

July 2015

Brenham Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

# The Informant

## Food, Fun and Fellowship at the Annual Picnic!



Our Annual CPAAA/BPD Picnic was the backdrop for Chief Rex Phelp's Retirement Party. At left he is presented with a collage type plaque that holds some fond memories for him, as well as for those pictured.

## A Good Time was had by all!!!

More Picnic photos on pages 9, 10 and 11

### Dates to remember :

- General Meeting 7pm 7/13
- Hot Nights Cool Tunes 7/11
- Hot Nights Cool Tunes 7/18
- Hot Nights Cool Tunes 7/25



Flanked by Chief Dant Lange and Captain Trey Gully, a proud *Cpl. Justin Schiller* displays his award. Cpl. Schiller was named *Police Officer First Responder of the Year* by the American Legion. This award comes as no shock to Chief Lange and Captain Gully; as they have all the confidence in Justin and know he will continue to excel in his law enforcement career. **CONGRATULATIONS JUSTIN!!**

### July Birthdays

- Michael Davis 7/2
- Steven Eilert 7/18
- Jonathan Phipps 7/20
- Chris Jackson 7/24
- Curtiss Schoen 7/28
- Seth Klehm 8/3

# Citizens on Patrol

## June COP Hours

**Thanks to the following COPs for their help with:**

Glasco Parking/Traffic Assignment on 6-5-15: **Ron Upchurch, Tex Davis, Clarence Steinfeld and Candidates: Ceci Wagner and Wayne Miller**

BHS Graduation Parking Assignment on 6-6-15: **Clarence Steinfeld, Ron Upchurch, Tex Davis Billy Yawn, Bob Cothorn, Dale Green Albert Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, and Annette Tiemann**

Project Graduation on 6-6-15: **Ron Upchurch, Jim Hollister, Billy Yawn, Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Clarence Steinfeld, Albert Green, and Stan Ford**

E J Schumacher Funeral Escort on 6-18-15: **Rob Aguilar and Albert Green**

Horse & Carriage Escort 6-28-15: **Tex Davis, Ron Upchurch and Clarence Steinfeld**

Rob Aguilar	42
Wanda Aguilar	4
Dorothy Antkowiak	19.5
Clyde Averitt	4
Helen Bassett	2
James Bassett	10.5
Kevin Braun	9.5
Sue Braun	16.5
Wayne Brown	20.5
Willie Brown	5
David Clinkenbeard	36.5
Sandra Clinkenbeard	15
Bob Cothorn	25.5
Michael Cowan	16
Glen Daugherty	15
Tex Davis	170.5
Stan Ford	35.75
Patty Goerlitz	9.5
Albert Green	22.5
Dale Green	11.5
Donald Hegemeyer	4
Juanita Hickey	18
Jim Hollister	10.5
Millie Keller	12
Richard Klein	2
Charles Lewis	4
Karen Lewis	4
Howard Mead	12.5
Wayne Miller	12.5
Jack Murski	9
Don Peloquin	16
Carole Petzolt	4
Monroe Petzolt	4
Corina Smith	28
Mark Smith	12.5
Tony Smith	19.5
Clarence Steinfeld	73.5
Annette Tiemann	23
Ron Upchurch	23
Ceci Wagner	7
Jean Winters	4
Ron Wise	2
Billy Yawn	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>805.25</b>

Thanks to the following COPs for their help at the Juneteenth Parade held Saturday June 20th. Riding in the parade representing the COPs were: **Annette Tiemann, Jean Winters, and Wanda Aguilar**

Traffic and Crowd Control was handled by: **James Bassett, Mark Smith, Tony Smith, Tex Davis, Bob Cothorn, Albert Green, and Rob Aguilar**



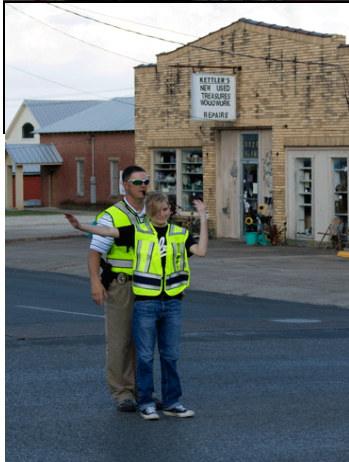
# Citizens on Patrol



At left: Proud Papa, **Stan Ford** with his daughter **Shelby**; at her badge presentation back in March. She was Montgomery County's newest Deputy. They are pictured above with Montgomery County Sheriff **Tommy Gage**. She is now on her own and will be off probation in September. **CONGRATS!!**



Above: For the first time we have two recipients of the Lieutenant's Gold Whistle Award they were the team of **David and Sandy Clinkenbeard**, who have both worked together on two important projects for us: Handicapped Parking Enforcement and COP Pictures. Pictured left to right: **Rob Aguilar, Chris Jackson, Sandy, David, and Chief Lange**. **CONGRATULATIONS!**



New COP Candidates get their traffic control class from **Chris**: **LaNae Holle, Steve Oneill, Ceci Wagner, Wayne Miller, Howard Mead, and Stacie Oberrender**. Three others still need their turn at this. Good Job Guys!



