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Brenham Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

# The Informant

## The Brides Edition



The beautiful ladies on the right are 3 of Brenham's Finest; and they all "tied the knot" recently. Left to right: Ofc. Richelle Taylor-Malinowski, Cpl. Sierra Newell-Randle, and Ofc. Andrea Norton-Guerra. Disregard the hyphenated last names they are all taking their husbands' names. They all married Law Enforcement Officers. More on pages 3,4,and 5.



Left: BPD Appreciation Breakfast for CPAAA and COP members was held on July 1st. It felt like our Annual Summer Picnic; good food, fun and fellowship. More on Pages 6-9.

### July P. D. Birthdays

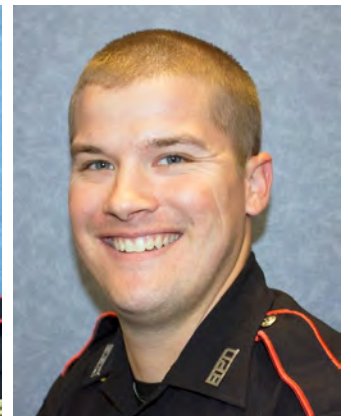
- Steven Eilert 7/18
- Jonathan Phipps 7/20
- Armando Guerra 7/22
- Michael Alton 7/26
- Curtiss Schoen 7/28
- Crystal Buckner 7/28
- Pam Ruemke 8/1
- Seth Klehm 8/3



Cpl. Jose Perez was named Police Officer of the Year. More information on Page 11



Ofc. Eddie Martinez received a Life Saving Award at City Hall. More information on Page 2



Cpl. Lance Weiss is leaving BPD to join College Station PD. More information on page 11

# Citizens on Patrol

## June COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	14
Patricia Badough	2
Kevin Braun	2
Sue Braun	3
Sunny Colpetzer	2
Bob Cothorn	3
Doug Feist	66
Stan Ford	116.25
Albert Green	2
Kathleen Siemsglusz	2
Mark Smith	4
Tony Smith	2
Laura Sparks	2
Annette Tiemann	2

**TOTAL 222.25**



Above: That's Stan Ford on Monday, June 8th "laying down on the job", as usual. In Stan's defense, it is a Monday. He is working on the target machines at the Gun Range and the only way to reach them is from a prone position (a likely story). Thanks for all the hard work Doug; oh, you too, Stan!



Above: Doug Feist and Bob Cothorn helped Rob Aguilar park cars at Richelle Taylor's country wedding on 6-19-20. Uniform of the day was very casual (we weren't there as COPs)!!



Left: Cpl. Eddie Martinez is being congratulated by Capt. Lloyd Powell (with Chief Ron Parker looking on) in City Council Chambers after Powell presented Ofc. Martinez a Life Saving Award. On April 3rd. Ofc. Martinez responded to a call at 2300 S. Austin Street for an unconscious female not breathing. Eddie performed CPR and was able to get the patient breathing on her own before EMS arrived. Capt. Powell said that the situation would have taken a turn for the worse had it not been for Martinez' intervention.

Officer Martinez thanked everyone for the recognition, along with thanking his fellow officers and partner on his shift for helping

give him the courage to do what he did. Mayor Milton Tate said he was proud of Martinez, adding, he is glad Martinez is on the Brenham police force. Police Chief Ron Parker said, with public service, the opportunity exists to make a positive difference in people's lives; and Martinez showed that with his actions. He said that this is something that "will be remembered for eternity". City Manager James Fisher said Martinez is an example of "the caliber of people" the city has in its Police Department. He said the ugly side of society has shown itself over the last couple of weeks, often hiding the good things that police officers do. Further, he thanked the Brenham Police Department and its officers for their service and for "making a difference in this community".

*Congratulations Officer Eddie Martinez!!*

Richelle married her longtime sweetheart, Harris County Sheriff's Deputy retired, (after 30 years of service) James Malinowski. Richelle and James were married on June 19th; at a small country wedding at James' mother's acreage and home on the Brazos River. It seems that "country weddings" are the way to go during this time of Covid-19; with all of the traditional wedding venues either shut down or highly restricted. Turns out Sierra married her longtime fiancé, Police Chief David Randle on June 13th at an intimate "country wedding" at their rodeo arena in Sealy. Finally, Officer Andrea Norton married BPD Officer Armando Guerra in another intimate ceremony on March 31st in downtown Brenham. I did not have access to many photos of these happy unions; most of these photos were taken from Facebook posts (and I don't even have Facebook). Perhaps if you ask these ladies they will show you some better photos of their special day. ***Congratulations to all 3 brides and those 3 lucky grooms! Good Luck!!***



