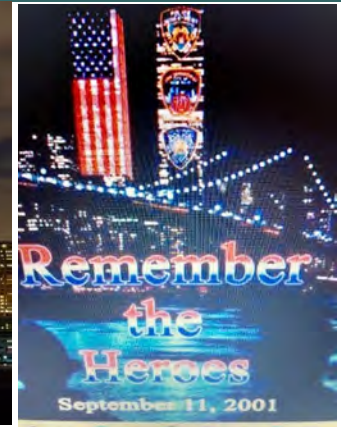


# THE INFORMANT

Remembrance Issue



## Dates to remember

Gen. Meeting 6:30pm	9/13
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Nat'l Night. Out	10/5
Halloween Drive Thru	10/31
Drive-thru fundraiser	11/1

Above: New York celebrates 9.11.01 in unique ways. The photo above right is made up of thousands of lights depicting the flag on the left and badges on the right. Both nice tributes! (Page 9)



Left: BPD has again been recognized for Best Practices. Right: Sgt. Steven Eilert receives a Police Chief's Commendation Award. More on Page 10



Below: Long time BPD Chaplain, Rev. Johnnie Williams recently had a Birthday. He turned 80 years young and his family arranged a celebration along with a parade in his honor. The BPD Family turned out to wish him well. (Pg. 4)

## September Birthdays

Belated wishes to

Sgt. Justin Schiller 9/3

Sgt. Joe Merkley 9/20

Lt. Kelvin Raven 9/26



## Thanks to the following COPs for their help at these events:

8-5-21 Floats and Flicks: *Tex Davis, Frank Nowak.*

8-6-21 First Friday Farmers Market & Artisan Event: *Frank Nowak, Tex Davis.*

8-7-21 School Supply Giveaway Traffic/Parking Assignment: *Kathleen Siemsglusz, Jon Siemsglusz, Tex Davis.*

8-13-21 BHS Band March-a-thon: *Rob Aguilar, Frank Nowak, Tex Davis.*

8-13-21 School Supply Giveaway Traffic/Parking Assignment: *Jeff Hagerlin, Tex Davis, Frank Nowak.*

8-14-21 Birthday Parade for Rev. Johnnie Williams: *Wanda Aguilar, Rob Aguilar, Jerry Jares, Richard Jares, Tex Davis.*

8-14-21 Fireman's Fiesta Traffic Assignment: *Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Jon Siemsglusz, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Tex Davis, Richard Jares, Ron Upchurch, Mark Smith, Chris Brown, Wayne Miller, Doug Feist, Frank Nowak.*

8-14-21 Cub Stadium Parking Assignment: *Chris Brown, Jon Siemsglusz, Richard Jares, Frank Nowak.*

8-20-21 Guns and Hoses Blood Drive: *Wanda Aguilar, Kay Reichwein, Annette Tiemann, Julie Wilson, Richard Jares, Jon Siemsglusz, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Sherry Parker-Steinfeld, Clarence Steinfeld, Debbie Parker, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dales Green, Rob Aguilar.*

8-21-21 Guns and Hose Blood Drive: *Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Richard Jares, Jon Siemsglusz, Dorothy Antkowiak, Sherry Parker-Steinfeld, Clarence Steinfeld, Debbie Parker, Juanita Gockel, Jeff Hagerlin, Julie Wilson, Rob Aguilar.*

8-21-21 Call-out for Fatality Accident: *Richard Jares, Frank Nowak.*

8-24-21 Call-out for Fatality Accident: *Frank Nowak, Richard Jares, Rob Aguilar.*

8-25-21 Public Relations Event at Grace Fellowship: *Dorothy Antkowiak, Frank Nowak, Tex Davis, Annette Tiemann, Kay Reichwein, Catharine Wood.*

8-28-21 Barnhill Center: *Frank Nowak, Richard Jares, Tex Davis*

9-3-21 First Friday Farmers Market & Artisan Event: *Tex Davis, Richard Jares, Frank Nowak, Debbie Parker.*

### August COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	64
Wanda Aguilar	26.5
Dorothy Antkowiak	16
Patricia Badough	2
Sue Braun	8
Chris Brown	5.5
Bob Cothorn	23
Michael Cowan	11.5
Tex Davis	166.5
Peter Emerson	2
Doug Feist	23
Stan Ford	14
Juanita Gockel	8.5
Albert Green	2
Dale Green	8
Jeff Hagerlin	9.5
David Holloway	2
Jerry Jares	13.5
Richard Jares	58.75
Wayne Miller	2.5
Frank Nowak	203.75
Steve Oneill	4
Debra Parker	26.5
Kay Reichwein	15.75
Jon Siemsglusz	18
Kathleen Siemsglusz	29
Mark Smith	5
Tony Smith	12.5
Clarence Steinfeld	8
Sherry Parker-Steinfeld	22
Annette Tiemann	25.5
Ron Upchurch	6.5
Julie Wilson	12
Catharine Wood	8

**TOTAL 863.25**

## Thanks to the following COPs for their help at these events:

9-3-21 BHS Football Parking Assignment: *Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Jon Siemsglusz, Ron Upchurch, Doug Feist, Mark Smith, Laura Sparks, Tex Davis, Juanita Gockel, Rob Aguilar.*

9-4-21 Barnhill Center: *Frank Nowak, Richard Jares, Tex Davis.*







Above: Chief Ron Parker and Lt. Rob Aguilar present a Lieutenant's Gold Whistle Award to Frank Nowak for his outstanding performance of COP duties. Tex Davis is presented with his second Gold Whistle Award for his continued dedication to COP duties. The last Gold Whistle Award was presented way back in 2018; I guess it's time to reinstitute the tradition. **Good Job Guys!!**



Above: Juanita Gockel receives her Radio Call # 4112 from Chief Ron Parker.



Above: Chris Brown receives his Radio Call # 4110 from Chief Ron Parker.

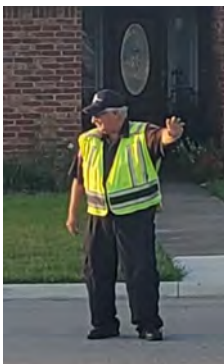
Below: Sgt. Todd Ashorn checks his "Palm Pilot" for more info to relay to us at our Meeting.



We had so many different types of assignments in August and into September. Above: At the Blood Drive. Below: At the School Supply Giveaway Assignment.



We are back at Cub Stadium for BHS Cub's Football Parking Assignments. "Friday Night Lights" in Brenham!!





It was a great pleasure to join in the Birthday Parade for Rev. Johnnie Williams. He turned 80, and to celebrate, his family had a day of celebration planned that included a parade. We had a great turn-out from the Brenham Police Department as Johnnie has been one of our BPD Chaplains since the programs' inception in 2003. He was one of our first Chaplains. Sgt. John Snowden and his entire shift which included Cpl. Eddie Ortega, Ofc. Grayson Marburger and Ofc. Tina Bruno were able to lead off the parade. The Brenham Fire Department also made an appearance in Engine 1 with Lt. Justin Schroeder, D.O J.C. Knipstein. COP's were well represented with Richard and Jerry Jares in one vehicle, Tex Davis in another COP vehicle, and Rob and Wanda Aguilar in the third. While we used our lights and sirens as Birthday Well-Wishes, family and friends' vehicles were adorned with signs, balloons and flowers. Johnnie was at the street in front of the Cannery Kitchen where his Luncheon was to be held; he and a couple of family members waved and took pictures as the parade past by them. After we had made our pass in front of the Cannery Kitchen; Wanda and myself along with Tex Davis made the block and parked to share a few hugs and birthday wishes, and to take pictures with Johnnie. He was quite moved with the excellent turn-out of well-wishers, and was especially touched by the number of BPD and COP vehicles in the parade in his honor. We were invited to partake in the meal and further festivities, but we declined as it appeared to be a family affair and we had other commitments. In retrospect, we are part of his family and have been since we met. I wish Johnnie a Happy 80<sup>th</sup>, and many more years to come!





I think that most of us believe in the “power of prayer”. We are constantly asked to keep someone in our “thoughts and prayers” and asked to pray for someone that is quite ill or in need of spiritual guidance or help through a tough time. Well, it was refreshing to see that there are people that are more than willing to pray for us whether we ask for it or even need it. The Pastor at Grace Community Fellowship, Matt Sweeney and his parishioners did just that this past Wednesday evening (8-25-21). The evening of prayer was exclusively for First Responders and Police Officers and COPs from BPD were in attendance for these blessings. The First Responders were recognized and then prayed over, with special prayers chosen for them. Of course, the evening also included socializing. While I didn’t attend, I was told that it was a very nice evening that was “good for the soul”. A big thank you to Pastor Sweeney and the people of Grace Community Fellowship, which includes our own Catharine Wood, for a touching and memorable celebration of good deeds (because that’s what First Responders do). I hope that they continue to pray for us, because we need it, whether we know that or not. I believe in the Power of Prayer!

## Prayer for Citizens on Patrol

We pray for our Citizens On Patrol and ask that they would know your presence is with them as they face the challenges and demands of their job. When times feel overwhelming, we ask that you bring peace and clarity of mind and we ask that your strength would flow through them as they serve, giving the endurance they need to carry on. Father we thank you for all the long hours they volunteer to make our community better and stronger. To them and their families we pray to you God for good health, protection and strength. Lord we thank you everyday for these patrol officers and what they do for our community.



I know that I have asked our group for their Thoughts and Prayers at least half a dozen times in the past month, but things happen and the Power of Prayer Works!!



The Fireman's Training Center (FTC) was the scene of our latest Guns and Hoses Blood Drive, 2-Day Event. Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Fire Department agreed to let us use their facility for both days of our drive. The Blood Center also thought it was a good idea because of the size of the facility, the fact that their workers would only have to set up once, and most importantly, the number of donors can be increased when the event is in a large indoor facility, instead of a donor coach. The Brenham community is usually very receptive to our drives and opens its heart to our cause. However, there were several other blood drives happening around the same time in and around Brenham; cutting our potential pool of donors.

We had plenty of volunteer help from our COPs and firefighters for this 2-day event. A BIG THANK YOU to all that came out to help and to donate. And another BIG THANK YOU to our sponsors. Our local radio stations: KLTR, KWHI and KTEX did a wonderful job getting the word out about our drive. KWHI and KTEX had remote broadcasts from the FTC at our Saturday drive; and they also had me down to their station for two on-air interviews before the drive. Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center also sent out multiple emails and texts to donors about the event. As in the past, MAX Donuts came through with tasty treats as did our volunteers bringing desserts on both days. Of course, our COP ladies made extra stuff like chicken salad sandwiches and chili for frito-pie to add more choices to our menu. Needless to say, no one left hungry, especially our volunteers!

A **Big Thank You** goes out to all the COPs that came out on August 20th and 21st to help with the Guns and Hoses Blood Drive. **Rob's Crew:** Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Richard Jares, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Jon Siemsglusz, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Julie Wilson, Sherry Parker-Steinfeld, Clarence Steinfeld, Kay Reichwein, Debbie Parker, Jeff Hagerlin, and Juanita Gockel.

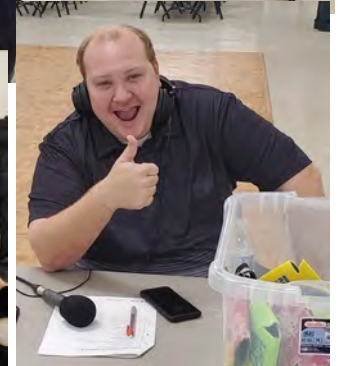
But a **Special Thanks** to those that donated the Gift of Life!

Friday's Totals : **51** Total Blood Units

Saturday's Totals : **44** Total Blood Units

Which translates to **285** Lives Saved !!

Below left to right: Lori Henderson (KLTR), Kaitlan Flisowski, Ryan Antkowiak, Garrett Wilson (KTEX-KWHI)







Below: Karen Karsteter dropped by!







Police Personnel/COPs that donated blood: Pam Ruemke, Billy Ruemke, Clarence Steinfeld, Carol Holloway, David Holloway, Juanita Gockel, Steve Oneill, Ron Parker, Rob Aguilar, Mark Smith, Dorothy Antkowiak, Misty McCowan, Karen Karsteter, Jerry Jares, Julie Wison, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Christi Korth. Fire Personnel included: Billy Ruemke, Pam Ruemke, Rob Aguilar, Brian Scheffer, Lange Flisowski, Kaitlan Flisowski, Ryan Blum, Matt Yanner, Clarence Steinfeld, Billy Bender. Some names are listed twice, as they serve both organizations!



## We Remember

By Rob Aguilar



We vowed to remember; we made an oath to ourselves, never to forget. Never to forget what we saw, never to forget how we felt; the outrage, the sorrow, the suffering and the aftermath. It's been twenty years since the 9/11 Attacks, but it seems like yesterday; those images still fresh in our minds.

On September 11, 2001, 19 militants associated with the Islamic extremist group al-Qaeda hijacked four airliners and carried out suicide attacks against targets in the United States. Two of the airliners were flown into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, one plane hit the Pentagon in Washington D.C., and the fourth plane crashed in a field in rural Pennsylvania.

It was a clear day that Tuesday morning about 8:45 a.m. when that American Airlines Boeing 767 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. The plane hit the 80th Floor of the 110 story structure. I was watching the breaking news on TV and thought, what a terrible accident, how could that have happened ; when a second plane hit the South Tower around the 60th Floor( United Airlines Flight 175), it became clear, we were under attack. While we were watching this horrific event, about an hour had passed when we learned that Flight 77, a Boeing 757 had slammed into the Pentagon. We would later learn that Flight 93 out of Newark, New Jersey had also been hijacked. However, the passengers and crew on that Flight had heard of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks before their departure. A few of the passengers and crew members fought the four hijackers in an effort to foil their plot. The plot was foiled, but the plane crashed in a rural field in western Pennsylvania; all 45 persons on board were killed. The intended target was never revealed, but it is theorized that the White House, the Capitol, Camp David or one of several nuclear power plants in the area may have been the target.

It was the deadliest day in our history, loss of life was devastating; especially sad were losses to “first responders”. Close to 3,000 people were killed at the World Trade Center attack. A staggering 343 Firefighters, 23 New York City Police Officers and 37 Port Authority Police Officers and 15 EMTs lost their lives trying to save civilians from the Towers. Almost 10,000 people were treated for injuries, many were severe; of those approximately 2,000 were first responders. 125 military and civilian deaths were reported at the Pentagon attack, along with the 64 people aboard the airliner. And all 45 persons on board Flight 93 died in that field in western Pennsylvania.

Remembering isn't enough, we need to pass on this tragic part of our history to our children and grandchildren. Then, we truly will **never forget September 11th 2001.**





At the September 2nd City Council Meeting, the Brenham Police Department received a Certificate of Re-recognition from the Texas Police Chiefs Association (TPCA) for continuing to uphold compliance with Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices. It should be noted that out of over 2700 law enforcement agencies in Texas, only 181 of them has achieved recognition status; and even fewer achieve re-recognition status.

The TPCA's Best Practices Program tasks agencies with meeting or exceeding 170 standards for law enforcement services based on Texas law, Texas court decisions and contemporary practices identified by the TPCA. BPD first obtained TPCA recognition status approximately 12 years ago. Two trained assessors were sent here in July and spent two days assessing BPD and assuring compliance with all standards. A report was generated and sent to the recognition committee that is comprised of nine active police chiefs; they reviewed the reports and unanimously awarded the re-recognition. Brenham Police Chief, Ron Parker said, "the reputation of the Brenham Police Department is part of why he chose to become its new chief last March".

At that same City Council Meeting, Sgt. Steven Eilert was presented a Police Chief's Commendation Award by Chief Ron Parker for acting as the program manager, compiling proofs for standards to provide to the TPCA assessors. (Below are 3 photos from that 9-2-21 City Council Meeting)

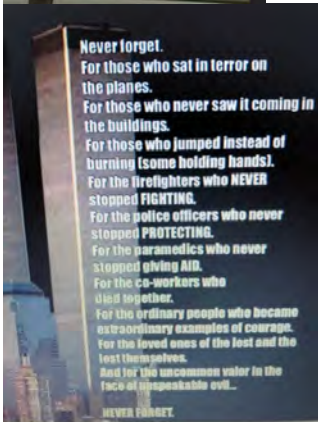
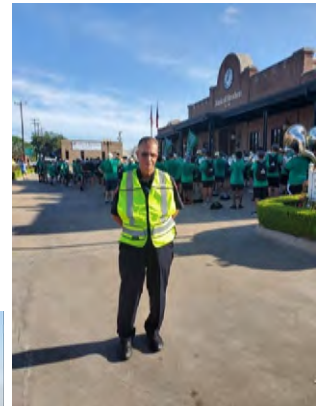


Above: Mayor Tate recognizes Carrie Derkowski for her 10 Years of Service to the BFD.

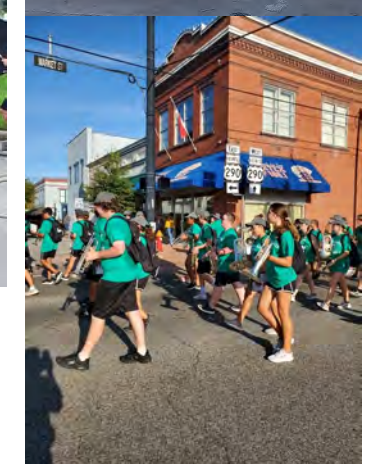


Left: Meet **Madison Grace** Garnett Born on August 30th, 2021 weighing 5 lbs. 8oz. And 17 1/2 " long. Congratulations to Mom and Ofc. Lawrence Garnett. What a cutieeee!!

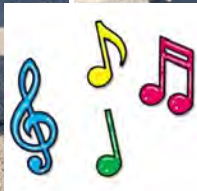
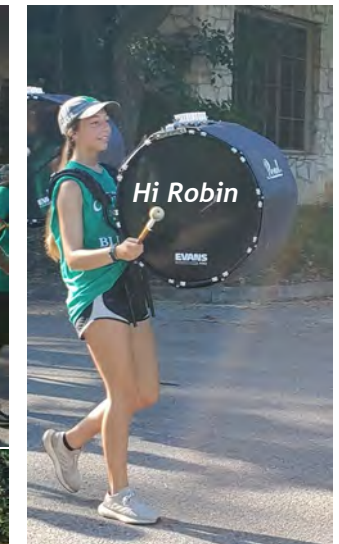
In other Baby News: Sgt. Steven Eilert and his wife Kaci were blessed with the birth of their daughter **Rylan Renae** Eilert weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. and 19 1/2" long. She had to be delivered by an emergency C-section, but mother and daughter are both doing well. **CONGRATULATIONS!**











Hey Seth

Below: Our County COPs

Below: Frank Nowak





**The following is a letter addressed to Chief Parker that he wanted me to share with you:**

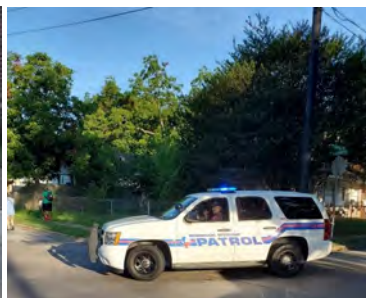
Subject: I met a wonderful officer today

Hello Chief Parker,

Today I attempted a 44 mile bike ride with my friends starting in Chappell Hill and rolling through Brenham to the store at Independence then back again. 35 miles in I could go no further. I stopped at the bathrooms, Linda Anderson Park, and my friends rode on. They planned to come back and pick me up. I was totally over heated. After pouring water over my head for awhile and then laid down on the sidewalk to rest and wait. This is the position your officer, Tex Davis found me in. I'm sure I scared the crap out of him - I must have looked like a dead woman. He chatted with me for a short while, I'm sure checking to see if I actually had my wits about me and to make sure I had a plan that didn't include sleeping at this bathroom indefinitely. He was so kind he even went and purchased me a large icy drink and some perfectly salty potato chips - refusing reimbursement!!! I felt very safe and cared for! Thank You for having such a great city to ride bikes. I'm hoping to buy a house out here so I can spend more time out here and today's experience just solidifies that that is a great plan!

Thank You and huge shout-out to Officer Tex Davis,

Tina Schwartz



The letter says it all, that's our Tex. I guess that's why he won another Gold Whistle Award; and why you see him at any and all events all around Brenham. **ATTA-BOY TEX, GOOD JOB!!**



These 5 photos were taken at the BHS Football Parking Assignment at the Cub's first home game. Thanks to all that came out to help.



## 2021 National Night Out

Make plans to join forces with us on **October 5th** for the **38th Annual** crime and drug prevention event. This year's **theme will be discussed** at this Monday's CPAAA Meeting.





The 8 photos above are of a roll-over accident on Hwy 290 W & Old Mill Creek Rd., Lt. Kelvin Raven, Sgt. Jonathan Phipps, Ofc. Michael Alston and COP Tex Davis worked this along with BFD. Below: Was a fatality accident at FM 577 at Alamo St., at which COPs Frank Nowak, Richard Jares and Rob Aguilar assisted with traffic control. BPD investigative/reconstruction team consisting of Lt. Curtiss Schoen and Sgt. Steven Eilert were assisted by Lt. Kelvin Raven, Ofc. Michael Alston and Ofc. Crystal Buckner. BFD and EMS performed the extrication, WC Air One did the transport.







After a few hours of working in the extreme heat, at the Fireman's Fiesta Traffic/Parking Assignment; COPs relax with a steak and sausage dinner along with several glasses of iced tea. The BFD would like me to thank all of the COPs that came out to help them have a successful Fiesta!



Left: Sgt. Joe Merkley, Blinn Sgt. Darius Smith and COP Tex Davis along with COP Lt. Rob Aguilar (not pictured) provided traffic control at an accident scene on Blue Bell Road in front of Higgins Branch. Blinn PD often assists BPD, while we do the same for them.



First Friday Farmers Market and Artisan Events aren't all work; besides the good public relations aspects, you can do some shopping for some unique items!



I have placed several photos depicting 9-11 throughout this publication, hope you saw them and ALWAYS REMEMBER 9-11 !!

Again, Happy 80th Birthday to Rev. Johnnie Williams!







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