



Brenham Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

The Informant

Dates to remember

General Meeting 7pm	8/14
Band March-a-Thon	8/11
Guns & Hoses Blood Drive	8/25 & 8/26
General Meeting	9/11

Chief Craig Goodman talks to Rotarians about "ALERT" more on pages 8 & 9.



Above: The Blacque Pearls Motorcycle Club along with City and County COPs were presented with appreciation plaques following the Camp Periwinkle Escort (see Pg 5)

Below: Our newest Police Officer, Guillermo Guerrero was Sworn In at City Hall on July 10th (more photos on page 3)

August Birthdays

Sgt. Seth Klehm 8/3

Alyson Tofel 8/10

Chief Craig Goodman 8/14

Ofc. Jose Perez 8/27

Cpl. Lance Weiss 8/29

Angie Luedecke 8/31



Citizens on Patrol

Hot Nights, Cool Tunes

Thank you to those who assisted with this event during the month of July: *Ron Wise, Annette Tiemann, Wanda Aguilar, Albert Green, Rob Aguilar, Sue Braun, Kevin Braun, Howard Mead, Stan Ford, Clarence Steinfeld, Tex Davis, Ron Upchurch, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Sherry Parker, Laura Sparks, Patricia Badough, Wayne Miller, Rosie Langford, Bob Cothorn, Doug Feist, Chuck Wood, Catharine Wood*
Sorry if I missed anyone!
(Photos on Page 8)

Childrens Miracle Network Fundraiser

Thank You to those that helped at the Westwood Dairy Queen on 7-27-17: *Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann*
(Photos on Page 8)

Camp Periwinkle Escort

Thanks to the following **COPs** for their help with the Camp Periwinkle Escort on 7-30-17: *Rob Aguilar, Clarence Steinfeld, Sherry Parker, Juanita Hickey, Harry Jones*

And Thanks to the following **County COPs**: *Larry Neveux, Gary Baldwin, Doss Pruitt, Bobbie McDaniel, Robert Campbell, Dan Davis*
(Photos on Page 5 & 7)

THANK YOU ALL
 very much for all the hard work.
 Especially in such hot weather.
AWESOME!



Above: Tony Smith receives the 2nd Quarter Lt.'s Gold Whistle Award from Lt. Rob Aguilar.

At Left: Ron Upchurch is congratulated by Rob Aguilar and Bob Cothorn after earning the 2nd Quarter Office Angel Award !

July COP Hours

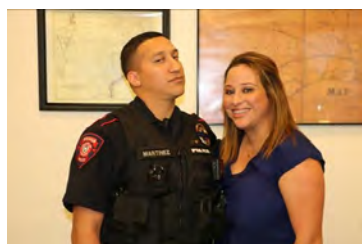
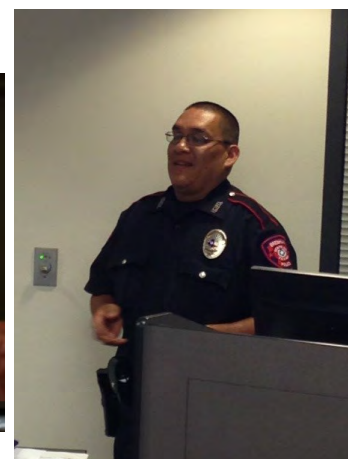
Rob Aguilar	41.5
Wanda Aguilar	13
Dorothy Antkowiak	12
Clyde Averitt	2
Patricia Badough	25
Kevin Braun	4
Sue Braun	16
Wayne Brown	3.75
Robbie Gail Charette	6
Bob Cothorn	52
Michael Cowan	18.5
Glen Daugherty	10
Dan Davis	3
Tex Davis	212
Fredericka DeBerry	11.75
Doug Feist	32.5
Stan Ford	52.5
Christine Goodman	9
Albert Green	33
Dale Green	12
Juanita Hickey	32
Harry Jones	16
Larry Keller	7.25
Dick Klein	19
Rosie Langford	4
Howard Mead	18.75
Wayne Miller	2
Steve Oneill	4
Sherry Parker	50
Carole Petzolt	7
Monroe Petzolt	6
Merlene Schumacher	9
Corina Smith	7
Mark Smith	6
Tony Smith	15
Laura Sparks	20.75
Clarence Steinfeld	65.25
Annette Tiemann	13
Ron Upchurch	138.5
Jean Winters	2
Ron Wise	9

TOTAL 1021



Congratulations!

Officer Guillermo Guerrero



Above: His wife pins on his new Badge as his family looks on. His new BPD Family is also there looking on!!

