

Brenham Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

# The Informant

This Edition is dedicated to Jean Winters

#### Dates to remember

Board Meeting 6:30 pm 1/3
General Meeting 7pm 1/8
COP Banquet 6:30 pm 2/1
Class 32 begins 2/8
Blood Drive @ City Hall 1/26
@ Fireman's Trng Cntr 1/27

### **January PD Birthdays**

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Eddie Ortega 1/9

David Dudenhoeffer 1/12

Res. Off. Billy Rich 1/18

Jared Campbell 1/25

Sierra Newell 1/27

Trey Gully 1/28





Above: Our good friend and fellow CPAAA/COP member *Jean Winters* passed away Saturday, December 30th after battling double pneumonia and other complications. (more on page 2)

Left: Police Chief *Craig Goodman* has resigned after two years of service to our community. He sited personal reasons for his departure; I hope he sorts them out. He will be missed. (more on page 6)



Right: Our new Interim *Police Chief Russell (Rusty) Pancoast*.
Come meet him at our Monday
CPAAA Meeting!

Left: The "Officer Santa (Blue Santa) Program" is again a Big Success. Pictured are just a few of our volunteers that help make this program and "delivery day" such a great success.



Our dear friend and long time COP, Jean Winters passed away on Saturday, December 30th; at the age of 84. Jean was born in Houston, Texas on October 22, 1933. She married Leonard Ray Winters on September 25, 1952. She helped her husband with their dairy business and raised two sons, Maurice and Randy. They moved to Brenham in the mid 60's and Jean became involved with many community endeavors. She was a member of the Zionsville Lutheran Church, the Bluebonnet Garden Club, the Cypress Alumni, the William Penn Home Demonstration Club, and the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) and the Citizens On Patrol (COP) program. Jean was also a hospice volunteer for many years. Of course we know her best for her dedication to the CPAAA/COP program. Since graduating from Class 20 in 2006 she has been a tireless worker and true asset to our programs and this community. Where did she find the energy to do all that she did for us. There have only been a couple of CPAAA parties that she didn't transform with her gift of interior design. She touched many lives through the organizations that were lucky enough to have her as a member. Her great sense of humor and smile will be dearly missed; especially by her "After Meeting Applebee Buddies." Having spoken to several members about her, they have all said one thing "heaven is getting a special angel".

P.S. The church was packed with family and friends for her memorial service. And BPD was well represented with about 20 officers and COPs on hand for our dear friends' final farewell. Our "Special Angel" will be missed!



New Year, New Board

Our first general meeting for this new year will be on Monday **January 8th** at the PD beginning at 7pm.

NEW Board members will be sworn in at the January meeting. We welcome Laura Sparks, Patricia Badough and Annette Tiemann to the board.



Jean Winters 2009 CPAAA Member of the Year









Happy New Year!

With a new year comes a new Citizen Police Academy Class. Class 32 begins February 8th. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining, please contact Cpl. Jared Campbell for an application, download online or stop by the Police Dept.

Members of the Alumni Association are encouraged to volunteer to assist during this 12 week period. There are many ways you can help. Signing up is easy! Just call Jared 337-1171 or email him at jcampbell@cityofbrenham.org

Almighty God, our Source of strength and courage, we ask You to guide the leaders of nations in the ways of peace and justice and enduring freedom for the peoples of the world.

In these times of peril and war against terrorism, listen to our prayers

for the men and women serving in our armed forces, our military leaders and our allies. Protect them all from harm as they go into battle on land, in the sea and in the air. Take away whatever fear from their hearts and enable them to overcome swiftly and decisively the violence and cruelty of the

enemy. Protect them from the hatred of others and bolster their personal pride of being American as they rid

our world of the works of darkness and weapons of mass destruction. Console their loved ones and family members who remain on the home front. Gently dry the tears of those who mourn for the wounded in battle and for those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Oh God, bless them with Thy presence. Grant us homeland security. May Thy Peace, the fruit of justice, truth and mercy, reign in America and throughout the world. Amer



A Big Thanks to **Albert Green** for donning the Red and the Blue Santa Outfits this Christmas Season!

# COP Activity

Thanks to the following COPs for their help on:

12-16-17 Lake Loons Toy Run Escort: Tex Davis

The only other thing happening in December was the Officer Santa ("Blue Santa") Program; which was a BIG SUCCESS, due to the great participation of our membership and the diligent work of a few key players; hats off for a great effort and TONS of HARD

#### **WORK !!!**





*SAVE THE DATE*: Make plans to attend the Annual *COP Awards Banquet* on Thursday, *February 1st* at the Blinn Student Center/ Janis Sneed Banquet Room at 6:30 pm Dress is Business Casual or your Uniform.

