



January 2015

Brenham Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

The Informant

Happy New Year!

Dates to remember

Board Meeting 6:30 pm	1/5
General Meeting 7pm	1/12
COP Banquet 6:30 pm	1/22
Class 29 begins	2/12
Blood Drive @ City Hall	1/23
@ the Training Center	1/24

New Year, New Board

Our first general meeting for this new year will be on Monday **January 12th** at the PD beginning at 7pm.

NEW Board members will be sworn in at the January meeting. We welcome Bob Cothorn Ron Upchurch, Corina Smith and Clarence Steinfeld to the board. And another member will be appointed!

With a new year comes a new Citizen Police Academy Class. Class 29 begins February 12th. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining, please contact Cpl. Chris Jackson for an application, download online or stop by the Police Dept.

Members of the Alumni Association are encouraged to volunteer to assist during this 12 week period. There are many ways you can help. Signing up is easy! Just call Chris at 337-7324 or email him at cjackson@cityofbrenham.org

January PD Birthdays

Eddie Ortega 1/9

David Dudenhoeffer 1/12

Billy Rich 1/18

Trey Gully 1/28



Left: Chief Phelps names

TODD ASHORN

2014

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Left: Chief Phelps names **Albert Green** the 2014 **Officer's Choice Award** winner.

Right: Chief Phelps names **Annette Tiemann** CPAAA **Member of the Year for 2014**



Pray for Our Troops

Almighty God, our Source of strength and courage, we ask You to guide the leaders of nations in the ways of peace and justice and enduring freedom for the peoples of the world. In these times of peril and war against terrorism, listen to our prayers for the men and women serving in our armed forces, our military leaders and our allies. Protect them all from harm as they go into battle on land, in the sea and in the air. Take away whatever fear from their hearts and enable them to overcome swiftly and decisively the violence and cruelty of the enemy. Protect them from the hatred of others and bolster their personal pride of being American as they rid our world of the works of darkness and weapons of mass destruction. Console their loved ones and family members who remain on the home front. Gently dry the tears of those who mourn for the wounded in battle and for those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Oh God, bless them with Thy presence. Grant us homeland security. May Thy Peace, the fruit of justice, truth and mercy, reign in America and throughout the world. Amen.



COP Activity

Thanks to the following COPs for their help on:

12-5-14 - Christmas Stroll Parade Float Escort:

Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Tex Davis, Clarence Steinfeld

12-5-14 Christmas Stroll Parade Traffic As-

signment: *Tex Davis, David Clinkenbeard, Sandra Clinkenbeard, Clarence Steinfeld, James Bassett*

12-9-14 Blue Bell Christmas Party Traffic As-

signment: *Dorothy Antkowiak, James Bassett, Albert Green, Dale Green, Billy Yawn*

12-20-14 Lake Loons Toy Run Escort: *Rob*

Aguilar, Stan Ford, Tex Davis, Clarence Steinfeld, Monroe Petzolt, Carole Petzolt Kevin Braun

Dec. COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	38
Wanda Aguilar	11.75
Dorothy Antkowiak	28.5
Clyde Averitt	3
James Bassett	18.5
Travis Boeker	8
Kevin Braun	8.75
Sue Braun	17.25
Wayne Brown	22
Willie Brown	12
David Clinkenbeard	24.25
Sandra Clinkenbeard	10
Bob Cothorn	23
Michael Cowan	14
Glen Daugherty	18
Tex Davis	157.5
Stan Ford	24
Albert Green	32.75
Dale Green	11.5
Juanita Hickey	15.5
Bernadette Kamprath	2.5
Millie Keller	15
Charles Lewis	12.25
Jack Murski	14.25
Jerry Ondrias	13.5
Don Peloquin	16
Carole Petzolt	14.25
Monroe Petzolt	19
Corina Smith	38.5
Mark Smith	18.25
Tony Smith	9
Clarence Steinfeld	37
Billy Sutherland	12
Annette Tiemann	26
Ron Upchurch	24
Billy Yawn	20.75
TOTAL	790.5

Yearly Total 11,056.5

Awesome Job !!!

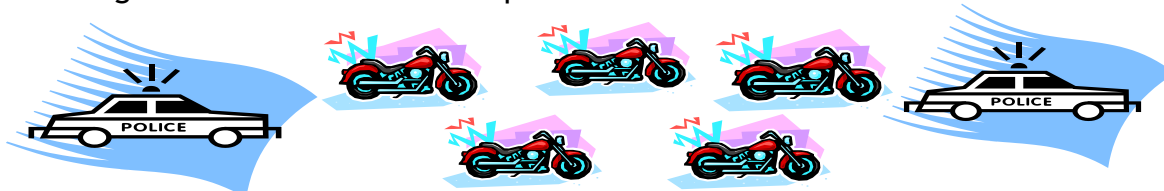
The Toy Run

By Rob Aguilar

It was not just another traffic control/escort assignment. It was an escort that was of such importance to so many; that we wanted it to be just right. It was the **Annual Lake Loons Toy Run**, and two of its stops were in Brenham. Two lucky Brenham families were adopted this Christmas by these civic minded motorcycle riders. The Lake Loons are made up of many motorcycle clubs and riders from the Lake Somerville and Snook area (even our own Tony Smith from Brenham) that come together for this rewarding endeavor. Hats off to them for their hard work planning, fundraising, researching the families, shopping, making this ride in all kinds of weather and lastly making Holiday Wishes come true for so many. They saved the best for last, as S. Market and E. Alamo Streets were their last two stops this Holiday Season; then the riders headed back home by way of Snook.

