

Brenham Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

The Informant

HNCT Edition



Left: Officer Jimmy Ha has been with the Brenham Police Department less than a year; yet he has distinguished himself on several occasions. The latest was his quick thinking and heroic actions the evening of July 20th. I did not read the formal Incident Report, but can only tell you what I witnessed or was told while on the scene of said incident. It was, what is known as, a unique or weird occurrence. In that, how does an out of control vehicle hit a guard rail and a jersey barrier in the median, but misses two huge light poles in the middle of that narrow median. Further, how often does a vehicle leave the roadway take a 30 foot drop and end up upside down submerged in water. What's even more bizarre is that no one in that daredevil type stunt was injured. While all of BPD Officers are quite exceptional; that was a **GOOD JOB JIMMY!!**Read more on Page 3.

Dates to remember

CPAAA Meeting 6:30 pm 8-9 CPAAA Meeting 6:30 pm 9-13 CPAAA Fundraiser 11-1

Guns & Hoses Blood Drive Friday, August 20th and Saturday, August 21st at the Fireman's Training Center from 9 am to 3 pm

Give the Gift of Life

The City's Hot Nights Cool Tunes Concert Series proved to be another great success this year. The Bands were all very good and the public came out in droves to enjoy the music, the cars, the fellowship, and our great Downtown. While I don't have the official figures; the crowds looked especially large this year. Perhaps because we were ready to get out and be among people again. A BIG THANK YOU to all of the COPs and Police Officers that came out to ensure a peaceful and pleasurable night of fun. I hope that everyone was covid-free after all of that fellowship and fun!! Pictures on pages 4,5 and 6.

August Birthdays

Pam Ruemke 8/1

Sgt. Seth Klehm 8/3

Grayson Marburger 8/23

Det. Kejan Mehlhorn 8/25

Cpl. Jose Perez 8/27

Sgt. Justin Schiller 9/3











Success !!!

Citizens on Patrol

Thanks to the following COPs for their help on:

7-10-21 Hot Nights Cool Tunes: Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Patricia Badough, Debbie Parker, Chris Brown, Kevin Braun, Sue Braun, Frank Nowak, Richrad Jares, Juanita Gockel, Dale Green, Tex Davis, Clarence Steinfeld.

7-17-21 Hot Nights Cool Tunes: Patricia Badough, Dorothy Antkowiak, Wanda Aguilar, Dale Green, Frank Nowak, Chris Brown, Richard Jares, Tex Davis, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Rob Aguilar.

7-23-21 Call-Out to Surveille Jerry Wilson Park: Frank Nowak, Tex Davis.

7-24-21 Hot Nights Cool Tunes: Dorothy Antkowiak, Patricia Badough, Annette Tiemann, Richard Jares, Chris Brown, Tex Davis, Frank Nowak,

7-26-21 Surveille Jerry Wilson Park: Tex Davis, Frank Nowak.

7-27-21 Surveille Jerry Wilson Park: Frank Nowak, Tex Davis.

7-31-21 Hot Nights Cool Tunes: Dorothy Antkowiak, Tex Davis, Juanita Gockel, Richard Jares, Frank Nowak, Debbie Parker, Annette Tiemann.



Above: *Mary Claire Moloney* shows off her new COP cap. She just earned it after completing her 10 hours of Ridea-Longs. Congratulations!



Above: It's the Dynamic Duo, no not Batman and Robin; its Frank and Tex. *Frank Nowak and Tex Davis*. Protecting and Serving the Brenham community. You can almost see their capes!



It's a scorcher out there. Stay Hydrated!!

Right: Sgt. Seth Klehm has agreed to teach a scaled down version of his "Self-Aid Buddy Aid Training" class to COPs in the near future. After it is cleared by the chain of command. I look forward to it!

July COP Hours

3 31.5	
Rob Aguilar	28.5
Wanda Aguilar	5
Dorothy Antkowiak	13.5
Patricia Badough	22.75
Kevin Braun	5
Sue Braun	9
Chris Brown	25.75
Bob Cothern	23.5
Michael Cowan	15
Tex Davis	179
Ernest Dever	4
Doug Feist	51
Stan Ford	23.5
Juanita Gockel	7
Albert Green	2
Dale Green	9.5
Jerry Jares	33.25
Richard Jares	48.25
Wayne Miller	2
Mary Claire Moloney	10
Frank Nowak	182.25
Steve Oneill	2
Debbie Parker	10.75
Sherry Parker	2
Kay Reichwein	14.5
Kathleen Siemsglusz	4
Mark Smith	3
Tony Smith	14
Laura Sparks	2
Clarence Steinfeld	8
Billy Sutherland	2
Annette Tiemann	23.5
Ron Upchurch	2

TOTAL 787.5





Incident happened on July 20th at about 8:00 pm

Left: What appears to be a turtle on its back, playing in a stream, is actually a newly purchased Camaro that had just landed upside down into this creek (drainage culvert) with two persons inside. The driver of this vehicle had just been observed weaving in and out of traffic and possibly speeding by Ofc. Jimmy Ha. Officer Ha turned his patrol vehicle around to perform a traffic stop, when the vehicle accelerated and moments (seconds) later it had flown-off of Hwy 290 East and was partially submerged in the creek. Officer Ha and a bystander (witness) jumped into the creek, pried open the door and helped the victims to safety. I got to the scene just after they rescued the pair; and was so happy I didn't have to jump into that wet, muddy mess. Officer Ha got a burn on his hand from grabbing a hot tailpipe while trying to balance himself and get the pair to safety. I am not sure if the driver was ticketed (I hope so), but the car was totaled. I didn't get the name of the bystander, I guess its on the report; thanks to him and Jimmy for their quick actions; there could have been casualties!!









Sgt. Seth Klehm was at the Fire Department's Emergency Operations Center on July 27th to help teach the firefighters "Self-Aid Buddy Aid Training". This training started as "Stop the Bleed" training for officers after they were issued the Celox Hemorrhage Control Kits to carry in their patrol vehicles. COPs were also issued these Celox kits, but were told not to carry them until we had the training. Yes, I asked and asked for this training on numerous occasions; and 2 years later we still haven't had it. I spoke to Sgt. Klehm about having a class for COPs and he said he would be glad to. Now we just have to get that cleared through proper channels. The class he gives to police officers is a TCOLE Certified 8 hour class. He modified it for the firefighters, it was under 2 hours. It can even be modified more, to about an hour to an hour and a half. It was an interesting class and I can see how we might be called upon to use it. Lets hope we hear from Seth soon!





































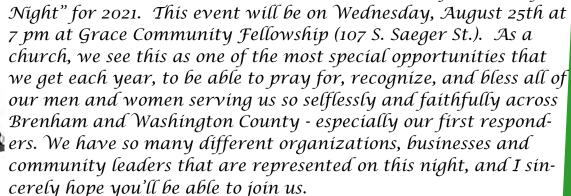


Improvements are being made at Jerry Wilson Park. You can see new playground equipment over Frank and Tex's shoulders. Frank Nowak and Tex Davis were called at home to come out and guard Jerry Wilson Park after Dane Rau's crew poured some concrete there and didn't want vandals to ruin their work. Tex and Frank also agreed to come out two other nights from 4 pm to 10 pm to ensure the concrete work remained undamaged. Tex guarded the work done on the south end of the park while Frank watched the north end; I called them together for these photos. It was a long and somewhat boring 3 nights of surveillance for the "Dynamic Duo" of Frank and Tex or is that Tex and Frank; anyway, a BIG THANK YOU to you guys from Dane Rau and his crew as well as everyone in that neighborhood!!



From: Pastor Matt Sweeney, at Grace Community Fellowship

To: Police Officers, COPs and All First Responders



This is an Invitation to attend the Annual "Worship and Prayer

If you would like to attend the Annual Worship and Prayer Night, let me know (Rob 451-2612) so I can give Pastor Sweeney a number, as they are serving food and would like a head count.

NOTE: We will be having a CPAAA General Meeting in September. It will be Monday, September 13th at 6:30 pm, 2nd Floor at BPD. We will be discussing our November Fundraiser. Hope to see everyone there!

