



The Informant

October 2020

Brenham Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

Upcoming Events

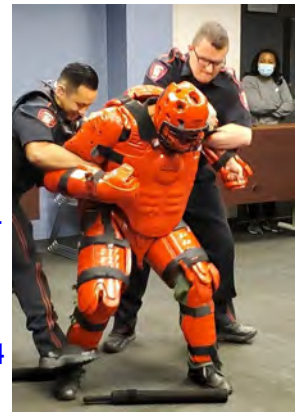
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| General Meeting 6:30pm | 10/12 |
| Halloween Candy Drive Thru @ Max Donuts | 10/31 |
| Drive-thru Fundraiser @ FTC | 11/2 |
| General Meeting | 11/09 |
| Christmas Parade | TBD |
| Holiday Awards Banquet | TBD |



National Night Out participants, stand for a photo before heading out to the 8 neighborhood parties in Brenham. Pages 3 and 6

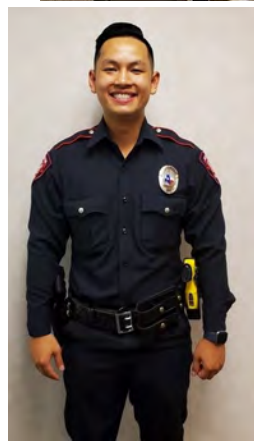


CPA Class 34 has resumed as of 10-8-20. They will Graduate on 11-23-20. So there are still many opportunities for you come by and show your support. More on pages 4 and 5



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Ofc. Zackary Greig | 10/15 |
| Ofc. Lawrence Garnett | 10/18 |
| Ofc. Connor Caskey | 10/25 |
| Berneake Gantt | 10/28 |
| Sgt. Terrence Johnson | 11/1 |
| Ofc. Richelle Taylor | 11/5 |



Left: Meet our newest BPD Officer; page 8

Right: Officer Andy Adams and K-9 Officer Robbie at City Hall for Robbie's retirement. See page 7



Citizens on Patrol

September COP Hours



Thanks to the COP's that came out to support National Night Out: Patricia Badough, Annette Tiemann, Tex Davis, Jon Siemsglusz, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Laura Sparks, Richard Jares and Rob Aguilar.

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|---------------------|-------|
| Rob Aguilar | 35.5 |
| Wanda Aguilar | 10 |
| Dorothy Antkowiak | 23 |
| Patricia Badough | 10 |
| Kevin Braun | 4 |
| Sue Braun | 10 |
| Willie Brown | 14 |
| Bob Cothorn | 33 |
| Michael Cowan | 24 |
| Tex Davis | 35.5 |
| Ernest Dever | 2 |
| Peter Emerson | 2 |
| Doug Feist | 43 |
| Stan Ford | 7 |
| Albert Green | 2 |
| Dale Green | 2 |
| Richard Jares | 37.5 |
| Wayne Miller | 2 |
| Sherry Parker | 2 |
| Kay Reichwein | 2 |
| Jon Siemsglusz | 2 |
| Kathleen Siemsglusz | 2 |
| Corina Smith | 2 |
| Mark Smith | 5 |
| Laura Sparks | 2 |
| Clarence Steinfeld | 2 |
| Billy Sutherland | 2 |
| Annette Tiemann | 27 |
| Ron Upchurch | 21.75 |
| Darrell Weed | 12 |
| Julie Wilson | 2 |
| Catharine Wood | 12 |

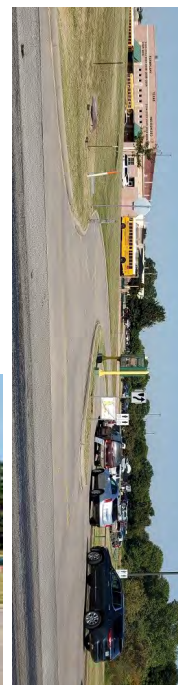


Reminder: We are still looking for volunteers to work the Front Office at BPD and also for anyone who would like to supplement our Brenham Elementary School Traffic Control Team! Thanks

TOTAL 392.25



High Fives All Around !!