BPD is active in Community Service, and teaching our children about being good citizens is a top priority. A prime example is Sgt. Kelvin Raven, Cpl. Joe Merkley and Det. John Snowden spending a couple of days at the Boys and Girls Club of Brenham. As is evident from the photos, they had and held the children's attention and no doubt made an impact on a few lives. They passed our departments message to these young people, and our community will in turn be getting better citizens from their efforts. *Way to go Guys!!*



## Body Worn Cameras

By Rob Aguilar

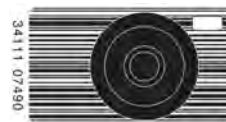
All of our BPD Officers have their body worn cameras. They have been trained on the proper use of the device, its capabilities and its limitations. They are Safety Vision's Prima Facie body worn camera that has been ranked the best by the Department of Homeland Security.

Chief Lange came to our last COP Meeting and showed us the new units and how they work; and mentioned that they are compatible with our vehicle mounted units. Body worn cameras are thought to protect officers from false accusations, reduce agency liability and citizen complaints, as well as, provide evidence for use in court. However, there are some concerns; the cost, the cost of archiving the information, the battery life, possible privacy issues and perhaps legal issues.

We all know, that this somewhat, new technology will get even better in the near future and any advancements will take care of most of the concerns a department may have in implementing a body worn camera program. Well our program has already been implemented; and we must learn as much as we can about how we are supposed to act when around our officers and their new technology. First, we must watch what we say and the body language that we use will also be under scrutiny; especially at an emergency scene. Second, we must learn the officers standard operating procedures concerning camera usage. Lastly, we must embrace new technology in order to better serve our community.

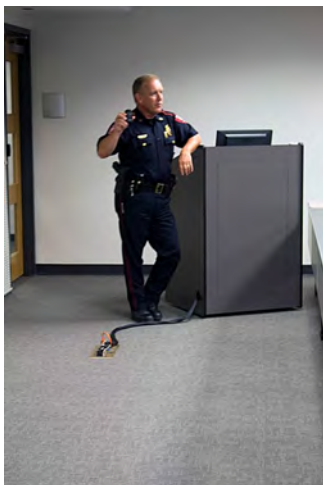
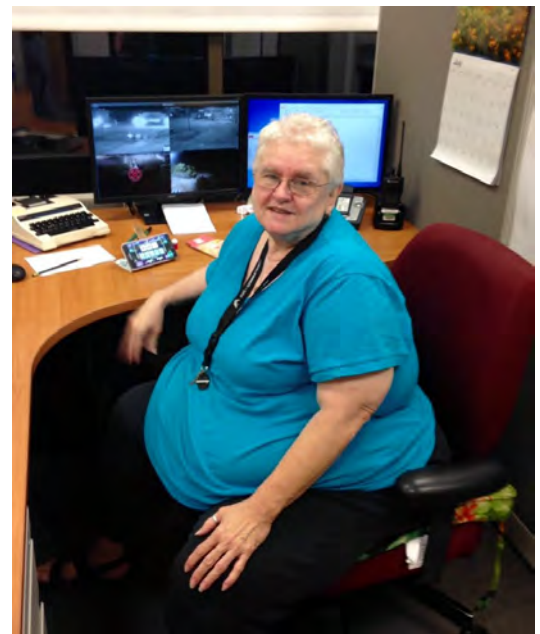
The Department of Justice has just announced a \$20 million body worn camera pilot program for law enforcement agencies. "This body-worn camera pilot program is a vital part of the Justice Department's comprehensive efforts to equip law enforcement agencies throughout the country with the tools, support, and training they need to tackle the 21st Century challenges we face," Attorney General Loretta Lynch said Friday. "Body-worn cameras hold tremendous promise for enhancing transparency, promoting accountability, and advancing public safety for law enforcement officers and the communities they serve," she added.

While our cameras have already been paid for, perhaps we can put in for some of that grant money for reimbursement, and or, future camera purchases. Be that as it may, body worn cameras are here in Brenham; and I believe that they are here to stay. So be on your best behavior and **SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!**



## *Captain Billy Rich Retires*

After 34 years of service to the Brenham Police Department, Captain Billy Rich calls it a career. A reception in his honor was held at the Brenham Police Station Community Room on June 12th. There was standing room only to pay tribute to Billy and his many years of dedicated public service to this community. I just saw Billy yesterday; he's sporting a full beard and his hair is much longer. I guess retirement agrees with him, but I saw him at PD, so I know he misses this place and everyone here; well we miss you too Billy, so come by as often as you want!!



Left: Chief Dant Lange stopped by our COP Meeting Monday, June 29th and showed us the Department's new body worn camera. He spoke briefly on the device, its usage, limitations and attachments. He also stated that we be on our best behavior, as we may be being recorded.

**Lynn Parm**, Public Utilities after hours phone operator is leaving us. She worked out of BPD on the 4 pm to 2 am shift. Have a great retirement and come by and see us!

