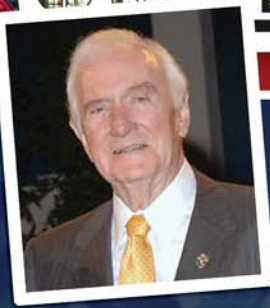


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MAYOR ROY BUTLUR TRAINING ACADEMY

APA'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY



THE PRESIDENT'S LINE

I was very pleased with the turnout in May of the APA's sixtieth birthday party. It was truly a pleasure to visit with our retirees, particularly those who made us all proud of their heroism on the UT Tower in August, 1966. The Honorable Mayor Roy Butler graced us with his presence and skillfully provided the keynote address for the occasion. For that one night, we all stood together, young officer next to seasoned veteran, City Council member next to radio talk show host. Almost all of our friends were there to witness unity at its best. I've never been more proud to be part of the Austin police culture. It is indeed rich in tradition, excellence, and community service.

The most rewarding part of the evening I believe came after the presentations. I watched as old cops do what they do best... tell war stories about the old days. Mixed in with tales of bad guys and chases were descriptions of the working conditions of the sixties. Houston McCoy marveled at the capabilities of today's equipment, and Ramiro Martinez displayed an old pay stub in which an Austin Cop could bring in almost two dollars an hour in those days. As if by design, the war stories served as a reminder to all of us why we gathered there that evening. It was to celebrate

how far we have come since the creation of our police association. From working conditions to wage and benefit issues, our officers have seen remarkable progress in large part due to the tireless efforts of the APA Leadership who came before us.

There was a common theme among those honored at the meeting that night. We celebrated the many examples of Austin Police Officers who when required, answered the call. The 1966 UT Tower episode was just one of those instances. It was a stunning moment, when on the same platform as our heroes from 1966, we honored Officer Will Ray for his heroism just last year. The excellence goes on.

As we remember with fondness that wonderful night we paused to reflect on the past, we must now turn our attention to the future. Once again all of you answered the call. There is another crisis looming, and you have announced your willingness to join the community in a joint effort to confront the current budget shortfall. Representing you is the easiest job I've ever had. Your courage, compassion and commitment to community speaks for itself.

Stay safe.

Wayne Vincent  
President, Austin Police Association

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*Council Names Police Training Campus After Former Mayor Roy Butler*

RELEASED  
May 14, 2009

The City Council today, May 14, unanimously approved naming the **Austin Police Department's Training Academy** after former Austin Mayor Roy Butler in recognition of his more than half-century of support for law enforcement.

The Roy Butler Police Training Academy campus includes classrooms, a driving track, gym and outdoor shooting range in southeast Austin. Improved facilities are expected to be built later this year.

Butler, the first Austin Mayor elected by the public, served two terms from 1971-1975.

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"As Mayor and civic leader, he has championed public support and funding for law enforcement and has repeatedly voiced his belief that officers are the first line of defense for those who seek to live in peace and safety," City Manager Ott said.

Butler told the Council today that he was "blown away" and that there is no greater honor than having his name attached to the facility where those charged with protecting the community will be trained.

Butler, a successful businessman, has received numerous honors including being named Austin's "Most Worthy Citizen" in 1969 and "Citizen of the Year" by the Texas Department of Public Safety Officer's Association (1999) and the Austin Police Association (2000).

He's been on numerous civic boards ranging from Seton Hospital to the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce. He served as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, receiving the Army's "Commander's Award for Public Service."

And throughout, he has supported law enforcement. As Mayor, he placed public safety as a priority and worked to increase the Austin PD budget from \$5 million to \$7 million and adding 125 officers in the budget process, doubling the size of the force.