The Washington County Citizens on Patrol (WCCOP) and the Brenham Citizens On Patrol (BCOP) were out in full force that Saturday afternoon to ensure a smooth ride thru Washington County and the streets of Brenham for the **120 motorcycles** and various cars, trucks and trailers that were making this ever important trek. The WCCOPs had 3 vehicles and 6 COPs on standby. Two vehicles were stationed at the northernmost Washington County Line, one vehicle took the lead and the second brought up the rear as the group moved thru the County. They also had one vehicle at the Business 36, 36N traffic signal as the group rode into Brenham. That's when the BCOPs took the lead, first blocking traffic at FM 577 and Park Street and then blocking N. Park at Market Street. WCCOPs and BCOPs stayed with the escort thru a few more major intersections like Market at Main and Alamo Streets; with the first leg ending just past E. Tom Green Street at the S. Market Street destination.

All 7 BCOPs staged at the S. Market location along with 2 WCCOPs, and they mingled with the riders and each other. I even caught a glimpse of the family and the children as they were receiving their gifts; the looks on the children's faces was priceless and expressions of gratitude from the adults was also rewarding. The escort was going smoother than anticipated (at least by me) due in part to good planning and communications by City and County COP Units. The other reason it was going so smoothly, despite the many intersections and traffic lights, was the fact that the Lake Loons had several teams of "spotters" that were stationed at most of the intersections. These spotters had traffic vests and traffic control flags that they used to assist us in our efforts. This made our job so much easier; it made a complicated escort relatively simple; considering we had no official Police presence.



It was good to see our old WCCOP friends again and even meet their newest members; but it was time to go to the second and final location. Again it was WCCOPs and BCOPs leading the way, with Lake Loon spotters to assist us. It was quite a sight; a sea of motorcycles as far as the eye could see. I was giving the dispatch office incremental reports of our progress and our locations, especially when we made our stops; and we were at the next and final location on E. Alamo Street. Speaking with some of the riders we were told that they had made 7 other stops before coming to Brenham. I thought to myself, how great to be able to help that many families and all those happy children. Speaking of happy children, the 3 kids at this household were ecstatic as they received their new bicycles and other goodies, from their newest bike riding friends and Santa, of course. Yes, Santa rides with the Lake Loons (or was it just a jolly member in a Santa Suit). Anyway, some of us were getting choked up, with all that Christmas cheer and good will. It was a great experience; just ask anyone that was there. Maybe, we as an organization can adopt a family next year? I know that the CPAAA can't use its funds because of tax reasons, but the BPD and or the COPs might possibly want to take on this labor of love next Christmas (you can count me in).

I would like to thank all the COPs that helped with this worthwhile endeavor. Representing the Washington County COPs were Doss Pruitt, Gene Herrmann, Gary Baldwin, Dairius Smith, Bobbie McDaniel, and Ira Newsome . Representing the Brenham COPs were my driver Stan Ford, Monroe Petzolt, Carole Petzolt, Tex Davis, Clarence Steinfeld, and Kevin Braun. **Great Job Guys!**



Another successful Toy Run for the Lake Loons and COPs!!

Children's & parents' happy faces, bikes, big wheels, lots of presents; and even Christmas Dinner!



Guns and Hoses Blood Drive Two-Day Event : Donor Coach at City Hall on Friday January 23rd from 9 am to 3 pm. Then on Saturday January 24th, the "Big Drive" will be at the Fireman's Training Center from 9 am to 3 pm. Please come give the Gift of Life!



Best Party Ever

By Rob Aguilar

The 2014 BPD/CPAAA Christmas Party lived up to the hype, and exceeded all expectations. Everyone that attended will attest that a good time was had by all. I was a little disappointed that we did not have one hundred percent attendance, but that's just because I wanted to see some of the people that could not attend. It's always nice to see people in a relaxed party atmosphere, rather than at an assignment where one is pressured to perform their duties and conversations are at a minimum.