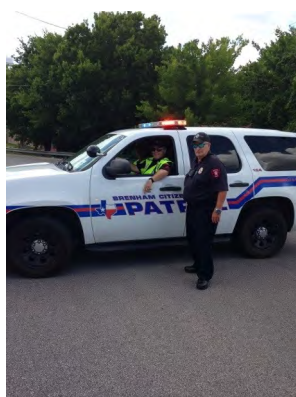
Above: Guillermo introduces himself at our last CPAAA Meeting. Welcome to the Family!

Eddie be nice to your sister and smile for the camera; say cheeeese!

And that's how you make Ofc. Eddie Martinez SMILE!!



In these 3 photos I caught Tex Davis, Bob Cothorn and Harry Jones redirecting traffic at a fire scene.



I caught Ashley Burns-Batson with little Avery Grace napping at BPD. She is due back to work very soon(8-21) and was getting some paper-work done. While she says that she is ready to get back to work; she will miss her little bundle of joy immensely while on duty. Welcome Back Ashley!!

How cute is that ?!!!

Volunteer Spotlight

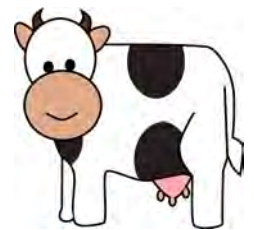
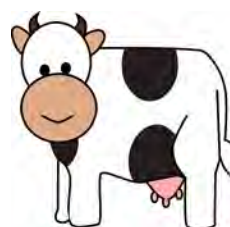
Her parents were cotton and corn farmers from the Brenham area. She grew up around cows, pigs and chickens. She remembers picking fruit and vegetables from the family's large garden. Times were simpler then; now she is still at home with her own large garden, and cows, and chickens are still part of her everyday life. However, she is kept quite busy in her role as our Patrol Sergeant, in charge of scheduling of outdoor events and other manpower needs. Dorothy Antkowiak started working at the then Brenham State School, now known as the Brenham State Supported Living Center (BSSLC) just after graduating from Brenham High School. While working at BSSLC she attended and graduated from Blinn College and later attended and graduated from Prairie View A & M with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a major in Special Education. That degree served her well at BSSLC in her various capacities over her 35 year career there. She had several positions while at BSSLC including direct care of individuals, shift supervisor over 30 employees, a case worker with a large case load, and she was instrumental in the development and implementation of individual training programs to enhance the well-being of the clients. She retired from BSSLC in 2011; and was able to devote more time to the CPAAA/COP organization that she joined in 2006.

In 1989, Dorothy was blessed with a son, Ryan. She has done a great job raising this bright young man. Ryan also graduated from Brenham High School and is a 2011 graduate of Texas A & M University's Mays Business School. The other love of her life came into the picture in the year 2000. That's Dale Green, they share the same passion for NASCAR, camping, boating and volunteer work. They don't ever miss the Daytona 500; making the trip to Daytona Beach, Florida religiously, every year.

Dorothy said, "she was eager to improve the quality of life in Brenham by supporting the Brenham Police Department and was willing to assist the department and it's officers through volunteerism and community activities; so she took the CPA Class and became a COP". She has worn many hats in our organization including Board Member, Vice-President, President as well as COP and Patrol Sergeant.



She was voted CPAAA Member of the Year in 2007, COP of the Year in 2011, Officer's Choice Award winner in 2012 and the Chief's Volunteer Award winner in 2016. Dorothy is also a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Chairwoman of the Little Mr. & Mrs. Contest at the Washington County Fair, Member of Aggie Moms, and a past Team Leader of Relay for Life; and is a Real Estate entrepreneur. When at home, you will probably find **Dorothy in her garden**, or tending to her chickens or cows. **If don't find her there, she will be on the phone, calling YOU to work a COP Event!!**



Camp Periwinkle Escort 2017

On 7-30-17 the Police Department, Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, City COPs and County COPs got a chance to work together on a pleasurable and worthwhile task; the annual Camp Periwinkle Escort. This year was no different than any other, except we had several new participants. The escort went off without a hitch and the four bus loads of campers were so excited to get their week of fun and adventure at the camp underway, our interaction with them was limited. We got to visit a while with Deputies and our County counterparts; drink a cold beverage and pose for our plaques. Our plaque can be seen in the COP Office. It was fun and we look forward to next year!