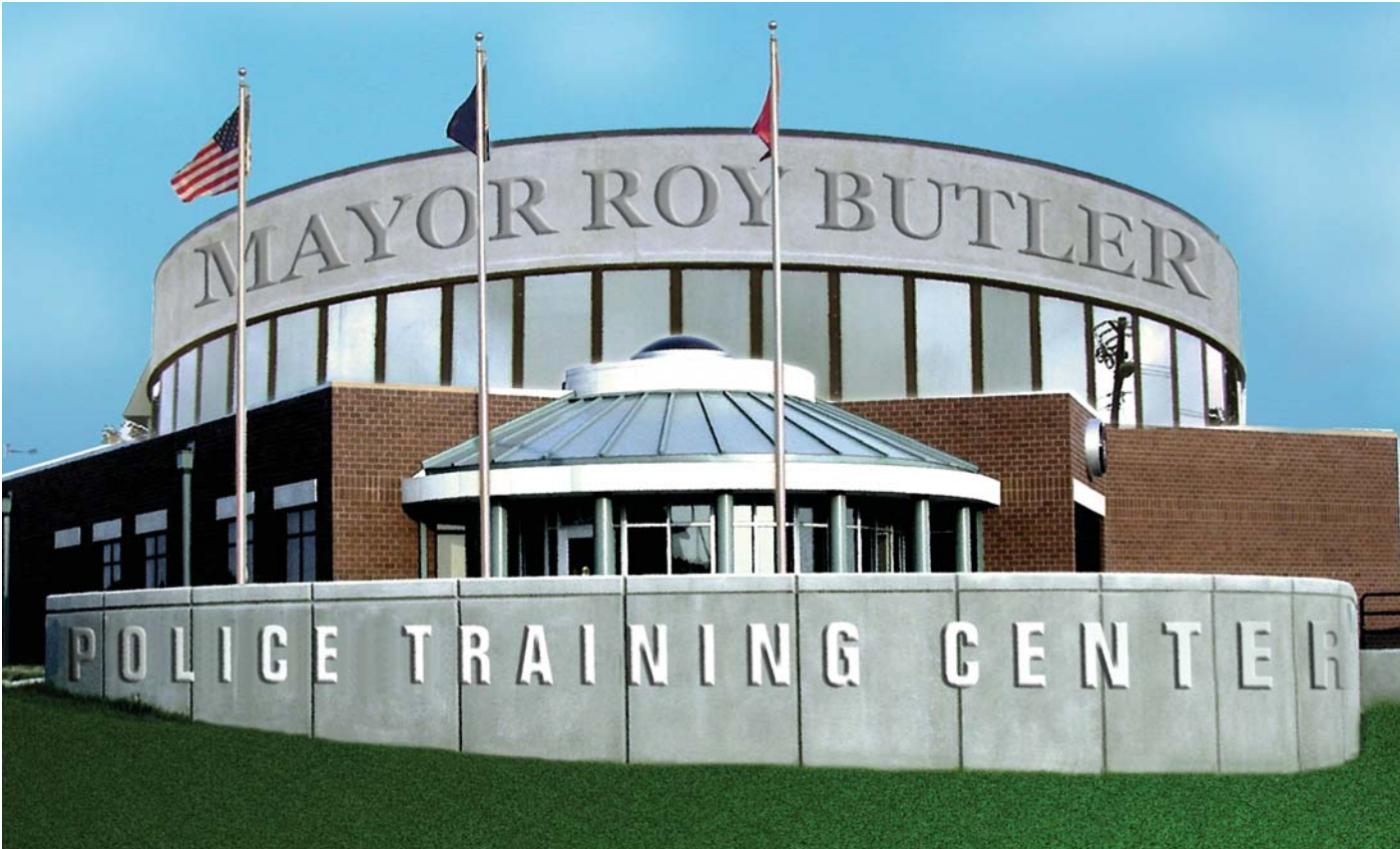
Fed up with drug dealers, he convinced federal officials to include Austin as one of 33 targeted cities nationwide for added enforcement help in the 1970s.

He is a founding director, past president and current executive committee member of the Greater Austin Crime Commission. The commission was formed in 1997 to support law enforcement, raise public awareness about crime prevention programs and promote community anti-crime efforts.

