

April 2017

# The Informant

The Gone Fishin' Edition

Newsletter of the Brenham, TX Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association



### Dates to remember

- General Meeting 7pm 4/10
- Nat'l Telecomm. Week 4/9-15
- CPA Grad 6pm @ Blinn 5/4
- Bake Sale Fundraiser 5/13



“The End of an Era”

Karen Karsteter and Sgt. Judson Hall retire from BPD!

Above: Capt. Powell and Chief Goodman present the retirees with Commemorative Clocks to mark the occasion. Guys, why would they need clocks; it's not like they might be late for work or anything??

Good Luck Karen and Judson, from all of us! (see page 8)

### CPA Class 31 Graduation

If you would like to attend the CPA Class 31 Graduation Banquet on May 4th at 6:00pm at the Blinn College Student Center, Call 337-1188 or e-mail Cpl. Todd Ashorn at : tashorn@cityofbrenham.org Tickets are \$15.00 each payable to the CPAAA and must be reserved by 10AM on Monday May 1st.

### April Officer Birthdays

Mark Pierce 4/7

Alex Saenz 4/7

Takisha Smith 4/15



**Congratulations to BPD's newest Sergeants**

**Sergeant Steven Eilert**

**Sergeant Chris Jackson**



# Citizens on Patrol

## MARCH COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	53
Wanda Aguilar	26
Dorothy Antkowiak	2
Clyde Averitt	3
Patricia Badough	3
Kevin Braun	5
Sue Braun	13.25
Wayne Brown	14
Willie Brown	14
Bob Cothorn	36.5
Michael Cowan	21
Glen Daugherty	9
Tex Davis	55.75
Stan Ford	58.75
Albert Green	73.5
Juanita Hickey	13.5
Larry Keller	41.5
Dick Klein	22.25
Howard Mead	9.25
Wayne Miller	6.5
Jerry Ondrias	4.5
Sherry Parker	22
Xochitl mari Rangel	2
Merlene Schumacher	6
Corina Smith	4.5
Mark Smith	3.5
Tony Smith	8
Clarence Steinfeld	20.5
Billy Sutherland	2
Annette Tiemann	13
Ron Upchurch	115.75
Ceci Wagner	4.5
Ron Wise	2.5
Catharine Wood	21.5
Chuck Wood	7.5

**TOTAL 718.5**

**Thank you to the following COPs for their help on:**

**3-16-17 Funeral and Escort - Wanda Aguilar, Dorothy Antkowiak, Tex Davis, & Rob Aguilar**

**3-17-17 Margaret Blizzard Senior Center Drive Thru - Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Clyde Averitt, Bob Cothorn, Tex Davis, Laura Sparks, and Merlene Schumacher**

**3-22-17 Memorial Oaks Chapel Traffic Assignment- Wanda Aguilar, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Ron Upchurch, Albert Green, Howard Mead, Wayne Miller, & Rob Aguilar**

**3-23-17 Schwartz Funeral Parking/Traffic Assignment at the Fairgrounds - Wanda Aguilar, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Ron Upchurch, Albert Green, Howard Mead, Jerry Ondrias, Bob Cothorn, & Rob Aguilar**

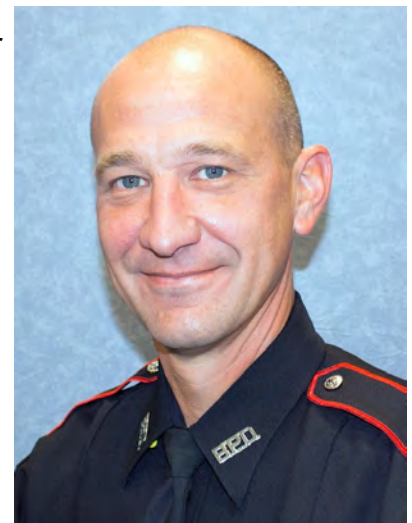
**4-2-17 Salem Fire Department Fundraiser Parking/Traffic Assignment - Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Sherry Parker, Clarence Steinfeld, Patricia Badough, Albert Green, & Rob Aguilar**

