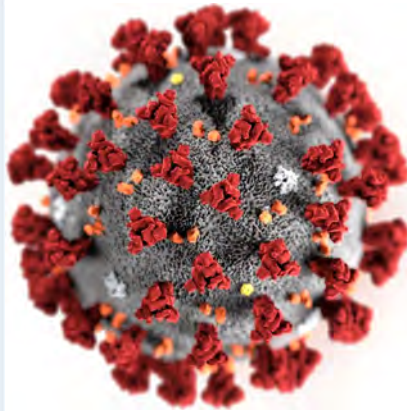


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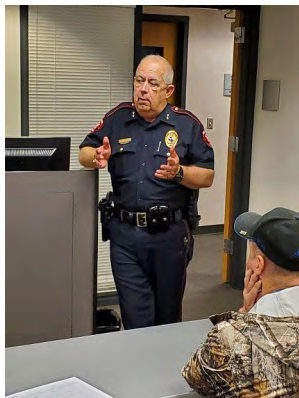
COVID-19 VIRUS

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS STYMIED THE WORK OF THE CPAAA AND COP ORGANIZATIONS. LIKE THE REST OF THE BRENHAM POPULATION WE ARE SELF-QUARANTINED TO OUR HOMES AND ONLY LEAVE FOR LIGHT EXERCISE, TO GET GROCER-

IES, FOOD OR MEDICAL ATTENTION. WHAT A WASTE OF GREAT RESOURCES, BUT A NECESSARY PRECAUTION FOR OUR OWN BENEFIT; WHETHER WE SEE IT THAT WAY OR NOT. I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN BOMBARDED BY VIRUS RELATED FACTS AND STATISTICS, SO I WON'T ADD ANY HERE. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY: PRACTICE SOCIAL-DISTANCING, WASH YOUR HANDS AND PRAY THAT THIS WILL ALL BE OVER SOON. ABOVE ALL, DON'T LOSE HOPE AND STAY SAFE!

Dates to remember

- Gen. Meeting 6:30pm Cancel
- Nat'l Telecomm. Week 4/12-18
- Bake Sale Fundraiser Cancel



Left: Police Chief Ron Parker spoke at the March General Meeting of the CPAAA. It was his first formal talk to our group. More on Page 3.



The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Donor Coach was parked in front of the Fireman's Training Center for an Emergency Guns and Hoses Blood Drive (see page 2)

April Officer Birthdays

- Alex Saenz 4/7
- Tommy Kurie 5-2
- Marley Mayo 5-4



Left: The Sealand Seafood and Steak Restaurant was the scene of a multiple COP sighting. It appears that Ten COP's and their guest were treated to dinner as a Thank You for doing Brenham Elementary School Traffic all year. More pictures and an explanation on page 4.



Citizens on Patrol

MARCH COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	38
Wanda Aguilar	20
Dorothy Antkowiak	2
Patricia Badough	9
Kevin Braun	1
Sue Braun	6
Willie Brown	4
Bob Cothorn	14.5
Michael Cowan	10
Tex Davis	75
Doug Feist	40.5
Stan Ford	13.75
Albert Green	5.75
Dale Green	2
Richard Jares	63.25
Steve Oneill	5
Kay Reichwein	11
Jon Siemsglusz	7
Kathleen Siemsglusz	8.5
Corina Smith	6
Mark Smith	5
Tony Smith	15
Laura Sparks	6
Annette Tiemann	15.5
Ron Upchurch	11.25
Lori Walker	7.5
Darrell Weed	4
Julie Wilson	4
Catharine Wood	6
Chuck Wood	2

TOTAL 418.5

Thank you to the following COPs for their help on:

3-8-20 Pet Adoption Center Maintenance Standby: Richard Jares

3-27-20 Guns and Hoses Emergency Blood Drive: Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann

I was contacted by the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center on Friday, 3-20-20 and asked if we would be interested in having an Emergency Blood Drive. The Covid-19 pandemic had a lot of groups cancelling their drives, leaving a critical shortage of blood for the region. I checked with the Fire Chief and Police Chief, they in turn checked with the City Manager. It was a go, but only the donor coach, as city facilities and the Fireman's Training Center were essentially closed. A lot of preparation had to be done in a very short time as the drive was scheduled for the following Friday, 3-27-20; and I didn't get the go ahead until that Monday. Well, I did the usual preparation, except a little faster than usual. Got my PSA copy to the radio stations and newspaper; and got some posters (e-flyers) out to a few strategic locations. The response from donors was overwhelming. We had 40 slots to fill and all 40 were filled by Thursday at noon. That meant we could not accept walk-ins; but all the adds said walk-ins welcomed. Anyway, I was afraid I couldn't do this by myself, and was told that COPs could not work this event (no cars or uniforms). I was desperate as the firefighters I asked couldn't do it; so I got my wife Wanda and friend Annette (both COPs) to help me out. It worked out great even though we had to turn away about 25 potential walk-in donors (15 at the door and the rest on the phone). We had a couple of cancellations and those spots were filled immediately. We also had about 4 people not show up and after being 20 minutes late we just stuck the next walk-in in their place. While we did have 5 people that were deferrals (that meant they couldn't give blood because their iron was too low or blood pressure too high or as the case of a mother and daughter—they couldn't find their veins); we had 5 people give Double Red Cell Plasma (like Pam Ruemke) which brought our total blood products to 40. Thanks to all that came out to donate especially those from BPD like Misty McCowan and Pam Ruemke, sorry I didn't get their pictures; I was a bit busy!

Below: As you can see, we practiced social distancing at our Emergency Guns and Hoses Blood Drive (at least 6 feet apart and no more than 10 people)

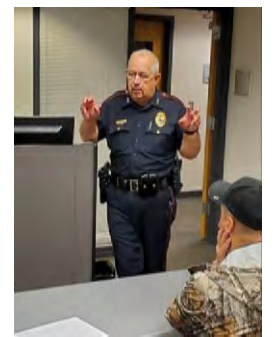




The above photo is from the 3-8-20 edition of the Brenham Banner-Press. It shows our oldest CPAAA member Keith Twigg (seated) receiving the prestigious "Golden Trowel Award" from the Graham Masonic Lodge of Brenham. Keith also was presented a 40 Year Service Award, having been an active member of the Graham Masonic Lodge No. 20 since September 19, 1978. He is pictured with (left-right) Lodge District Deputy Grand Master Charles Law, granddaughter and CPA Alum Jenny Mills, son-in-law Dick Waters, daughter Oma Mills also a CPA Alum, and Lodge Worshipful Master Dr. Robert Stark. Keith was in our first CPA Class which graduated April 25, 1991. He has always believed in giving back to the community and volunteerism. He volunteered for BPD for many years and is sorely missed. I ran into him last year and we had a nice visit; hope to see him again soon!



Left and Right: Police Chief Ron Parker spoke at our March General Meeting. He introduced himself to our group and then gave us his personal history, both personal and professional. He then told us of the direction he would like to take this department and the role our organization would play in those plans. He also told a few jokes and stories. I think he will be a great fit for the BPD!



Thanks For All You Do!

On Saturday, March 14th, before restaurants were closed and we were asked to sequester at home; the Brenham Elementary School (BES) Traffic Control Wizards (TCW) met to share a meal. Ten COPs: Stan Ford, Albert Green, Doug Feist, Tex Davis, Bob Cothorn, Willie Brown, Darrell Weed, Catharine Wood, Richard Jares, Rob Aguilar and their guest gathered at the Sealand Seafood and Steak Restaurant for what was to be a nice meal and great fellowship. It was a way for the Citizens On Patrol organization to say THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO! The only TCW not present was Ron Upchurch, as he was out of the country in Honduras. He was not on a vacation, but rather there to help the less fortunate with his church group (hope you stayed in for 14 days after your return). As you all know, 11 COPs volunteer to do school traffic at BES, mornings and afternoons on school days; as well as, occasionally do traffic at Blue Bell Road at FM 2935. Well, we were on Spring Break and scheduled this get-together as a way to spur us back to the business of school traffic the following week. Well, spring-break is still going on for us in the form the Covid-19 self-quarantine; but we are eager to get back to normal and help the traffic enter and exit BES. Again, I would like to say to each and every BES TCW, **Thanks For All You Do!**



National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

April 12 - 18, 2020

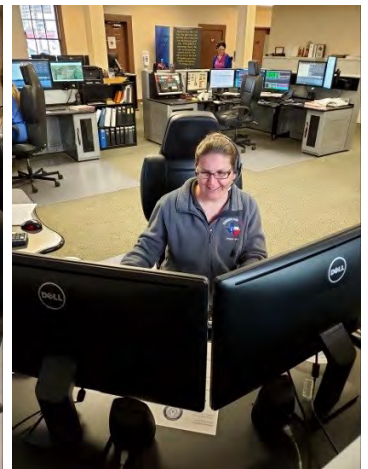
Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. Our unsung heroes, “heroes with headsets”, the 911 dispatchers. Every year our organization tries to do a little something for the Communications Office, our dispatchers. This year I am afraid that we won’t be able to do anything because of the pandemic. Perhaps we can show them our appreciation at a later date? Any ideas will have to be put on hold (so write them down) until we are able to have a meeting again!



D. Kristy Taylor



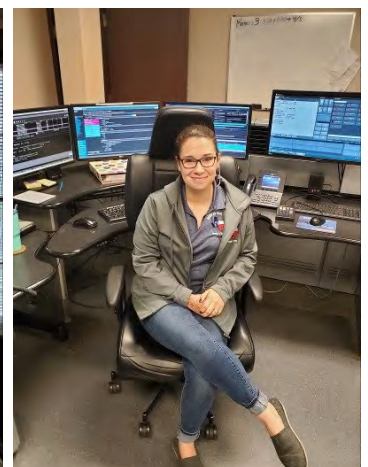
Heather Snowden



Julie Neville



Denice Franco



Christina Joswiak

Above: Some of our “Heroes with Headsets”; our Dispatchers, “Professionals Answering the Call”!



Left and Above: BPD, BFD and EMS at 36S at Salem Road for a crash. Ofc. Zack Greig takes the report while Sgt. Terrence Johnson takes photos and Lt. Curtiss Schoen directs traffic; that's teamwork.

Right: Ofc. Zack Greig and Ofc. Marley Mayo assist BFD at a house fire on 700 Market Street. It turned out to be a false alarm, but they were there before the trucks, checking things out. Good Job Guys!



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Did you know that 68% of the Brenham Fire Department is Volunteer? Being a volunteer emergency responder is about one thing. It's not what you look like, what degree you have, or where you come from. It's about heart and a willingness to learn. If you've got the heart to serve this community in a way that few can, you've got everything we need.



FIND THE FIGHTER IN YOU

Ready to Learn More?

Brenham Fire Department
(979) 337-7300
BFDInfo@cityofbrenham.org
www.cityofbrenham.org/fire

Left: I noticed this BFD Recruitment Poster in the kiosk at City Hall last time I was there (3-23-20).

Right: How long ago did we use those tan COP uniform shirts? Don't know, but I looked good back then. That's Pam Ruemke with the axe!



If you are working from home, and have ever considered fostering, now is the time! Please contact us for more information, and read below for shelter and animal control closures/limited operations.

The National Animal Control Association has recommended that Animal Control take the following measures for the safety of our officers and the public due to COVID 19. Please see information below pertaining shelter closures and limited services for field calls.

The Brenham Pet Adoption Center will be closed for visitors Sunday, March 15th – Sunday, March 22nd. If you are interested in adopting, please take a look at our Pet Finder page (<https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/tx/brenham/brenham-humane-services-tx359/>). If you see a specific animal you are interested in meeting, contact us at 979-337-7351 to make an appointment for a meet and greet.

Brenham Animal Control will be responding to high priority and emergency calls only. High priority/emergency calls include: animal bites, injured or sick stray animals, cruelty and neglect complaints, and dangerous or aggressive animals.

Non-aggressive strays and nuisance complaints will not be responded to at this time. If you see a non-aggressive stray animal, allow it to make its way home before picking it up/bringing it to the shelter. Most “lost” pets are less than 1,000 feet from their front door, meaning they are not truly lost!

Additionally, we will be reducing the number of animals we take in. Non-emergency owner surrenders will not be taken at this time. If you are ill, please keep your pets at home whenever possible.

Please note that domestic animals are not AT RISK or A RISK to humans due to COVID 19. As always, please include your pets in your emergency plans. Keep extra food, collar, and vaccination history on hand, and create an alternative-shelter plan for your pet should you become too sick to care for them.

We hope everyone stays safe, and please contact us if you have questions.

Thank You,

Allison Harper

Animal Services Manager

Brenham Pet Adoption & Care Center

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aharper@cityofbrenham.org



The letter above is a plea from the Brenham Pet Adoption Center Director, Allison Harper. They need foster homes for pets during the pandemic. They have also cut their services at this time.

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*Happy
Easter
April 12th*