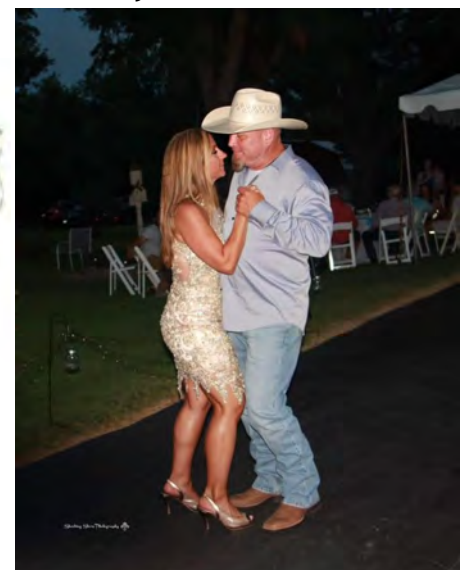
Richelle and Sierra compare their sparklers. Nice!



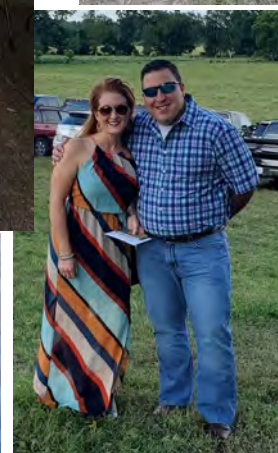
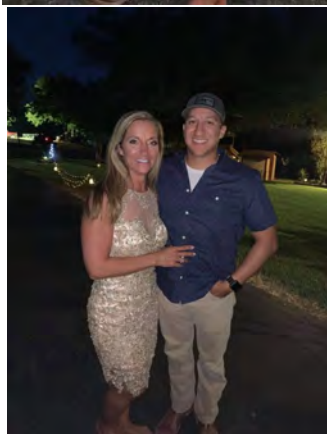
Above: Richelle and James recite their vows at the picturesque site overlooking the Brazos River.

Above Left: A screen grab of the start of Sierra's Wedding ceremony.

Above: For the first time anywhere Mr. and Mrs. David Randle



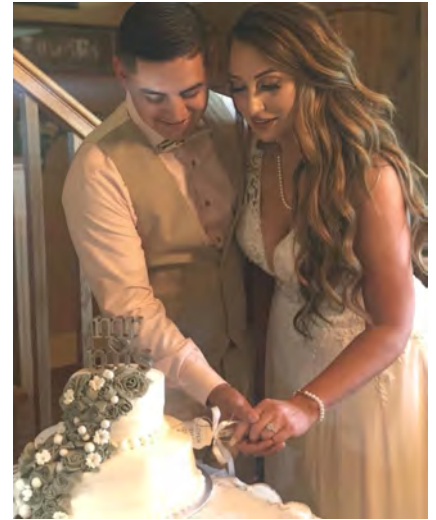
Right: Mr. and Mrs. James Malinowski dance the night away with family and friends on hand to share in their joy!



Above left: Old married couple Curtiss & Jenny Schoen Above: New married couple Armando and Andrea Guerra!!



Left and right: At a ceremony in downtown Brenham, Andrea Norton became Mrs. Armando Guerra on March 31st. I couldn't find anymore photos of the happy couple on their special day. Now, if only they could get their work schedules to match up a little better, life would be perfect. Again, I would like to say Congratulations and the Best of Luck to all 3 couples!



Billy Ray Winkelmann

8-11-52 - 6-22-20

A friend of BPD and the Brenham Community passed away on Monday, June 22, 2020. Billy Ray "Bill" Winkelmann. Billy Ray was born on August 11, 1952 in Brenham, Texas and was a 1970 Graduate of Brenham High School. He attended Commonwealth College of Science and graduated in 1972. he was a licensed funeral director and embalmer at Brenham Memorial Chapel. Bill served his country in the Army, Army Reserves, the National Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, JC's and CCA. Bill married his best friend Karen Vesper on December 7, 1996. Together they raised a blended family with 4 children. Bill was employed by Blue Bell Creameries as the Warehouse and Distribution Coordinator from 1976 to 2020. He was active in the community and served the Brenham Fire Department from 1979 to 2010; moving up to be the First Assistant Chief; he was named Firefighter of the Year in 1985 and 2009. He was currently a member of the Prairie Hill/Rocky Creek VFD as their Assistant Chief. **He will be missed.**



Left & Above: COP's Clarence Steinfeld and Butch Lorenz attended Billy Ray's funeral as they worked together at Blue Bell. Right: Kathleen and Jon Siemsglusz also were in attendance, as Bill was a member of Jon's Church. Jon helped officiate!