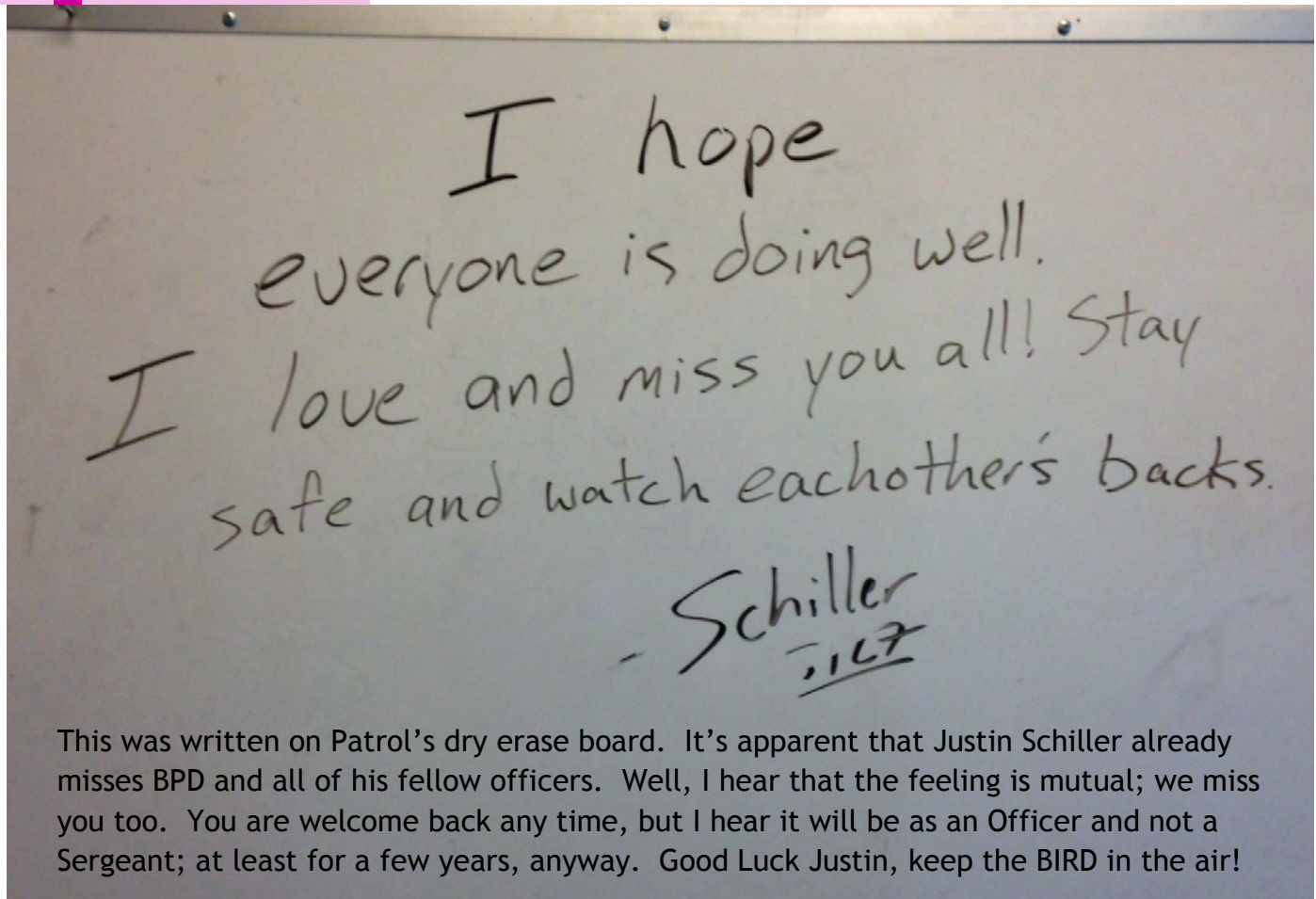
**4-5-17 Scott & White Senior's Day Parking and Public Relations Assignment - Manning our Booth were Jean Winters, Ron Wise, Sue Braun, and Wanda Aguilar; Parking Cars and shuttling people were Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Howard Mead, Tony Smith, Dale Green, Ron Upchurch, Steve Oneill, & Rob Aguilar *Special Thanks to BSSLC for bringing and picking up the "people mover"***

Don't forget our Bake Sale Fundraiser is coming on Sat. May 13th. More details at Mondays' Meeting!



