



January 2022

Brenham Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

The Informant

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Dates to remember

Board Meeting 6 pm	1/3
General Meeting 6:30pm	1/10
BPD/COP Banquet	1/21
Class 36 begins	2/10
Blood Drive @ Fireman's Training & Event Center	1/28
	1/29

Congratulations to Corporal Sierra Randle on her appointment as the department's new Community Resource Officer (CRO). Cpl. Randle has been with BPD since October of 2014 after her graduation from Wharton County Junior College Police Academy. She has served as a Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, worked in Investigations, Crime Reduction Unit, Evidence and Administration. Sierra said "I appreciate the BPD for allowing me to take on this role. I am looking forward to interacting with the citizens and visitors of the City of Brenham. As well as, helping resolve any incidents that may occur where my assistance would be needed."



January PD Birthdays

Eddie Ortega	1/9
Jared Campbell	1/25
Sierra Randle	1/27



Left: The CRO also gets new graphics on their vehicle. Sierra will be driving in style. See pg. 12

The big hearted Police Officer pictured on the right has been with BPD since 1990 (when this photo was taken). **GUESS WHO???** See Pg. 8



Where's Waldo?
Try looking on pg.4



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. See pages 5,6,7.



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 3 for details on the Guns & Hoses Blood Drive.

COP Activity for December

Thanks to the following COPs for their help on:

12-11-21 Lake Loons MC Escort: *Tex Davis, Frank Nowak, and Rob Aguilar.*

12-13-21 Toys for Tots First Responder Toy Drive: *Tex Davis, Richard Jares, and Rob Aguilar.*

12-14/15-21 Toys for Tots Separation/Alphabetization Assignment: *Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Juanita Goeckel, Corina Smith, Mark Smith, Jon Siemsglusz, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Julie Wilson, Catharine Wood, Richard Jares, Frank Nowak, Laura Sparks and Sue Braun.*

12-14/15-21 Toys for Tots Shopping Assignment: *Dorothy Antkowiak, and Annette Tiemann.*

12-16-21 Toys for Tots Distribution Assignment: *Annette Tiemann, Dorothy Antkowiak, Richard Jares, Frank Nowak, Juanita Goeckel, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Wanda Aguilar and Rob Aguilar.*

12-18-21 Lake Loons Toy Run Escort: *Tex Davis, Richard Jares, Frank Nowak, and Rob Aguilar.*

12-18-21 Barnhill Center Event: *Tex Davis, Frank Nowak, and Richard Jares.*



Chief Ron Parker presents Jeff Hagerlin his COP cap after his last ride-a-long. (Jeff had 60+ COP hours before his last ride-a-long).



Dorothy Antkowiak helps Sgt. Steven Eilert present a new Citizens On Patrol banner to us at the last CAAA meeting. It looks pretty nice!

Dec. COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	46
Wanda Aguilar	4
Dorothy Antkowiak	31
Patricia Badough	2
Kevin Braun	2
Sue Braun	7
Chris Brown	2
Bob Cothorn	21.5
Michael Cowan	7
Tex Davis	144
Doug Feist	61.5
Stan Ford	31.25
Juanita Gockel	24.25
Dale Green	8
Jeff Hagerlin	12.5
Jerry Jares	5.25
Richard Jares	79
Mary Claire Moloney	4.5
Frank Nowak Jr.	184
Debbie Parker	16.5
Kay Reichwein	10.25
Jon Siemsglusz	2.5
Kathleen Siemsglusz	14
Corina Smith	9.5
Mark Smith	7
Tony Smith	5
Laura Sparks	2
Sherry Parker-Steinfeld	5
Clarence Steinfeld	2
Billy Sutherland	2
Annette Tiemann	38
Julie Wilson	4
Catharine Wood	10

TOTAL 804.5

Yearly Total 9,459

A Great 2021 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 one day.*

*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!*



Guns and Hoses Blood Drive Two-Day Event

The Blood Drive will be held at the Fireman's Training and Event Center on Friday January 28th, from 9 am to 3 pm. Then again on Saturday, January 29th, from 9 am to 3 pm.

