

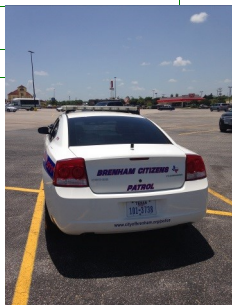


**Brenham Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association**

# The Informant

**Dates to remember**

<b>General Meeting</b> 7pm	8/10
<b>C.O.P. Meeting</b>	8/24
<b>Guns &amp; Hoses Blood Drive</b>	8/14 & 8/15
<b>General Meeting</b>	9/14



Your 2015 CPAAA Board of Directors finally got together for a photo. Your Board Members are (bottom row l-r): Wanda Aguilar-Secretary, Bob Cothorn-President, Corina Smith,(middle row l-r): Ron Upchurch-Vice President, Mark Smith-Treasurer, Clyde Averitt, (top row l-r): James Bassett-Past President, Clarence Steinfeld, and Albert Green. *What a Good Looking Group!*

**August Birthdays**

**Ofc. Seth Klehm 8/3**

**Ofc. Lance Weiss 8/29**

**Our Patrol Cars get New Stripes**

The first day with new striping and I caught a glimpse in the Wal-Mart Parking Lot. Thanks Tex!



# Citizens on Patrol

## July COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	39.5
Wanda Aguilar	2
Dorothy Antkowiak	4
Clyde Averitt	6.25
James Bassett	12
Sue Braun	8
Wayne Brown	28
David Clinkenbeard	38.5
Sandra Clinkenbeard	14.25
Bob Cothorn	46
Michael Cowan	7
Glen Daugherty	8.5
Tex Davis	261
Stan Ford	43
Albert Green	20.25
Juanita Hickey	17
Jim Hollister	8
Millie Keller	20
Charles Lewis	2
Karen Lewis	2
Howard Mead	10.5
Wayne Miller	4.5
Steve Oneill	8.5
Don Peloquin	20
Jerry Pieper	7
Corina Smith	9
Mark Smith	6.75
Tony Smith	12
Clarence Steinfeld	56.5
Annette Tiemann	2
Ron Upchurch	60
Jean Winters	2
Ron Wise	12.5
Ceci Wagner	9.25
Chuck Wood	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>809.75</b>

**THANK YOU ALL**  
very much for all the hard work.  
Especially in such hot weather.

**AWESOME!**

We had a small window of opportunity to change the striping on our cars, as we were getting 969 in a couple of days. I came up with this graphic as a money saving alternative. I think it looks great! Tex likes it!! What do you think?

## Hot Nights, Cool Tunes

Thank you to those who assisted with this event during the month of July: *Ron Wise, Annette Tiemann, Jean Winters, Wanda Aguilar, James Bassett, Albert Green, Rob Aguilar, Sue Braun, Kevin Braun, Jim Hollister, Ceci Wagner, Howard Mead, Stan Ford, Clarence Steinfeld, Tex Davis, Corina Smith, Mark Smith, David Clinkenbeard, Sandy Clinkenbeard, Sorry if I missed anyone!*

## Scott & White Kids Day

Thanks to those COPs that helped on 8-5-15 **Parking Cars:** *Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Ron Upchurch, Howard Mead*  
**Fingerprinting:** *Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Sue Braun, Ron Wise*

## Camp Periwinkle Escort

Thanks to the following COPs for their help with the Camp Periwinkle Escort on 8-2-15: *Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Clarence Steinfeld, Ron Wise, Juanita Hickey, Stan Ford, Howard Mead, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak.*

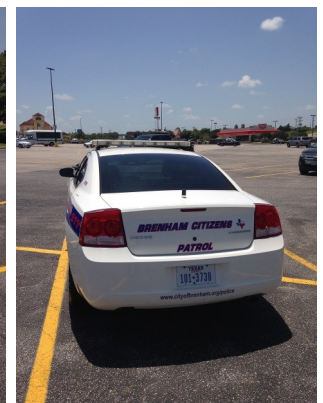
And Thanks to the following County COPs: *Larry Neveux, Kent Bufford, Gary Baldwin, Gene Herrmann, Doss Pruitt, Ira Newsome, Frankie Grizzaffi*

*Photos on Pages 4 and 9*

## Traffic Assignment

Truck Fire 507 Hwy 290 E on 8-5-15:  
*Ron Upchurch, Dale Green, and Rob Aguilar*

Tex was patrolling Wal-Mart the day after these graphics were installed.



