

The Informant



Dates to remember this month

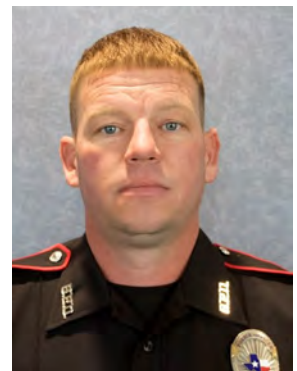
- General Meeting 7 pm 2-13
- 1st CPA Class 6:30 pm 2/9
- Flower Deliveries 2/13
2-14
- 2nd CPA class 6:30pm 2/16
- 3rd CPA class 6:30pm 2/23
- Pipeline Safety 11 am 3-7

Our 2016 COP of the Year is Stan Ford

A proud, but humble, smiling Stan Ford is surrounded by the PD Staff that counts on him for the dedication and expertise he brings to many aspects of our Department. This photo was taken at the COP Awards Banquet held on January 26th, when we learned that we had chosen Stan for this honor. He was also our Officer's Choice Award winner this year!!

February PD Birthdays

- Carl Wiesepape 2/6
- Debbie Northrup 2/10
- Lloyd Powell 2/20
- Ashley Batson 2/20



Newest COPs get their Badges; they are surrounded by BPD/COP Staff. See pgs 3,4,6,7 [Our newest PD Officer Jason Kasprovicz. More on Page 7.](#)

January COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	67
Wanda Aguilar	11
Dorothy Antkowiak	10
Clyde Averitt	4
Patricia Badough	6
Sue Braun	8
Wayne Brown	16
Willie Brown	16
Robbie Gail Charette	2
Bob Cothorn	59.75
Michael Cowan	18
Glen Daugherty	10
Tex Davis	80.25
Peter Emerson	2
Stan Ford	26
Albert Green	53.5
Dale Green	6
Juanita Hickey	13.5
Dick Klein	4
Howard Mead	4.75
Wayne Miller	14.75
Sherry Parker	21.5
Carole Petzolt	15.5
Merelene Schmacher	6
Corina Smith	5
Mark Smith	6.25
Tony Smith	12
Laura Sparks	2
Clarence Steinfeld	19.5
Billy Sutherland	2
Annette Tiemann	17
Ron Upchurch	107
Ceci Wagner	6
Ron Wise	7
Catharine Wood	16
Chuck Wood	2

TOTAL 677.25

COPs are off to a good start, serving the Brenham Community in 2017!

Thanks to following COP's for their help:

1-14-17 at the Uptown Swirl: Albert Green, Ron Upchurch, Clarence Steinfeld, Sherry Parker, Dorothy Antkowiak and Annette Tiemann

1/20-21/17 at the Guns and Hoses Blood Drive: Ron Wise, Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Clarence Steinfeld, Sherry Parker and Rob Aguilar

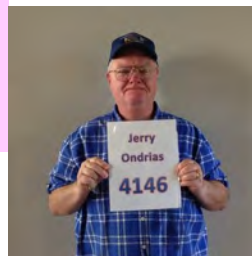
1-31-17 at the Chamber Awards Banquet Parking Assignment: Bob Cothorn, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Clyde Averitt, Albert Green, Patricia Badough, Annette Tiemann, Mark Smith, Ron Upchurch and Tex Davis



Larry Keller is presented with his 4th Quarter Lt's Gold Whistle Award; at the COP Banquet. L - R: Cpl. Todd Ashorn, Chief Craig Goodman, Larry Keller, Lt. Rob Aguilar, Cpl. Chris Jackson



Above Left: Sue Braun is presented with her 4th Quarter Office Angel Award (her second), at last month's CPAAA Meeting. Above Right: Jean Luera presented Dick Klein with his 3rd Quarter Office Angel Award. Dick was under the weather the past couple of months, but is back working the front desk again. Welcome Back. Thank you both for your service!



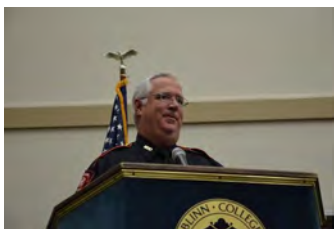
Badges, Certificates, and Trophies were presented at our Awards Banquet. Photos on pgs. 3-4 and story on pgs. 6-7



Jerry Ondrias received his Radio Call Number 4156

2016 Annual COP Awards Banquet

Say Cheese Please!





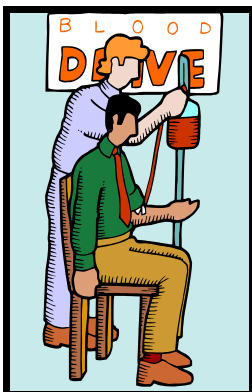
Above: Ron Upchurch is thanked by Chief Goodman for most COP Hours at 831 !!



Note: All of the photos on pages 3 and 4 were taken by COP Howard Mead. **Thank You Howard**, I know you didn't get to enjoy the evening as much as the rest of us.



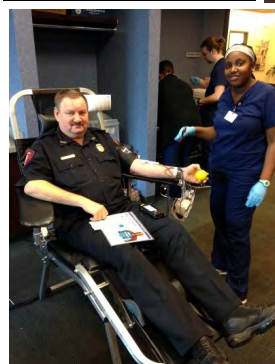
Our first Guns and Hoses Blood Drive in 2017 was somewhat of a success. On Friday the Donor Coach was at City Hall and collected 24 Total Units which was good; since they were an hour and a half late. Saturday's Drive was at BPD for the second time and was held in our Community Room. Total units collected was 34, which was not so good, as we even turned donors away because there was not enough cooler space for any more donations, last year at this time! But what was even better was the public relations aspect. I gave tours of the Police Station to any donors that asked for one. We gave 4 tours with 2 to 5 people in each tour. On top of that, I handed out an application for the upcoming Citizens Police Academy Class; and waited while it was filled out. **Thank you** to all that came out to donate and **Thanks** to all of my help for that day which included: **Ron Wise, Annette Tiemann, Wanda Aguilar, Clarence Steinfeld, and Sherry Parker.**



Left: Blood Drive Crew- Ron Wise, Annette Tiemann, Clarence Steinfeld, Wanda Aguilar, Sherry Parker.



Right: Rob Aguilar was "Chowing Down" with Drive personnel.



At left, Clarence Steinfeld and Rob Aguilar give blood and it was almost enjoyable; But at right, Cpl. David Dudenhoeffer is really enjoying his donating experience. I guess that's why he's our Police Officer of the Year!!



Above: Ceci Wagner presides over her first Official Meeting as President. Good Job!



Contributing Photographers:

- Angela Hahn
- Howard Mead
- Chris Jackson
- Rob Aguilar



Above: COP Unit 970 has hit 100,000 miles; thanks to you know who (and the rest of us). Now Tex wants a NEW UNIT !!



Above: Clyde Averitt has a few things to say to his CPAAA/COP Family at the January Meeting

COP Awards Banquet 2016

By Rob Aguilar

This article is for those members that could not attend this year's award ceremony. The 2016 COP Awards Banquet was held at our usual venue, the Janis Snead Banquet Room at the Blinn College Student Center. **A BIG THANK YOU to Sherry Rich of Blinn** for helping us secure this venue for the umpteenth time. The venue is great and the price is right. Many of you don't know it, but Blinn can charge us for the facility if they desire to do so; so free is always preferable. The room looked great thanks to our decorating team of Annette Tiemann, Corina Smith, Sherry Parker and Merlene Schmaucher. Merlene made fresh flower arrangements for all of the tables and they made great centerpieces. Our caterer was Blinn and the menu was beef and chicken fajitas with all the trimmings. For desert we were treated to peach cobbler and cheesecake. The guests began to arrive and mingle; the quiet calm turned into a mild roar. The conversations and stories being exchanged were very entertaining; but only some version of the truth. The hall was close to capacity; it was time to begin.

It was my pleasure to welcome everyone to this event; and thank those responsible for what was to be a great evening. It was great to see so many COPs and Police Officers gathered for this function. I turned the podium over to Ron Upchurch for the invocation and Blessing of the Meal. Chris Jackson gave the crowd some opening remarks, which included statistics on our organizations' accomplishments. Chris also announced the order in which we were to head for the buffet. He changed things up a bit and let the back tables go first; which was okay we me, since I sat in the back (it was just like church, the first to arrive sit in the back). The meal was good, as usual; and the deserts and coffee hit the spot!

It was time for the awards to be presented. Sgt. Curtiss Schoen was our first presenter, presenting the 100 hours and under awards; he said a lot of nice about our organization before he began. While Curtiss spoke about the recipients; they were presented their certificate by Chief Goodman, and I had the privilege of giving them a voucher. Cpl. Todd Ashorn helped Sgt. Schoen finish up that category. Sgt. Kelvin Raven was next up with the 100 plus awards. Sgt. Judson Hall had the privilege of presenting the 200 to 400 awards. It was Capt. Lloyd Powell's turn at presenting with the 500 plus awards. The 600 to 800 hour awards were doled out by Capt. Dant Lange. Before Dant doled out the awards **he had a lot of good things to say about our group; as did all our presenters.** Note: **Ron Upchurch** donated the **most hours** to our program in 2016 with **831!** It was now the Chief's duty and privilege to present our newest COP's with their well-deserved Badges. On hand to receive their badges were Class 30's: **Patricia Badough, Robbie Gail Charette, Larry Keller, Sherry Parker and Laura Sparks.** Not in attendance was Class 29's **Jerry Ondrias** who earned back his Badge after leaving our program to live in Austin. He then returned to Brenham the later part of 2016 to earn his Badge and Radio Call Number 4146 back!

It was now the time that we learned the name of this year's COP of the Year recipient. Chief Goodman read the bio and praised our winner for all that he does for the department and our organization. A proud but humble **Stan Ford** approached the stage to receive his much deserved **COP of the Year** trophy. Stan was also the Officer's Choice Award winner this year and was COP of the Year last year. Stan took the mic and thanked us for helping him achieve this height; and he thanked his wife for her support. Well the ceremonies had concluded, another COP Awards Banquet was in the books; the only thing left was the photographs taken of the award and badge recipients. **What a great 2016 for our organization!**

P.S. If you were not able to attend, your Certificate and or your Voucher are in the COP Office on top of the middle desks. You may come by for them at any time and THANK YOU for your participation in our great program!



January 23rd, Jason Kasprovicz is sworn in by the Honorable Judge Robert Wright. Welcome to BPD!



Jason is flanked by the 2 most important ladies in his life, his Mother and his Wife



Jason, his Mother and his Wife are flanked by their new BPD Family!!



Left: Sgt. Joseph Merkley received recognition from Major Tate for his 15 Years of Service to BPD and the Brenham Community.

CONGRATULATIONS!

More Congrats page 8



Ronnie was under the weather; better now!



L - R or R - L: its Robbie, Andy and Robbie? !!

Once again this year we will be delivering flowers for Brenham Floral on Valentines Day. CPAAA members are needed to help with the deliveries. We will be delivering on 2 consecutive days, the 13th, and 14th. If you can help please contact Sherry Parker at 979-530-2261.

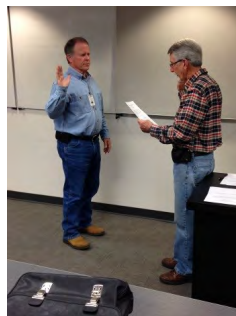
Can't We All Just Get Along

A Sonnet by Rob Aguilar

Can't we all just get along; was a very popular saying;
 it was not so long ago, the words didn't mean a thing.
 But even farther back in time, when those words were muttered;
 after the beating of Rodney King, was when they were uttered.
 Today in our political climate, the way that things are;
 people need to lighten up and not take things too far.
 We should try to work together and make our country strong;
 by working for this common goal, we will never go too wrong.
 It matters not your political party or your affiliation;
 what matters most is taking care of what affects our nation.
 The same degree of care should be taken at the local level;
 without a second thought, in that endeavor we should revel.
 With no prejudice or malice, in our heart or in our mind;
 can't we all just get along, and to everyone be kind !



Above: New President Ceci Wagner is sworn in by Ron Upchurch.



Above: New Treasurer Bob Cothern is sworn in.



Above: New Secretary Sherry Parker takes her Oath of Office.



Above: New Directors, Sherry Parker and Rob Aguilar are sworn in by Ron Upchurch.



CONGRATS TO ALL OF OUR NEW DIRECTORS

We'll be in good hands in 2017!!

My New Year's Prayer

A Sonnet by Rob Aguilar

*My prayer is simple; I just want to say,
that I want to enter your Kingdom someday.*

*With you I would love forever to stay,
but, you know how easy it is to stray.*

*I won't waste my prayers on decadent wealth,
because we both know, I'd settle for health.*

*I will try harder to do your work, Lord,
with my heart and mind, not my sword.*

*You can count on me at every turn,
because in Hell, I'd surely burn.*

*I lost a few friends and loved ones last year,
could you cure a few; and give me some cheer.*

*You know that I want to see you one day,
but postpone it a while, is all that I say!*



They all Back the Blue, we do too; shouldn't You?



Below: Meet **Kacie Jo Merkley**, born 12-20-16 at 8:50 am and weighing in at 8 pounds & 6 ounces, was 20 3/4 inches long and cute as button even if she does have Joe's chin. **CONGRATULATIONS** to the Merkley Family, they did it again and she's beautiful. If you ever need a baby-sitter just let us know!



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- Adult Membership \$20.00
- Student (12-hours) \$5.00
- Couple Membership \$30.00
- Senior Citizen's Membership \$5.00
- Lifetime Membership \$200.00
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