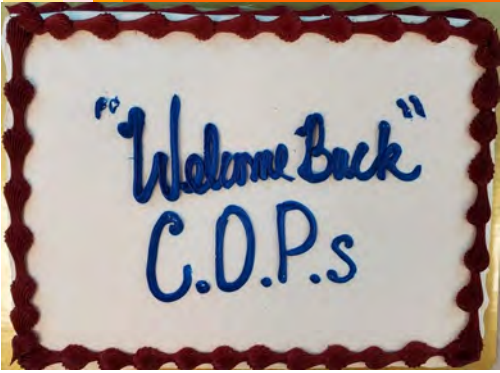
“Support Your Hometown Heroes” was the theme for the 37th Annual National Night Out, Crime and Drug Prevention Event. The event was a big success again this year, as well as, a lot of fun for all who participated. Coordination of the event was left to Sgt. Todd Ashorn and Sgt. Steven Eilert. The event participation was down from last year’s 16 neighborhood parties to 8 block parties this year; no surprise there, *drat that Covid*. A big THANK YOU to all the participants: Chief Ron Parker, Capt. Lloyd Powell, Capt. Dant Lange, Lt. Kelvin Raven, Lt. Curtiss Schoen, Sgt. Seth Klehm, Sgt. Steven Eilert, Cpl. Jared Campbell, Jean Luera and Berneake Gantt; COPs: Lt. Rob Aguilar, Patricia Badough, Laura Sparks, Tex Davis, Annette Tiemann, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Jon Siemsglusz, Richard Jares. We were joined by Chaplains: Rev. Johnny Williams, and Rev. Kris Brower. Can’t wait to do it all again!



Above, r & l: Victoria Street party pictures!

Below: Rob Aguilar and Patricia Badough at the party on Huisache Street

Above: Our final stop was Jackson St. Park, pictured left to right : Jon Siemsglusz, Kris Brower, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Steven Eilert, Patricia Badough, Annette Tiemann, Catharine Wood, Rob Aguilar, Sharon Cothern, and Bob Cothern



Rob and Wanda furnished the cake

Our first General Meeting since March. We said "Welcome Back" with sandwiches, drinks and cake. We are back to our new normal and this month appears to be an active one with lots of COP commitments ahead!

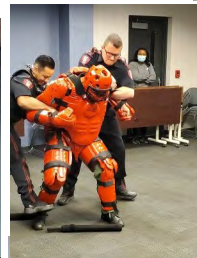
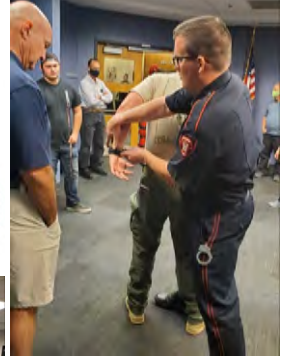
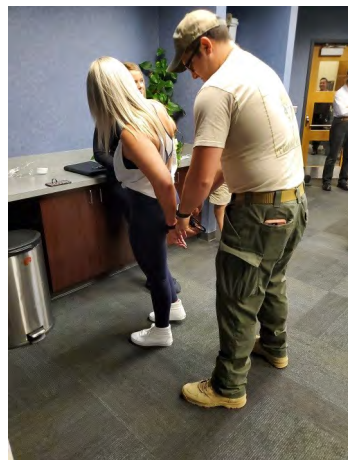
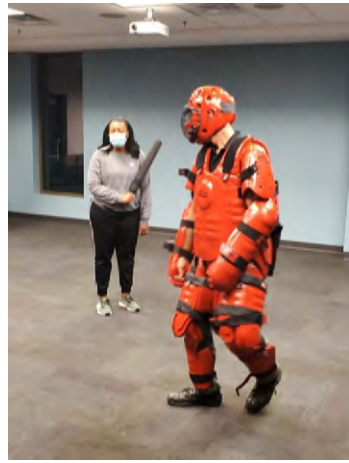
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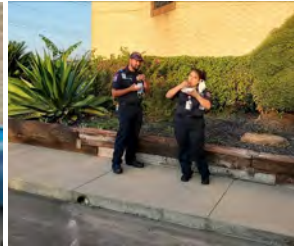
This was Patrol Procedures, Handcuffing and Use of Force night. That's Sgt. Todd Ashorn in the Redman Suit, ouch!



Todd suits up. Wow!!







Left: EMT's Jennifer Harvey and Zach Muehlsler

Right: Our Host Billy Sutherland with Annette and Patricia



Above: Rob chats with Carole and David Holloway



Our first stop was the Calvary Baptist Church party hosted by COP Billy Sutherland; they had food, music, drinks, corn hole and a train for the kids!



Our Chaplain Kris Brower had a good time at all the parties!