Please come give the Gift of Life!



This year the "No Shave November" campaign has been extended not just through December, but into January. I was told that it may continue indefinitely ; as facial hair in Police Departments is no longer the tabu it used to be. I can't give you the total raised for this year, but it will be substantial. Keep them trimmed guys!!



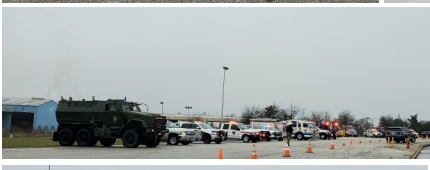
By Rob Aguilar

I think that everyone is familiar with the phrase “where’s Waldo”, and the Where’s Waldo game. We here at BPD had a “where’s Waldo” moment last Wednesday (12-29-21). As per her routine, Evidence Tech Jean Luera starts looking for BPD’s resident mouse hunter and exterminator extraordinaire, Leroy the cat, a bit before closing time (around 4:45 pm). Because she makes sure that Leroy, who has the run of the place, is downstairs at closing time because the upstairs has no food, water and most importantly no litter box. Jean searched high and low and then enlisted Misty McCowan’s help in the search. They then got Chief of Staff Christi Korth on board to aide the search. Detective Investigator Jason Derek heard the commotion and offered his help. Jason, being the seasoned veteran investigator that he is, started by scrubbing thru the CCTV footage to determine the last place and approximate time that Leroy had been seen. After determining that the COP office appeared to be the last place Leroy had been seen, his next step was to contact those in the immediate vicinity at that time. I was his first call; and I wasn’t much help in the missing feline case. I had been in the COP office at the approximate time of the cat’s last sighting, but didn’t see Leroy when I came back from my patrol. I learned later, that he also contacted Tex Davis and spoke with Chief Parker; as well as, make a cursory search of the building. He called me again a few minutes later and asked if I could identify a COP that had entered the office after I had left. The screen grab was of COP Shery Parker-Steinfeld who had gone into my office to correct the Informant Distribution List. I immediately called and asked if she had laid eyes on Leroy while in the office. She had not seen him at all, was her reply. I called Detective Derek back and relayed what she had said; he asked if there were any hiding places in my office and I replied that there were some boxes under my desk that would make good hiding spots (for a cat). About thirty minutes later Jason called me again to ask if I had gone into my closet while at the office. I told him that I had gone into my closet to grab a COP cap to give to our newest certified COP Jeff Hagerlin. Well, he said, that’s where I found Leroy; and he was in no hurry to exit the closet. Evidently, Leroy entered the closet after I retrieved the cap, and I inadvertently shut the door while he was inside. Sherry was on my computer less that 3 feet away from Leroy, and he didn’t make a sound. I think he found a nice , dark, quiet place to take a nap and didn’t want to be disturbed. Just look into the closet today and you will find his hair (fur) on a soft pile of uniforms, as well as, a couple shelves and boxes. I guess a little housekeeping is in order. The entire case only took about an hour to solve; that shows how efficient a good detective can be. Great Job Jason!!

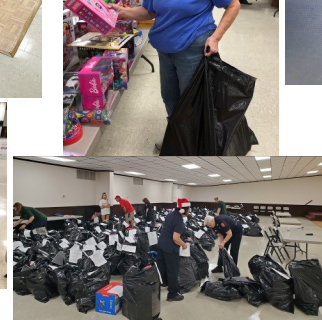
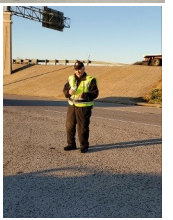
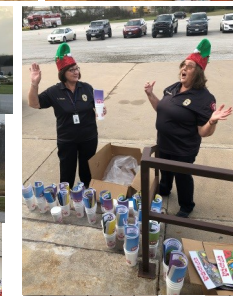
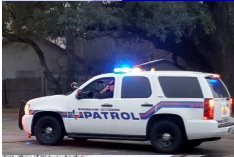
P.S. I heard that Leroy has been accidentally locked in the armory, quartermaster’s closet and other places. Take this as a **formal request** to be very careful while at BPD and **watch out for Leroy**; he is quick and sneaky and likes to go on these little adventures of exploration and solitude (I like doing that myself)!