Beat The Heat

By Rob Aguilar

Summer is here, as evidenced by the sweltering heat, our "Summer Picnic", the start of Brenham's Concert Series "Hot Nights Cool Tunes" and my dry grass. Just a friendly reminder; keep cool, hydrate, and use sun screen. All the common sense stuff that Mom told you as a child still hold true today. Mom's advice, while good, is not the focus of this article. Heat related illness, is the topic today: **Heat Cramps, Heat Exhaustion and Heatstroke.**

I know full well that I along with several of you will suffer the symptoms of heat related illness (I already have this season)! Yard work, house painting, building something outdoors, and COP work will put many of us in jeopardy. **Yes, COP work may be hazardous to your health**; especially traffic control and parking assignments. So remember to take care of yourselves, who else will. Take frequent breaks (in shady or air conditioned locations), drink lots of fluids, wear a hat or cap while out there directing traffic.

Heat Cramps are painful muscle spasms that occur after vigorous exercise, whether you are outdoors or not. Sweat produced during strenuous exercise causes a change in the body's electrolyte, or salt, balance. This dehydration plays a role in the development of muscle cramps/heat cramps. Treatment for heat cramps is as follows: remove the patient from the hot environment; loosen any tight clothing; rest the cramping muscles; replace fluids (water works best, but a balanced electrolyte solution like Gatorade can be used, especially if diluted to half strength). If the cramps do not subside, go to the hospital.

Heat exhaustion is the result of the body losing so much water and so many electrolytes through very heavy sweating that hypovolemia (fluid depletion) occurs. Signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion (and hypovolemia) are: heavy sweating while working hard or exercising in a hot, humid, or poorly ventilated area; heavy sweating even at rest in a hot, humid, or poorly ventilated area; cold, clammy skin with ashen pallor; dry tongue and thirst; dizziness, weakness, or faintness, with accompanying nausea or headache; normal vital signs, although the pulse is often rapid; normal or slightly elevated body temperature (can be as high as 104F). Treatment for Heat exhaustion include: remove the patient from the hot environment; loosen an tight clothing; lie the patient down and elevate the legs; fan the patient; encourage them to drink fluids if they are fully alert (don't force fluids if not fully alert, the patient may aspirate the fluids into the lungs); if the symptoms do not clear up promptly, transport to the hospital.

Heatstroke is the most serious of the heat related illnesses. Heatstroke occurs when the body is subjected to more heat than it can handle, and the body temperature rises rapidly (to the level at which tissues are destroyed). Untreated heatstroke always results in death. Heatstroke can develop during vigorous physical activity or when outdoors or in a poorly ventilated, humid space. It also occurs during heat waves among individuals who live in buildings with no air conditioning or with poor ventilation. Many patients will have hot, dry, flushed skin because their sweating mechanism has been overwhelmed. However, in the early stages of heatstroke the skin may be moist or wet. Body temperature may rise to 106F or more. As the body core temperature rises, the level of consciousness falls. Often, the first sign of heatstroke is a change in behavior; and the patient becomes unresponsive very quickly. Take the following steps when treating heatstroke: After calling 911 move the patient to a cool environment; remove clothing; apply cool packs to the neck, groin and armpit areas; cover the patient with wet towels or sheets or spray with cool water and fan him or her to evaporate the dampness on the skin; aggressively and repeatedly fan the patient; the patient must be transported to the hospital as soon possible. Be advised that Heat Cramps and Heat Exhaustion can progress to heatstroke if not treated; and heatstroke always causes death if not treated. The format used in this article was so that you could help someone in need, but the information could also help you save yourself. So let's try and stay cool this summer, be smart, and be safe. (This article was reprinted due to its pertinent content and health benefits to all of us during this unprecedented heat wave. Hydrate, Hydrate, and Hydrate)

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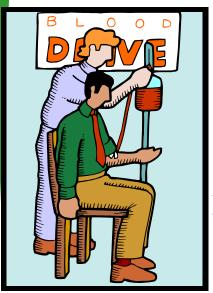
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Guns and Hoses Blood Drive Two - Day Event

Friday, August 20th from 9 am to 3 pm Saturday, August 21st from 9 am to 3 pm The Fireman's Training Center both days. Free Coupon for a Pint of Blue Bell ice cream for all successful donations.

See you there!