



The Informant

December
2016

Citizen Police Academy Alumni
Association

Brenham, TX

Christmas Party

This year's BPD/CPAAA Christmas party will be held on Dec. 10th at the Washington County Fairgrounds **Event Center**. The party starts at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss out on the dinner, drinks, live music and dancing and also the announcement of the

CPAAA Member of the Year and the Police Officer of the Year.



The next General Mtg will be Jan. 9th 7pm. New Board members will be installed. Come and meet them!!

CPA Class 31 Begins in February. Surely you enjoyed this class yourself and would like to share the experience with a friend, family member, co-worker or whomever! Download the application and return to Cpl. Chris Jackson ASAP!!

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Happy Birthday

Dec. PD Birthdays

John Snowden 12/8
Eddie Martinez 12/9
Jason Derrick 12/16
Jean Luera 12/16



Donna Culliver, founder of the Adam's Angels Ministry, in a Letter to the Editor of the Banner-Press said "Proud to call the Brenham Police Department, our heroes!" Further, "I would like to thank the Brenham Police Department for the recent "No Shave" fundraiser". No Shave November raised \$3,000 for the group. She went on to say, "A special thanks to Sgt. Justin Schiller for the dynamic idea and following it through to success. Chief Craig Goodman thank you for considering and approving his request." **Great Job Guys!!**

Christmas Stroll Parade or Bust !

Well, this year's Christmas Stroll Parade was a BUST. It was cancelled due to inclement weather, much to the chagrin of many of our members. It was unfortunate, but who can predict the weather. Our float was ready to go and quite gorgeous; but the powers that be said we will have to wait until next year. Well, if our bruised egos and hurt feelings have subsided enough by next November, we will once again endeavor to create another master piece; sure to be a crowd pleaser. Well, if nothing else, we did have fun. Anyway, a big THANK YOU to the army of talented float builders that braved the cool and sometimes wet weather to create what you see below.



New Board Members Elected

The New CPAAA board members elected at the last general meeting were *Larry Keller, Sherry Parker, and Rob Aguilar*. Thanks for your commitment to our organization. We look forward to a new year and new and exciting things!

Citizens On Patrol

Thanks to the following COP's for their help on:

11-11-16 High School Football Playoff Game Parking Assignment– **Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Wayne Miller, Clarence Steinfeld, Clyde Averitt, Patricia Badough, Tex Davis, Howard Mead, Steve Oneill, Sherry Parker, Mark Smith, Laura Sparks**

11-14-16 Library Grand Opening Parking/Traffic Assignment
- **Bob Cothorn, Rob Aguilar**

12-2-16 Christmas Stroll Safety Assignment– **Clarence Steinfeld, Sherry Parker, Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Albert Green, Bob Cothorn, Ron Upchurch, Dale Green, Tex Davis, Clyde Averitt**

If I missed anyone, it was not intentional. We appreciate everything that you guys and gals do for our organization, the Brenham Police Department and the Citizens of the community. Hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party!



***Kudos to all that helped this year!
Great Job !!***



COP Sherry Parker received her much deserved, 3rd Quarter Lieutenant's Gold Whistle Award. She is flanked by Cpl. Ron Upchurch and Lt. Rob Aguilar. ***You Go Girl!!***

NOV COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	44
Wanda Aguilar	14.5
Dorothy Antkowiak	65.5
Clyde Averitt	6.5
Patricia Badough	24
Kevin Braun	4
Sue Braun	19
Willie Brown	14
Robbie Gail Charette	12
Bob Cothorn	72
Michael Cowan	17
Glen Daugherty	4
Tex Davis	109
Peter Emerson	7.75
Stan Ford	45.75
Albert Green	44.5
Dale Green	28
Juanita Hickey	3.5
Jim Hollister	4
Larry Keller	15.75
Dick Klein	5
Howard Mead	10.5
Wayne Miller	14
Steve Oneill	4.5
Sherry Parker	42
Don Peloquin	4
Carole Petzolt	21.5
Monroe Petzolt	8
Merlene Schumacher	2
Jerry Schwake	4
Liz Schwake	4
Corina Smith	17.25
Mark Smith	20
Tony Smith	16
Laura Sparks	16
Clarence Steinfeld	60.5
Billy Sutherland	2
Annette Tiemann	52.5
Ron Upchurch	103.25
Ceci Wagner	4
Ron Wise	4
Catharine Wood	14

TOTAL 987.75

Another great month of service by our COPs!!

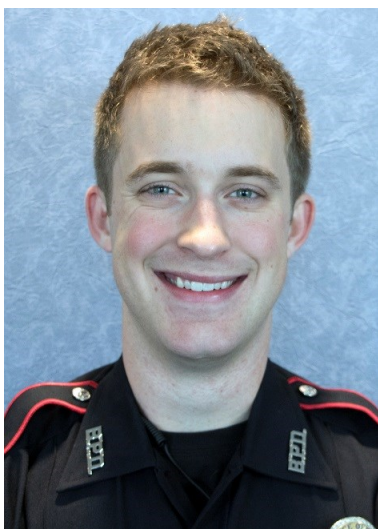
The Clique

By Rob Aguilar

I have heard it said many times; that this organization has a “clique”. A clique is a noun (pronounced klik) that means a small exclusive set, faction, circle, or gang. In the colloquial sense it has a negative connotation, but in its true sense, may be apropos to our group. The people accused of being in the “clique” are those that seem to be doing all of the work. They work well together and always seem to volunteer for all of those assignments that crop up at the last minute. Those in the clique can be counted on to perform their duties well, with little or no complaining. So, clique can be, no is a positive word, instead of a negative one.

I can assure you that no one in our group is trying to exclude anyone from anything. So those that think there is a clique; just show up and work a few more assignments and you too will fit right in. You will be part of the group the gang, the clique. The clique is an awesome group that seems to get the job done, and done well. The clique is that group that parked the cars at all of those football games, does the traffic control at Brenham Elementary School, and helped build our award winning (3 years in a row, could have been 4) parade floats. We act like friends, because we are friends. We welcome anyone to join in the fun of working together, getting to know one another; sharing the load and sharing the laughs. Yes, we have fun; it’s not all work. So join the so-called “clique”; be talked about, instead of just talking!

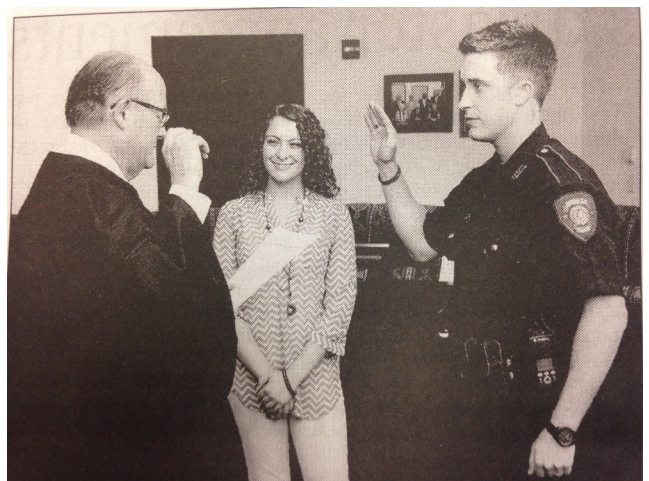
This article was reprinted because I still hear rumblings about our so-called clique.



Left: Meet our newest BPD Officer, just sworn in on December 5th, Mickey Gressman.

Right: Ofc. Mickey Gressman pictured with his wife Ashley, was sworn in by Municipal Court Judge Bill Kendall.

Welcome to BPD Mickey!





Robert Searle Jr. 65, passed away 12-3-16. His funeral was held on December 8th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church of William Penn. Robert was employed by the Washington County Sheriff's Office for over 20 years. Serving as pall bearers were Sheriff Otto Hanak, Chief Deputy Jay Petrash, Sgt. Mark Whiddon, Sgt. Fay Janes Busse, Lt. Marlow Lowery, Deputies Gerald Wehring, Mark Kramer, Justin Bosse. Honorary pallbearers were members of Washington County Law Enforcement.



Left: Dorothy, Sherry and Annette came by the Fire Museum to take a look around and they even went for a ride on the Antique Fire Truck.



At Right: Clarence and Sherry directing traffic at Alamo and Market Streets.



Both photos from the Friday night Christmas Stroll.

Below: Sgt. Justin Schiller congratulates Cpl. Steven Eilert as he received the Texas Hero of the Highway award. In appreciation of your efforts to end Drunk Driving, Nov. 2016 from MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) **Nice Beards!!**



SAVE THE DATE



The Annual COP Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday January 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the Blinn College Student Center. All COPs with over 36 service hours for 2016 are invited. They may also bring a guest. The meal will be catered by Blinn; and any additional guests will be charged \$15 each.





