



January 2021

Brenham Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

The Informant

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Dates to remember

Board Meeting 6 pm	1/4
General Meeting 6:30pm	1/11
BPD/COP Banquet	TBD
Class 35 begins	2/11
Blood Drive @ Fireman's Training & Event Center	1/29
	1/30



Tuesday's Group for the Santa Parade SMILE!

January PD Birthdays

- Eddie Ortega 1/9
- David Dudenhoeffer 1/12
- Jared Campbell 1/25
- Sierra Randle 1/27

In lieu of the fact that we didn't have a Christmas Stroll Parade this year; the Brenham Police and Fire Departments' got together and had a "Santa Parade." They took Santa on the back BFD's 1950 Invader fire truck through, virtually all of Brenham's neighborhoods; spreading good cheer and passing out goodie bags to all of the city' children. The parade was led by Sgt. Eilert in his patrol vehicle followed by Santa in the Invader, followed by the BFD Ranger, followed by CRO Marley Mayo in our Ranger and Tex Davis bringing up the rear in his COP patrol vehicle. Quite a sight & Fun!



The Police Department and Fire Department, again this year helped with the Toys for Tots Christmas Toy Drive. The CPAAA was also glad to lend a hand. It was a huge undertaking, but when all was said and done; it was an even greater success. Thanks to all!



Join us in ushering-in the New Year by donating the Gift of Life. The Holidays are a time of giving, but most people forget about giving blood; too many other things to think about. So, the need for blood is greater now. See Page 9 for details on the Guns & Hoses Blood Drive.

Pray for Our Troops

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. Amen.



COP Activity for December

Thanks to the following COPs for their help on:

12-5-20 Downtown Christmas Stroll: *Tex Davis.*

12-11-20 Cubs vs Marble Falls Playoff Football Game: *Doug Feist, Richard Jares, Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Patricia Badough, Tony Smith, Catharine Wood, Jon Siemsglusz, Dale Green, Steve Oneill, Laura Sparks, Tex Davis, Mark Smith, and Ron Upchurch.*

12/13-15/20 Santa Parade: *Tex Davis, and Rob Aguilar(15th)*

12-20-20 Call Out from Home for Traffic Control 300 Hwy 290 West: *Rob Aguilar, Ron Upchurch, and Richard Jares.*

12-22-20 Senior Center Luncheon: *Annette Tiemann, Tex Davis, Dorothy Antkowiak, and Dale Green.*

Dec. COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	47
Dorothy Antkowiak	31.5
Patricia Badough	21.5
Kevin Braun	4
Sue Braun	10
Willie Brown	14
Bob Cothorn	23
Tex Davis	135
Ernest Dever	2
Peter Emerson	2
Doug Feist	32
Stan Ford	53
Albert Green	6
Dale Green	11.5
Jerry Jares	10
Richard Jares	56.25
Frank Nowak Jr.	2
Steve Oneill	2
Sherry Parker	2
Kay Reichwein	2
Jon Siemsglusz	3.5
Kathleen Siemsglusz	15
Corina Smith	2
Mark Smith	9
Tony Smith	18
Laura Sparks	6
Clarence Steinfeld	2
Annette Tiemann	23.5
Ron Upchurch	30.25
Darrell Weed	14
Julie Wilson	2
Catharine Wood	4

TOTAL 596

Yearly Total 5,962

A Great 2020 considering the restrictions due to the on-going Covid-19 crisis!

My New Year's Prayer

A Sonnet by Rob Aguilar

*My prayer is simple; I just want to say,
that I want to enter your kingdom someday.*

*With you I would love forever to stay;
but, you know how easy it is to stray.*

*I won't waste my prayers on decadent wealth;
because we both know, I'd settle for health.*

*I will try harder to do your work, O'Lord;
with my heart and my mind, not my sword.*

*You can count on me at every turn;
because in Hell, I surely would burn.*

*I lost a few friends and loved ones last year;
could you cure a few, and give me some cheer.*

*You know that I want to see you one day;
but postpone it a while, is all that I say!*

A New Year's Sonnet

By Rob Aguilar

*The Lord has given all of us a new year;
countless reasons to rejoice and to cheer.*

*What we do with this gift should be quite clear;
make a resolution to hold each and every one dear;*

*And please don't listen to all that you hear!
When you're up against something you fear.*

