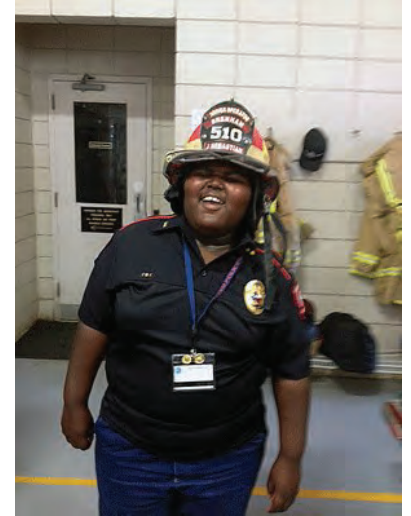


The Informant

December 2018

Chief Traelan Nickerson Memorial Edition



Chief Traelan Amar Nickerson

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The next General Mtg will be Jan. 14th 7pm. New Board members will be installed. Come and congratulate them!!

CPA Class 33 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 Sgt. Todd Ashorn ASAP!!

Happy Birthday

Dec. PD Birthdays

Andrea Norton	12/3
John Snowden	12/8
Eddie Martinez	12/9
Jason Derrick	12/16
Jean Luera	12/16
Jason Kasprovicz	12/17



Left: Chief Allwin Barrow and Ofc. Alex Saenz with his Police Officer of the Year Award



Right: Sgt. Todd Ashorn and Sgt. Dorothy Antkowiak with her CPAAA Award.

Awards were presented at our Annual CPAAA/BPD Christmas Party. Ofc. Alex Saenz was named BPD Police Officer of the Year. Dorothy Antkowiak was named CPAAA Member of the Year and Cpl. Ron Upchurch was named the BPD Officer's Choice Award winner.



Left: Sgt. Todd Ashorn and Cpl. Ron Upchurch with his Officer's Choice Award.



Right: Capt. Lloyd Powell, Marilyn and Ira Contee receiving a Tribute Award to Traelan Nickerson.

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Traelan Amar Nickerson was only 15 years old when he passed away, but he touched many lives in that short period of time. He was introduced into the BPD family by ,then Officer Lance Weiss who met Traelan while volunteering for Adam’s Angels. He was in the Adam’s Angels program because of his terminal brain cancer; but you would not have known he was in pain because he was **always smiling**, always had a positive attitude. In 2014, Traelan was bestowed the title of Honorary Police Chief of the Brenham Police Department. Traelan took his position as Chief very seriously; and he was soon a fixture here at BPD. I was fortunate to have gotten to know him and spend some time with him. No one knew him better than Lance, who spent a lot of time with him and his family (mainly his grandmother and caregiver Marilyn Contee). I can remember playing football with him one Christmas Eve; he was wearing the Dallas Cowboys gloves that Chris Jackson had given him, even though, he was a die-hard Texans fan. He was diagnosed at the age of 6 and was not expected to reach 10 years old. He defied the odds and hung around long enough to make a big impact on those around him. He was good student, despite the fact he was constantly in pain and suffered from seizures quite often. He also had friends in the Fire Department (he lived a block from the Fire Station) and EMS, as well. He will be missed; he was truly an ANGEL. And remember, **“God got this” !!**



Citizens On Patrol

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

11-9-18 BHS High School Game Parking Assignment: Richard Jares, Dorothy Antkowiak, Bob Cothorn, Ron Upchurch, Patricia Badough, Tex Davis.

11-16-18 BHS High School Playoff Game Parking Assignment: Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Richard Jares, Tex Davis, Mark Smith, Ron Upchurch, Doug Feist, Steve Oneill, Laura Sparks.

11-30-18 Downtown Christmas Stroll Safety Assignment: Tex Davis, Richard Jares, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak.

12-1-18 Christmas Stroll Parade/Safety Assignment: Bob Cothorn, Ron Upchurch, Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Richard Jares, Stan Ford, Tex Davis, Patricia Badough.



Below are our savvy Blue Santa Shopper's At a strategy meeting led by Sgt. Tood Ashorn. The families' have been picked and the lists have been made; so Dorothy, Annette, Corina, Wanda and Patricia need to get to work!! They will deliver 12-21-18



LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

Be Smart. Stay Safe.

- Always keep your valuables out of sight or in the trunk
- Never leave valuables in unattended vehicles
- Always lock your vehicle
- Notify the police of any suspicious activity

All should heed the warning above, especially during this Christmas shopping season. Below: Patricia, Dale and Dorothy at the Stroll Parade!



