

The Informant



Guest Speaker at March Meeting



Ken Tofel to speak at our next CPAAA meeting. Kenneth Joseph Tofel is Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3. He is a native Texan, born in Schulenburg, and raised in San Antonio. He was a Captain in the Marine Corps; and after 22 years of service he separated from the Corps and established the highly regarded Jr ROTC program here at Brenham High School. He has lived in Washington County for the past 20 years. He has been married for 31 years and has 2 children. He was elected to his current position as Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3 in 2014. He is an active member of Champion Fellowship Church, National Rifle Association, Veteran of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Marine Corp League.

Dates to remember this month

- CPA class 6:30pm 3/5
- CPA class 6:30pm 3/12
- CPA class 6:30pm 3/26
- General Meeting 7pm 3/9
- COP Meeting 6:30pm 4/27
- Guns&Hoses9am3pm 4/30

Chris Jackson PROMOTED?? See page 6



Happy Belated Birthday

- Jared Campbell 1-25
- Sierra Newell 1-27
- Ashley Burns 2-20

Thanks to Ashley Burns for bringing my attention to the missed Birthday notices. That's her below taking an accident report

March Birthdays

- Off. Hunter Andras 3/2
- Res. Off. Bob Lawrence 3-11
- PSO Angela Kahn 3-22
- Capt. Dant Lange 3/29

Our apologies, we didn't forget; we just didn't know. Our Birthday list has been updated!



COP NEWS

Thanks to the following COPs for their help:

2/12-13-14/15 Valentines Day Flower Delivery: Annette Tiemann, Corina Smith, Billy Yawn, Juanita Hickey, Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Jean Winters, Stan Ford, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green

2-16-15 Call Out for Fire at 1207 Industrial Blvd.: Albert Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Stan Ford

2-26-15 St. Paul's Traffic Assignment: Rob Aguilar, Stan Ford

February was not a busy month, but look out for March !!

February COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	45.75
Wanda Aguilar	10.5
Dorothy Antkowiak	12
Clyde Averitt	2
James Bassett	22.5
Scott Boll	13.5
Kevin Braun	2
Sue Braun	8
Wayne Brown	26
Willie Brown	16
David Clinkenbeard	24
Sandra Clinkenbeard	5
Bob Cothorn	36.25
Michael Cowan	10
Glen Daugherty	11
Tex Davis	57.25
Peter Emerson	4
Stan Ford	32.5
Louis Garcia	2
Albert Green	29.25
Dale Green	6
Donald Hegemeyer	9.5
Juanita Hickey	17.75
Helen Jordan	8
Millie Keller	12.25
Jack Murski	3
Jerry Ondrias	2
Jerry Pieper	8
Corina Smith	28.5
Mark Smith	12
Tony Smith	12
Clarence Steinfeld	40.25
Annette Tiemann	26.25
Ron Upchurch	29.25
Jean Winters	2
Ron Wise	6
Catherine Wood	2
Chuck Wood	2
Billy Yawn	22
TOTAL	618.25



Top Left and Right: We are at BFD with CPA Class 29

Bottom Left: COP Vanessa Martinez is presented with her COP Badge and Appreciation Certificate by Lt. Rob Aguilar.

Bottom Right: COP and Sheriff's Deputy Vanessa Martinez is congratulated by her Supervisor, Lt. Lowery (our Jail tour guide), after receiving her COP Badge and Appreciation Certificate.



Pride

By Rob Aguilar

Pride can be described many ways, depending upon who you ask or what reference book you use. To me, pride is that funny feeling that creeps up on a person and then fills them up until their beaming with it. Confusing, I know, but it's one of those feelings that everyone likes to experience. It's also a feeling that is not experienced often enough, by most people. But, it's a feeling that we as BPD/COPs feel quite often; because of this great organization and our wonderful Police Department.

Case in point: I was attending a funeral along with ten other COP members. We (COPs) took up a whole pew in the middle of St. Mary's Church. We were there to give some comfort and support to fellow COP members and their family. Many of us knew some of the family members and the deceased, as well. We were also there to assist BPD with the Funeral Escort. Unbeknownst to most in attendance, the Police Chief and an impressive contingent of Police Officers were also in the Church. They had taken their place in the rear corner where they could observe and participate in the service without being a distraction.