In 1999, then Texas Attorney General John Cornyn appointed Butler as Austin Chair for Texas Exile, a gun crime initiative aimed at curtailing gun crimes across the state through more active enforcement of federal weapons laws.

Locally, he has served on the Police Training Monitoring Committee, was one of the first members of the Police Citizens Oversight Committee and continues as a member of the Public Safety Task Force and as chair of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Advisory Board.

And recently, he donated funds to pay for newly designed badges for APD.



The above is an example rendering of the new APD Training Academy for illustration purposes only.

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## APD OFFICER REFLECTS ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MAYOR ROY BUTLER

Mayor Roy Butler is no stranger to the officers of the Austin Police Department. If you:

*Graduated from the Academy in the last twenty years, Mayor Roy Butler has made a donation in the name of each Cadet classes 'Honor Cadet' and he has purchased all the plaques in the Academy hallway.*

*Have been to a union meeting, retirement party, or other get-together where police can be supported, there is a probability the event was held at Mayor Butler's Capitol Beverage Facility.*

*Are wearing a new Austin Police Department Badge, Mayor Butler bought it for you.*

Long before our Austin Police Association was more than a social organization, Mayor Butler was meeting with the APD Chief to discuss the concerns of Austin Police Officers. Mayor Butler was also no stranger in the offices of City Management and the Austin City Council. Mayor Butler has always been a supporter of the officers of our Department, and fairly soon when you qualify, certify, or train, you will do it at the new Roy Butler Training Facility.

Roy Butler was appointed to the first Citizen's Review Panel and was elected by the group to serve as Chairman. Butler has served two terms as Mayor of Austin (1971-75) and nine years on the Austin Independent School District's Board of Trustees. Butler was made an Honorary Member of the Austin Police Association in 1996. He was honored as "Citizen of the Year" in 1999 by the Texas Department of Public Safety Officer's Association and in 2000 by the Austin Police Association. In 1999, Texas Attorney General (now U.S. Senator) John Cornyn appointed Butler as a regional chairman for Texas Exile, an initiative aimed at curtailing gun crimes through vigorous enforcement of federal weapons laws. Mayor Butler currently is Chairman of the Austin Police Department's Training Advisory Committee.

Butler was a good friend to President Lyndon Baines Johnson and he once owned KVET radio. As the former President and current Director of the Greater Austin Crime Commission, he has directed numerous programs supporting our Department. Because of Mayor Butler's efforts, our Department has obtained ballistic vests, trauma kits, and has obtained funding for training and equipment.

He even had the good sense to be born a day early, March 31<sup>st</sup>, to avoid an April Fool's birth.

Those that have worked with him and know him well have said:

*"A better friend the law enforcement community of Austin could not have"*

*APA President Wayne Vincent*

*"From his time as mayor he has always been a friend of the police. In the years I got to know him, he has been instrumental in helping us accomplish many of the benefits that we enjoy today. I consider him a good friend, not only on a professional basis, but also personal. His word is his bond, a handshake is his contract. The officers of APD owe him an incalculable debt for his service to the police department on the community"*

*Former APA President Mike Sheffield*

*"He's an outstanding friend and a stalwart to the department. A better person no one could ask for"*

*Commander Ron Gamble*

*"Butler has done things for as Police Officers that we could not do for ourselves. His willingness to answer our calls every time shows he cares for our police department, employees, and city"*

*Former APA President and current Lockhart Police Chief Mike Lummus*

So, after all these words and accolades I hope to leave you with my most sincere, respectful, and humble thoughts. Mayor Roy Butler is not a good man because what he has given us, but rather because his heart has always been in a just place, his mind always supportive in thought, and his will determined and true. Any donation or gift is but a small part of this great man's shadow.

Tim Atkinson

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## The Austin Police Association SIXTY YEARS SERVING THOSE WHO ANSWER THE CALL

Austin Police Association's 60th Anniversary Celebration

The only force strong enough to affect time is change.

Austin has seen much change since 1949. The city has more than quadrupled in population, watched its skyline spread across the horizon, and weathered tumultuous social change.