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Rob Aguilar	47.25
Wanda Aguilar	23
<b>Dorothy Antkowiak</b>	61.5
Patricia Badough	46
Kevin Braun	4.5
Sue Braun	10.25
Willie Brown	12
<b>Bob Cothern</b>	68.5
Michael Cowan	12
Tex Davis	171.25
Doug Feist	58.5
Stan Ford	15.25
Albert Green	72.75
Dale Green	25
Juanita Hickey	31
Jim Hollister	3.5
<b>Harry Jones</b>	2
Clara Kasprowicz	23.5
Dick Klein	11.75
<b>Howard Mead</b>	5.25
Wayne Miller	15.5
<b>Sherry Parker</b>	63
Carole Petzolt	69.5
Monroe Petzolt	17
Corina Smith	25.75
Mark Smith	20.25
Tony Smith	16.25
Laura Sparks	18
Clarence Steinfeld	32.5
Billy Sutherland	2
Annette Tiemann	43
Ron Upchurch	139.75
Darrell Weed	6
Chuck Wood	5

TOTAL 1178.25

Yearly Total 11,230.25

Awesome 2017!!!

## Officer Santa Program

By Rob Aguilar

This was the second year that the Brenham Police Department (BPD), with the help of its Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) members took on the huge task of making Christmas great for dozens of underprivileged children. The last few years BPD partnered with BFD and adopted a couple of Adams Angels Families at Christmas time. The partnership continued this year, with great success. However, only two families were impacted, the Martinez Family and Traelan Nickerson and his Grandmother; which is still a great thing.

Donations did come in and our coffers were in great shape before it came time to go out and buy presents. However, shopping days were postponed to wait and see how we fared after donations from local toy drives. We had 5 or 6 toy drives drop off toys here at BPD; so the shoppers took items from the drives before actually shopping. It worked out great because we had garnered some quality toys from the drives. Actual items that the kids had asked for. Just like last year each child made a list of items they would like for Christmas. It was our job to see that they got the top two items on their lists (If cost did not prohibit). Well our shoppers came through again; and the children would not be disappointed.

The guys in our group weren't left out of this grand plan; and were called in to help put all of the toys and items into individual and family bundles. The items were numbered, tagged, and bagged; ready for the December 22<sup>nd</sup> delivery date. We had several members there, every evening, sorting, tagging and bagging. We thought that we would never finish; the sally port was overflowing with bag after bag. Shopping continued, don't forget the batteries!!

The 22<sup>nd</sup> was upon us and another army of volunteers showed up at BPD to lend their assistance. The Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, EMS, and DPS sent personnel to assist BPD and COP officers who were ready to bring some Christmas cheer to the many children on their list. We met for a briefing in the Community Room, where Chief Goodman imparted some wisdom, and made fun of the Fire Department; before we loaded our make shift sleighs, our respective emergency vehicles, for our mission of cheer. The sally port became empty in a relatively short time. Ambulances, fire trucks, patrol cars and our MRAP were stuffed with toys and goodies (and also a grocery store gift certificate for each family). The MRAP also carried our Blue Santa (Albert Green). We all got together at the Fireman's Training Center parking lot for a group photo, before making our respective deliveries.

There were a few wrong addresses and some places that we had to return to later, but it mostly went as planned. The added benefit of making these deliveries were all of the smiling faces and great hugs we received from the grateful kids and parents. I can't say that every delivery was gracious and gleeful; but most were very fulfilling for us. I was told that the Officers can't wait to do it again next year; as was the sentiment from the Fire Department. I am sure that all of the participants on delivery day are ready to do it again; but as for our shoppers, sorters, baggers and taggers, give us several months to think about it! But seriously, it was a huge undertaking, with the largest burden on our group of shoppers. We serviced 62 families and about 145 children; so you can all feel very proud of your efforts. A BIG THANK YOU to all of our CPAAA/COP elves who made this year's Officer Santa Program a huge success!!

## Officer Santa Program/Delivery Day 2017





















## BEHOLD OUR MANY ELVES



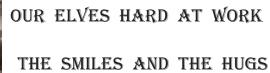
























Left: CPAAA/COP member *Robbie Gail Charette* is running for Washington County Court at Law Judge. She has her work cut out for her as she faces CPA alum, Incumbent *Eric Berg*. This publication stays out of politics; so *good luck* to both of you!