NOV COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	34
Wanda Aguilar	9.5
Dorothy Antkowiak	24
Patricia Badough	16.25
Sue Braun	11.5
Willie Brown	14
Bob Cothorn	37.5
Michael Cowan	9.5
Tex Davis	203.75
Peter Emerson	8.5
Doug Feist	32
Stan Ford	44.5
Albert Green	66.75
Dale Green	24
David Holloway	6.25
Jerry Jares	43.25
Richard Jares	111.75
Harry Jones	2
Dick Klein	15
Wayne Miller	4.5
Steve Oneill	5.25
Sherry Parker	12
Carole Petzolt	2
Monroe Petzolt	2
Jerry Schwake	2
Corina Smith	2
Mark Smith	8
Tony Smith	18
Laura Sparks	4
Clarence Steinfeld	14
Billy Sutherland	2
Annette Tiemann	20
Ron Upchurch	179.25
Lori Walker	16
Darrell Weed	2
Catharine Wood	14

TOTAL 1021



Kudos to all that helped this month! Great Job !!

It's Award's Season here in Brenham; as well as, the Holiday Season. We celebrated the Holiday Season with our Annual CPAAA/BPD Christmas Party held at the Washington County Event Center on December 8th. There was food, fellowship and fun at this event that culminated in some awards being presented. The Police Officer of the Year for 2018 was announced, it was Officer **Alex Saenz**. Alex's award was presented by a proud and grateful Chief, Allwin Barrow. He had a lot of nice things to say, as well as, some funny things. Alex humbly accepted the award and made a few remarks of his own. **Dorothy Antkowiak**, much to her surprise, received the CPAAA Member of the Year Award for 2018. Of course she said something, duh. Being absent for his award, but arriving stylishly late, was **Ron Upchurch**. Ron was named the Officer's Choice Award winner for 2018; but was singing in his church choir when his award was formerly presented. It was re-presented upon Ron's arrival, much to his surprise, as well. Another surprise came when **Traelan Nickerson's Grand Mother Marilyn and Grand Father Ira** were called to the stage. They were presented with a commemorative plaque with Chief Traelan's picture on it. All in all, very deserving winners!



It's Hell Growing Old

By Rob Aguilar



*Growing old is no fun, or so I've been told;
your body temp spikes from hot then to cold.*

*Those occasional pesky aches and pains,
turn chronic and worse whenever it rains.*

*Your stride which once was long and sure-footed,
has been replaced by a short shuffle, well muted.*

*Your voice once resonated so clear and concise;
now you're asked to speak up and repeat things twice.*

*Your calorie rich diet once consisted of mostly steak and potatoes;
today your system works best on soups and salads without tomatoes.*

*Those eyes so bright, you once saw in the mirror;
now have a dull glint, wish you could see clearer.*

Why did I enter this room, what did I hope to find?

I can't remember why, I think I'm losing my mind!

A clock once used for busy schedules and date making;

Is now used to calculate the time of your pill taking.

It's hell growing old, or so I've been told;

I'll never know, because I refuse to grow old.

You don't know how much longer you have on this earth;

so make the most of that time and fill it with mirth!!

I did not model this from any one person; but from my own experiences and observations. For those of us already in our golden years, the meaning is clear. For you younger folks; you'll soon be there. It's a glimpse into your future. It's not so bad; *it's LIFE!!*

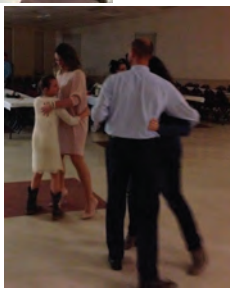
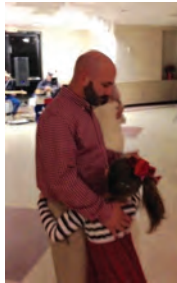


Above: Thanks to Patricia Badough, Wanda Aguilar, Sue Braun, Keven Braun, Albert Green, Bob Co-thern, Doug Feist, Ron Upchurch, Jeanette Newman, Stan Ford, Laura Sparks, Corina Smith, Mark Smith for decorating the center for our party. And **THANKS** to all that helped clean up afterward.



Great Party and Good Job by all. Thanks, to the Social Committee!

See anyone you know??