## Working Together

By Rob Aguilar

It was Sunday, August 2nd, time for the annual Camp Periwinkle Escort. This escort is something we look forward to each year; as it is one of our more fun and rewarding events. I was asked to coordinate it this year; and I made sure that all of the different entities that usually participate knew about it. This was important, as last year, the City COPs were the only ones that got to participate. The Philip's Veterinary Clinic was the staging area, and all the participants were eagerly awaiting the arrival of the convoy; which this year, was 4 buses and 3 privately owned vehicles. In the recent past, the convoy would consist of the buses and a group of motorcycles, or as in last years case, a group of Corvettes; this year it was back to basics.

The only "no show" was the EMS Squad Unit which was extremely busy that day. BPD Cpl. Tommie Kurie was on site and in charge of the Brenham contingent. Rescue 2 and Command 1, with Jeff Daniels and Ronald Bentke were representing the Fire Department. The County COPs brought all of their vehicles and all of their personnel, including Larry Neveux, Kent Bufford, Doss Pruitt, Gary Baldwin, Ira Newsome, Gene Herrmann and Frankie Grizzaffi. The Brenham COPs had all 4 of their vehicles with Rob and Wanda Aguilar, Stan Ford, Howard Mead, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Juanita Hickey, Ron Wise and Clarence Steinfeld manning the vehicles (having the fun today).

The Buses arrived at the rendezvous point, and our caravan to Camp Periwinkle had begun. Our COP units blocked the Highway and then took their positions at all of the entrance ramps. All the while leap frogging from bus to bus with lights and sirens. There were many waves from the campers as we whizzed by their coaches. We were at the cloverleaf, blocking Main Street traffic; Cpl. Kurie took the light at Westwood; got out of his vehicle and said goodbye to the campers, his part of the escort was done. Rescue 2 and Command 1 stopped in the turn lane by the Bowling Alley and bid the campers a farewell, as they too were done with today's escort. It was the County Cops turn to ensure that our caravan didn't stop until we reached our destination. They too took care of all the county roads and intersections; leapfrogging with lights and sirens; much to the delight of the campers aboard the 4 buses.

We reached our destination, and as in years past, the Camp Counselors were there lining the driveway and sidewalks; greeting the campers and the escorts with big smiles, waving arms and an infectious enthusiasm that said welcome, you are in for the time of your life! We parked our vehicles and made our way to the busy debarkation area. There we got to high-five the kids, speak briefly to them and assure them that this was going to be a great week for them. Some of these children had been here before and knew what was in store; and they too could not wait for their memorable week to begin. We were thanked several times and told that our escort was an awesome precursor of things to come for these young people this week.

We were asked to take photos and were presented with a plaque for our participation that day. We had group shots of our COPs and then the County Cops and then of both COP groups together. We worked together quite well that day; as is usual for our two groups. We said our goodbyes to the Camp officials and to our County COP friends; and thought the day was over. But a problem ensued; our newest COP vehicle Unit 969 would not start. I had some very cheap jumper cables in Unit 970; I asked Larry Neveux, from the county if he had any better ones. He did, but they had left in another unit several minutes before. Well in the spirit of working together, he met the other unit and came back to Camp Periwinkle with the cables. We tried and tried, but 969 just wouldn't start. I ended up keeping the cables until Wednesday, when Larry and myself were both on duty again. I returned them to Larry and we said we would see each other at our next city/county event. Working together is the way I like doing things; I guess Larry feels the same way!!

# Congratulations!



Above left: Howard Mead and Wayne Miller try on their new COP Caps presented to them by Rob Aguilar, as they have completed their 10 hours of Field Training and are officially COPs. Above: Our newest official COP is Ceci Wagner, she is presented her COP Cap by Sgt. Kelvin Raven after completing her 10 hours with a Field Training Officer. **GOOD JOB !!**



## Pictures from Camp

Photos from the Camp Periwinkle Escort. More photos on Page 9



## STEP Speed Grant

A Press-Release from Chief Dant Lange

It seems as if everyone is in a hurry these days – racing to get from home to work, to get the kids from one activity to another – just trying to get where they’re going as fast as possible. Unfortunately, that often translates to the way they drive. A study released in December of 2013 by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration revealed that most drivers believe that speeding is a problem on the highways, yet still admit to driving above the speed limit most of the time.

Vehicular accidents are often tracked in terms of the economic impact they have. According to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the estimated cost of all motor vehicle crashes in 2014 was almost \$29 billion dollars. The cost in terms of human lives is unmeasurable.

“Cracking down on speeding is the main reason we applied for the STEP Speed Grant through the Texas Department of Transportation. Using grant funding to pay off-duty officers to work traffic enforcement along US 290 helps reduce the number of speed related crashes along that corridor,” said Chief Dant Lange.

Lange said drivers often think the posted speed limit on the highway is the same as the limit on the entrance/exit ramps and on the frontage roads. However, he said, that is not the case.

“Drivers coming off the highway onto the frontage roads are not paying attention to the change in the posted speed limit. The problems occur when they exit in those areas where we have an influx of cars all coming together – we have local traffic along the frontage road, traffic trying to merge off the highway and traffic trying to merge onto the highway. Granted, we don’t have the same level of traffic as larger cities do, but it can cause accidents,” he said.

“The other thing we noted is that most of the citations that are given for speeding are to people passing through the area. Again, everyone is in a hurry to get where they’re going and if they don’t live here, they don’t have the same vested interest in maintaining the quality of life that our residents have.”

The good news is it appears the plan is working – TxDOT statistics show that fatality accidents have dropped from 3,188 in 2014 to 1,503 in 2015 with a decrease in fatalities from 3,533 in 2014 to 1,692 in 2015.

“The data TxDOT sent us shows that traffic enforcement does work to reduce speed-related crashes and prevent deaths. That’s why we do what we do,” Lange said.



## Community Relations

Good Community Relations can simply be, stopping by your local Lemonade Stand. Interacting with the public and other members of the law enforcement community. This works best on a very hot day (which is any day in the last couple of months). Pictured left to right are Officer Sierra Newell, Cpl. David Dudenhoeffer, Cpl. Steven Eilert, Deputy Yasmine Alfaro, Sgt. Kelvin Raven, and Deputy Ben Foreman. The cute Lemonade Baristas were Seta Naylor and Maddie Lange. Their stand is on East Stone Street if you are interested!



Guess Who?

(Too easy, right)

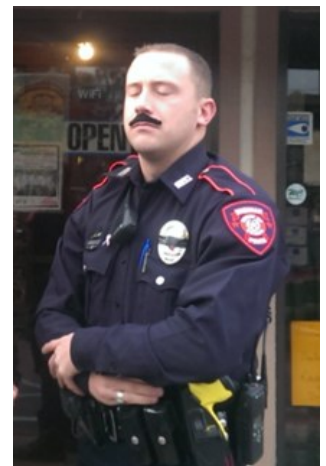


Kountry Boys Sausage and Bakery is so nice to us here at BPD. They occasionally just stop in and cook for us; such nice people! Pictured above are the Kountry Boys Cooking Team and some of its happy customers; US!!!



At left: On a day that Kountry Boys didn't drop by, Sgt. Kelvin Raven and Cpl. Seth Klehm share the cooking duties; Yum-Yum!

The only question for Kevin Mertz is: Did you put the tape over your Badge or under your Nose, FIRST??



(Not as easy as Hunter Andras)

Below: Sgt. Jason Derrick is just about to show this stranded motorist how to change a tire. **First**, you get a little further off the roadway. Then; well you know the rest.



Who knew Joe Merkley took lessons from Carlos Santana! But your not supposed to serenade the SWAT Team. *I think that's a rule?*



**From:** Todd Jacobs  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 9:51 AM  
**To:** Dant Lange; Chris Jackson  
**Cc:** Trey Gully  
**Subject:** COP'S

Chief Lange,

I would like to take this opportunity to applaud Rob Aguilar and all of the COP's that assisted yesterday with the truck fire that was on 290. Without their help we would not have been able to accomplish what was done. West bound 290 and the west bound frontage road had to be closed and traffic diverted. They spent at least 4 hours on scene rerouting traffic until the roadway was cleared, at approximately 8:00PM last night. With their assistance we were able to free up patrol once the fire was out and all that was left was to clean up. By about 5PM all of patrol was able to clear the scene and with the help of the COP's, I was the only officer that was needed to remain on scene for police presence. And although some of the drivers may have been upset for the inconvenience, traffic ran slow but smooth.