There was great participation at N N O by Police, Fire, EMS, S O and COPs. Everyone was well represented.



Our second stop led us to the Ralston Creek party where we chatted with some interesting people and met the cutest little boy who wanted to play with our siren. Of course he did, what kid wouldn't!

K-9 Officer Retires

On September 17, 2020 it was official, K-9 Officer Robbie retires after 4 years of loyal and productive service to the Brenham Police Department and the citizens of our community. That day at City Hall, Robbie and his handler Officer Andy Adams were center stage as Mayor Milton Tate proclaimed September 17th, 2020 as K-9 Officer Robbie Day in Brenham. On hand were city officials the Police Chief and many members of the Police Department.

Robbie, a female Belgian Malinois, joined the BPD in November of 2016 thanks to a donation by a private individual and member of our Citizens on Patrol group. In her career, Robbie was deployed some 525 times which resulted in 205 arrests. Robbie and her handler, Officer Adams conducted building searches, searched vehicles for narcotics, searched for missing persons and assisted in issuing warrants. Robbie and Andy also conducted numerous public demonstrations of their skills at schools, churches and other organizational events; but, first and foremost, Robbie was a working dog. Chief Parker said, "they have been a great asset to our community." The Chief further stated, "for now, we are going to put the K-9 program on hold and reevaluate the program. Robbie has been a great asset and we appreciate her and Andy for their dedication." Now, upon her retirement, Robbie will remain with Andy and his family where she will get to enjoy her time as a stay-at-home family pet and get to play with kids all day. Officer Adams will miss his partner while on patrol, but will see her every day at the end of his shift. Congratulations to K-9 Officer Robbie on a well-deserved retirement; she will be living her best life!



Bottom Rt:
She looks so happy, I think she knows she is going to retire !



Meet BPD's newest Police Officer - Jimmy Ha. Jimmy was born in Houston, but raised in Brenham. He is married to the former Alandra Gonzalez. He graduated from Brenham High School, Blinn College and Sam Houston State University. He has an Associates Degree in Art and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Jimmy started his law enforcement career in 2017 with the Washington County Sheriff's Office. He left the Sheriff's Office in March of 2019 to continue his career in Houston with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. He started here at Brenham PD a short month ago, and is a great addition to our team. I have personally seen him working at several accident and emergency scenes (as evidenced by the photos below); and I can say he fits right in here at Brenham PD. It is my understanding that he has already received a commendation for his professional demeanor. So when you see him around, please make him feel welcomed.



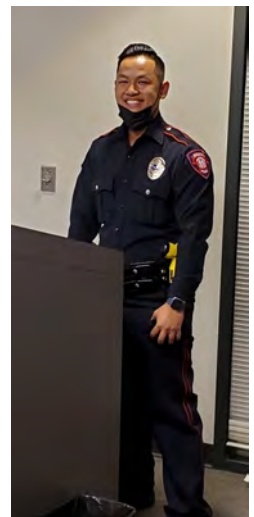
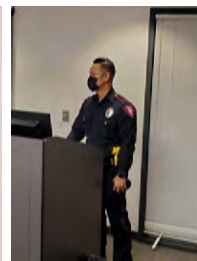
Jimmy being Sworn-in



Wife pins badge on him



Above: Jimmy with his wife and their new BPD Family!



Jimmy was at our last CPAAA Meeting, where he introduced himself to the group. He didn't tell us he had mad pickleball skills as he exhibited in the photo on the left while at Jackson Street Park's National Night Out party!



Left: The photo shows our own Sgt. Steven Eilert in full firefighter bunker gear including SCBA, climbing the stairs at Cub Stadium. Directly behind Steven is BFD Lt. Chris McCain. The "Stair Climb" coordinator was FF Driver/Operator Cody Burge. Each September 11th Cody Burge and other firefighters descend on San Antonio for their Stair Climb of the Tower of the Americas in commemoration of the stairs of the Twin Towers that fell in New York on that fateful day. San Antonio restricted this year's climb to SAFD members only, *drat that Covid*. It's a fitting tribute to the 343 firefighters that lost their lives that day that we simulate climbing 110 stories in their honor. We will always remember *September 11, 2001!*



Right: The 10 FF that participated. Center: Yes, Sgt. Eilert is a Brenham Firefighter! Above right: That's Lt. Chris McCain, not even winded!