There are several reasons for the success of this party, and several people that need to be thanked for their efforts. We would start by thanking the Social Committee Chairperson, Nicole Lowe. Nicole would be the first to say that most of the credit should go to her Co-Chair Corina Smith and Corina's army of helpers. That army of helpers had a secret weapon this year, in the form of professional party planner/decorator and COP **Xochitl mari Rangel**. But, as in years past, it was truly a **team effort** to pull off such a wonderful event; and the Event Center looked quite elegant. The fact that we had the talented Robbie Wooten Band again this year, also contributed greatly to the success of the party. Thanks to all that helped set up and clean up; and a special thanks to the **Police Officers** and their wives and friends that helped us dump trash, sweep, and pick up tables and chairs at the end of the evening; you know who you are so, **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

Another noteworthy aspect that contributed to the great success of the party was the large contingent of BPD Officers that attended this year. While there were many CPAAA members on hand to enjoy the festivities; the number of BPD personnel was much greater than in years past. And that, in and of itself, is saying a lot, not only for the success of the party, but for the positive interaction shared by all the participants; which is the main reason we host it.

One of the perks of attending this event is the good chance that you will walk away with one of the many “door prizes” that are generously donated. Along with the door prizes, there is the gamble that you may win the “split the pot” prize; which this year was taken home by Lance Weiss and in a special twist, the other half was grabbed by Albert Green. This year there was an added “bonus door prize” that was given out near the end of the evening; the “Secret Santa Prize”. This year there was two; one prize for a male guest and one for a female guest. Along with the door prizes, many of us got to take home a poinsettia used to decorate the hall; what a deal!

Of course we can't forget to mention that at the Annual Christmas Party we name the Police Officer of the Year, as well as, the CPAAA Member of the Year. This year, the Police Officer of the Year for 2014 is **Det. Todd Ashorn!!** Todd gave a very humble speech and was truly thankful for the honor. All I can say is that it was **much deserved**. The CPAAA Member of the Year for 2014 is **Annette Tiemann**. She had won that award back in 2011 and in 2008; she has always worked hard for our organization and I am glad to see her rewarded for her efforts. Chief Phelps also presented two Commendations for Community Service, the first went to **Cpl. Tommy Kurie** for his selfless humanitarian efforts and the second went to **CPL. Lance Weiss** for his untiring work with the Adam's Angels organization. And in a slight faux pau, the Officer's Choice Award was presented to a much deserving and totally surprised **Albert Green**. In past years, the Officer's Choice Award is given out at our COP Banquet in January; someone just couldn't wait, could you Chris!

For those of you that were not able to attend this year, hope to see ya'll at the next one. Again, many thanks to all that helped make this such a great party. And the only thing left to say is **BEST PARTY EVER!!**



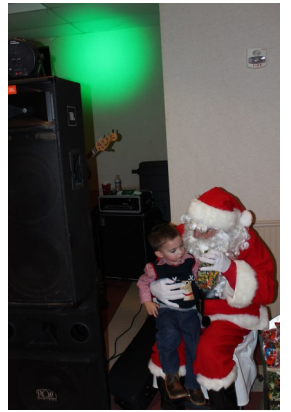
This great party didn't happen by accident, there was a lot of hard work involved. A Big Thanks to Xochitl mari Rangel for the decorations, chair covers, etc. Thanks to Jean Winters, Corina Smith, Annette Tiemann, Wanda Aguilar, Nicole Lowe, Sandy Clinkenbeard, Stan Ford, Jerry Ondrias, Dorothy Antkowiak and Rob Aguilar for the set up.

Christmas Party Pictures

(SEE ANYONE THAT YOU KNOW?)



Santa is *happy* with the good little girls and boys at the party.



Santa is *very happy*, and says he will be back next year!



Santa is *very unhappy* and says he won't be back next year, thanks a lot Chris!

Santa is *very, very happy* again and says he will see us next year . (I guess Santa likes Redheads!!)



A BIG THANK YOU to Billy Yawn for being our SANTA





Left: Chief Phelps presents **Cpl. Tommy Kurie** a Commendation for his humanitarian efforts; like the books he purchased for kids that could not afford them as shown in picture on the right.



Left: Chief Phelps presents **Cpl. Lance Weiss** a Commendation for his community service and hard work with the Adam's Angels organization. It's not hard work if you love doing it, just ask Lance!



Right: As we reported earlier, **Cpl. Steven Eilert** received an Award from MADD. He is pictured with his Award, flanked by his supervisors Capt. Dant Lange and Sgt. Curtiss Schoen



BPD hosted the **Washington County Leadership Class** on Dec. 1st; and they were treated to many interesting sessions. With lots of hands-on type training like traffic stops and handcuffing depicted in the two photos below. The 2 nefarious criminals being arrested were our own COPs Peter Emerson and Jack Murski.



COPs Peter Emerson and Jack Murski are often called upon to help play villains in these scenarios. (So Darn Believable) **Good Job Guys!**



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Annual membership dues are collected beginning in January.



**Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association
Annual Membership Registration**

- Adult Membership \$20.00
- Student (12-hours) \$5.00
- Couple Membership \$30.00
- Senior Citizen's Membership \$5.00
- Lifetime Membership \$200.00
- Couple Lifetime Membership \$300.00
- Senior Citizen's Lifetime Membership \$50.00

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