As the city has evolved, so too has its need for infrastructure, civil and emergency services.

The Austin Police Department has grown significantly since '49, and the Austin Police Association has progressed along with it, expanding its scope to better serve its membership.

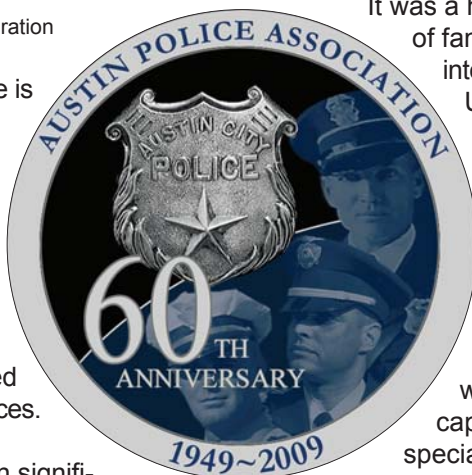
On May 7th, the APA marked its 60th Anniversary with a gala celebrating the history and advances of the APA, honoring the struggle of those who paved the way for the heroes of today. Guests of Honor, the First Responders to the UT Tower Tragedy, reflected on life as police officers in 1966 and the innovations of policing today.

Spearheaded by APA Executive Director, Valencia Escobar, the gala was more than a celebration of a milestone, "It was an opportunity to give voice to the past."

It was a humid evening in Austin, and a steady flow of familiar faces in and out of uniform streamed into the pleasantly air conditioned Elks Lodge. Up the stairs and down a hallway lined with colorful cakes, all were welcomed with handshakes, hugs and the smiling faces of a tightly-knit community.

The room was flanked with banquet tables and silver and black balloons rose into the air thick with the aroma of Donn's BBQ, with all the fixings. The bar was open and every table was filled to capacity with officers, family members and special guests.

An archival display of press coverage from the tragedy at the UT Tower stood center stage. A yellowed copy of the initial story in the Statesman dated, August 2, 1966 read: "The Day of Death," leaned on an easel. Beside it, a poster-size composite with youthful images of several first responders receiving commendations titled, "Officers Job Well Done," prompted curious glances toward the only six people in the room wearing nametags.



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**Michael Sheffield: 1997-2006**

For his 9 years of service building upon existing foundations and adding family provisions.

Vincent added, "I would like to publicly thank Mike for being the voice of Austin for all those years."



**Dell Shaw: 1988-1989**

Pushed to create the opportunity for officers to be able to work other part-time work.

**George Vanderhule: 2007-2008**

For his "Hollywood Face," and role as the first Political Action Committee Chairman. "He was there every time he was called upon to be there."



**Michael Lummus: 1993-1997**

For his efforts, during a turbulent time when the police were under a great deal of scrutiny and "unwarranted criticism." For handling himself in a "professional manner" and maintaining "the fine reputation of Austin Police Department." Pointing to his role in union rights, "He broke through the barrier and brought bargaining to Austin."



**Wuthipong "Tank" Tantaksinanukij: 2008**

For his 10 years and tireless efforts at the bargaining table, "Tank is still available for counsel and advice."

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AUSTIN POLICE ASSOCIATION PAST PRESIDENTS:

1949-1950 - W. JOE PERRY	1969-1970 - JOHN POPE	1993-1997 - MICHAEL LUMMUS
1951-1952 - BERT BOWMAN	1971-1973 - DON DOYLE	1997-2006 - MICHAEL SHEFFIELD
1953-1954 - R. C. BOB WILKES	1974 - ROGER NAPIER	2007 - JAMES BECK
1955-1956 - BILL STERZING	1975-1976 - DOYNE BAILEY	2007-2008 - GEORGE VANDERHULE
1957-1959 - MARION LEE	1977 - DON WHITEHEAD	2008 - WUTHIPONG "TANK" TANTAKSINANUKIJ
1960-1961 - COLON TATE	1978-1987 - JERRY SPAIN	CURRENT PRESIDENT - WAYNE VINCENT
1962-1963 - FRED HOOPER	1988-1989 - DELL SHAW	
1964-1968 - DOUG EASTMAN	1990-1992 - SAM COX	

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After much appreciative applause, Vincent changed gears:

"August 1, 1966... before being stopped by those who answered the call... they don't think they're special, just were doing their job... three responded while off duty."

