

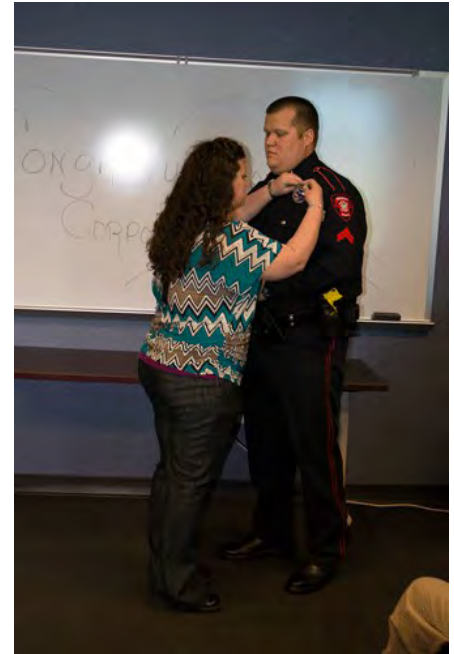
April 2015

The Informant

Newsletter of the Brenham, TX Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association



Asst City Manager retires, Chief Phelps to fill that position (Page 4)



Dates to remember

- General Meeting 7pm 4/13
- Nat'l Communications 4/12-18
- CPA Grad 6pm @ Blinn 5/7
- Bake Sale Fundraiser 5/9

Congratulations

Jared Campbell is promoted to Corporal in a ceremony held at BPD. He is congratulated by Chief Phelps above and his New Badge is pinned on by his wife at right.

Class 29 Graduation

If you would like to attend the Class 29 Graduation Banquet on May 7th at 6:00pm at the Blinn Student Center, Call Ginger Bishop (337-7337) or e-mail Cpl. Chris Jackson Cjackson@cityofbrenham.org Tickets are \$15.00 each payable to the CPAAA and must be reserved by 10AM on Monday May 4th



April Officer Birthdays

Mark Pierce 4/7

Local Law Enforcement and Judicial officials gathered for a great cause; to place 49 blue ribbons on a tree at City Hall to raise awareness of child abuse and neglect. The ribbons are dedicated to the 49 confirmed child victims of abuse and neglect in Washington County in 2014. (more on page 4)

Citizens on Patrol

MARCH COP Hours

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Rob Aguilar | 81.75 |
| Wanda Aguilar | 33 |
| Dorothy Antkowiak | 42 |
| James Bassett | 87 |
| Kevin Braun | 5.5 |
| Sue Braun | 17.75 |
| Wayne Brown | 28 |
| Willie Brown | 16 |
| David Clinkenbeard | 102 |
| Sandra Clinkenbeard | 3 |
| Bob Cothern | 68.75 |
| Michael Cowan | 4 |
| Glen Daugherty | 24 |
| Tex Davis | 131.75 |
| Peter Emerson | 7 |
| Stan Ford | 93.25 |
| Albert Green | 32.75 |
| Dale Green | 16 |
| Donald Hegemeyer | 26.5 |
| Juanita Hickey | 20.75 |
| Millie Keller | 18.5 |
| Jack Murski | 9.5 |
| Jerry Pieper | 7 |
| Jerry Schwake | 2 |
| Corina Smith | 36 |
| Mark Smith | 10 |
| Tony Smith | 26 |
| Clarence Steinfeld | 41 |
| Annette Tiemann | 47.75 |
| Ron Upchurch | 74.25 |
| Jean Winters | 12.5 |
| Ron Wise | 5.25 |
| Billy Yawn | 58.5 |
| TOTAL | 1191 |

Thank you to the following COPs for their help on 3-6-15 at the **First Baptist Church** Fundraiser Traffic/Parking Assignment:

Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Wanda Aguilar, Stan Ford, Ron Upchurch, Bob Cothern, Tony Smith, Annette Tiemann, Clarence Steinfeld, Rob Aguilar

MANY THANKS to the following COPs for their help at **Blue Bell Creameries** during Spring Break Week 3/9-20/15:

Dorothy Antkowiak, Corina Smith, Ron Upchurch, Dale Green, David Clinkenbeard, Annette Tiemann, Wanda Aguilar, Stan Ford, Bob Cothern, Tony Smith, Billy Yawn, Clarence Steinfeld, Rob Aguilar, and James Bassett who worked everyday!