*Do not be afraid to show others a tear.
Let's step out in front, instead of the rear;
and share the load with a deserving peer.*

*Although we may not always be near,
You know that in spirit, we'll always be here.
You know he has given you all the right gear,
stay steady on course, but if you happen to veer;
Your friends and the Lord will help you to steer!*

While I did my part to help with this year's Toys for Tots campaign. It was clear to me that I didn't do nearly as much as some of the other volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all of the many volunteers who did so much for so many. I hope everyone knows how great the Toys for Tots campaign is and how many deserving children and families that they help each year. I would also like to individually THANK the BPD and CPAAA/COP volunteers that I observed working their hearts out at the expense of their backs (and arms and legs). Sgt. Todd Ashorn, Sgt. Steven Eilert, CRO Marley Mayo, Ofc. Grayson Marburger, Lance Weiss, Patricia Badough, Dorothy Antkowiak, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Julie Wilson, Richard Jares, Peter Emerson, and Tex Davis. I am sure that I left some one out, but it was not intentional (I'm old and forgetful; No I didn't say senile).

This year the "No Shave November" campaign earned a whopping \$6,000 for the Adam's Angels charity. The check will be presented to them in the near future. Thank you to all of the officers that participated and everyone who sponsored them for this worthy cause.





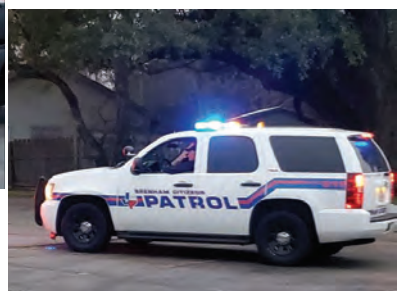
Right: Tuesday's BPD and BFD Santa Parade Crew from left to right: Dist. Chief Stephen Draehn, Ofc. Grayson Marburger, Sgt. Steven Eilert, Ofc. Marley Mayo, Asst. Chief Ronald Benke, FF Jonathan Schramme, COP Tex Davis and FF Lange Flisowski. Santa and his elves are unnamed. The Santa Parade went from Sunday to Wednesday



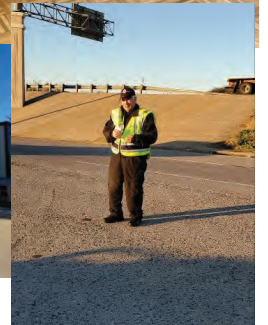
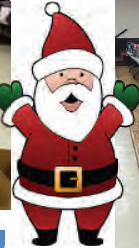
Above: Sgt. Eilert and CRO Mayo load the "Goodie Bags" into the Ranger for Tuesday Night's Santa Parade.



Even though the Santa Parade was a big hit with young and old alike; I think the Christmas Stroll Parade is still preferred!



TOYS FOR TOTS



They really put their backs into it. Hard, but rewarding!



Above: Boxes of Groceries



OUR ELVES HARD AT WORK



Toys and groceries for all!

OUR ELVES HARD AT WORK





Above: Lance Weiss (now with College Station PD) loads a trunk.



Left: Kristi Thomas takes a break from the chaotic pace.

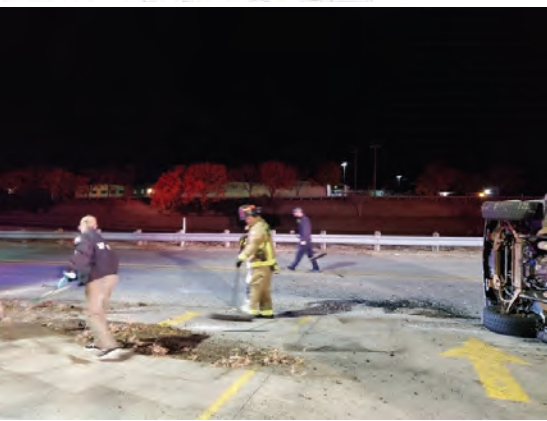


Right: Patricia Badough grabs a water bottle for her much needed break.