Chief Craig Goodman wrote the following note CPAAA/COP members:

I wanted to take a minute and let each of you know that I have decided to resign my position as Chief of Police effective January 1, 2018. I have enjoyed my service to the community and proud of the professional growth we all achieved over the past two years. In many ways this decision was difficult, but for personal reasons I have elected to begin a new chapter in my life. It is important for all of us to build upon the successes we have achieved and to always focus on the good.

I would like to acknowledge the rank and file officers for the professionalism you exhibit and your commitment to keep this community safe. I am truly grateful for the members of the C.P.A. and C.O.P. programs and value their contributions to the organization.

The Brenham Police Department's future is bright and I am honored to have had the opportunity to lead such a great group of people. Please stay safe and know I will keep each of you in my thoughts and prayers.

I will always be available if assistance is needed. I can be reached at 832-493-3558 and or cgman62@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

Chief Craig U. Goodman



Left: *Ofc. Ashley Burns- Batson* has been promoted to *Corporal!* 

Right: *Ofc. Jose Perez* was also recently promoted to *Corporal*; no one ever tells me these things. Sorry for the late posting!

## CONGRATULATIONS

to you both; and anyone else I may have missed!!



NOTE: City Manager *Terry Robert's Retirement Party* is Wednesday, *January 10th* from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Fireman's Training Center. Lets all go by and wish him well on his much deserved retirement. Also on Friday, *January 12th* come to the Fireman's Training Center to *Meet and Greet* the New *City Manager James Fisher* from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

## Community Service Is Our Top Priority

Again this year, The Brenham Police and Fire Department have partnered together to adopt 2 Adam's Angel Families for Christmas. One family you are very familiar with; it's Traelan Nickerson and his Grandmother. Traelan was our BPD Chief of the Day a few years back; and we have kept in contact with him ever since. The other lucky family was the Martinez family. Adam's Angel founder, Donna Culiver, was on hand for the gift giving; but did a good job of avoiding the camera. It looks like the Police Officers and Firefighters had a great time doling out presents, making everyone smile, and receiving those great hugs!! They can't wait to do it again next year, right Guys!

Photos by Rob Aguilar

















































Left: The Accident Reconstruction Team of Sgt. Steven Eilert and Cpl. John Snowden hard at work on Austin Parkway on December 18th. I guess they weren't working too hard as Cpl. Snowden seemed to enjoy his ride in the BFD Ladder Truck's bucket, for his aerial photos. Captain Trey Gully also made the scene. COP Tex Davis was there with traffic control for the event; he recruited a helper from BFD, that's CPAAA alum Stacie Oberrender. Good Job Guys!















### Todd's Corner

By Sgt. Todd Ashorn

Today's lesson is a cautionary tale about safe driving practices for COPs. When on patrol or on assignment COPs should be hyper vigilant, especially when the patrol vehicle is in motion. The COP and his patrol vehicle should avoid all stationery objects; especially those placed there for their safety. A good example would be the bright

yellow and black directional safety signs as in figure 1 below. These signs, though stationery, have been known to move suddenly in the path of oncoming vehicles with little to no warning. The consequence for failing to see the inherent danger that these menacing signs possess can be seen in figure 2 below. The other major problem that arises is the mountain of paperwork and reports for these types of incidents. Not to mention the hurt egos and new nicknames that can come out of these scenarios. Ah, no big deal *it could happen to anyone*, *and it often does!* 







Figure 2

Not to worry, it will buff right out!

Give me a hammer and 5 minutes; you'll never even know it was bent!

It gives the car character!



Photos by Todd Ashorn

The Annual Lake Loons Toy Run was held again this year and Brenham was one its stops. While they only serviced one family here in Brenham; their stop was greatly appreciated by the lucky family. Thanks to Tex Davis for helping with their escort; it was smooth sailing (or biking) through Brenham. The Somerville Lake Loons Motorcycle Club do great work in and around Brenham.







## No Shave November has been extended thru February 1st!

No Shave November proved to be very popular with the officers with a great benefit to Adams Angels Ministries. The officers presented a check to Adams Angels on December 12th in the amount of about \$3750. I am sure that the funds came in very handy and just in time for the Holidays. The officers should be very proud of their efforts; and look forward to next year!

## **BFD Appreciation Night**

Thursday, January 18th at The Fireman's Training Center

It is open to anyone that helped the BFD in the past year. All first responders, including Police, EMS, COPs, SOs, DPS, Utility personnel, TxDOT, etc. We will be serving chili and cornbread; tea, sodas and beer; fellowship and fun!

Guns and Hoses Blood Drive Two-Day Event:

Donor Coach at City Hall on Friday January 26th
from 9 am to 3 pm. Then on Saturday January
27th, the Drive will be at the Fireman's Training
Center from 9 am to 3 pm.

Please come give the Gift of Life!



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