Right: Our New CAAA/COP Liaison Officer - 17 year veteran of BPD, Cpl. Todd Ashorn. Todd took over for Chris Jackson after Chris's promotion to Sergeant. Todd has a good handle on things and will work out well. Todd has a wealth of knowledge and a willingness to teach others. He says that he looks forward to working with us, but that we should be patient with him, until he gets a better understanding of his duties. He is very patient, especially with us old timers. **Welcome aboard Todd!!**





This was written on Patrol's dry erase board. It's apparent that Justin Schiller already misses BPD and all of his fellow officers. Well, I hear that the feeling is mutual; we miss you too. You are welcome back any time, but I hear it will be as an Officer and not a Sergeant; at least for a few years, anyway. Good Luck Justin, keep the BIRD in the air!



Above: The line of cars in the funeral procession for Tanner Schwartz took 15 minutes to clear the FM 577/Hwy 105 intersection. COPs assisted with the funeral and the procession.



Above: The challenge was accepted. Brenham PD is in a battle with Belton PD to see which department can log the most rows on their rowing machines. **Go Brenham Go, Row Brenham Row!!**



Above: Howard Mead is poised and ready for his next customer. COPs worked the Scott & White Senior's Day Event which included shuttle service.

# National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

## April 9-15, 2017

**Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. Our unsung heroes, “heroes with headsets”, 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 10th or you can drop them by Max Donuts.**

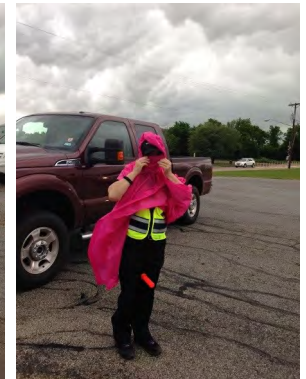
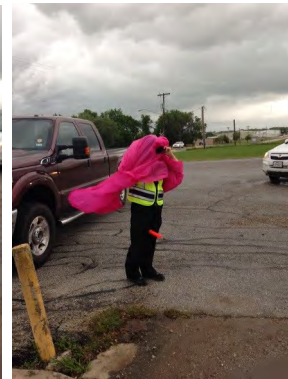
On Thursday, April 6th from 6 to 8 pm our Communications Center had the celebration a bit early. Yes, they know that it’s next week, but the Operations managers will be out of town next week at a conference and wanted to celebrate with their employees and with us. All first responders were invited to partake in hamburgers and hot dogs in the Centers’ parking lot. At any rate, lets show our Dispatchers that we care about them and the fine job that they are doing.



Left: Brenham’s newest Police Cruiser was the talk of social media last week. It’s Cpl. Kuries’ unit; speeders don’t stand a chance. He’ll be tired getting in and out of that thing; its not built for comfort you know. How can the City afford it? Were in the wrong business. The posts went on and on. I believe Capt. Gully had something to do with this. It first surfaced on April 1st! Great April Fools joke Cap, right!!



Left: Dale Green had no problem donning his rain gear when the storm blew in. Right: Patricia Badough had nothing but problems. The wind was bad.



# High School CPA Class—Use Of Force & Traffic Stops





### *The 2017 RSVP Volunteer Recognition Event*

The RSVP Luncheon was held at Lions Club Concordia Hall in Bellville on Friday March 24th. Just a few of the COP/RSVP members were in attendance to enjoy the lunch, gifts and door prizes along with the awards program. It was not my first time at the event which is held in different nearby cities; as RSVP of Southeast Texas has volunteers from Austin, Colorado, Waller and Washington Counties present at the event. If you need info about RSVP, just let me know and I can put you in touch with RSVP Project Coordinator Mary Martin.