Thanks to the following COPs for their help with Parking Cars and Traffic Control at the **Braham Fire Department Fish Fry** held Friday March 27th: *Annette Tiemann, Mark Smith, Wanda Aguilar, Ron Upchurch, James Bassett, David Clinkenbeard, Bob Cothern, Stan Ford*



Maifest Street Dance on 3-28-15: *James Bassett, David Clinkenbeard, Clarence Steinfeld*

Scott & White Senior's Day Parking and Public Relations Assignment 4-1-15: *Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Stan Ford, David Clinkenbeard, Clyde Averitt, Tony Smith, Corina Smith, Millie Keller, Sue Braun, Ron Wise, Jack Murski. Special Thanks to Chuck Wood for bringing and picking up the "people mover".*

Thanks to the following COPs for their help on Good Friday, 4-3-15: **St. Mary's Church** Traffic Assignment - *Jack Murski, Bob Cothern*

Easter Egg Hunt Parking Assignment at Appel Ford on 4-4-15: *Stan Ford, James Bassett, Clyde Averitt, Albert Green, Annette Tiemann*



Victory Walk for Christ Escort on 4-4-15: *Tex Davis, Cathy Langan, Wanda Aguilar, Rob Aguilar*



At Left: A deserving **Stan Ford** is presented with the "Lieutenant's Gold Whistle Award" for the 1st Quarter of 2015 by his grateful Lt., Rob Aguilar

At Right: **Sue Braun** receives the 1st Quarter "Office Angel Award" from Rob Aguilar for her great work at BPD.



(more about these awards on Page 7)

Message to Brenham PD, CPAAA, and COP members,

I just wanted to send you a little note to let you folks know that I have not forgotten you. I miss you and wished that I could visit more. My job schedule for the past year was erratic and most of the time I only had split days off each week which made it difficult to make the trip to Brenham for patrolling or meetings or just visitation. Unfortunately, when I did make a visit there, it was for a funeral or family business and did not get to get around. Hope 2015 will be more lenient for me to do some visiting my friends and BPD family.

I just finished reading the informant for March and enjoyed it very much. Looks like everyone was very busy and had fun. I miss participating in these events. I look forward to each month's letter.

Seeing all the activities that took place each month makes me miss you folks even more. This month's message from Rob about "Pride" brought me to tears. I can relate to all of which he wrote. I witnessed this "pride" when my son passed away. To see BPD, WCSO, COP, and CPAAA members attending the funeral as well as the visitation the night before made the sorrow a little bit easier to deal with. Pride in something will get you through a lot of things and help steer you in the right direction. Anyway, I am honored to be a part of this "pride" group. Thank you.

Just a little bit about myself, the CPAAA program is going pretty good here in Leander and growing. They are not progressed quite as far as the Brenham program but we are progressing. I was part of the 13th class and it was not as "informing" as Brenham's classes, but it was still fun. However, they have an Advanced Class coming up that includes some of the things you have. I have applied and it looks promising that I will be in this class. Looking forward to learning more about the Leander Police Department. Chris's counterpart is very informative. (she is a lot prettier than you, Chris). (.....pause a few days.....) I just received an email informing me that I have been accepted to the class. Starts on April 13th and continues for six weeks each Monday. Looking forward to it. Sending a couple of pictures of Leander CPA shirts and patch. COP program will be getting off the ground soon. Not sure if I will be included in this group because they are only going to start with four people. Chief Minton is really interested in getting this going and he is a very likable guy. Kinda like Chief Phelps and his officers.

I've went on and on enough. Just thought I would send you guys and gals a little note letting you know that I have not forgotten you and miss you all. Hope to come and visit during one of the meeting nights.



From the heart,

Butch Lorenz

"4106"

Butch, we miss you too! Sorry if I brought tears to your eyes, but I get a little misty reading that article too. Everyone here would love seeing you and Cindi again. If you can't make a meeting night there is always our Summer Picnic which will be held on Sunday, June 28th at the Fireman's Training Center. As for Chris's counterpart being prettier, you're probably right; but you should see him in a dress (we have), you just might change your mind! That's a pretty nice shirt, and the patches aren't bad either. In any case, glad things are going well, and Brenham's loss is Leander's gain. One last thing, SMILE when you take a selfie!
 Hope to see you soon.
 YOUR BPD FAMILY

City Manager Terry Roberts announced today: “I have decided to fill the Assistant City manager for General Government with Police Chief Rex Phelps”. I have asked Rex to take on this new assignment because I have seen him provide successful leadership to our Police organization. Rex is a seasoned manager and a proven leader. He is a known asset to me, having served effectively as police chief in Brenham for the past six years. I believe the Police Department will continue to operate with a culture of strong public service to this community in the future,” Robert’s added. “We believe firmly in servant leadership in the police department. I’m very proud and confident in the men and women of the Brenham Police Department and will always be thankful to them for their hard work and dedication. This is our town and it is through a community partnership that we are able to keep a high quality of life here. I’m excited to serve in this new capacity and to learn from and work with the staff in the various departments within the city. My personal mission is to continuously work to keep Brenham a great place to live, visit and conduct business,” Phelps said. **Chief, you will be missed, but it is nice to know that you will still be close by.**



The Police Chief, District Attorney and Sheriff are behind the “Blue Ribbon” campaign to bring awareness to child abuse and neglect in our area. They remind us to Report Child Abuse to 1-800-252-5400 and go to www.scottyshehouse.org for more information on how we too can help.

National Telecommunicators Week

April 12-18, 2015

Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. Our unsung heroes, the 911 dispatchers. Every year our organization tries to do a little something for the Communications Office, our dispatchers. Please bring snacks, movie tickets, cash, or anything else you would like to see us give to our dispatchers to show our appreciation of what they do for us. Bring the items to our next General Meeting on April 13th or you can drop them by Max’s Donuts. Show a little 911 Love!



Above Left: Our Booth at the Scott & White Senior's Day Event with Sue, Chris, Millie, Dorothy, Corina, Annette, Ron, Wanda, Jack. Above Right: Our booth at work; and outside Stan gives curb service to all attending seniors that would dare ride with him. Thanks to all that worked this event!



Officer Sammy, Officer Mark Pierce, Officer Kevin Mertz and Sgt. Carl Weisepape look over the score from a recent bust. Good Work Guys!



Our BPD Bike Patrol: Cpl Justin Schiller, Cpl Eduardo Ortega, Sgt Curtiss Schoen, Cpl Lance Weiss, Cpl Steven Eilert, Officer Jonathan Phipps



left: The Newest Member of the BPD/COP

Family. Our First COP Baby

Jolene Grace

Born March 14th 11:30 pm

7lbs 7 oz., 20 inches long

Proud Parents: Billy and Manija Whitman

CONGRATS!!!

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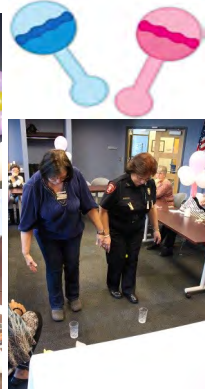
Manija's Baby Shower



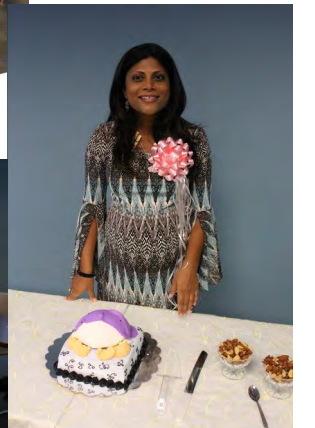
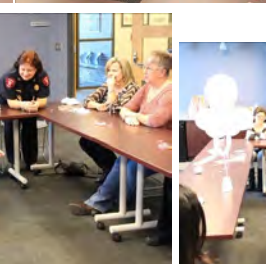
Very cute cake!