The service ended and as we exited the doors of the Church; there they stood. The Chief, a Lieutenant, a Sergeant, a Corporal, and two Officers flanking each side of the stairs as everyone went filing past them. At that sight of those stoic figures standing at "parade rest", I was suddenly filled with pride. I gushed of pride and then I took my place alongside the Chief. My fellow COPs followed suit as we lined that exit way sixteen strong. We stood there like Centurions guarding a Palace (the Palace of God). I would imagine it was quite a sight to behold. I would later learn that many in attendance had commented on the "police presence" and how impressed they were with the Brenham Police Department and the Citizens On Patrol.

I wonder how the general public viewed the procession to the cemetery. There were eight BPD/COP vehicles participating in the procession. Perhaps they thought that a senator or congressman had passed away. They would have been partially correct; it was a VIP that was being laid to rest that day.

I would just like to reiterate that I was quite proud to have been associated with the group of Officers present that day and with the BPD. Thanks to Chief Rex Phelps, Lieutenant Dant Lange, Sergeant Jason Derrick, Corporal Chris Jackson, Officer Justin Schiller, and Officer David Duddenhoeffer for going above and beyond without compensation, and probably on their lunch break! I know that we are just an auxiliary organization there to lend a hand when and where needed; but I'd like to think that we too are the Brenham Police Department!!



This article was written last March when we laid Dorothy's brother Clem to rest. That was a sad day for us as an organization. But, it was a day filled with PRIDE for those COPs in attendance. I know I can speak for our group on that point. Anyway, as I looked over last year's March Newsletter I felt obliged to reprint it. Hope you feel the same!

Valentines Day Deliveries

Many thanks to the following COPs for their help delivering flowers for Valentines Day:

Annette Tiemann, Corina Smith, Juanita Hickey, Billy Yawn, Wanda Aguilar, Rob Aguilar, Jean Winters, Stan Ford, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green



Top Left: Wanda Aguilar gets ready for her first deliveries of the day.

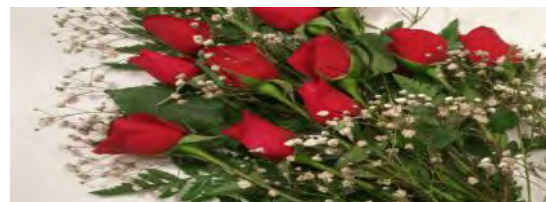
Top Center and Left: Corina Smith and Annette Tiemann ready for another delivery run. They delivered on all 3 days. **Way to go GIRLS!**

Top Right: Billy Yawn and Juanita Hickey loading up flowers for their second delivery of the day.

THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the CPAAA/COP members that came out to deliver flowers Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Your efforts garnered us a check for \$444; that's down significantly from last year, but a good effort none the less.

*Your grateful Fundraiser Committee,
Annette Tiemann and
Clarence steinfeld*



State of the Union

By Rob Aguilar

This is not the Democratic or Republican view of how things are in our nation. But rather, my view of how things are at the Brenham Police Department (BPD), as well as, in our Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) and our Citizens On Patrol (COP) organizations. Let me start by stating that 2014 was a very good year for BPD, CPAAA and COP.

Let us not forget that BPD is a recognized police department through the Texas Best Practices Program for Law Enforcement Agencies. And BPD continues to meet or exceed the 180 standards that have been established by the Texas Police Chief's Association (less than 5% of departments achieve this status). This past year saw many of Brenham's finest achieve milestones in their careers by being promoted. We saw Seth Klehm, Steven Eilert, Richard Bobbitt, Casey Thumann, David Dudenhoeffer, Lance Weiss, and Justin Schiller become Corporals. We saw our three top Lieutenants, Billy Rich, Dant Lange and Trey Gully become Captains. We welcomed several new officers to our department, Kevin Mertz (12-13), Jared Campbell (2-14), Sierra Newell (10-14), and Drew Mitchell, who sadly could not stay with us. These new hires brought the department to full staffing which is another large factor in the success of the department in 2014. Further, the new hires are of the highest caliber and complement our veteran officers. On a lighter note just about all of our officers took the "Cold Water Challenge" to raise funds for charity. Sergeant Lloyd Powell got engaged. The department now has an MRAP vehicle for SWAT situations. Our new Gun Range is functioning as it was intended. The Law Enforcement Torch Run and Peace Officers Golf Tournament are still showing great interest and officer participation. This past year also saw a young Traelan Nickerson take on the role of Brenham Police Chief for a day. The department anonymously had a T-3 Motion Electric Scooter delivered (the Chief put it to use at our Maifest Parade and it got dubbed "the Chief's Chariot"). The Police Department had a Second Place showing in the first, First Responder Softball Tournament, which will probably become an annual affair. Det. Todd Ashorn was named Police Officer of the Year for 2014. On a more serious note, the crime rate is down, due to the diligence of the officers, the training and equipment they receive and the programs in place to fight crime. An annual report is due out in a couple of weeks and I am sure it will highlight all of these accomplishments in detail; and I am sure that it will mention the fine work of our COPs.