Above: Harry Jones, Rob Aguilar, Clarence Steinfeld, Sherry Parker, Juanita Hickey



Above: County and City COPs stand ready to perform traffic control duties for the Annual Camp Periwinkle Escort. What a great looking group!!

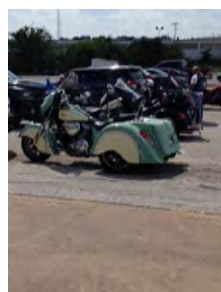


Above: County COPs Dan Davis, Robert Campbell, Doss Pruitt, Deputy Darius Smith, Larry Neveux



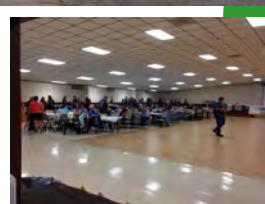
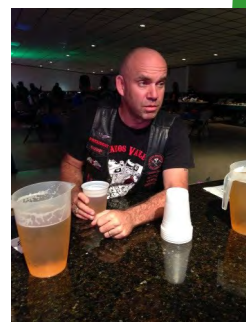
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The Reguladores Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club (LEMC) had their 2017 National Convention here in Brenham at the Fireman's Training Center. This 3 day event was a boom to our city and the Reguladores LEMC had nothing but praise for Brenham, the surrounding area and the facility. It was quite a display of motorcycles and the friendly group and family atmosphere of the event was infectious. They held closed door meetings to do the clubs business; but they also had barbeques, bounce houses, mechanical bull riding, a dunk tank, a band, a DJ, dances and a fundraising auction. One of the groups that benefited from the auction was Brenham's Adam's Angels. Even though there was a biker gang in town; the city could not have been a safer place with about 300 law enforcement officers in attendance.



Left: Representing Adam's Angels, that's Chief Traelan Nickerson his Grandma and Adam's Angels founder Donna Culliver.

Right: That's DPS Trooper James Reaves; he's President of Los Carnales LEMC!



Left: Another event was "Tug Of War on the Dance Floor"!!



Hot Nights Cool Tunes is always a fun time for the public and for us as well. On 7-29-17 the City had a "show-n-tell" of Emergency Vehicles for the public to view. We had Cpl. Todd Ashorn with his Police Cruiser and Cpl. Lance Weiss was showing off our MRAP. The Fire Department had its Rescue Truck and EMS had it's SRT Unit. It was a good night for public relations and there were a lot of questions asked of Todd and Lance. COPs kept getting the same question—"where's the nearest restroom" Good Job Guys!!



Left: That's Violet with Grandma Catherine Wood.
Right: Cpl. Lance Weiss answers questions about the MRAP.



FYI: There is a new app out there that will help with crime fighting. This new tool was just launched by the FBI, it's called the **FBI Wanted App**. It can be downloaded to your mobile devices; the app is free and works on Apple and Android devices, including smartphones, iPads, and iPods. Depending on your device, it can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play. It is designed to let the public help with the apprehension of criminals as well as locating lost or kidnapped victims. For example if you see someone in a news article or on the television newscast that looks like someone you have seen recently, you would open the app then by entering your city name into the app it will bring up individual profiles and pictures. If you think it's the same person you simply click on the Call FBI button in the app. **FYI**

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Mr. & Mrs. Anonymous

By Rob Aguilar

We have all known of the existence of Mr. & Mrs. Anonymous; but few of us have actually met them. The Anonymous Family is quite large, and has a big contingent here in Brenham. In the past I had only dealt with the angry, jealous, and vindictive side of that family. I was told on a couple of occasions that Mr. Anonymous was not happy with my emergency driving; and Mrs. Anonymous agreed. It was brought to my attention, but I was not allowed to meet or contact the ill-informed, highly mistaken family members (they remained anonymous). I have also been told that other members of the Anonymous Family have spoken harshly about some of our BPD and COP members; and that corrective measures are needed. Well those measures were exacted and hopefully, those COPs are doing a better job; but the family members lodging the complaints remained anonymous.