So I tip my hat to the COP Units..... We could not have accomplished what we did yesterday without you.

Thanks,

Todd Jacobs, FBINA235  
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The above memo was forwarded to me today. I would like to say Thanks to Todd for taking the time to thank us in writing; as he thanked us personally yesterday. On Hwy 290 with me yesterday were **Ron Upchurch** and **Dale Green**. The "feels like" temperatures were 104 down to a comfortable 102 for the over 4 hours that we stood on the asphalt pointing to the outside and exit lanes. Sergeant Jacobs, thank you for appreciating the job that we do, but we do it because we appreciate what you guys do for us, day in and day out. So if we can help, *we do!*

**Rob Aguilar**

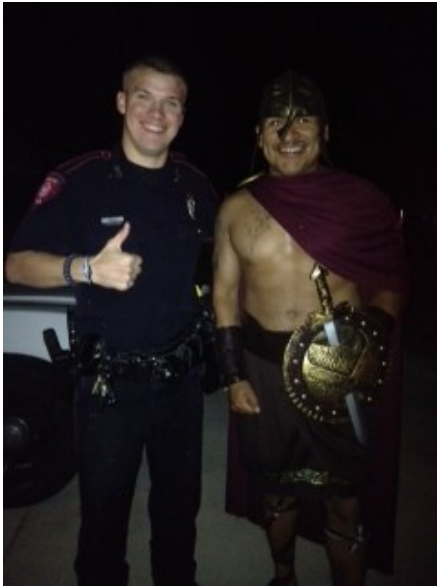
***THANK YOU to all of the BPD Officers, as well as, all of our COPs.***

## Heroes Day Luncheon

HEB is hosting its annual Heroes Day Luncheon on Tuesday September 8th at the Brenham Fire Department Emergency Operations Center. All First Responders are invited. HEB employees will be preparing BBQ Stuffed baked Potatoes. It all starts at 11:30 am, but they would like an RSVP—so call Rob if you plan to attend.

That's me blocking Hwy 290 at FM 577 and if you look off in the distance at the top of the hill that's Ron Upchurch. **Squinting yet!!**





Cpl. Lance Weiss told Cpl. Ed Ortega that he couldn't park his chariot there or he would have it towed to the nearest stable, at the gladiators' expense. Must have been a great party. *Ed nailed that costume!*

Cpl. Justin Schiller is having a bad day. We just had our COP car towed, so we feel your pain!



At right: Cpl. Chris Jackson doing what he does best; no, not holding up the wall. He was giving a tour of PD to a group of kids from the Boys and Girls Club.



Cpl. Seth Klehm hard at work; as usual. Keep up the good work!



**WARNING to all Police Officers and COP's: If a firefighter asks to borrow your patrol car ...*JUST SAY NO!***



## More Camp Periwinkle Pics



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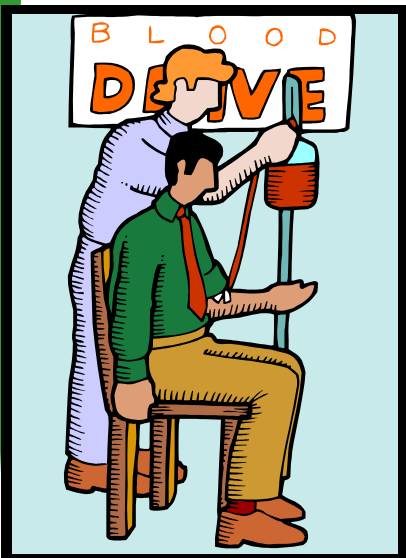
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## Guns and Hoses Blood Drive Two Day Event

The Donor Coach will be at City Hall on Fri-  
day, 8-14-15 from 9 am to 3 pm  
The Drive will be at the Fireman's Training  
Center on Saturday 8-15-15 from 9 am to 3 pm  
A Free Coupon for a Pint of Blue Bell ice-  
cream for all who donate Blood.