Our Alumni Association did a great job this past year doing all the things it traditionally does. The CPAAA has two fundraisers a year, our Bake Sale and our Dinner Drive Thru. Both of which did extremely well due to member participation and good planning (changing our dinner menu

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didn't hurt either). The Alumni also helped with Class 28 of the Citizens Police Academy, both with snacks and as actors in some of the scenarios. Two scholarships were also doled out this past year to a couple of eager Criminal Justice majors. Our Summer Picnic and Christmas Party could not have gone better. Our entry in the Christmas Stroll Parade garnered us a "Best Parade Theme" award (it was an awesome float, thanks to all of our float builders and parade participants). Our "Surprise Party" for Clyde Averitt was a big hit with Clyde, his family and his extended family here at BPD. And no surprise, Annette Tiemann was named CPAAA Member of the Year for 2014. We had several interesting guest speakers attend our meetings including Judge Robert G. Wright, Constable Butch Faske, and Kirk Hanath, Commissioner of Precinct 3. Our members had their share of fun throughout the year.

The Citizens on Patrol were as busy as ever this past year, doing the things that they do so well. The COPs worked well over a hundred events last year; many of which were quite rewarding and very pleasurable. Our group along with BPD helped Blue Bell Creameries shoot a Hollywood style commercial; which unfortunately, no one has seen yet! We worked three Guns and Hoses Blood Drives, which, while being fun for us, saved countless lives. We all remember the Blue Bell Fun Run, Kid Fish, the Halloween Candy Drive-Thru, Camp Periwinkle Escort, Lake Loons Toy Run, and of course National Night Out. We had long time COP Lieutenant Darrell Weed retire after many years of service. Our hard working, Albert Green was named the COP of the Year for 2014 and he was also named the Officer's Choice Award winner for 2014. On a more somber note, we bid a fond farewell to Sheriff J.W. Jankowski, along with other COP and BPD family members this past year. It was an awesome year with a great group of dedicated people ready to give back to their community. Well that's the year in review, my State of the Union comments on what I know to be the greatest group of individuals (team members) working to help the best Department in the best City!

Chris Jackson Promoted?

Did you hear, Chris Jackson was promoted. He was promoted to AMBASSADOR. Yes, that's right he is now a "good will ambassador" for Washington County. He is officially a "Blue Blazer" with the Washington County Chamber of Commerce (WCCC). The Blue Blazer's are a small group of 15 volunteer members with a 40 year tradition of supporting the mission of the WCCC. The volunteers act as official greeters and hosts of our community. Their activities include monthly meetings, greeting at Chamber functions, recruiting new Chamber members, and conducting ribbon cutting ceremonies and grand openings. He did such a good job assisting with the WCCC Leadership Program and an opening arose in the Blue Blazers Club; it was a perfect fit. He says you don't have to salute him, just bow!



Off. Heather Sowders and Cpl. Chris Jackson gave this Girl Scout Troop a very thorough and interesting tour of our BPD facilities. Looks like everyone was happy. Good Job Guys!!



Cpl. Seth Klehm and his K-9 partner Ronnie. Seth used his instincts and Ronnie used his keen sense of smell, together they scored another drug bust for the good guys!!



Left: Cpl. David Dudenhoeffer assisting children at Brenham Elementary School.

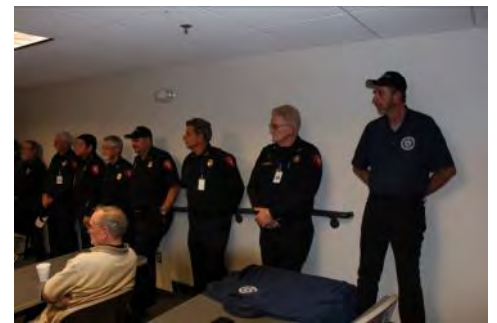


Right: Cpl. Chris Jackson does the same.