TOYS FOR TOTS



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Our Elves hard at work

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TOYS FOR TOTS



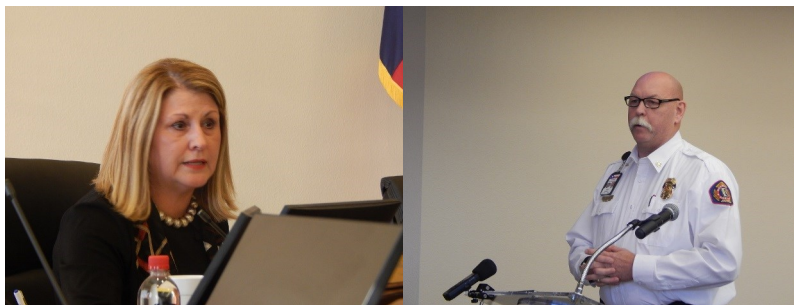
Over 930 children received toys from this Toys for Tots effort. Great Job!!

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). Chief Ron Parker, Lt. Curtiss Schoen, Sgt. Todd Ashorn, CRO Sierra Randle, Ofc. Richelle Malinowski, Cpl. Jason Kasproicz, Cpl. Eddie Martinez, COP's: Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Wanda Aguilar, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Julie Wilson, Frank Nowak, Richard Jar-es, Juanita Gockel, Laura Sparks, Corina Smith, Mark Smith, Sue Braun, Catharine Wood, and Tex Davis. Also, other law enforcement agencies as well as, the Brenham Fire Department and other area fire departments, and EMS. It was a team effort! 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). Oh, and did I mention that everyone had fun working out here!!

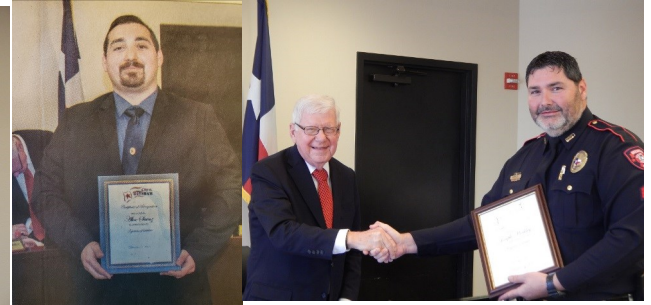
Special thanks to our **Corporal Tommy Kurie**, who went out of his way to assist a local family in need. Tommy responded to a Welfare Concern call, where he met a mother and her young children. The mother is a military veteran suffering from PTSD and is divorced. Her children were also in distress as the family had no Christmas tree, nor any gifts for the Holidays. There was not even a bed for them to sleep in. Tommy immediately went to work and contacted Sealy Mattress Company, who kindly and immediately donated several new mattresses and sheets. Sergeant Todd Ashorn also immediately approved some surplus toys to be distributed to them that were left over from our recent toy drive. We are very proud of Tommy and his big heart to go above and beyond the call of duty during this special time of need for a local mother and her children.



There was no surprise to those of us that know Cpl. Kurie well, he has always been a giving soul, especially where young children are involved. In past years he has seen to it that Christmas came to several kids in Burton. And another year, he bought dozens of books so children would have reading materials. His list of giving goes on. Speaking of giving; he also, gives out the most traffic tickets of any BPD officer; and has been doing so since 1990. That's a great pic of him way back when. But he still has a big heart. **Thanks Tommy, like the photos says, "One of a Kind"!!**



Above: It was announced at the 1-6-22 City Council Meeting that **Carolyn Miller** will be our new City Manager and that **Roger Williams** (Above right) will be our new Fire Chief. It's official and I couldn't be happier; great choices!! **Congratulations** to them both!!



