinances, Codes, Records, and Reporting**, Ted P. MacMaster, Assistant City Attorney, Dallas; and **Training and Education**, Fred Conover, Police Chief of Grand Prairie. The reports of all these sub-committees will be combined into an overall report which will be distributed to all members of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.