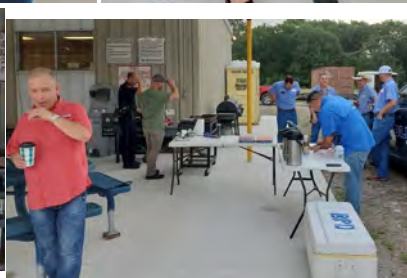
A **BIG THANK YOU** to Capt. Dant Lange for putting together this event. It was BPD's way of saying Thank You to the CPAAA/COP members for all that we did and all that we will do in the future for the Police Department. He also wanted to show-off all of the recent improvements to our Gun Range; and wanted our members to be the first to see it. Well, I think that Stan Ford and Doug Feist were the first to see the improvements; as they had a hand in bringing them into fruition! Anyway, good job on the Gun Range guys, it looks great. Thank You to everyone that helped Capt. Lange prepare the venue and the meal, it was delicious. I know that Lt. Curtiss Schoen, Sgt. Todd Ashorn, Sgt. Seth Klehm, and Inv. Kevin Mertz were on the cooking crew; so thank ya'll for that. It was a great morning of food, fellowship (which we all seem to miss deeply), and fun. If you look at the photos you can see several people playing corn hole and if you closely you will see Richelle and Annette dancing. You don't have to look to close to see that everyone was having a great time; lets do it again soon. It looks like a good venue to hold our BPD/CPAAA Summer Picnic ?











A Texas Two-Step demonstration by Richelle and Annette!!

Great Fun!



These 3 photos are of Ofc. Conner Caskey, Ofc. Marley Mayo and Sgt. Todd Ashorn; they worked an accident with a car on the tracks at Main and Austin. Don't be fooled, their masks are on the side of the law !! (ha ha)



Above: The masked man directing traffic at Prairie Lea and Farwell is Cpl. Eddie Ortega.



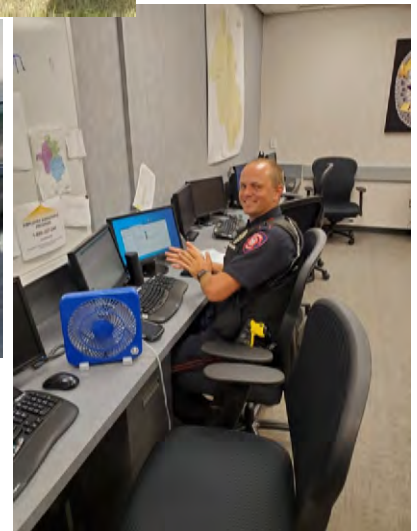
Left: These masked crime fighters are Ofc. Zack Greig (standing) and Ofc. Michael Alston on the MDT.

Michael was unmasked when I caught up with him at BPD, writing reports of course (that's him below).

Above: This masked man is our hero, Ofc. Eddie Martinez at an accident on S. Market Street.



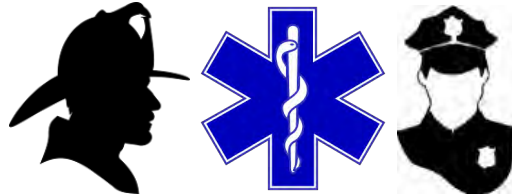
Above: That small camera attached to the siren on Zack's patrol vehicle is an infrared camera called a FLIR, it is on several of BPD's fleet; I just hadn't noticed it before.



Left and above left: That masked and unmasked man is our own COP Tex Davis. He says it feels good to be out directing traffic again. He was called out to assist with traffic at a Haz-Mat spill at the Aquatic Center, July 10th.

