

JUNE 2017

Newsletter of the Brenham, TX Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

The Informant

Don't miss our next General Meeting coming up this
Monday 6/12 at 7pm at the Brenham Police Department.



Calendar of Events:

June 12—General Meeting @ 7pm

June 17th—Juneteenth Parade

June 25th BPD/CPAAA Picnic

July 8—Hot Nights, Cool Tunes

July 10—General Meeting @7pm



Fallen Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony was held 5/19/17
Presenting the Wreath and Saluting our Fallen Officers were BPD, WCSO, BFD, DPS, and CO Officers. Also on hand were the WCEMS Honor Guard to present the Colors. SO Deputy Daniel Gaskamp led the proceedings and Chief Deputy Jay Petrash and BPD Captain Lloyd Powell addressed the large crowd. More pictures on page 11.

Happy Birthday
Brenham PD

Sgt. Lloyd Powell 6-13

Det. Kevin Mertz 6-26

Det. Michael Davis 7-2

Remember Dad
June 18th



Our Annual Bake Sale Fundraiser was a big success; thanks to support from our members. Some of our sales staff is pictured above; and that's Senator Lois Kolkhorst (3rd from the right) showing her support for our cause. More on page 9.

Citizens on Patrol

May was another busy month for our COP's and we'd like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to all our hard working volunteers:

May 4th - National Day of Prayer Safety Assignment: Rob Aguilar, Ron Upchurch, Wanda Aguilar, Laura Sparks, Robbie Gail Charette

May 6th - Maifest Parade : Mark Smith, Corina Smith, Albert Green, Bob Cothorn, Ron Upchurch, Rob Aguilar

May 5 & 6 - Maifest Park and Ride Assignment : Kevin Braun, Sue Braun

May 12th - Blinn Graduation Parking/Traffic Assignment : Tex Davis, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Wayne Miller, Mark Smith, Corina Smith, Annette Tiemann, Stan Ford, Steve Oneill, Larry Keller

May 13th - Walgreen's Fingerprinting Assignment: Ron Wise and Rob Aguilar

May 16th - Local History Day Traffic/Safety Assignment: Annette Tiemann, Bob Cothorn, Wayne Miller, Tony Smith, Wanda Aguilar, Rob Aguilar

May 18th - Local History Day Safety Assignment : Bob Cothorn, Steve Oneill, Wayne Miller, Albert Green

May 25th - Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Escort: Howard Mead, Rob Aguilar

May 25th - BISD Health Run: Ron Upchurch, Wayne Miller, Larry Keller

June 3rd - BHS Graduation Parking Assignment : Tex Davis, Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Wayne Miller, Albert Green, Steve Oneill, Bob Cothorn, Tony Smith, Mark Smith, Corina Smith, Laura Sparks, Ron Upchurch, and COP Candidates Doug Feist and Rosie Langford.



On the last day of school BES Traffic Control was done by The Sorcerers Apprentice (Albert Green), The Cat in the Hat (Bob Cothorn), and The Surfer Dude (Ron Upchurch). It was a sight to see and was a big hit with students and parents alike!! Another school year in the books, enjoy your short summer vacation guys and gals, because we do it all again next school year!!

MAY COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	81.5
Wanda Aguilar	16
Dorothy Antkowiak	4
Clyde Averitt	2
Patricia Badough	2
Kevin Braun	10
Sue Braun	19
Wayne Brown	11
Willie Brown	14
Robert Campbell	8.25
Robbie Gail Charette	2
Bob Cothorn	54.25
Michael Cowan	22
Glen Daugherty	12
Boris Davis	2
Dan Davis	2
Tex Davis	99.25
Fredericka DeBerry	2
Peter Emerson	2
Doug Feist	2
Stan Ford	81.25
Christine Goodman	2
Albert Green	60.5
Dale Green	4
Juanita Hickey	19.5
Harry Jones	2
Larry Keller	71.75
Dick Klein	17.75
Rosie Langford	2
Howard Mead	8.5
Wayne Miller	26.75
Sherry Parker	36
Harshida Patel	2
Xochitl Mari Rangel	2
Merlene Schumacher	2
Corina Smith	14.5
Mark Smith	10.5
Tony Smith	17
Clarence Steinfeld	36
Annette Tiemann	21.5
Ron Upchurch	75.5
Ceci Wagner	8
Jean Winters	2
Ron Wise	6.25
Catharine Wood	20

TOTAL 916.5

Thanks for everyone's hard work, it doesn't go unnoticed!!