Above Left: Sue Braun, Wanda Aguilar, Dale Green and Dorothy Antkowiak attended the event.

Left: CPAAA/RSVP Member Doss Pruitt receives his 10 Year Pin. I accepted the 5 Year Pin which was to be presented to Tex Davis, as he could not attend.

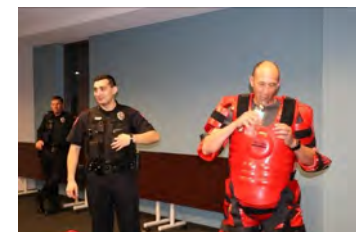
The 4 photos below are from the High School CPA Class DWI Session, where they experience "beer goggles"



Ofcs' Eddie Matinez, Jason Kasproicz, Alex Saenz, & Andy Adams help Cpl. Todd Ashorn with the suit!

### **CPA Class 31 - Use of Force**

Todd asks "you want some of this, well do ya, punk"? Then he dons the Redman suit!!





Chief Craig Goodman and Cpl. Todd Ashorn flanked newly named "Eagle Scout", Zachary Johnson. Zach is a senior at Burton High School and should be very proud of the milestone he has achieved. I know Craig and Todd are proud of him!!



Todd did  
GREAAAAAT!



A large group of students from Brenham Junior High School descended on our Police Station and we needed the MRAP to contain them. No that's not true. Cpl. Todd Ashorn is showing them our MRAP as part of the comprehensive tour of our facilities. It was quite a large group, but Todd held their attention and managed to teach them a lot about our department, facilities and policing. My grand daughter, Robin was in that group and told me she learned a lot and enjoyed the tour immensely.

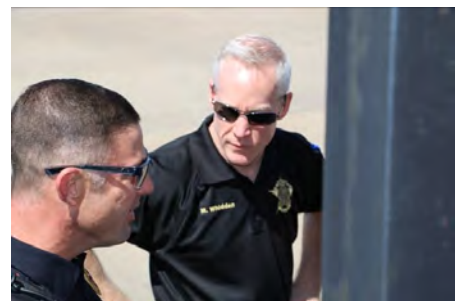
Good Job Todd !!

Any CPAAA member that would like to work the front desk at the Brenham Police Department will now be able to do so. This program would not require a front desk volunteer to participate in the Citizens On Patrol (COP) program; nor would they need any COP training. You would be taught on site the duties that you would perform which would include greeting citizens, answering and or transferring phone calls, finding, copying and selling reports, shredding documents, running errands, etc. You may be asked to perform other tasks, but you will not be asked to do anything you do not feel comfortable doing or have not been trained for. While a formal uniform will not be furnished; you will be issued a shirt with a PD logo of some sort. Anyone interested can contact Ron Upchurch.

Chief Goodman is looking for a few good men and women to help out with a project. It's a Records Retention Project which would entail some training; then sifting through old record books and throwing out unwanted records and retaining those records that your training would deem as important. The records were stored in the garage and have gathered some dust, dirt and possible critters and or droppings; so it won't be glamorous work. However, it is necessary and would help out the department. Anyone interested can contact Alyson Tofel, Chief Goodman or myself.



The Cake very aptly says "Gone Fishin'" Well we all hope that there is a lot of fishing in ya'lls' future!





# Change

By Rob Aguilar

Change is inevitable, change is progress, and change is what keeps organizations from becoming stagnant. All those things might be true; but change should not be feared. Change is what has been happening here at the Brenham Police Department. While all change is not necessarily good, one can agree that change has to happen; it's a fact of life. We have to live with change and adapt to it and its consequences. What am I rambling on about? It's all the personnel changes here at BPD lately; retirements, transfers, and resignations that have changed the face of the department. Sure I want people to retire and enjoy the golden years, but they will be missed; and I will have to go to someone else to get answers, key FOBs, paperwork, and advice. Surely I want people to promote to higher positions; but then I have to go to someone else and try and feel comfortable while I waste their time on my problems and projects. Sure people can resign if they want to pursue another career like flying jet planes; but where does that leave me. I guess I am just selfish, and want everything to stay the same. Look at the bright side I didn't lose any friends, they are just somewhere else. I didn't lose the ability to get things done; I just have to turn to someone else. Oh great, I feel better already; just needed to vent!

