

# FORT BEND COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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### Abstract: **Lawrence Newton Elkins**

Mr. Elkins began his career in the criminal justice arena as an Intern for Fort Bend County Juvenile Probation and Detention Center at 307 Fort Street in Richmond. After graduation from college he was hired as one of the first Detention Officers for juveniles. Later, he was hired as a Probation Officer for the Adult Probation department. Lawrence spent 33 years working for Fort Bend County until his retirement in 2013. Lawrence comes from a long line of educators. He is the son of Lawrence Elkins, former Superintendent of Fort Bend ISD, and Sue Elkins, a teacher for 20 years.

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## Interview Summary

### People (in order mentioned in interview)

Steve Monk – Director/Chief, FBC Juvenile Probation Department  
 Javier Avala  
 Kathy Davis – probation officer  
 Steve Macko – coworker  
 Javier Vela – coworker  
 Lawrence Edward Elkins – father  
 Sue Newton Elkins – Mother  
 Mr. Jones – principal  
 L. P. Rogers – first Superintendent, Fort Bend ISD  
 Edward Mercer – Superintendent, Fort Bend ISD  
 Blanche Willis Newton – grandmother

### Places / Businesses

FBC Juvenile Probation Detention Center  
 Dulles High School  
 Fort Bend County (ISD) Independent School District  
 Sugar Land School System  
 Missouri City School System  
 Missouri City Texas

### Events

FBISD was formed through a merger of Sugar Land School System and Missouri City School System in 1959.

Lawrence graduated from Dulles High School, FBISD and served an internship at FBC Juvenile Probation Department that led to a full-time job on his graduation from college in 1982. He was hired as a Detention Officer in May 1982.

On December 31, 2013, Lawrence Elkins retired from the Fort Bend County Adult Probation Department after a 33 year career.

Sugar Land Elementary  
 Sugar Land, Texas  
 YMCA – Young Men's Christian Association  
 Fulshear, Texas  
 Huntsville Texas  
 Sam Houston State University  
 FBC Adult Probation Department  
 Texas Education Agency (TEA)  
 Angleton, Texas  
 Angleton Detention Center  
 Herald Coaster – Fort Bend Herald and Texas Coaster newspaper  
 L. P. Rogers Auditorium, Dulles High School  
 Mercer Stadium  
 Houston Independent School District (HISD)  
 New Willard – Sawmill town in east Texas  
 Lakeview Elementary  
 Sugar Land Texas  
 Texas State troopers