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK



National Police Week
5/14-20/17

We honored our Boy's in Blue (and Ladies) with "goodie bags".

We handed out some of these bags (at right), but left the rest for each Officer to claim when they came on duty. Hope no one was left out!

Just one way to say THANK YOU for all that you do!



Mark your calendars now for the
"ANNUAL BPD/CPAAA FAMILY PICNIC"
 SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2017
 AT THE
 FIREMAN'S TRAINING CENTER
 2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

(Please RSVP the number of people that will be attending with you to Todd Ashorn or Alyson Tofel by Monday, June 19th)



Appel Ford had a Luncheon for Law Enforcement and First Responders. Some of those in attendance are in the photos above. It appears that all first responders in the Washington County area were represented; even the Dispatch Office had "take out" courtesy of Fire Marshal Brent Sauble. *There was food, fun and fellowship; thanks John Hill & Appel!*

2017 SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN



Class 31 Graduation

The Graduation of Citizens Police Academy (CPA) Class 31 will be considered unique, in many respects. First, it is the smallest Class in recent memory; with only seventeen graduates. Second, it is the last CPA Class that will be attributed to Sgt. Chris Jackson. It is also the first CPA Class that will be attributed to Cpl. Todd Ashorn. Next, it is the first class with five teachers in attendance. If that wasn't enough, Class 31's Plaque had a "Cub Green" background!

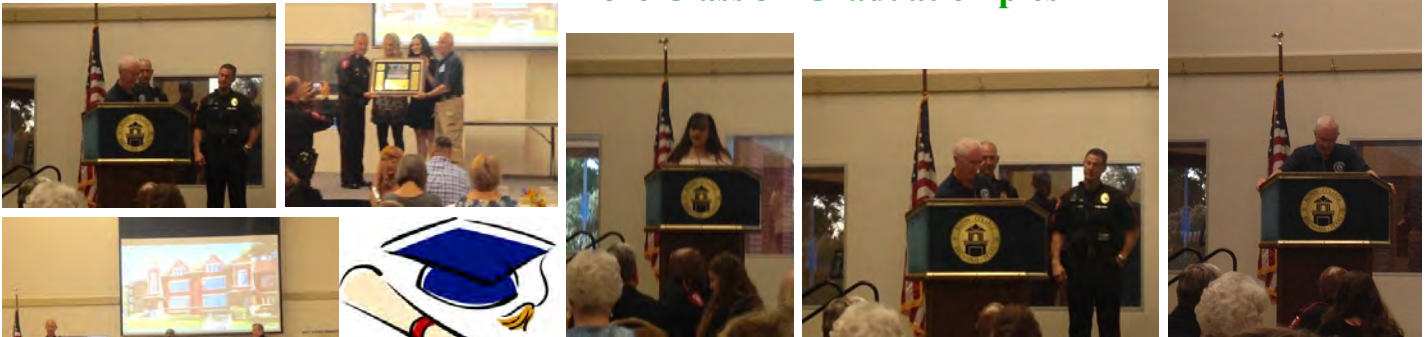
All uniqueness aside, it was a great group of individuals; that thoroughly enjoyed and absorbed the subject matter being taught them. What more can an organization (or a Teacher) ask for? We did lose a few students along the way, but that was no fault of the program or its instructors; it was merely bad timing. This year's curriculum was very similar to years past, with a slight twist. The K-9 Unit played a bigger role this year, and it will be even more prominent next year. We also, did not actually deploy spike strips and flatten any tires this year, but the simulation was still informative and entertaining. There were many nuances and tweaks to this year's classes; but nothing noteworthy comes to mind. All of our BPD Instructors did a great job of informing and entertaining our students of Class 31.