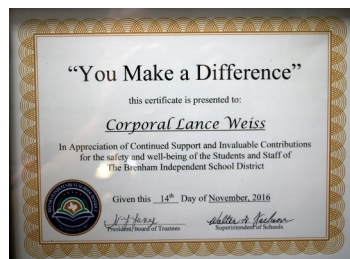
Community Service

Our top priority



The Washington County Leadership Program was introduced to Law Enforcement in November. Chief Craig Goodman was first, with a presentation on Leadership. Cpl. Chris Jackson led them through the days activities. They heard from D.A. Julie Renken and Co. Atty. Renee Mueller. Below: Lt. Lowery gives them a tour of the Jail. They participate in some hands-on traffic stops and “shoot or don’t shoot” scenarios. They also had some SWAT, HNT and Narcotics demonstrations. THANK YOU to all of the Police Officers and COPs that made the scenarios so realistic and interesting.





The newest recipients of the “You Make a Difference” Award are Cpl. David Webb and Cpl. Lance Weiss. Present for the Awards Ceremony were BISD Board members and of course Cpl. David Webb, Cpl. Lance Weiss and joined by their proud Sergeant, Kelvin Raven. This award is presented by the BISD “In Appreciation of Continued Support and Invaluable Contributions for the safety and well-being of the Students and Staff of the Brenham Independent School District. They were given this honor on November 14th, 2016.

On Tuesday, November 29th, the Brenham Banner-Press featured Cpl. Lance Weiss as their People Profile person of the week. It was a very interesting article with lots of insight into Lance’s life and facts that you may not have known about him. Like the fact that he is a 3rd generation lawman, some of his accomplishments and awards and a look into his personal life. It was quite the read, I recommend it. (If you can’t find a copy, just let me know.)



STEP Grant Program

Almost 3,000 Texans have died on the state’s highways in 2016 with speed being a major contributor. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, as of Nov. 1, 2016, there have been 2,922 fatalities across the state.

“It’s one of the reasons we participate in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant program through TXDOT. We recognize that speed is often a major factor in fatality accidents; traffic enforcement of speed limits is one of the best ways to reduce that fatality rate,” said Patrol Capt. Trey Gully.

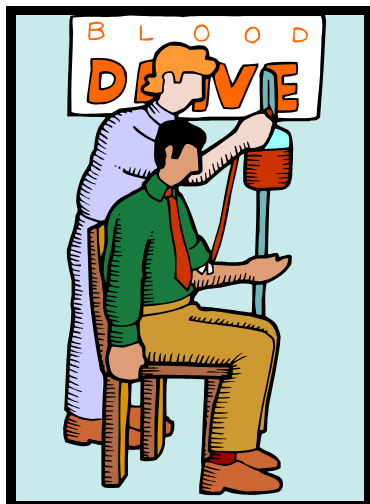
Brenham Police Department has participated in the STEP program since 2015 and received another round of grant funding for 2017. This grant program provides funding for officers to work overtime to enforce the speed limits which ensure visitors and residents alike can travel safely through the city.

“Our officers are serious about wanting to make an impact on reducing crashes due to speed and other related traffic violations. They are talking to people to educate them on their concerns. Education is just as important a tool as is traffic enforcement and we intend to use both to keep our roadways and citizens safe,” Gully said.

Santa's elves were out in full force helping Ginger decorate the trees at the Police Station. First they tackled the upstairs tree and then moved on to do their magic on the Lobby Tree.

Well, no it wasn't magical to watch, they weren't really elves; just our local COPs lending their decorating talents for the beautification of our Police Station. I hope it gets our troops in the holiday spirit. Yes, the guys were there, but you know how bad we are at decorating.

Good Job Ladies!!



Guns and Hoses Blood Drive 2-Day Event

January 20th—The Donor Coach will be at City Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

January 21st—Brenham Police Station Community Room from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you can help, just let Rob know at 451-2612. If you can give blood, please do so!

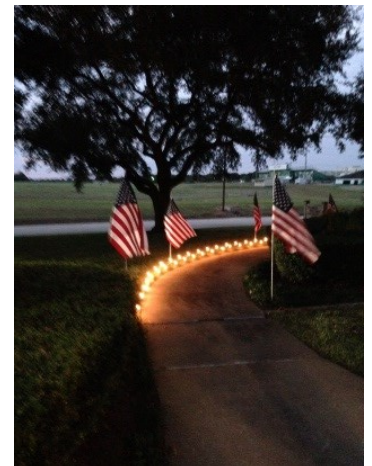


Thanks Be To God

A Celebration of Gratitude



One November 12th, First Responders were treated to a special program featuring Channel 13 News Anchor, Art Rascon and his wife. A wonderful meal was also served to Police, COP, Fire and EMS responders from the community by the Brenham Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. We had a great time; enjoyed the guest speaker, the food and the fellowship!



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