Class 29

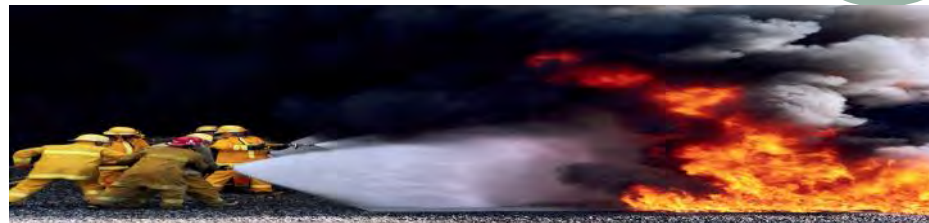
Class 29 is well underway; here are some photos from their 1st three sessions: Orientation, Jail/Communications, and the Fire Department. *Anyone look familiar??*





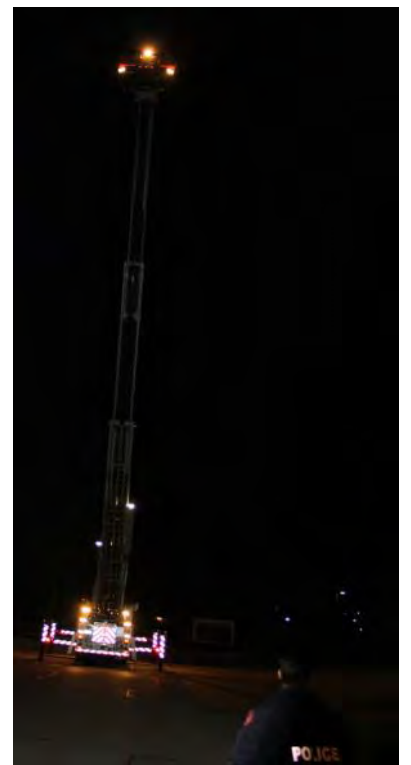
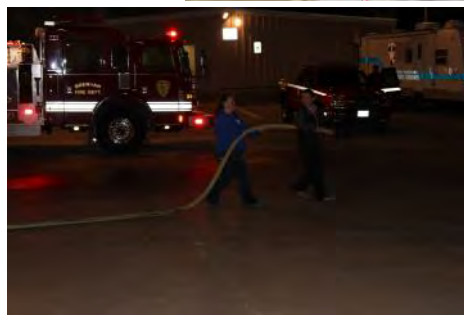


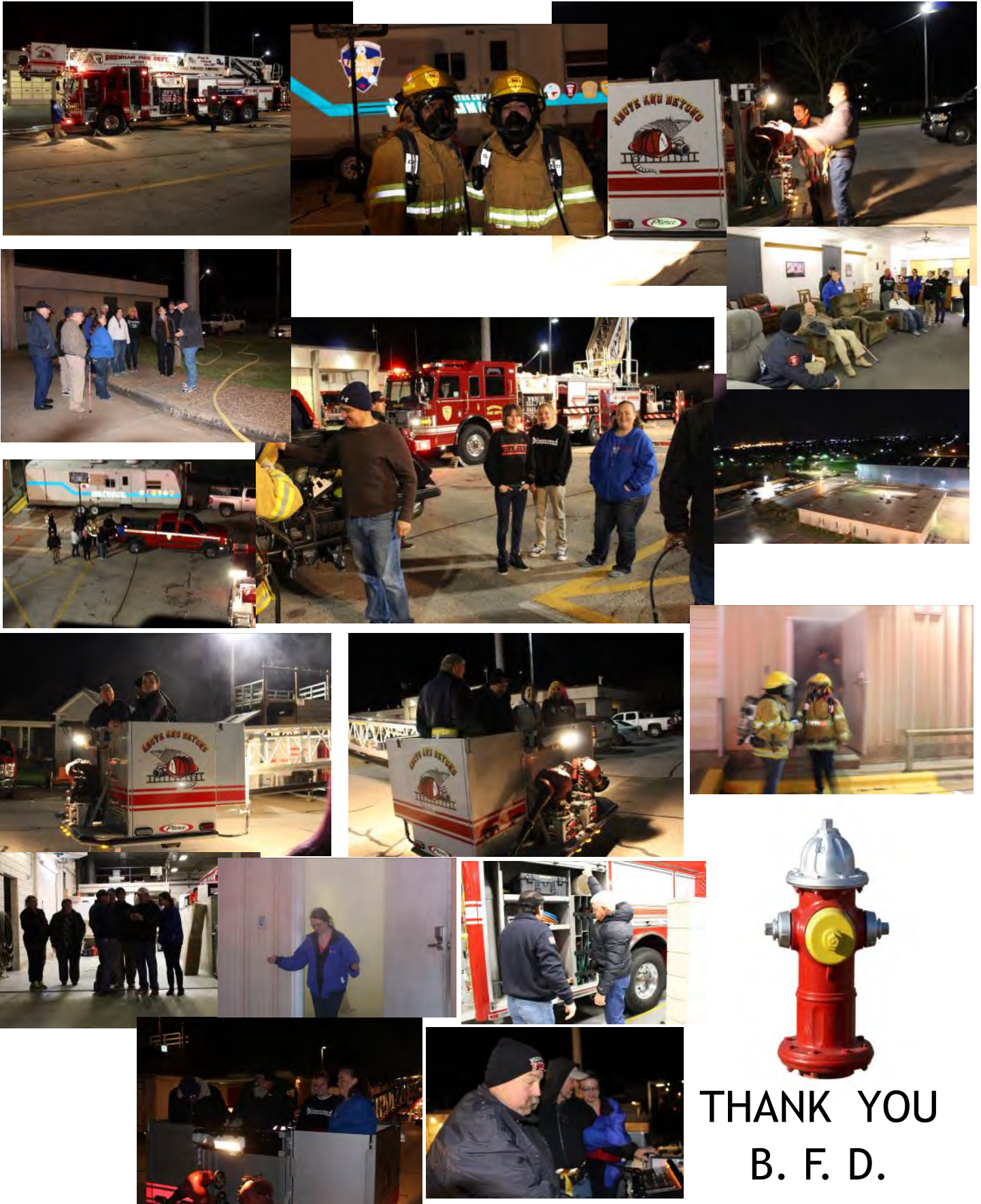
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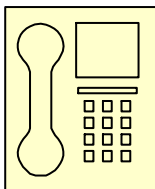