The "Reflections of Class 31" video was excellent and entertaining; especially taking into account, it was a first for the Chief's new Administrative Assistant, Alyson Tofel. Class 31 President, Dan Davis said a few very kind words and called upon Classmates Lisa Clark and Lindsey Carelock to help him present BPD with their Class 31 plaque (with the Cub Green background) and to present Sgt. Chris Jackson and Cpl. Todd Ashorn with appreciation trophies for a job well done. Longtime COP Clyde Averitt delivered a tear jerking testimonial about our CPAAA/COP organization (FAMILY) that kept me misty for a while. Sgt. Chris Jackson made his Closing Remarks, and then it was my turn. I had made remarks to the Class just 2 weeks before about our organization, and our wish for them to join us. So I took this time to call up CPAAA President Ceci Wagner to help me surprise Sgt. Jackson, one last time. Having presented Chris with a token of the CPAAA/COP groups' appreciation at the last General Meeting; then, presenting him with a trophy, as a token of appreciation, for display in his office, came as a complete surprise to him. Well everyone got a little misty again; it was quite a night. All that was left to do was to take a few more photos for posterity sake and mingle a while; as we didn't want the evening to end!

P.S. Our first COP Class was held the following week and we had 11 students from Class 31 in attendance, along with Merlene Schumacher from Class 30. That fact is also unique; the **most COP Students from the smallest CPA Class!!!**



More Class 31 Graduation pics



Below are pictures from the CPA High School Class Graduation

19 related students graduated with a better understanding of law enforcement, the officers, and their role in the community.



Below: It looks like the CPA Classes did for the past few months. It's the first COP Class and there were 11 students from Class 31 and Merlene Schumacher from Class 30. However, I don't think we will have a dozen new COPs when it's all said and done. A few have already dropped out, but it is still great to add to our ranks; and they are a great group of folks, ready to give back to our great community.



Volunteer Spotlight

Bob Cothorn joined our organization in 2008 responding to an article in the paper announcing the Brenham Police Department was “looking for a few good men”. After nine years of service to the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) along with the Citizens On Patrol (COP) organization and the Brenham Police Department, he’s never looked back; having enjoyed many service opportunities over the years. He has served as CPAAA President and currently holds the position of Treasurer. As a COP Sgt., he is responsible for the upkeep of our COP vehicles; he oversees the school traffic team, and compiles the monthly hourly reports of our volunteers. Quite a laundry of duties; but Bob is always up for the task. Bob is a Lieutenant’s Gold Whistle Award winner and former COP of the Year recipient.



Bob spent most of his formative years growing up in Albuquerque, NM. He received a BBA degree from the University of New Mexico and upon graduation, promptly married his High School sweetheart, Sharon. One month later, Uncle Sam came calling; and Bob answered the draft call to serve in the Army. Duty wasn’t all that bad though; after garnering a top secret clearance, he spent most of his time at the Army Air Defense Command Headquarters/NORAD in Colorado Springs, CO. After receiving his honorable discharge, he and Sharon set about raising their two sons and pursuing a career in business. Bob went to work with a large home furnishings company rising to a regional vice president after 19 years. Seeking a change, he soon transitioned into the banking world. It was this change that ultimately brought him to Brenham in 1995.

As a VP with Bank of America, he was transferred to Houston to help with the start-up of the Texas operations. Not wanting to live in Houston, he and Sharon discovered Brenham; so he happily opted for a commuters’ life in order to enjoy the advantages of a small town. After some time, an opportunity came along to accept a VP position with the NY Investment Banking firm of Lehman Brothers. Little did he know, five years later, this large 150 year-old company would be at the tipping point for the 2008 financial crisis and recession. Lehman declared bankruptcy and Bob reluctantly declared “retirement”!