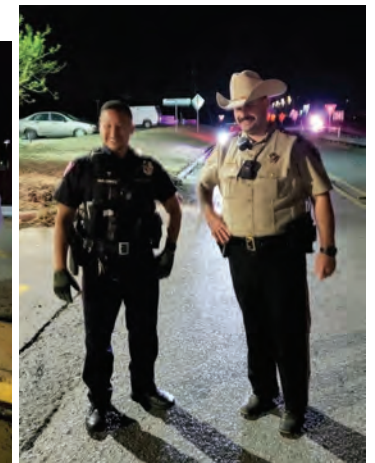


Above: Ofc. Grayson Marburger looks exhausted. Shouldn't have rode with Sgt. Eilert; he'll put you to work!

OUR ELVES HARD AT WORK



These 3 photos are of an accident 1300 Prairie Lea. Ofc. Eddie Martinez and SO Dep. Newsome far right.

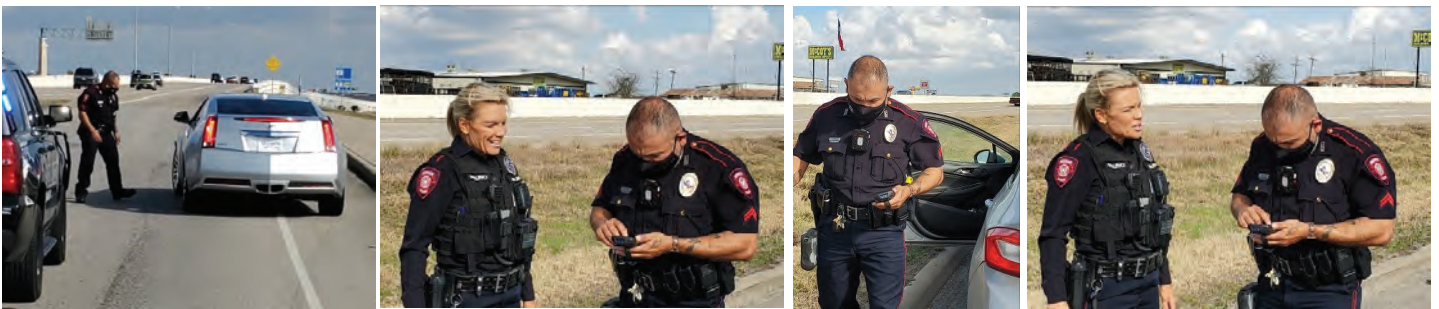


Left: Capt. Tank Neinstedt, Dep. Const. William Shepard, DPS Trooper Smith and SO Dep. Pheffer at 4400 Hwy 36 South; an overturned vehicle.





Above: Ofc. Crystal Buckner, Ofc. Zack Greig and Ofc. Connor Caskey handle the accident on E. Tom Green Street just off Market Street. The scene was congested due to the school pick-up line.

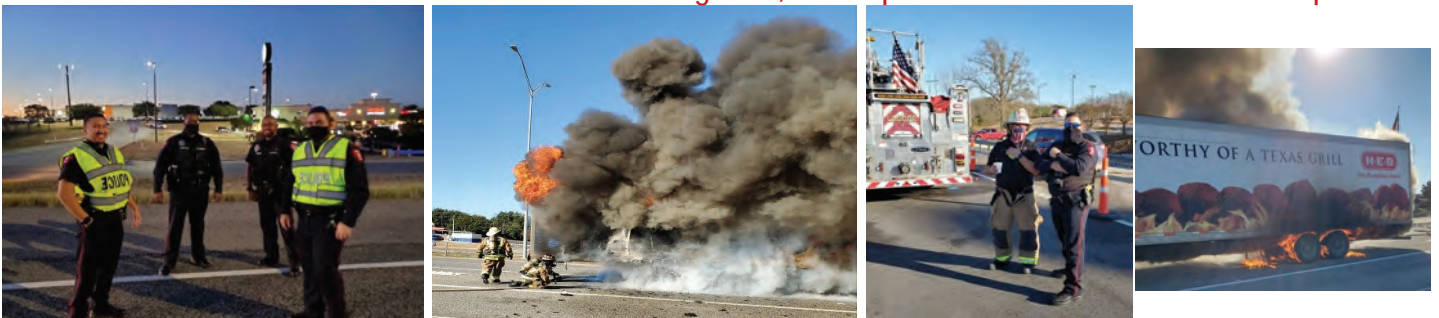


Above: Cpl. Eddie Ortega and Ofc. Tina Bruno handle a traffic accident on 1500 Hwy 290 West.