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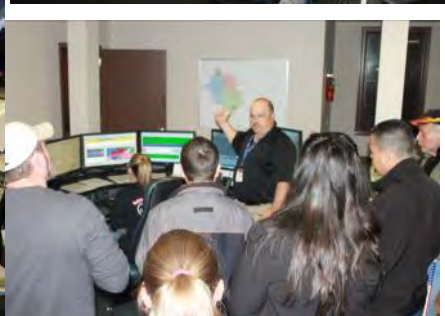
A Tour of the Communications Center



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Thanks to Stephen Draehn for conducting our TOUR of COMMUNICATIONS



District Policing

This article is for those of you that did not make last month's meeting; and that's a lot of you, as our attendance was down to only twenty-four members. Chief Rex Phelps and Captain Dant Lange gave us a primer on "District Policing". It was a very informative talk with lots of simple analogies and colorful metaphors to explain the concept. District Policing is an old concept; it has been used by larger cities for years and years. Chief Phelps stated that he knew he would institute district policing after he came to Brenham in 2009, but waited until the time was right. Now is the right time!

A district is a defined geographic area with borders and boundaries. Simply stated, the city is divided into three distinct districts, and each police officer on duty will be assigned to a district. The Sergeant on Duty (Supervisor) will be a rover, moving from district to district or staying in a district that he feels needs protection at that particular time. This method will make the officer more familiar with their territory and make them more visible to the general public (our constituents) and the criminals alike. If the officer's district is smaller, he can patrol it more easily and more frequently; in turn he will be more visible. This action of being seen more, will make our citizens feel more at ease while making the criminals more nervous, and less likely to commit crimes. That sounds like a good premise to me.

The officers will stay in their districts and make calls in said district unless they are called out of their area or are backing up another officer. The supervisor will then either cover the bare district or make the other call; while always assessing the needs of the city. The supervisor may then ask for a COP to cover a certain district; if one is on duty. It is now more important than ever to check in with the Sergeant on Duty when a COP is going out on patrol. Maps of the districts are in every COP patrol unit and a large one is in the COP office. You as a COP may be asked to work a scene or patrol a district; so make yourself familiar with the district maps.

Initially officers will be assigned their districts on a seniority basis. They will then work that district for two months on day shift and then two months on night shift. After that they will be moved to another district for the same rotations; and the cycle will continue. The Chief stated that his officers have been working these districts for a couple of weeks and he has already had some positive feedback from a few citizens. Most of the feedback came from citizens in low crime areas that seldom saw police cruisers. They said they felt good about seeing officers in their area with some frequency; especially when they learned they were not called there, but were merely patrolling. I think that district policing is a good step forward, and is here to stay; so let's do our part as COPs to help in any way that we can.

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Your 2015 Board of Directors wishes to remind all members that membership dues must be paid by June 1st to be kept on the roster. Thank you.



Reminder: Sunday March 8th is the start of Daylight Savings Time. So remember to move your clocks forward ONE HOUR. (Spring Forward, Fall Back).

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!