He and Sharon recently celebrated 47 years of marriage. Together with their two sons and two beautiful daughter-in-laws, have a combined 5 grandchildren. Like many of us, they look back and wonder where the time went!!

Conway Family Donations

Chief Goodman,

My sister, **Brandi Conway**, stopped by the Police Department today to offer a gesture of thanks, from her and her children **Carli and Cash Conway**; in the form of a monetary donation. She presented **two \$500 checks**, one for the PD and one for Citizens on Patrol, in appreciation for daily service - and particularly the service provided by both teams during the funeral of her husband, Dwight. The Conway's wished to express a sincere thanks for the strong Police/COP presence in honor of their husband and father. As both the PD and COP/CPAAA are aware, the Conway family have been strong supporters of all public safety entities in this county for many years along with routine support to our youth and other programs that benefit this community.

Captain Dant Lange

Everyone Loves a Parade - Maifest 2017



EMS Honor Guard
present the Colors!



Who doesn't like the Shriners?



Everyone Loves a Marching
Band. That's Brenham Junior
High's Band with Robin
Aguilar beating that drum!



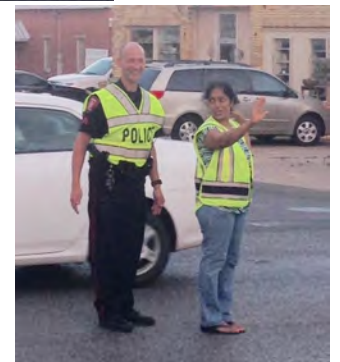
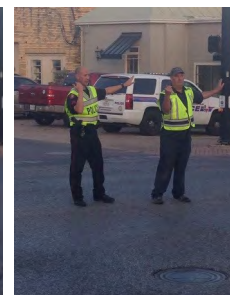
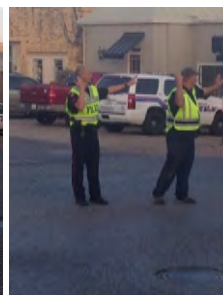
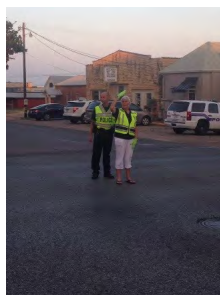
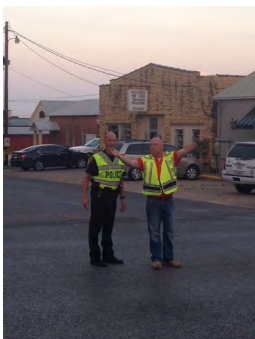
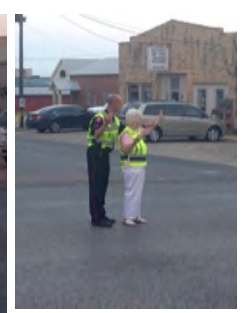
Everyone Loves a Parade
just ask Luke Aguilar or
Max Patrick!!



At Left: Cpl. Todd Ashorn, Sgt. Steven Eilert and
Chief Craig Goodman enjoying the Parade, while
keeping everyone safe at this year's Maifest.



Our twelve (8 out of 12) new COP Candidates did what Mama told them never to do, they played in the street! When you read this, they will have all completed their COP Classes and will be in the ride-a-long stage of their training. Robert Campbell and Doug Feist have completed their training and are now COPs!





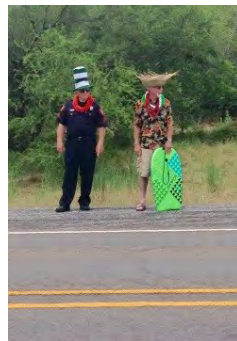
Ron Wise & Rob Aguilar handled the finger printing!