Well I am happy to report that I have finally had dealings with the other side of the Anonymous Family; the happy, generous and grateful side of the family. In the past 3 weeks I have had brushes with the good side of the family. While having breakfast with my wife at Denny's I asked for the check; the waitress informed me that the Anonymous Family had taken care of the tab (they remained anonymous). A week later, after a COP function, three of us were having lunch at K-Bob's and again when the check came the waitress informed us that Mr. Anonymous himself had taken care of the bill. Knowing the waitress well, we got to see the check which was paid by credit card; and alas, Mr. Anonymous had an alias; but none in our group recognized his name. Mr. Anonymous took a big chance; we could have all ordered large T-bone steaks instead of the daily special, which was quite good, I might add. Another week passes and it happens again; I have been eating quite well and saving some money. How great is that; **THANK YOU MR. ANONYMOUS !!**

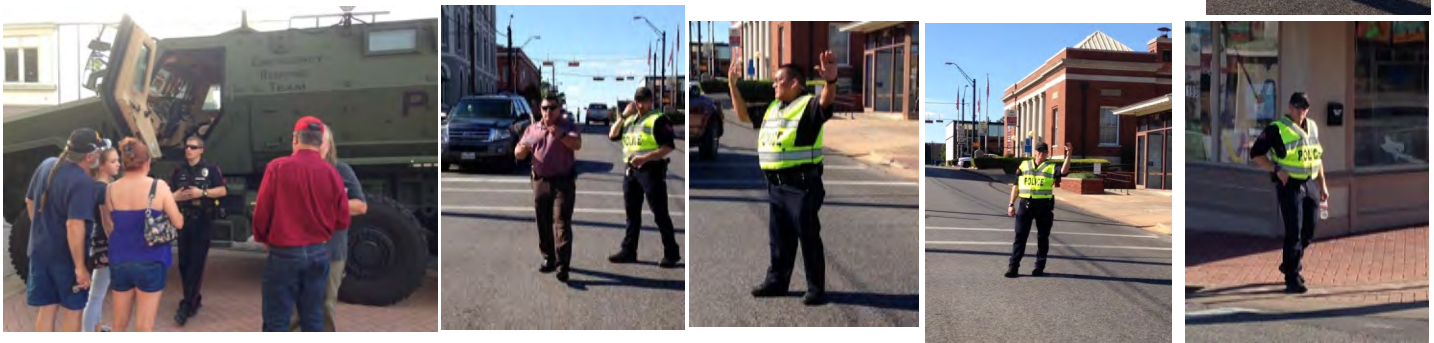
The story doesn't end there; it was my turn to be Mr. Anonymous. I saw a BPD Officer having lunch with a friend; so I snuck over to his waiter and paid his check. The waiter was sworn to secrecy, but he spilled the beans anyway. It turns out that the officer and waiter had been good friends for years, and when pressed, he gave me up. Well I tried to deny it because I wanted to remain anonymous, but I guess I will just have try again; maybe a perfect stranger next time. Having spoken to several Officers, COPs and Firefighters, I have learned that Mr. & Mrs. Anonymous have been quite busy picking up tabs all over the Brenham area. I guess those anonymous complaints will never stop, but dealing with the good side of that family makes them more palatable. I guess I have joined the good side of the Anonymous Family, and I hope I won't be persuaded to join the dark side; **I would like to stay happy, generous and grateful!!**

Police Chief Craig Goodman plans to bring "ALERT" to Brenham. In an article in the Banner-Press on Sunday July 30th by Staff Writer Jay Strasner the following information was gleaned. How to react when faced with an active shooter at a school or place of business was the subject of the Rotary Club presentation held during the regular weekly meeting. Chief Goodman is an authority on the topic, having recently completed an intensive course on workplace safety, held on the Campus of Texas State University. The acronym ALERT stands for Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training. From 2001-2014 there were 179 mass shootings in the U.S. and at 45% of those events, the shooter had no affiliation with the victims. Goodman said that in the past, students and employees took the approach of hiding from an attacker, much like they would during a tornado or other dangerous event. According to data, It take Police an average of 3 minutes to reach the scene of a mass shooting. The first mistake made is to deny that there is any danger at hand. Victims should assume the worst and quickly think about escape and

exits. Don't play dead; you're not helpless. The last step is to defend yourself. A lot of times there is only one shooter and there is strength in numbers. Goodman said that the BPD staff is eager to come to your school or place of business and help instruct you and your employees on the best practices of dealing with active shooters. They can do anything from an hour program to a four hour program. This is a lot like the Run, Hide, Fight program we saw a few years ago, but there is more good information that was used to tweak the program and help make everyone safer. I can't wait to view one of these programs; I think it will be quite helpful; I heard COPs are on the list to receive the "ALERRT" training. Thanks Todd!



Community Relations is an important part of the Brenham Police Department; whether its passing out Blizzards at Dairy Queen (above) or showing off the MRAP at Hot Nights Cool Tunes (below) BPD prides itself on community involvement and good relations. We were practicing good community relations when we directed traffic at 2 broken traffic signals (one at Market and Alamo and one at Market and Main) COPs Tex Davis and Rob Aguilar had help from Sgt. Seth Klehm, Ofc. Guillermo Guerrero, Ofc. Jose Perez, Ofc. Andy Adams; and even Captain Trey Gully came out to make sure we had water to drink!



The Summit

By Rob Aguilar

On July 20th(2016), at 5 pm, the training room at BPD was the stage for the all-important Summit. The law enforcement community all around our nation was still reeling from the recent mass shootings; that seemed to be occurring with more frequency. That was followed by unfortunate police shooting incidents involving unarmed suspects. Then we had the shootings in Dallas where police officers were the targets. Still horrified by the Dallas tragedy; we were hit by more violence against police officers in Baton Rouge.

All the while your BPD Command Staff was strategizing and disseminating information to its officers. They decided to have a structured meeting with as many officers that could attend. Hearing about the meeting, the Mayor and City Manager asked to attend. The Police Chief started out with some reassuring remarks; and told of all the support he had seen from our community. He then advised all of the officers to be hyper-vigilant; with situational awareness being the key to their safety. The Captains then voiced their experience based opinions on how to handle certain situations. The Sergeants and Corporals in the room also had some wisdom to impart. This was like a round table discussion with audience participation encouraged. And even some patrol officers offered good ideas to keep everyone safe. Unfortunately, I did not take notes; and I don't know which ideas are now actual police department policies and procedures. But I can say that a lot of good came from that session.

After hearing from all of the officers that wanted to speak, the Mayor and City Manager took the floor to add some words of encouragement. They both said that it appeared that BPD seems to be prepared for any and all situations. And further, that the city fathers and citizens of our great community support their efforts. We all then gathered at the front steps of the Police Department building to pose for a picture of the Summit participants.

We weren't through yet, there was still the meeting of the COP Command Staff. Chief Goodman and Chris Jackson met with six members of your COP Command Staff to see if there was anything that we would like to change in order to be safer. The Chief was willing to change our uniforms; perhaps a different color, or polo shirts without patches. He also said that we could change the graphics on our patrol vehicles or the light configuration or even stop patrolling. We spoke about training, with situational awareness training being a must; and other training topics including mass casualty, first aid, active shooter and self-defense as options. We did conclude that any training would have to be held in a daytime session and a night time session on possibly different days in order to reach all of our members. All officers in the meeting were allowed to voice their opinions and ideas especially when we spoke about changing our procedures. The conclusions drawn after our discussions are as follows: The uniforms will remain the same; however, if anyone is uncomfortable or does not feel safe wearing it, they don't have to. The cars will also remain the same;

changing them would just defeat the purpose of having them. Anyone that does not feel safe patrolling alone should only go out with someone else on board. Two man patrol units is always a good policy. At large functions (like Hot Nights Cool Tunes) we would like to see at least two COPs stay together and at least one of them should have a handheld radio. We all agreed that we need more training; especially situational awareness training. We should also have mock accident traffic control scenarios. And as stated before, we should conduct this training in both a day and evening session; so that more members can attend. The other important thing that came from these meetings is that you must remain vigilant and don't think that this cannot happen here; it can happen anywhere!

BACK THE BLUE

This article was written last year; but the subject matter was revisited just last week; so I felt it appropriate to include it here. Thanks.



We had almost 30 officers attend the all important Summit and even a couple of COPs. The City Manager and Mayor were front and center showing their support for our Officers and Department; they **BACK THE BLUE !!**



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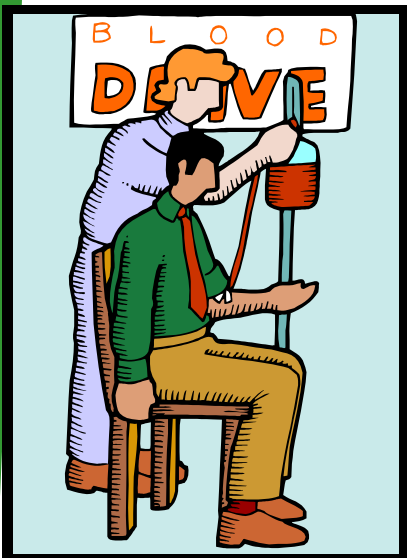
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Guns and Hoses Blood Drive Two Day Event

The Donor Coach will be at City Hall on Friday, 8-25-17 from 9 am to 3 pm

The Drive will be at the Fireman's Training Center on Saturday 8-26-17 from 9 am to 3 pm

A Free Coupon for a Pint of Blue Bell ice-cream for all who donate Blood.