Above: Ofc. Lawrence Garnett, Ofc. Tina Bruno, & Sgt. Seth Klehm assist the BFD at a fire scene, 103 W. Commerce. Last photo shows Pam Ruenke and Sgt. Steven Eilert a little late to the party!

Below: An HEB trailer fire at 300 Hwy 290 West had Hwy 290 eastbound traffic snarled and closed for a bit; then down to one lane for about 7 hours. Lt. Curtiss Schoen remained on scene for the duration. Ofc. Tina Bruno was also on scene. Sgt. Terrence Johnson, Ofc. Eddie Martinez and Ofc. Lawrence Garnett also made scene. COPs Rob Aguilar, Ron Upchurch and Richard Jares helped out.



Good-bye and Good-riddance

By Rob Aguilar

2020, what an extraordinary year, one for the books;
with its Global Pandemic and its Washington crooks.

It was a rough and trying time for each and every one;
some struggles much worse, with nowhere to run.

So many lost to the pandemic, with hospitals overflowing;
all hope is not lost, the vaccine's reviews have been glowing.

The roll-out is quite slow and the process ongoing,
we all have to wait; the anticipation keeps growing.

Global Warming reared its ugly head throughout 2020,
with tornados, twisters, storms, and floods a plenty.

Our temperatures steadily climbing at a dangerous rate,
the ice-shelf is melting; have we sealed our fate?

I hope it is not too late to turn the climate around;
if we all work together; an answer can be found.

It's hard not to note the politics that unfolded;
the lies, dirty tricks and minds that were molded.

The marches and protests about the death of George Floyd;
and other BLM deaths and illegal practices kept us annoyed.

The images of millions in the streets in so many of our communities;
opened many eyes to the plight and brought us some unity.

A year like no other, that fact is quite clear;
we should all count our blessings, as we are still here!

Happy New Year!

With a new year, comes a new Citizen Police Academy Class. Class 35 begins February 11th. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining, please contact Sgt. Steven Eilert for an application, download online or stop by the Police Department.

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 contact Sgt. Steven Eilert. For helping with snacks contact our Social Committee Chairperson — Patricia Badough.

New Year, New Board

Our first general meeting for this New Year will be on Monday **January 11th** at the PD, beginning at 6:30 pm.

NEW Board Members and Officers will be sworn in at the January meeting. We welcome **Richard Jares, Kay Reichwein, Dorothy Antkowiak, Ernest Dever** to the CPAAA Board of Directors for 2021!!

Our *Annual BPD/CPAAA/COP Awards Holiday Party* has been



postponed to a date in the future, still to be determined. We



will discuss it at our next General Meeting on Monday, January 11th at 6:30 pm at the BPD.

The campaign on the right was backed by the Brenham Police Department. I hope that everyone had a great New Years' Celebration; and by all means, heeded the advice garnered from that campaign. **Happy 2021!!**



Below: All of the necessary discussions that have to take place when dealing with a fatality incident investigation. A fire at the apartments on Schulte Blvd. resulted in the death of a resident. Even though the fire was extinguished almost immediately; the resident had no chance of survival.



Below: That's Sgt. Justin Schiller, first on scene and witness to the crash? He was backing his patrol car into LJ's for lunch and saw the accident happen and caught it on his dashcam! He was joined by Sgt. Jonathan Phipps and DPS Trooper Krause (not in any photo). The middle photo is of our old friend and retired BPD Sgt. Albert Garcia he was on scene as the car that was rear-ended belonged to his daughter-in-law (I think). Bottom right: FF Stacie Oberrender with Sgt. Schiller and Sgt. Phipps. Good to see Justin and Albert again!



Guns and Hoses Blood Drive Two-Day Event :



The Blood Drive will be held at the Fireman's Training & Event Center on Friday, January 29th from 9 am to 3 pm. Then, again on Saturday, January 30th, from 9 am to 3 pm.

Please come give the Gift of Life!



2020 Board of Directors

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Annual membership dues are collected beginning in January.



Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association Annual Membership Registration

- Adult Membership \$20.00
- Student (12-hours) \$5.00
- Couple Membership \$30.00
- Senior Citizen's Membership \$5.00
- Lifetime Membership \$200.00
- Couple Lifetime Membership \$300.00
- Senior Citizen's Lifetime Membership \$50.00

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