



## **Harris County Precinct 8 Phil Sandlin, Constable**

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It is with a heavy heart that I must report the passing of former Harris County Precinct 8 Constable, Bill Bailey. Constable Bailey had been battling illness for quite some time, but earlier today and with his family at his side, he went peacefully to be home with our Savior.

Though he played many roles throughout his lifetime, from award winning radio personality to being the “voice” of the Houston Livestock and Rodeo, he is best known to his Precinct 8 family as simply, Constable Bailey. Bill Bailey was elected to the position of Constable for Precinct 8 in 1982 and served in that capacity until his retirement in May of 2011. He was the first Constable in Texas to serve as president of the Texas Association of Counties in 2002 and was a long time member of the Justice of the Peace and Constables Association. He was very active in many local organizations and was a strong believer in County government and its role to the citizens.

Many of us here at Precinct 8, myself included, joined the ranks of this agency under Bill Bailey’s leadership. I was honored to serve under Constable Bailey for so many years and to work alongside him as a member of this law enforcement “family”. He ran a tight ship, but you always knew he was there to guide and help you in any way he could. He was a big part of many of our lives and will truly be missed.

On behalf of the staff of Precinct 8, both current and former, I offer our prayers and condolences to his family and many friends. God bless you, sir.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Sandlin".

Phil Sandlin, Constable

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