What do limes, clothes pins, and toilet paper have in common? They make for great games at a Baby Shower? Yeah, I'm confused too; guess you just had to be there (or be a girl). The people in the photos above and below were there, and can explain it much better than me. It's Manija Whitman's first baby, as well as our first. Confused again; well, it's our first COP BABY!! Looks like everyone had a great time and the MOM to be got lots of useful gifts; and IT'S A GIRL (if you didn't notice all the pink)!!!



Check out that Baby Bump!



What's That For?

By Rob Aguilar

The "Lieutenant's Gold Whistle Award" was reinstated at last month's General Meeting. The recipient, Stan Ford, was quite surprised; but more importantly, had no idea what it was, and why he had received it. Further, there were other members, all from Class 28, that didn't know anything about it either. Well, I am going to attempt to answer those questions in this article.

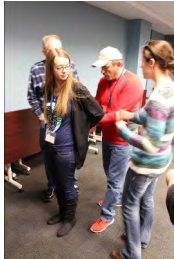
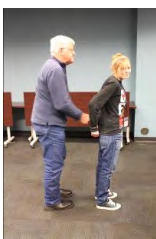
I think that everyone is aware that each year an award is presented to the CPAAA Member of the Year; and an award is presented to the COP Member of the Year for their outstanding contributions to the respective groups. Let's do the math. We have over 110 CPAAA members and about 70 COP members. If we give out 1 award to each group every year; we may recognize about 5% of the membership every ten or twenty years. But there are so many members that do so much good work throughout the year; year in and year out. That's when I thought we should recognize a member that has done outstanding work every month. That monthly award may show them that they are appreciated and perhaps they will be our member of the year. If they are not chosen for member of the year, they will know that they were at least in contention and that their good work did not go unnoticed. Well I did that for twelve months; and the award was well received. There is a plaque in the BPD Lobby with the twelve names of those Gold Whistle Award winners (July 2013 to June 2014). The award was temporarily discontinued after a vote from the COP Officers; with the proviso that it would be reinstated in 2015, and it would become a quarterly award. With the last award being presented in June 2014, members from Class 28 may never have seen it; thus the bewilderment.

Along those same lines came the "Office Angel Award". The members that work in the BPD office, day in and day out were not being properly recognized for their hard work. So I came up with the quarterly Office Angel Award. I poll the employees at the BPD periodically and ask them who did the best work recently to determine who the recipient will be. I think that it is well received by the recipients; but I have never gotten much feedback from them on that subject. In any case, I feel that it is important to recognize members that are doing good work; it's not like I can give them a raise! By the way, there are still some openings for office help at BPD.

Just a note, since the awards were my idea, I footed the bill for the plaque that is in the lobby; and I have ordered a new plaque for the quarterly awards. But, Chris did buy me a dozen gold whistles, because he thought it was a good idea too! The Office Angel trophies are also paid for by yours truly; that's how strongly I feel about letting our members know that they are appreciated. I also hope that after seeing someone win an award; that it may serve as an incentive to do better work, to strive to be the next recipient. Just remember, if you haven't won yet, you were probably a close second; and you too are appreciated!!



Handcuffing 101



We having fun yet, Class 29?



Who brought their own "fuzzy handcuffs" to class? Who would have thought that handcuffing could be so much fun!



Left: Sgt Jason Derri-
rick shows the class
one of our Bikes

Right: Off. Heather
Sowders cuffs Off.
Ashley Burns



Above: Sgt Lloyd Powell
explains Patrol Proce-
dures to the class



Above and Below: Our very
entertaining Use of Force In-
structor - Chief Deputy - Jay
Petrash



Above Cpl Steven Eilert gives Cpl
Justin Schiller the floor to share
his experiences with the class.



Heather's First Day in CID



Left: Making New Det. Heather Sowders feel welcome, is her Captain Trey Gully; yes, he actually swept her floor.

Right: Heather's first day in CID. Good Luck Girl!



