Newsletter of the Brenham, TX Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

The Informant



Calendar of Events:

June 10—General Meeting @ 7pm June 14th—Juneteenth Parade June 22nd BPD/CPAAA Picnic July 5—Hot Nights, Cool Tunes July 14—General Meeting @7pm

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Kappy Birthday Brenham PD Sgt. Lloyd Powell June 13

Ofc. Casey Thuman June 23Ginger BishopJune 28Det. Michael Davis July 2

Remember Dad June 15th

Don't miss our next General Meeting coming up this Monday 6/9 at 7pm at the Brenham Police Department.

The Guest Speaker for Monday Night's General Meeting will be Precinct 2 Constable **Carroll Charles "Butch" Faske.** Constable Faske is a Brenham native and lifelong resident of Washington County. First elected to his current position as Constable Precinct 2 way back in 1988; Butch has served this community well. He will share his experiences and insights as they relate to the office of Constable and law enforcement in general in our community. Butch is married to Margaret (Betty) Faske and they have two children, Bruce and Bonnie.



Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony held 6/16/14

Presenting the Wreath were (from left) Washington County Sheriff's Deputy Brad Kulow, Texas Ranger Jeff Wolfe, Brenham Assistant Fire Marshall Heath Mahlman, Blinn PD Capt. Craig Wiesepape and Brenham PD Cpl. Chris Jackson. At right Chief Rex Phelps addresses the crowd at the ceremony.



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May was an extremely busy month for our COP's and we'd like to give a HUGE thank you to all our hard working volunteers:

May 5 - Peace Officers Assoc. Golf Tournament: Peter Emerson, Jack Murski, **Dorothy Antkowiak**

May 6 - Mike Hopkins 25th Anniversary Parking Assignment: Jack Murski, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Tome Painter, Tex Davis, David Clinkenbeard

May 7 - Mike Hopkins Parking Assignment day 2: James Bassett, David Clinkenbeard, Albert Green, Tom Painter, Tex Davis

May 8 - Local History Walk : Jack Murski, Tom Painter, James Bassett

May 10 - Walgreen's Fingerprinting Assignment: Millie Keller, Ron Wise, Wayne Brown, Clyde Averitt, Rob Aguilar

May 15 - BISD Fitness Walk Fingerprinting and Parking Assignment: Rob Aguilar, Ron Wise, Wanda Aguilar, Helen Jordan, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, James Bassett and COP Candidates Vanessa artinez, Manija Whitman

May 16 - BSSLC Parade: Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Ron Upchurch, Jack Murski, Tom Painter, COP Candidate Billy Yawn

May 16- BSSLC Parking Assignment: Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, COP Candidate Billy Yawn

May 18 - St. Mary's 100 Days of Summer Celebration: Clyde Averitt, Jack Murski May 20 - St. Paul's Traffic Assignment: Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar

May 22 - Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run Escort: Jack Murski, Clyde Averitt, Wanda Aguilar, Rob Aguilar

May 31 - Brenham High School Graduation Parking: Bob Cothern, Albert Green, Jack Murski, James Bassett, Tex Davis, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Rob Agui-Iar, Tom Painter, Ron Upchurch and COP Candidates Dairius Smith, Stan Ford, Billy Yawn, Manija Whitman, Xochitlmari Rangel

May 31 - Project Graduation: Annette Tiemann, Bob Cothern, Dorothy Antkowiak, Albert Green, Jim Hollister, Wanda Aguilar, Rob Aguilar, Clarence Steinfeld, Jean Winters, Peter Emerson, Ron Upchurch, and COP Candidates Manija Whitman, Xochitlmari Rangel, Dairius Smith, Vanessa Martinez, Stan Ford



A group of COPs have a well deserved dinner, after parking cars at Cub Stadium for the High School Graduation. But after this meal it was off to work at Project Graduation for this group and others.

MAY COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	90
Wanda Aguilar	13.5
Dorothy Antkowiak	52
Clyde Averitt	19
Helen Bassett	6.5
James Bassett	47.75
Scott Boll	9.25
Sue Braun	6
Dustin Brown	10.75
Wayne Brown	12.5
Willie Brown	18
David Clinkenbeard	45.5
Bob Cothern	38.75
Michael Cowan	8
Remona Cross	1.75
Glen Daugherty	27
Tex Davis	174.5
Peter Emerson	6.5
Stan Ford	18.5
Louis Garcia	3.75
Albert Green	41.75
Dale Green	29
Juanita Hickey	3.5
Millie Keller	15.25
Vanessa Martinez	7
Jack Murski	60.25
Tom Painter	31.5
Don Peloquin	16
Xochitllmari Rangel	14.5
Corina Smith	3
Dairius Smith	12
Mark Smith	4.75
Tony Smith	12
Clarence Steinfeld	26.75
Annette Tiemann	22
Ron Upchurch	78
Darrell Weed	23.5
Manija Whitman	16.5
Jean Winters	8
Ron Wise	9.25
Catharine Wood	14
Billy Yawn	24
TOTAL	1082

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

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

I truly appreciate all those who donated snacks and money for me to purchase the stuff for the officers.during National Police Week. A special big thank you to Ginger Bishop or ALL that she did to help me make these baskets! *Nicole Lowe*









The Brenham Police Department's newest Officer, Andrew "Drew" Mitchell is sworn in; Cpl. Chris Jackson is a witness. He is then congratulated and welcomed to our Department by Chief Rex Phelps. If you see Drew, please give him a warm BPD welcome. We are hoping that he will attend our next General Meeting.



The Place Was Abuzz By Rob Aguilar

It was close to five o'clock, quitting time, here at BPD on Wednesday May 28th. Myself and Bob Cothern had just finished writing reports, COP Candidate Progress Reports; as we had been doing ride-alongs since ten that morning. It was a good day; we had our First Official COP of Class 28 finish his 10 plus hours. Stan Ford did it in just two days; I do believe that is some kind of record? I had taken Stan out for four plus hours on Tuesday, and we decided to go out again on Wednesday. After two ride-alongs with one Field Training Officer (FTO) the candidate must shift to another FTO to complete the mandatory ride-alongs. That Wednesday, Bob Cothern was out with COP Candidate Billy Yawn. We ran into each other when we were checking Hohlt Park at the same time (Hohlt Park was well protected at 11 am). We then decided to meet for a burger at noon (Whataburger was well protected at noon time).

Lunch was quite short; mostly because they get orders out very quickly there; it is called fast food, after all! In that short time, we did come up with the idea of meeting back at BPD around 2 pm and changing riding partners. This meant that the Candidates got two ride-alongs in one day. Great idea, right? Well that's how Stan broke all ride-along records (in recent times); but I digress. That's not what this article is about. By this time it is just after five, and the parking lot was still full. Tex Davis came in to check out a vehicle and go out on patrol. It seems that Tex is going on patrol almost daily; that's dedication. The support staff was still here; and I then noticed officers showing up and gathering in the front parking lot. The place was abuzz, but why?

The place was abuzz with anticipation. My curiosity got the best of me, I asked Ginger why everyone was hanging around after quitting time. Everyone was waiting to see our latest piece of equipment roll in, she said. A few minutes later, a flatbed truck carrying several big tires pulls in. Well that was anticlimactic; tires? I then got the scoop; we had won a grant for a new SWAT vehicle. It was a military Armored Personnel Carrier donated by the Government, after certain criteria was met by our organization (BPD). Well that sounds exiting; I'll wait here with everybody else and see what the buzz is all about.

Here comes Cpl. Klehm and Cpl. Jackson cruising up in a sand colored behemoth; and they were both grinning from ear to ear. It was a large armor clad, bullet proof, hard to steer, six wheel, air conditioned, bonafide SWAT vehicle; with lots of spare run flat tires as a bonus. Its doors were reminiscent of a bank vault; less the combination lock. And its spartan interior was not the roomiest (no head room). Bob, Tex and I got to tour this awesome machine, and while it is not perfect, we gave it two thumbs up! Everyone was ecstatic because we need it, or something like it, very badly! Case-in-point, I was at the last standoff here, and the SWAT Team deployed off of the back of a pickup truck. That doesn't seem very safe from my perspective.

Well that Wednesday was a good day for many reasons. Congrats to Stan on becoming a COP (the first from Class 28). And Congratulations to BPD, the SWAT Team and the Citizens of Brenham for acquiring a great new tool that will enhance the safety of our Officers and the Citizens they are sworn to protect.



It's Contagious, So Catch It! By Rob Aguilar

Summer is in full swing, as evidenced by the sweltering heat, my thirsty lawn, and my low energy level. Several short vacations, and I'm still not energized. Perhaps I am working too hard? Nonsense, I'm retired, I only do things that I like doing. Even the recent heavy rains didn't get me out of my funk.

Well, good news, I feel great! Re-energized, but why? This feeling of new found energy and enthusiasm comes from a contagious disease known as "Rookie-itis". You know that ailment that affects all new Rookies, in some form or fashion. Let me explain. All of our new COP Trainees have this disease in varying degrees. They all exude a sense of excitement and enthusiasm for the challenges that lie ahead. And it's contagious; especially if you are around these individuals for any given length of time.

Being an FTO (Field Training Officer) for these new recruits has had a positive effect on me. Whether the new COP's are age 17 or 77, they all display that infectious enthusiasm, that wide-eyed wonderment of what every new tour of duty might bring them. Well I am here to say that that contagious feeling has done wonders for my state of mind. I was already crazy, some might say in jest (I hope); but a good attitude helps you in all aspects of life. So call me crazy, but I truly enjoyed teaching our recruits new things. I enjoyed getting to know each and every one, through those long field training sessions that every Trainee must go through. I enjoyed answering all those questions and all the possible scenarios that could arise. This new group of COP's is nine strong, and I am sure they will be a great addition to an already awesome team.

Perhaps my newly found energy and enthusiasm comes from a feeling of accomplishment; after all I did play a part in their success. Or perhaps that feeling comes from knowing that we won't have as much trouble filling the duty rosters when new assignments arise. Or perhaps it's knowing that I have made some new friends. Or perhaps it's a combination of the three. In any event, I guess it doesn't matter how I got this feeling, just that I am here now and am enjoying every minute, just like when I was a Rookie!

So I urge each and every member of our group to embrace our new members; get to know them and by all means spend time with them. Because what they have is "CONTAGIOUS" and I think we all need to "CATCH IT".



What's up with Boys and New Toys: at left the Boys at BPD can't wait to check out the new Armored Vehicle. At right Lance Weiss can't wait to cut something open or pry it apart with the New Cutters and Spreaders at BFD It's a Guy Thing!





JUNE 2014



A meal for *First Responders* was prepared and served by St. Paul's 6th Grade Class at BPD on May 21st. It was short notice, but a good turn out, none the less. FD, PD, EMS, DPS and even a couple of COPs were on hand to enjoy the feast. *Thanks St. Paul's!*



At left—The BSSLC 40th Anniversary Parade

At right— Law Enforcement Torch Run participants

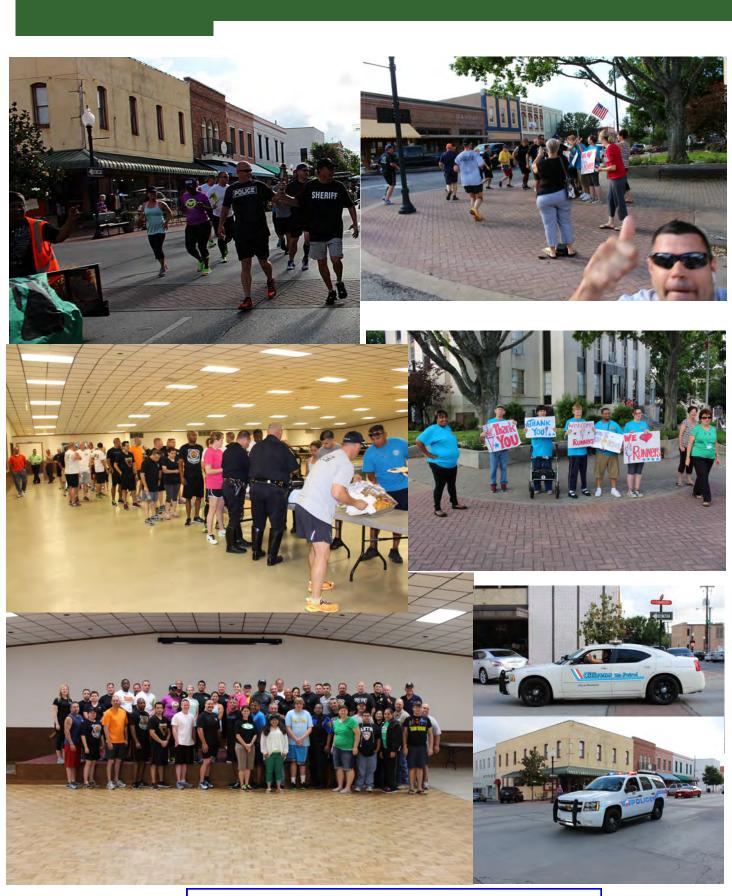






At top, top left and left Billy Yawn and Stan Ford help park cars and direct traffic at the High School Graduation at Cubs Stadium Thanks Guys! At right– Dale Green receives the Lt's Gold Whistle Award for the month of May. It was long overdue, and much deserved. Thanks Dale for all the hard work.





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2014 SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN

JUNE 2014

CLASS 28



At left - BFD Capt. Brian Scheffer teaches Haz-Mat Awareness to new COPs

At right - They are tested on their Haz-Mat knowledge

At the Gun Range





























Great Plaque from Class 28











Gifts for Chris and his *understand-ing* wife Megan were presented.

A great Graduation Ceremony





Finally Rob, Closing Remarks!!

JUNE 2014

CPAAA/PD SUMMER



OUR ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 22ND AT

FIREMAN'S TRAINING CENTER

FROM 2PM UNTIL 6PM

ALL PAID MEMBERS AND FAMILY OF THE CPA ALUMNI AND THE

BRENHAM PD ARE INVITED.

HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS WILL BE SERVED AS WELL AS

TEA, WATER AND LEMONADE. BYOB





On a sad note, COP Lieutenant Darrell Weed has decided to retire from our organization. Darrell graduated from CPA Class 2 in September 1991. He was in the first class of COPs in 1996. Since 1996 he has worked tirelessly to better our Citizens On Patrol program and was instrumental in making it what it is today. Darrell's work ethic, knowledge and dedication along with his sense of humor (as evidenced by the photo at left) will be sorely missed. I hope he will be at our next General Meeting this Monday or perhaps at our Summer Picnic on the 22nd so everyone can bid him a fond farewell and Big Thank You for all that he has done for us and our organization. Brenham Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

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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.
- Author Unknown

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY