

April 2023

The Informant

Newsletter of the Brenham, TX Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association



Dates to remember

Gen. Meeting 6:00pm	4-10
Nat'l Telecomm. Week	4/9-15



E-911 Communications Center held a Lunch for First Responders, sponsored by Washington County First Responder Association, Inc. See Pages 5, and 6 for photos.



Meet Brenham Police Department's newest officer, Ofc. Stetson Whitley. Stetson was born and raised in Lake Jackson, Texas, Brazoria County. He graduated from Brazoswood Highschool in 2017, and he starting work shortly after. After a few years of working in the plants of Freeport Texas, and fishing the Texas Coast, Stetson decided to join the Brazosport College Law Enforcement Academy. More on page 3 with photos



Brenham Guns and Hoses Blood Drive 2-Day Event held on April 21st and 22nd will honor "one of its own", 30 year veteran of the Brenham Fire Department: **Darrell "Potsy" Meyer**. The event will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church from 9 am to 3 pm, both days. Pg. 8

April Officer Birthdays

Alex Saenz	4/7
Tommy Kurie	5-2



National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
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April 9-15, 2023



Citizens on Patrol

Thank you to the following COPs for their help on:

3-14-23 Blue Bell Creameries Parking/Traffic Assignment: Juanita Gockel, Richard Jares, Sherry Parker-Steinfeld.

3-15-23 Blue Bell Creameries Parking/Traffic Assignment: Richard Jares, Don Langley, Kathy Hagerlin, Doug Feist.

3-16-23 Blue Bell Creameries Parking/Traffic Assignment: Doug Feist, Richard Jares, Juanita Gockel.

3-17-23 Blue Bell Creameries Parking/Traffic Assignment: Don Langley, Richard Jares, Doug Feist, Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann.

3-25-23 Blue Bell Fun Run Safety Assignment: Clarence Steinfeld, Don Langley, Richard Jares, Juanita Gockel, Sherry Parker-Steinfeld.

3-31-23 Last Friday Farmers Market and Artisan Event: Don Langley, Richard Jares, Kathy Hagerlin.

MARCH COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	24
Wanda Aguilar	2
Dorothy Antkowiak	10
Patricia Badough	4
Sue Braun	16
Chris Brown	2
Alison Bryce	2
Robbie Gail Charette	2
Bob Cothorn	8
Peter Emerson	2
Doug Feist	18.5
Stan Ford	2
Juanita Gockel	13.75
Dale Green	2
Jeff Hagerlin	14.5
Kathy Hagerlin	19.25
Richard Jares	120
Don Langley	49.75
Bruce McCaskill	2
Donna McCaskill	2
Frank Nowak	270
Debbie Parker	2
Monroe Petzolt	2
Corina Smith	2
Mark Smith	4
Tony Smith	2
Laura Sparks	2
Clarence Steinfeld	11.5
Sherry Parker-Steinfeld	9
Annette Tiemann	8
Catharine Wood	12



Far Left: Kathy Hagerlin at the Farmers Market Event.
Left: Richard Jares & Don Langley at the Farmer's Market Event 3-31-23.



Left: That's Richard Jares at the Blue Bell Creameries Parking/Traffic Assignment during Spring Break.

Photos below are of the Blue Bell Fun Run held on March 25th. Thanks to our volunteers: Richard Jares, Don Langley, Juanita Gockel, Clarence Steinfeld and Sherry Parker-Steinfeld.

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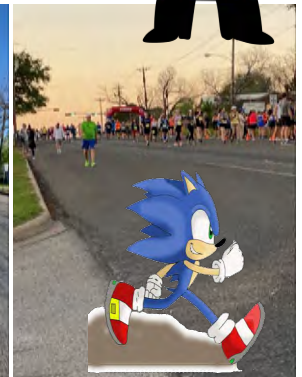
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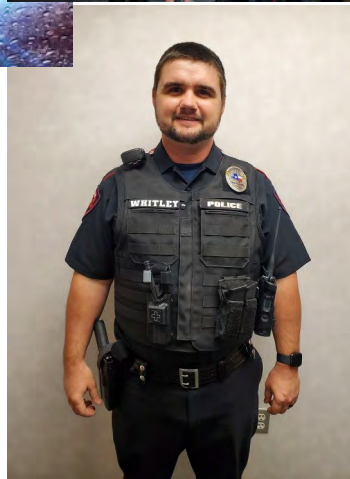


Juanita



Clarence





Stetson graduated from the Police Academy and moved to Austin County to pursue his career in Law Enforcement with the Brenham Police Department. Just before being hired on with Brenham, Stetson and his wife had their first baby. After a couple of weeks on baby duty, Stetson was sworn in on March 13th, by the honorable judge Robert Wright, and is now serving the Brenham community. So when you see him, make him feel welcome.