With all that being said, **needlessly, I might add;** here are some of the changes in personnel that we all have to deal with. Jean Luera will now be the Administrative Assistant in the Criminal Investigative Division. You will now find Jean upstairs at Karen Karsteter's old desk. The Police Chief's Administrative Assistant is Alyson Tofel; she is at Ginger Bishop's old desk. Cpl. Todd Ashorn is now in Chris Jackson's old office; as he is now the Chief's Administrative Corporal and the CPAAA/COP Liaison Officer (Yea Todd!!). The Patrol Secretary's position will soon be filled, as they had interviews yesterday. Sgt. Steven Eilert is in charge of Sgt. Justin Schiller's old shift. Sgt. Chris Jackson is in charge of Sgt. Kelvin Raven's old shift. While Sgt. Kelvin Raven is now occupying Sgt. Judson Hall's old office as our Internal Affairs Officer. I am told that in the very near future that Cpl. Terrence Johnson will be moving up to CID as their fourth Detective Investigator. **So you see what I mean by CHANGES!!**






# Traffic Stops Night



Above: Ofc. Mickey Gressman isn't eating a napkin, he's just hiding the last iced donut with sprinkles. **Clever!**



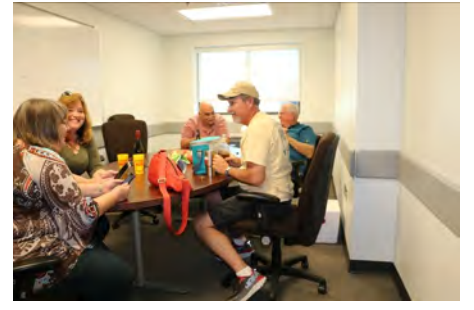
Sorry ladies, we forgot the chairs.



Class 31, having fun !!



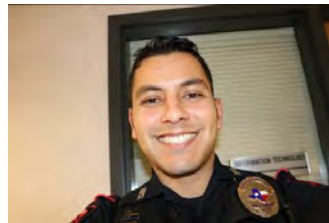
Traffic Stops Night is traditionally the most fun class of the year and this night didn't disappoint. It was a bit different in that we didn't actually blow out any tires when we threw out the spike strips. Ofc. Andy Adams brought Robbie out for a drug demo and Sgt. Seth Klehm donned the "bite suit" and was brought down by Robbie. Another interesting feature - an actual arrest on the property. **Great Night!!**



Above 3 photos - Our volunteer drunks and their designated drivers get ready for a fun night for them, as well as the class.



# D W I Night



Ofc. Jose Perez says it's "selfie time"



The snacks are always appreciated. Thanks to all that have brought and served snacks to the classes!



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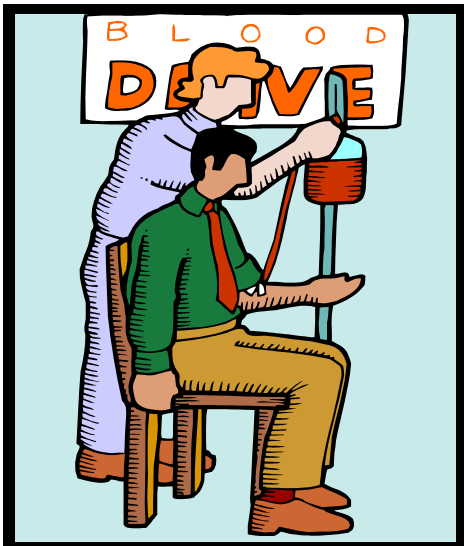
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## Guns and Hoses Blood Drive

The Donor Coach will be at City Hall

200 West Vulcan Street

Thursday April 27th

From 9 am to 3 pm

Please give the Gift of Life