Above: **Cpl. Alex Saenz** was recognized for his 5 years of Service to BPD

Above: Mayor Tate recognized **Sgt. Joe Merkley** for his 20 Years of Service to the City of Brenham's BPD. **BRAVO**



Left: At that same Council Meeting, Mayor Milton Tate recognized **Asst. Fire Chief Rob Aguilar** for his 12+ years of Service to the Brenham Fire Department. He is officially retired from the fire service!

Right: That's Blinn PD Sgt. Darius Smith ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. Darius said that Blinn PD was trying this out as a way to give back to the community. He hopes it will be expanded next year.





Above: On December 11th the Lake Loons Motorcycle Club made its way into Brenham being escorted by WC COPs. They were on their way to the Brenham Nursing and Rehab facility to spread some Holiday Cheer. The Brenham COPs also helped get them to the location without incident. On December 18th the Lake Loons MC were back with their annual "Toy Run" into Brenham and again were escorted into town by WC COPs: Larry Neveux, Ray Knowles, Mark Pennybacker and Carl Horn. They were met at the Brenham City Limits by Brenham COPs: Tex Davis, Frank Nowak and Rob Aguilar and were guided to their stop at Home Depot and then together the County and City COPs got them as far as FM 50 on their way to their next stop. The County and City worked well again at this annual event; and hope to continue to work together in the future. We thank our County counterparts for their cooperation in making the event successful. (No Law Officers)



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 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!

Our Annual BPD/CPAAA/COP Awards Holiday Party



January
21st

6:30 pm

WC Expo Center

(Dress- Business Casual)



Above 3 photos were taken at a fire scene in the 700 block of Pleasantview Ave. On the two ends you will see Capt. Lloyd Powell, Lt. Kelvin Raven and gas department guru Joe Brown. FF Stacie Oberrender and Cpl. Tommy Kurie in the center.

A New Year is Here

By Rob Aguilar

The year 2021 literally came in with a bang,
our capitol was stormed by a riotous gang.
It was a sad day, that is quite clear;
and a terrible way to start a new year.
The year got better as the vaccines were rolled out;
but long lines and misinformation left us with doubt.
It was politics as usual back in Washington D.C.;
the right nor the left gave us anything good to see.
Hope they come to their senses before it's too late;
and finalize some legislation and let go of the hate.
Mask mandates and shortages haunted us all year;
leaving us in chaos and in a constant state of fear.
The CDC kept changing their rules and regulations;
making it difficult to plan, even simple vacations.
Our resolve and fortitude carried us through;
and we will keep that mindset through 2022!

Above and above left: I felt obliged to leave a copy of last years poem: Good-bye and Good-riddance along side this years. There is not as much contrast in these two years or two poems as I would like. Perhaps 2022 will bring us a little more hope and optimism.



It was all so yummy!!

Food, Fellowship, Fun!



A BIG THANK YOU to the Anderson Family of Brenham Memorial Chapel for providing us with this Christmas Meal and a chance to gather in fellowship during the Holiday Season!



Above: Santa visited Lete Phillips' house for Lete's Christmas Celebration. Annette Tiemann dropped by and asked Santa for Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward Men; I think? or diamonds?



Above: While patrolling we ran into this sight at the corner of Baber and Vulcan. No one was in distress, just someone's idea of Christmas decorations? I was riding with Jeff Hagerlin and we both got a good laugh after seeing that. We had to go around the block and take some photos; quite clever, when you think about it!



Above: New Community Resource Officer **Cpl. Sierra Randle** along side her new ride. It's not new, it just has new and distinctive graphics. Her direct office phone number also graces each side!

New Year, New Board

Our first general meeting for this New Year will be on Monday **January 10th** at the PD, beginning at 6:30 pm.

NEW Board Members and Officers will be sworn in at the January meeting. We welcome **Patricia Badough, Debbie Parker, and Sue Braun** to the CPAAA Board of Directors for 2022!!

Happy New Year!

With a new year, comes a new Citizen Police Academy Class. Class 36 begins February 10th. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining, please contact Sgt. Steven Eilert or CRO Sierra Randle 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.

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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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