At Left: COP Administrative Lieutenant and Brenham Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief **Rob Aguilar** was named **Firefighter of the Year** for 2018 at a ceremony held on December 1st at the Fire Department's Annual Christmas Party. He was presented the prestigious award by **Mayor Milton Tate**, who was also in attendance. On December 1st, Rob was still the CPAAA Member of the Year and COP Member of the Year. I guess that shelf will have to become a trophy case. Not really, he would just like to thank everyone that voted for him and made him feel appreciated. He works hard because he likes what he's doing and the people he is working with. **CONGRATS!!**



At left: COP and Retired Volunteer Firefighter **Clarence Steinfeld** was recognized by the Brenham Fire Department for his **16 years of Service**. His plaque read: Presented to, Clarence Steinfeld. In honor and deep appreciation for 16 years of faithful and dedicated service given to the Brenham Fire Department and the community we serve. This award was presented to him by Fire Chief Ricky Boeker at their Annual Christmas Party held on December 1st.

Congratulations!!



SAVE THE DATE



New Board Members Elected

The Annual COP Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday January 24th at 6:30 p.m. at the Blinn College Student Center. All COPs with over 36 service hours for 2018 are invited. They may also bring a guest. The meal will be catered and any additional guests will be charged \$15 each. RSVP to Rob Aguilar or Sgt. Todd Ashorn by January 18th.

Hope to see everyone there!!

The New CPAAA board members elected at the last general meeting were **Tony Smith, Mark Smith, and Albert Green**. Thanks for your commitment to our organization. We look forward to a new year and new and exciting things!



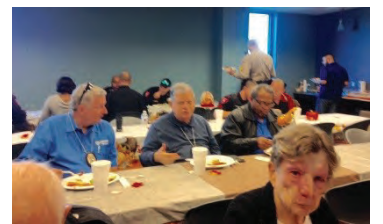
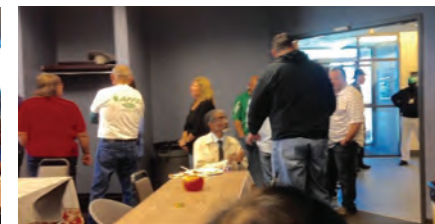
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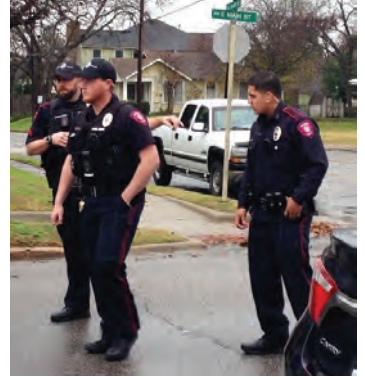
Doug Feist Richard Jares
Stan Ford Sherry Parker
and Rob Aguilar



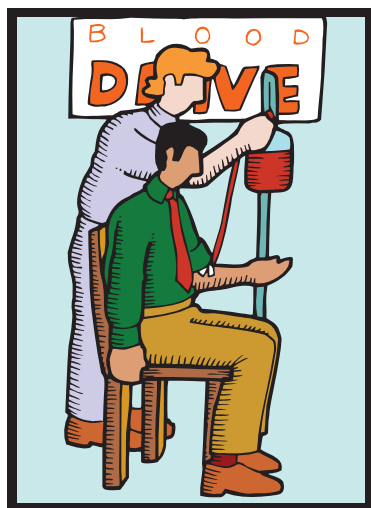
BPD Thanksgiving Feast

On November 16th the BPD Community Room was the site for the HEB sponsored BPD Thanksgiving Feast. Thanks to all that helped prepare and serve a wonderful meal of turkey, ham and sausage; especially Jean Luera, Misty McCowan, Kelvin Raven and Jason Derrick . And THANKS to H E B for supplying most of the grub! We all have a lot to be thankful for **Happy Thanksgiving!**





Left: Our hand-held radios have been distinctively marked for easy identification. THANKS to Stan Ford; however, Sgt. Todd Ashorn says they have to be redone.



Guns and Hoses Blood Drive 2-Day Event

January 25th—The Donor Coach will be at City Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

January 26th—The Fireman’s Training Center 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!



Family and Friends

A Sonnet by Rob Aguilar

*Illnesses and ailments are a big part of growing old;
but not the most important thing, I am told.
The most important is those friendships that we make;
those great friends we have, that we know aren't fake.
Another thing would be the family that we all share;
the relatives and friends we have, that we know care.*

*Caring for others, in a genuine way;
is the best way, to make someone's day.
While family is the strongest bond of all;
They may not be around when you call.
If you are in trouble or have dire need;
call on a friend, they'll do a good deed.
There are many people who will come when you call;
Those same people, will pick you up when you fall!*

Christmas Stroll & Lighted Parade 2018



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