A **BIG THANK YOU** to all of the members that came out with baked goods to support our efforts. Some of our sales people are pictured above; and yes that is Senator Lois Kolkhorst helping our cause. The totals are in and our Annual Bake Sale Fundraiser netted us a tidy \$1758 this year; of which \$813 were strictly donations. Again, **THANKS** for all of the support.



The last day of school, and last day of school traffic for this school year brought out the Sorcerers Apprentice (Albert Green), the Cat in the Hat (Bob Cothorn) and the Surfer Dude (Ron Upchurch) to wish the students a happy and safe summer. **Thank You** to all of our Brenham Elementary School Traffic Control Wizards (and Sorcerers Apprentices) for a great job again this entire school year! Have a great summer, take a break; because we have to do it all again in August!



Photos below are from Local History Day in Downtown Brenham. COPs assisted at this event with traffic control and safety. Can you spot Christine Goodman's 4th Grade Class (second from right)?





Left and Far Left: With a little help from Durham Bus Co., Sgt. Joe Merkley and COP Lt. Rob Aguilar helped a stranded bus load of students on a field trip from Fayetteville.



Above and Above Right: Hwy 36 at Hwy 290 is completely shut down by an accident.



Above: Cpl. Tommie Kurie, Trooper Reaves and FF Pam Rue-mke direct traffic. Middle: FF Stacie Oberrender and Ofc. Hunter Andras direct traffic. Above Right: Ofc. Sierra Newell and FF Garrett Casada direct traffic at the same accident scene.

6-1-17 ***Working Well Together!***



The Brenham Fire Department celebrated its Sesquicentennial; 150 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Brenham and Washington County. The Brenham Police Department and Citizens On Patrol were there help them celebrate; at the Fire Station midmorning and at the Fireman's Training Center that night. These photos were taken at the Fire Station where trucks were on display, you could ride the bucket truck, tour the station and EOC and were treated to a jaws of life demo. Also, hot dogs, cake and ice cream were served!

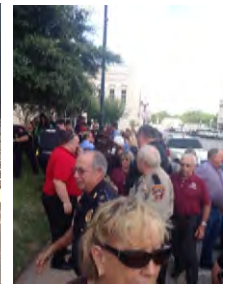


What flavor was that cake, Luke? It has blue icing!



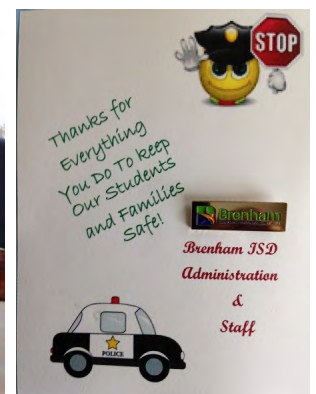
Far Left: Jaws of Life demo was underway.

Left and Above: COPs Clarence Steinfeld, Sherry Parker and Wanda Aguilar liked the 1923 American LaFrance Chemical Engine on display. The cake and ice cream were good too!!



Above: The Merkley Clan attended the Fallen Officer's Wreath Laying Ceremony 5-19-17.

The Ceremony was solemn and dignified, as always; but the WCMS Honor Guard lent an added layer of dignity to the event. Our BPD Honor Guard is still in the works.



The Brenham Independent School District (BISD) recognized Citizens On Patrol (COP) at a Luncheon in their honor. BISD wanted to thank those COPs that perform traffic control duties at Brenham Elementary School throughout the school year. Those in attendance (pictured above) were treated to a great lunch and given a Pin and Thank You Card (above right) along with some other goodies. Some very nice words were touted along with some tasteful jokes; and remarks on how to improve the traffic problems next school year. **Thanks COP's!!**



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A Dad is

A Dad is respected because he gives his children leadership.

A Dad is appreciated because he gives his children care.

A Dad is valued because he gives his children time.

*A Dad is loved because he gives his children the one thing they
treasure most - himself.*

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY