

September 2014

Brenham Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

THE INFORMANT



1st Annual—***First Responder’s Softball Tournament*** was held on August 16th at Hohlt Park. The Police Department (PD), Fire Department (FD), Sheriff’s Office (SO) and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) all participated. All proceeds from the event to go to the winner’s Charity of Choice. The final results were in: EMS got 1st Place, PD was in 2nd Place, FD was in 3rd Place with the SO in 4th Place. While a PD spokesperson said they were disappointed with the outcome; the better team won. Adding, there is always next year; and it was ***loads of fun***. There has been talk of having a rematch sometime in March, when the weather would be more agreeable to all!

Dates to remember

- General Meeting 7pm 9/8
- Wash Cnty Fair Parade 9/13
- Nat’l Night. Out 10/7
- Halloween Drive Thru 10/31
- Drive-thru fundraiser Nov.3

At Right-Chief Phelps gets a bite of a ball that goes foul.

Bottom Right—Chris Jackson’s pitching skills put to the test; with Trey Gully playing 3rd Base.



we remember
9.11.01



September Birthdays

Belated wishes to

- Cpl. Justin Schiller 9/3
- Karen Karsteter 9/9
- Cpl. Joe Merkley 9/20
- Cpl. Kelvin Raven 9/26



Thank You!

A **Big Thank You** goes out to all the COPs that came out on August 16th to help with the Guns and Hoses Blood Drive. But a **Special Thanks** to those that donated the Gift of Life: Clarence Steinfeld, Vanessa Martinez, Chuck Wood, Mark Smith, and Rob Aguilar. I know that the Softball Tournament was going on at the same time, so **Thanks** also to Casey Thumann that managed to leave the Tournament and donate a pint of blood. If I missed anyone—**Thanks!**

Friday's Totals : 22 Total Blood Units

Saturday's Totals : 48 Total Blood Units

Below is our Blood Drive Crew: Jean Winters, Millie Keller, Annette Tiemann, Wanda Aguilar, Ron Wise, and Juanita Hickey (Clarence Stienfeld and Rob Aguilar not pictured)

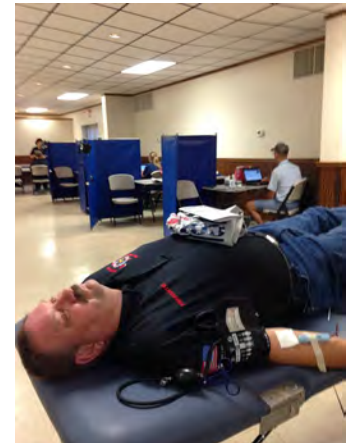


September's Guest Speaker:

As mentioned in last month's Informant, our guest speaker this month will be Kirk Hanath County Commissioner of Precinct 3. Hanath is in his third term as County Commissioner for Precinct 3, having served since 2004. The forty-three year old Brenham native is a Graduate of Brenham High School, and Blinn College; he also attended the University of Texas at Austin (**Go Horns!**). His childhood had a profound affect on his work ethic and fiscal philosophy. While his education and work experience in the business community equipped him to deal with the problems facing Washington County today. He is a family man, having been married to the love of his life, Christa Fricke since May of 2002.

2014 National Night Out

Make plans to join forces with us on **October 4th** for this **31st Annual** crime and drug prevention event. This year's theme will be voted on at the September 8th General Meeting.



Donating, clockwise: Vanessa Martinez and Rob Aguilar donating Dbl Reds; while Clarence Steinfeld, Mark Smith and Chuck Wood give whole blood.

Thanks Guys!



August Events

Thanks to all the COPs that helped Park Cars at Blue Bell Creameries in the month August: David Clinkenbeard, Tom Painter, Dorothy Antkowiak, James Bassett, Stan Ford, Billy Yawn, Albert Green, Ron Upchurch, Bob Cothorn, Corina Smith, Rob Aguilar

Thanks to the following COPs for their help on 8-7-14 with the Scott & White Kids Day Parking and Fingerprinting Assignment: **Parking:** Rob Aguilar, Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Jack Murski, Billy Yawn, Stan Ford, Corina Smith, Dale Green, Tex Davis, Jim Hollister **Fingerprinting:** Rob Aguilar, Ron Wise, Millie Keller, Manija Whitman, Cathy Langan, Jean Winters, Sue Braun (54 Kids were printed)

Thanks to the following COPs for their help on 8-9-14 for the Fireman's Fiesta:
James Bassett, Annette Tiemann, Ron Upchurch, Kevin Braun, Mark Smith, Corina Smith, Jack Murski, Dorothy Antkowiak, Jim Hollister, Tom Painter, Dale Green, Bob Cothorn

THANKS to the following COPs for their help on 8-15-14 with the Brenham High School Band March-a-Thon:
Jack Murski, Stan Ford, Billy Yawn And our County COPs: Larry Neveux and Frankie Grizzaffi



Thanks to all the COPs that helped with the Guns and Hoses Blood Drive on Saturday 8-16-14: Rob Aguilar, Clarence Steinfeld, Annette Tiemann, Jean Winters, Ron Wise, Wanda Aguilar, Millie Keller, Juanita Hickey, Vanessa Martinez

August COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	128.5
Wanda Aguilar	68
Dorothy Antkowiak	84
Clyde Averitt	2
James Bassett	28.5
Scott Boll	7
Kevin Braun	3.5
Sue Braun	11.5
Dustin Brown	10.75
Wayne Brown	10
Willie Brown	6
David Clinkenbeard	22.5
Sandra Clinkenbeard	2
Bob Cothorn	46.5
Michael Cowan	10
Glen Daugherty	7
Tex Davis	72.5
Stan Ford	50.5
Albert Green	88.25
Dale Green	8
Donald Hegemeyer	8.5
Juanita Hickey	22
Jim Hollister	11
Helen Jordan	2.5
Bernadette Kamprath	8
Millie Keller	32.5
Cathy Langan	25.25
Vanessa Martinez	9.5
Julia Moore	4
Jack Murski	32
Jerry Ondrias	26.25
Tom Painter	27
Don Peloquin	16
Carolyn Petzolt	5
Monroe Petzolt	2
Jerry Pieper	7
Xochitlmari Rangel	64.75
Corina Smith	18
Mark Smith	5
Tony Smith	16
Clarence Steinfeld	24.25
Billy Sutherland	15.5
Annette Tiemann	70
Ron Upchurch	26.25
Manija Whitman	2
Jean Winters	9
Ron Wise	13
Catharine Wood	9
Chuck Wood	7
Billy Yawn	41.25

TOTAL 1226.5

We Remember

By Rob Aguilar



We vowed to remember; we made an oath to ourselves never to forget. Never to forget what we saw, never to forget how we felt; the outrage, the sorrow, the suffering and the aftermath. It's been thirteen years since the 9/11 Attacks, but it seems like yesterday; those images still fresh in our minds.

On September 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al-Qaeda hijacked four airliners and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two of the airliners were flown into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, one plane hit the Pentagon in Washington D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in rural Pennsylvania.

It was a clear day that Tuesday morning about 8:45 a.m. when that American Airlines Boeing 767 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. The plane hit the 80th Floor of the 110 story structure. I was watching the breaking news on TV and thought, what a terrible accident, how could that have happened ; when a second plane hit the South Tower around the 60th Floor(United Airlines Flight 175), it became clear, we were under attack. While we were watching this horrific event, about an hour had passed when we learned that Flight 77, a Boeing 757 had slammed into the Pentagon. We would later learn that Flight 93 out of Newark, New Jersey had also been hijacked. However, the passengers and crew on that Flight had heard of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks before their departure. A few of the passengers and crew members fought the four hijackers in an effort to foil their plot. The plot was foiled, but the plane crashed in a rural field in western Pennsylvania; all 45 persons on board were killed. The intended target was never revealed, but it is theorized that the White House, the Capitol, Camp David or one of several nuclear power plants in the area may have been the target.

It was the deadliest day in our history, loss of life was devastating; especially sad were losses to “first responders”. Close to 3,000 people were killed at the World Trade Center attack. A staggering 343 Firefighters, 23 New York City Police Officers and 37 Port Authority Police Officers and 15 EMTs lost their lives trying to save civilians from the Towers. Almost 10,000 people were treated for injuries, many were severe; of those approximately 2,000 were first responders. 125 military and civilian deaths were reported at the Pentagon attack, along with the 64 people aboard the airliner. And all 45 persons on board Flight 93 died in that field in western Pennsylvania.

Remembering isn't enough, we need to pass on this tragic part of our history to our children and grandchildren. Then, we truly will never forget September 11th 2001.

Your BPD Softball All Stars!!



Eilert swings for the fences



Gully's foul ball stance



Jean trash talking Petrash



Schiller's power swing



Chris' pitching style; Trey playing 3rd



Jason Derek taunting Deramus on 1st



At Left- Seth Klehm at bat

At Right- Phipps triples with Campbell as his 3rd base coach

***A BIG THANK YOU to
TEX DAVIS for Umpiring!!***



Texas Citizens On Patrol Conference

By Your Brenham COP Attendees

Dorothy Antkowiak wrote: The COP Conference in Cleburne, Texas August 28th - 31st was a busy weekend. We learned a lot in the breakout sessions, while some were even fun. Just to list a couple of sessions I enjoyed were Suspicious Activity/Night Patrols presented by Cpl Bryan Proctor Cleburne PD. We were exposed to detectable signs of criminal activity at night time and recognizing traits of criminal behavior. Some examples given were a person walking in the middle of the road, hands in pockets, staring at vehicles, looking in empty vehicles, dressed inappropriately for the weather, darts away from the patrol car; and you should roll down your windows at night while patrolling. Another session was Communicating with the Public presented by Sgt Delvon Campbell of Decatur PD. He discussed how to improve communications skills to effectively communicate with a person or situation to resolve differences, build trust and respect and create a better working environment.

SOME EXAMPLES:

SPEAKING - control your voice and emotions

THINKING - stop before you speak

NON-VERBAL - watch the way you move and react (body language)

LISTENING - make speaker feel heard

SOME POINTERS:

Always be friendly

Think before you speak

Be clear

Don't talk too much

Be yourself

Focus on body language

Be concise

Be a good listener

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Be a good influence in the community

Reputation will follow you

Kill people with kindness

Drive with the window down in neighborhood

Wave and be friendly

Another interesting session was the Round Table Discussion. It consisted of discussions from various COP Agencies about their policies. After listening to others, I am very proud to be part of Brenham COPs as I feel we are the BEST. We have the best uniforms, policies, Chief, Liaison and Officers. But most of all the best group of COPs I can count on.

We also spent a lot of time doing P R after hours. Whether it was at the Hotel in the lobby area, eating breakfast or dinner and late night socializing with other COP groups, we learned more than in the sessions. We met a lot of nice people and in plain words HAD A GOOD TIME.

Albert Green wrote: I enjoyed meeting the people from the other COP organizations and some of them are now my friends. The two classes that were trying to sell us stuff, I did not care for. The rest of the sessions I got a lot from. They seemed a little disorganized, but I still enjoyed the conference. I do know that the group I went with were a fun bunch.

Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann and Xochitlmari Rangel wrote basically the same thing that Dorothy had already written. They echoed the fact that the sessions were interesting and informative. They enjoyed the interactions with other COP groups and feel that they have made new friends. They look forward to next year's conference.

Rob Aguilar wrote: I echo the sentiments already written. While I think this conference was a bit unorganized, I still got a lot of good information which I will pass on to my fellow COPs in the near future. I did get a chance to take a Certification Course the others in our group did not take. It was Handicap Parking Enforcement. While we currently do not issue citations or perform any type of enforcement activity; I garnered some great information that may become useful in the future. I think the public relations and networking done at this conference by all members of our group was beneficial and will no doubt bear fruit. I believe that a lot more members will attend next year's conference as it will be in our own back yard in LaGrange, Texas.



COP CONVENTION PICS



Left: Our group waits for the "Round Table Discussion Class to start (Note the round tables)

Right: Doing what we do best, Networking!



Below: Taking another opportunity to Network with other COP Groups. ***This PR stuff is HARD WORK!!***



Above: Your New TCOPA Board from left: 2nd V-P Mitch Vaughn Greenville COP, 1st V-P Bryan Proctor Cpl Cleburne PD, Sec. Pat Martinez Roanoke COP, Parliamentarian John Gault Desoto COP, President Delvon Campbell Sgt Decatur PD, Treasurer Kristy Gilbert Burlison COP



Left: The 2014 TCOPA Award Recipients

ALL SMILES!!

Right: The New Board Members take their Oath of Office (All members were new to their positions except Treasurer Kristy Gilbert.

CONGRATULATIONS!



“Jugging”

Press Release

Brenham police are asking business owners and community members alike to use caution when transporting substantial amounts of money to and from a bank. The department is currently investigating two cases of “jugging” – incidents in which people leaving a bank carrying bank bags have been followed and their vehicles burglarized.

“Jugging is a term used to describe suspects who sit in bank parking lots and watch customers going in and out. They target those customers who come out carrying bank bags, bank envelopes, brief cases – anything in which substantial amounts of cash could be carried,” said Chief Rex Phelps.

“They’ll follow that person and if they stop somewhere and leave the bag unattended, they steal it. It’s more common in larger areas but we are seeing some occurrences of it here,” he said.

Phelps said business owners or anyone having to carry cash between locations can help by not leaving the money unattended, even if the vehicle is locked, and by being aware of their surroundings.

“When you enter the bank parking lot, be aware of occupied vehicles backed into parking spaces with a clear view of the front doors of the bank, ATM or commercial drive through line; or vehicles arriving at a bank with no one entering the bank. Also be mindful of vehicles changing parking spaces; vehicles with dark tinted windows with little or no visibility of the occupants; and vehicles with multiple occupants,” he said.

“Always be aware of your surrounding and conceal the money before you leave the bank. If you think someone is following you, don’t hesitate to call 911. Give the dispatcher your location, the direction in which you are headed and drive toward the police station until a marked unit locates you.

“These same awareness and prevention tactics should be used when leaving any place of business with money bags. And above all else, please don’t leave anything of value in your vehicle when it is unattended, even if it’s at your residence,” Phelps said.

Left: Cpl Justin Schiller and Officer Jonathan Phipps display the drugs and money confiscated at their recent DRUG BUST.



GREAT JOB GUYS!!

Right: Cpl Chris Jackson at Brenham Elementary on the first day of school trying to keep things running smoothly.

Well they didn’t; but ***NICE TRY ANYWAY!***





Above: Stan Ford, Billy Yawn, Jerry Ondrias, Clarence Steinfeld, Tex Davis and Rob Aguilar sit in on the 16 hour IEMBR Class



Above: Billy, Jerry, Stan, Clarence, Rob and Tex receive Completion Certificates for IEMBR Class



Left: Vanessa Martinez and Cathy Langan receive their Radio Call Numbers 4135 and 4157 respectively (Vanessa also shows her Haz-Mat Awareness Certificate)



Right: Xochitl mari Rangel receives her Radio Call # 4158

Below: Rob Aguilar presents Billy Sutherland with his Radio Call # 4159



Below: Rob Aguilar presents Jerry Ondrias with his Radio Call # 4160





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*Best Wishes to Jack Mur-
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from a recent surgery*



*Happy 45th Wedding Anniversary
to Mr. & Mrs. Albert Green*