That hot summer day, a quiet college campus became a war zone when Charles J. Whitman opened fire from atop the UT clock tower, blindsiding the city of Austin, the state of Texas, and the nation with the unprecedented violence of the first mass shooting on a college campus.

"No one could conceive of something like that then," reflected Milton Shoquist, one of the first responders to the tower.

"The tragedy set the p ace for what was to come, [they] had to expand the force and support the police dep artment to be prepared for the future," stated first responder, Jerry Day.



Honorary APA Membership, a plaque and pin were bestowed upon each of the first responders, including [Jeannie Speed Shone](#), widow of Officer Billy Speed, killed in the line of duty that fateful day.

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Vincent addressed Billy Speed's widow: "Jeannie, you will always be a part of our family. You are a survivor, you are a true hero in our eyes." Officer Speed was survived by his wife and their then 18 month-old daughter, Becky.

George Shepard (1935 – 2006) was off duty, helped in the tower, stayed throughout the day and then reported for his scheduled 3-11 shift.



Houston McCoy, "Literally answered the call." The official APD slip lists McCoy as the responding officer. McCoy fired the fatal shots into Whitman with an APD issued Winchester 12 gauge shotgun, ending the Tower tragedy.



Jerry Day, Milton Shoquist and Phillip Conner got to the top of the tower and helped with the wounded and dead.



Ramiro Martinez responded off duty, got to the top of the tower and forced open the south tower door to the observatory deck. He was the first to spot and fire upon Whitman.

Harold Moe helped with the wounded and dead, and operated the only two-way radio, communicating to the APD that the siege had ended.

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Bob Cole - host of The Morning Call in Show with Bob Cole on KVET receives Honorary Membership.



Betty Dunkerly - friend of the APA - receives Honorary Membership for her commitment to the Association.



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TOP: (left to right)  
APD Officers Houston McCoy,  
Jerry Day, Phillip Conner

RIGHT: (left to right)  
Officers Jerry Day, Ramiro Martinez,  
Houston McCoy, Civilian Allen Crum and  
Lt. Birch Biggerstaff accepting a posthumous  
award on behalf of APD Officer Billy Speed.



# UT Tower TRAGEDY

*Phillip Conner* *Milton Shogquist*

August 1, 1966 was one of the darkest days in Austin's history. Charles Whitman climbed to the 28th-floor observation deck of the University of Texas Tower and opened fire killing 16 people and wounding 33 others before he was gunned down by Austin Police Officers.

There were many heroes who courageously risked their lives and put themselves in the line of fire for the safety of others that day but ultimately it was the unified efforts of the Austin Police Officers Ramiro Martinez, Houston McCoy and Jerry Day along with civilian Allen Crum who chose to ascend to the top of the tower ending the UT Tower Tragedy.

*Shovel & more*  
*An Officer's Job WELL DONE...*



"These guys have been like big brothers to me," said Jeannie Speed Shone watching the men signing pictures and speaking with members.

Shone was moved by receiving her Honorary Membership. "Did you see my award? I was the first one that got one. I wanted to cry."

Her experience of the APA then and now?

"If I need something, I call them. They always invite me to everything, all their events... I always felt supported. I still have a lot of flashback memories, but I'm happy now." Shone remarried and her husband was in attendance with her, addressing the members over the microphone she said:

"On behalf of my daughter Becky Speed Davis and myself, I want to thank you for all your support."

Motioning to Monika McCoy, daughter of Houston McCoy, Shone said, "She's a wonderful woman, and organized a lot of activities for us... Val opened her arms to her cause in reuniting the guys... Val's wonderful!"

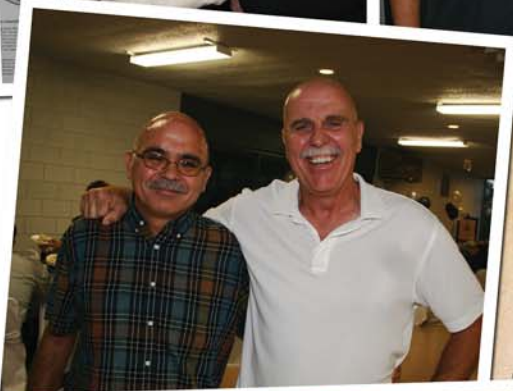
Monika was instrumental in efforts to reunite the reluctant heroes of the UT Tower Tragedy. One of the first responders playfully warned, "Watch out, she's an angel in disguise."

"They never spoke about it before, until the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary," Monika stated, "filling each other in on the events of that day, it was like fitting pieces of a puzzle together. There has been healing and closure for all of them."

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Harry Akin  
MAYOR  
Mrs. Emma Long  
MAYOR PRO TEM  
Ralph Jones, Jr.  
Travis LaRue  
Dick Nichols

R. M. TISHMAN  
CITY MANAGER



Dear Chief,

This letter is to notify you of my resignation from The Austin Police Department as of August 2nd, 1968.

As before, a little over a year ago, when you accepted then when I wrote this type letter, exists now in a much magnified state; as I know that there will be no chance for me to ever again be a part of the many wonderful people who make up the department.

Sir, the only reason of my resignation is to take a job as an airplane flight instructor in Laredo, Texas, at a pay of \$741.00 per month.

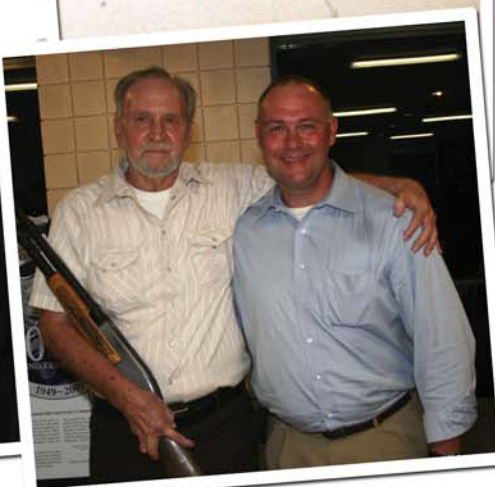
This work will not be a career type job and does not have many benefits that The Austin Police Department has, but I find myself in a position of having to borrow at least one hundred dollars every two months to supplement my income as a policeman; therefore, to get myself out of debt, I just cannot turn the job down.

Chief, I have enjoyed working for you. I appreciate the fact that you hired me twice, and I will always have fond memories of my time with the Austin Police Department.

Sincerely,

*Houston R. McCoy*  
Houston R. McCoy (235)

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### July 16, 2009

**APA Monthly Board of Director's Meeting**  
12:00 noon  
CLEAT Conference Room  
400 W. 14th Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

### August 6, 2009

**APA General Membership Meeting**  
Food served from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.  
Capital Beverage, 10300 Metropolitan  
Austin, Texas

### August 20, 2009

**APA Monthly Board of Director's Meeting**  
11:00 a.m.  
CLEAT Conference Room  
400 W. 14th Street  
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### September 17, 2009

**APA Monthly Board of Director's Meeting**  
11:00 a.m.  
CLEAT Conference Room  
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### October 1, 2009

**APA General Membership Meeting**  
Food served from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.  
Elks Lodge  
700 Dawson Road  
Austin, Texas

### October 15, 2009

**APA Monthly Board of Director's Meeting**  
11:00 a.m.  
CLEAT Conference Room  
400 W. 14th Street  
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### November 19, 2009

**APA Monthly Board of Director's Meeting**  
11:00 a.m.  
CLEAT Conference Room  
400 W. 14th Street  
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### December 17, 2009

**APA Monthly Board of Director's Meeting**  
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