Every year the Buddy Wright Post #48 of the American Legion hosts its Responder of the Year Awards for our local heroes here in Brenham and Washington County. They annually recognize a Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT and Sheriff's Deputy. This year, Cpl. Jose Perez was honored by being named their Police Officer of the Year. Firefighter of the Year honors went to BPD's own Pam Ruemke. Paramedic Arturo Marrero was the EMT of the Year and former BPD Officer Guillermo Guerrero was the Sheriff's Department recipient. All of these awards were well deserved and

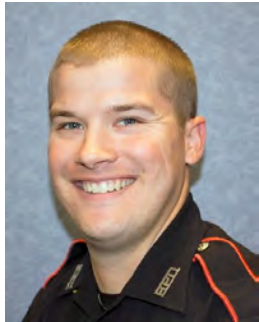
I would like to formally congratulate this years winners. ***Congratulations Guys!!***



Above: Cpl. Lance Weiss, Cpl. Jose Perez, Sgt. Todd Ashorn and Pam Ruemke.



Above: This year's recipients left to right, Dep. Guillermo Guerrero, Cpl. Jose Perez, FF Pam Ruemke, EMT-P Arturo Marrero. ***Again, CONGRATS!!***



Left & below: Cpl. Lance Weiss is leaving the Brenham Police Department for a more lucrative position with a better chance of advancement, at the College Station Police Department. Lance has been with BPD for 10 years and is considered one of its best officers. He was the SRO at Brenham High School for the past few years; and also volunteers for the Brenham Fire Department. He says he will still volunteer for BFD unless he moves to College Station, which he does not currently plan to do. I guess we will just have to follow him on Facebook, as he is constantly posting on that site. ***Good Luck, stop by sometime!***





6-5-20 Overturned Movers' truck on the Hwy 290 W cloverleaf worked by BPD, BFD, DPS, EMS & Game Warden Above: DPS Ofc. Smith, Game Warden Yoder and Ofc. Sierra Newell.



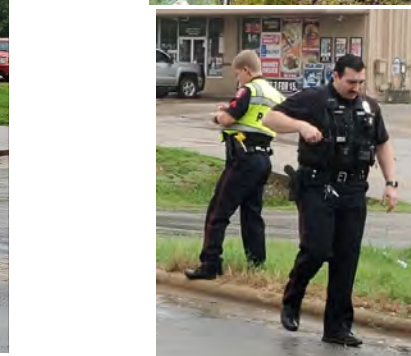
Above: Ofc, Arman-do Guerra surveys the damage.



Right: Cpl. Sierra Newell takes the report and witness statements.



Left: That's Blinn PD Sgt. and CPA Alum Darius Smith assisting BFD, EMS and DPS Trooper Kraus with an accident in Chappell Hill.



Above left and right: DPS Trooper directs traffic at an accident scene along Hwy 36 S at Salem Rd. while Cpl. Lance Weiss and Ofc. Alex Saenz take reports and witness statements.



Above: That's Ofc. Armando Guerra, FF Stacie Oberrender, Ofc. Tina Bruno and Trooper Kraus at a house fire on 6-29-20. Night photos don't come out to well, do they?

Right: The question is "who wore it better"? You decide, was it Tom Selleck or Alex Saenz. If Alex would unbutton his shirt a little and spring for some better shades, it might be a tougher decision; **Sorry Alex.**





Both of these incidents were on July 10th!



9 photos above are of a Haz-Mat spill at the Aquatic Center. BPD, BFD, EMS and COPs all worked together.



The six photos on bottom half of page are of a traffic accident with entrapment that required our WC Life-flight helicopter to transport our patient. BFD, EMS and DPS all working together.



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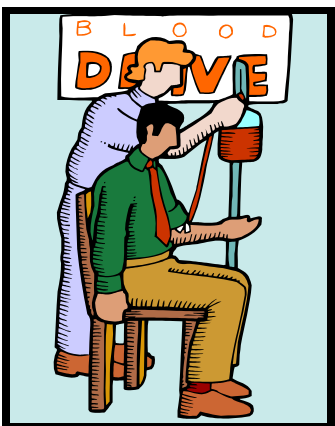
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**The next Guns and Hoses Blood Drive 2-Day Event will be held on Friday August 21st and Saturday August 22nd. The Donor Coach will be at City Hall (200 W. Vulcan) on Friday 8-21-20 from 9 am to 3 pm. The Fireman's Training Center will be the location of our Saturday Blood Drive 8-22-20 from 9 am to 3 pm. We will need volunteers to man the front desk at the Training Center and possibly help with the food preparation and distribution. If you can help, please call Rob at 451-2612. And as always, we need volunteers to *Donate Blood*. See you all there!**