DWI NIGHT at BPD



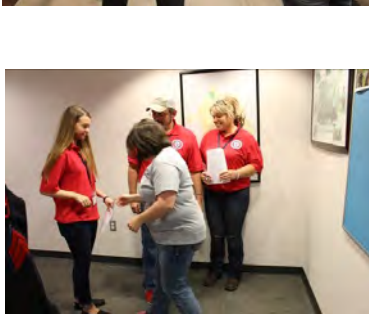
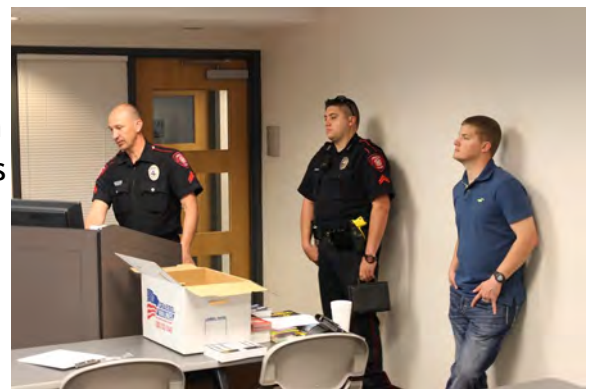
Above: The blind leading the blind. No, the Drunk helping the Drunk! They had so much fun together.



Above: Our drinkers (Albert Green, Chuck Wood, Corina Smith, Mollie Gray) are evaluated by the class at the end of the evening.



Right: Cpl Todd Ashorn with help from Cpl Steven Eilert and Cpl Lance Weiss tell the Class about DWI and related techniques. It was another fun night!



Subject: Fish Fry

From: Ricky Boeker (rboeker@cityofbrenham.org)

To: Rob Aguilar (robandlei@att.net)

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2015 6:51 PM



Rob,

Please pass on to the guys and gals that came out from the COP's to help with parking, and thank them for an excellent job as usual.

The community is really blessed to have a great organization like yours to help out when needed.

Thank You again for their help making the Fish Fry a success

Ricky Boeker

Brenham Fire Chief

The above was an e-mail that I received from Fire Chief Ricky Boeker. I wrote him the following:

Chief, I will pass on your sentiments to all of our members. I will place your "Thank You" e-mail in our monthly newsletter (if that's okay). They too enjoyed the fish and visiting with all of their BFD friends, as well as the rest of the community.

Thanks again for your kind words,

Rob Aguilar

While in Chris Jackson's office the other day, Captain Billy Rich asked if would pass something on to our COPs. He said, "could you please let them know that I appreciate what they do for us greatly. And further, please thank those individuals that are filling in for Officer David Webb at Blue Bell and FM 2935 every afternoon. I will try and thank each one when I see them, but I don't see them very often". ***So a BIG THANK to all COPs from Captain Rich!!***



We had a great COP turnout at the Pipeline Safety Class on March 5th. A shown above.

All other photos are from Spring Break at Blue Bell Note the different uniforms; weather was weird!!

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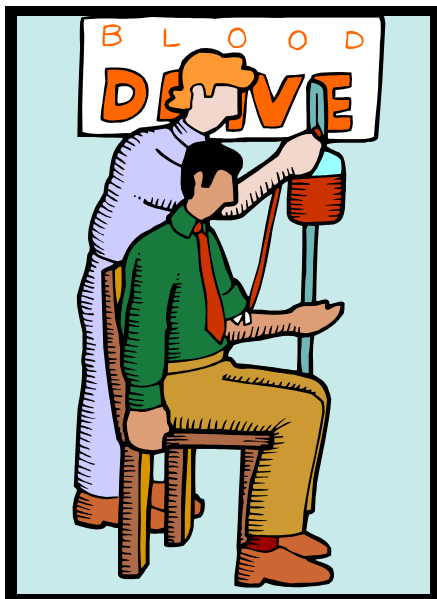
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Guns and Hoses Blood Drive

The Donor Coach will be at City Hall

200 West Vulcan Street

Thursday April 30th

From 9 am to 3 pm

Please give the Gift of Life