BFD participants: Cody Burge, Steven Eilert, Chris McCain, Billy Bender, Bryan Folsom, Alex Knight, Kyle Bentke, Josh Ruemke, and Marshall Mohr

2 photos below: Mayor Milton Tate recognizes Sgt. Todd Ashorn for his 20 Years of Service to BPD and recognizes Cpl. Edward Ortega for his 15 Years of Service to BPD. **Congratulations to both for serving our community!**





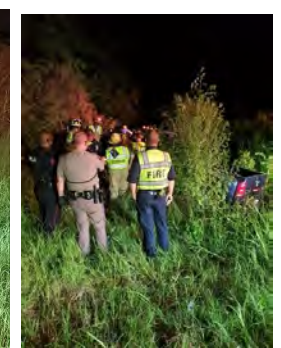
Left: As you remember our own Pam Ruenke was named Brenham Fire Department's Fire Fighter of the Year last year. She followed that up by being named The Central Texas Fireman's and Fire Marshals' Association Fire-fighter of the Year at their Convention held October 4th. **CONGRATS!**



Congratulations !



Left: Fuel spill in front of Las Fuentes had PD, FD and St. Dept working together including Sgt. Steven Eilert and CS Ofc. Lance Weiss.



These photos of are of a I vehicle accident I 100 Hwy 290 W. at underpass. DPS, EMS, BFD and BPD worked together. Troopr Kraus, BPD's Sgt. Terrence Johnson, Cpl. Jose Perez , Ofc. Andrea Guerra, BFD's Asst. Chief Ronald Bentke, Asst. Chief Rob Aguilar, Capt. Tank Neinstedt, Lt. Chris McCain, DO Chase Jones, DO Cody Burge, FF Josh Ruenke, EMS Lt and EMT-P David Seiders and WC Air One also made scene.

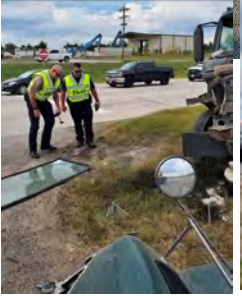


Ofc. Andrea Guerra kept the firefighters entertained while waiting for the wrecker to show up!





Left: Troopers Smith and Kraus with Ofc. Jimmy Ha on Old Mill Creek Rd. accident scene. Also on scene were Ofc. Crystal Buckner, Ofc. Zack Greig and Sgt. Jonathon Phipps (slow day I guess?)



Above 6 photos are of an accident on 36 N at Blue Bell Rd. Lt. Curtiss Schoen, Lt. Kelvin Ravin and Ofc. Connor Caskey made location. BFD's Lt. Chris McCain and Fire Marshal Williams are seen speaking with Lt. Schoen.

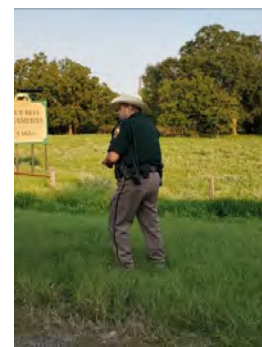
Below: 3 pics of a freak accident on Sixth St. (driver was swatting a bee) Sgt. Joe Merkley and Cpl. Jose Perez made scene. Capt. Tank Neinstedt and Dist. Chief Stephen Draehn look on.

Below & Rt: Ofc. Marley Mayo and Connor Caskey assist BFD at Apt. Fire 500 College Ave.



Below: Trooper James Reaves keeps us entertained in the wee hours of the morning on FM 389 (he can tell a story !)

Below: Ofc. Tina Bruno and Constable William Shepard, 2800 Gun & Rod Rd



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Halloween Candy Drive Thru

Each year the CPAAA sponsors a Candy Drive Thru at Max Donuts on Halloween night. Come early (5 pm or so) to enjoy hotdogs, sausage and chips. Wear your favorite costume! We will be collecting candy to hand out at the Candy Drive-thru. You can bring it that night or to the General Meeting this Monday night. Hope to see everyone there!



FUNDRAISER INFO: The deadline to turn in all money is **Oct. 26th** You can turn in unsold tickets or money to Sherry Parker or Albert Green at this Monday's CPAAA Meeting.

Get your tickets for the CPAAA Fall Fundraiser!!!

ALL CPAAA members are encouraged to sell tickets for the Chicken & Sausage Drive-thru Dinner which will be held on Nov. 2nd, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Fireman's Training Center.

Tickets can be picked up or purchased (\$10.00 each) at the Brenham Police Department or from any CPAAA member.