# JUNETEENTH PARADE 2015



*Another FUN Parade to work. City and County COP and Law Enforcement Units showing their support for the Annual Juneteenth Celebration in beautiful downtown Brenham. It was a great day for a parade!*



*Check out our newest Sheriff's Deputies below; Vanessa and Dairius, former COPS!!*



By Rob Aguilar

Summer is here, as evidenced by the sweltering heat, our “Summer Picnic”, the start of Brenham’s Concert Series “Hot Nights Cool Tunes” and my dry grass. Just a friendly reminder; keep cool, hydrate, and use sun screen. All the common sense stuff that Mom told you as a child still holds true today. Mom’s advice, while good, is not the focus of this article. Heat related illness, is the topic today - Heat Cramps, Heat Exhaustion and Heatstroke.

I know full well that I along with several of you will suffer the symptoms of heat related illness (I already have this season)! Yard work, house painting, building something outdoors, and COP work will put many of us in jeopardy. **Yes, COP work may be hazardous to your health;** especially traffic control/parking assignments. So remember to take care of yourselves, who else will. Take frequent breaks (in a shady or air conditioned location), drink lots of fluids, wear a hat or cap while out there directing traffic.

**Heat Cramps** are painful muscle spasms that occur after vigorous exercise, whether you are outdoors or not. Sweat produced during strenuous exercise causes a change in the body’s electrolyte, or salt, balance. This dehydration plays a role in the development of muscle cramps/heat cramps. Treatment for heat cramps is as follows: remove the patient from the hot environment; loosen any tight clothing; rest the cramping muscles; replace fluids (water works best, but a balanced electrolyte solution like Gatorade can be used, especially if diluted to half strength). If the cramps do not subside, go to the hospital.

**Heat exhaustion** is the result of the body losing so much water and so many electrolytes through very heavy sweating that hypovolemia (fluid depletion) occurs. Signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion (and hypovolemia) are: heavy sweating while working hard or exercising in a hot, humid, or poorly ventilated area; heavy sweating even at rest in a hot, humid, or poorly ventilated area; cold, clammy skin with ashen pallor; dry tongue and thirst; dizziness, weakness, or faintness, with accompanying nausea or headache; normal vital signs, although the pulse is often rapid; normal or slightly elevated body temperature (can be as high as 104F). Treatment for Heat exhaustion include: remove the patient from the hot environment; loosen an tight clothing; lie the patient down and elevate the legs; fan the patient; encourage them to drink fluids if they are fully alert (don’t force fluids if not fully alert, the patient may aspirate the fluids into the lungs); if the symptoms do not clear up promptly, transport to the hospital.

**Heatstroke** is the most serious of the heat related illnesses. Heatstroke occurs when the body is subjected to more heat than it can handle, and the body temperature rises rapidly (to the level at which tissues are destroyed). Untreated heatstroke always results in death. Heatstroke can develop during vigorous physical activity or when outdoors or in a poorly ventilated, humid space. It also occurs during heat waves among individuals who live in buildings with no air conditioning or with poor ventilation. Many patients will have hot, dry, flushed skin because their sweating

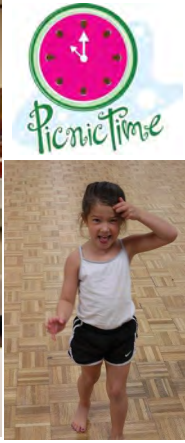


mechanism has been overwhelmed. However, in the early stages of heatstroke the skin may be moist or wet. Body temperature may rise to 106F or more. As the body core temperature rises, the level of consciousness falls. Often, the first sign of heatstroke is a change in behavior; and the patient becomes unresponsive very quickly. Take the following steps when treating heatstroke: After calling 911 move the patient to a cool environment; remove clothing; apply cool packs to the neck, groin and armpit areas; cover the patient with wet towels or sheets or spray with cool water and fan him or her to evaporate the dampness on the skin; aggressively and repeatedly fan the patient; the patient must be transported to the hospital as soon possible. Be advised that Heat Cramps and Heat Exhaustion can progress to heatstroke if not treated; and heatstroke always causes death if not treated.

The format used in this article was so that you could help someone in need, but the information could also help you save yourself. So let's try and stay cool this summer, be smart, and be safe.

## More Picnic Photos!







# BPD/CPAAA Annual Picnic 2015



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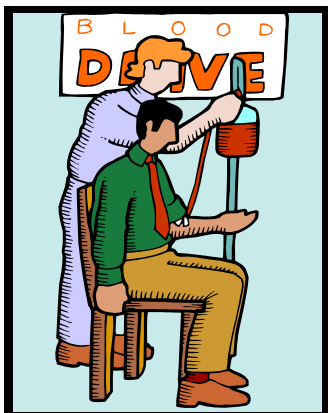
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**The next Guns and Hoses Blood Drive 2-Day Event will be held on Friday August 14th and Saturday August 15th. The Donor Coach will be at City Hall (200 W. Vulcan) on Friday 8-14-15 from 9 am to 3 pm. The Fireman's Training Center will be the location of our Saturday Blood Drive 8-15-15 from 9 am to 3 pm. We will need volunteers to man the front desk at the Training Center and possibly help with the food preparation and distribution. If you can help, please call Rob at 451-2612. And as always, we need volunteers to *Donate Blood*. See you all there!**