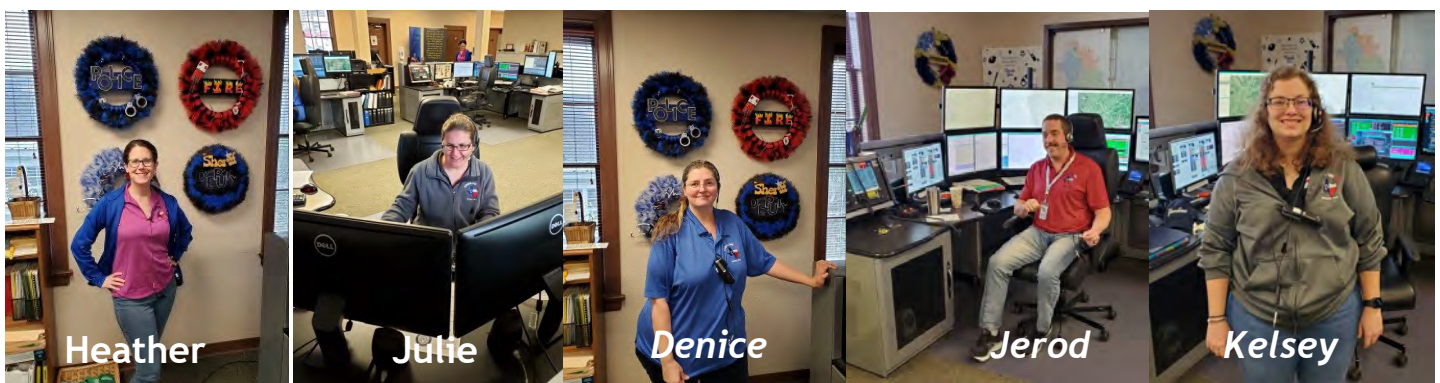
***Ofc. Stetson Whitley
Welcome to the Team***

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

April 9 - 15, 2023

Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. Our unsung heroes, “heroes with headsets”, the 911 dispatchers. Every year our organization tries to do a little something for the Communications Office, our dispatchers. Any ideas? We will discuss them at this Monday Night’s Meeting.

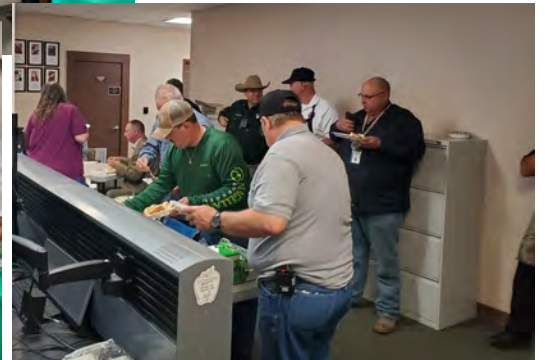
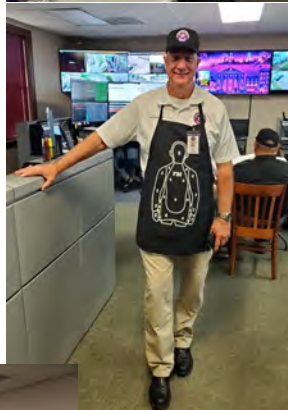
We are so lucky to have a state-of-the-art 911 system here in our little community. I was told that in the old days in Brenham, when there was a fire people would ring the church bells to alert the firefighters. Today we have one-way radios that alert us as well a text from the dispatch office and two-way radios to report our findings and speak with responding units. I was also told that at one time when Brenham residents needed the police after hours, they would call a 24-Hour Downtown Diner and the waitress would turn on a light that would alert the officer on duty that he was needed. That was not in the too distant past, according to my sources. And I can remember having the phone numbers to the Fire Department, Police Department and Ambulance Service listed right next to my heavy black rotary dial phone. A single 3 digit number to call for any and all emergency services was a handy idea (wish I would have thought of that). While it was a great idea, it also had international appeal and 3 digit numbers for emergency services are used all over the world. We have a great 911 system here in Brenham and Washington County, along with great people to run it. The E-911 Director, Robyn Hood has a very capable and dedicated staff to perform, what I feel, is the difficult task of interface between a caller (usually a victim) and the responders, in oftentimes the worst moments of that caller’s life. I have great respect for our dispatchers who do an awesome job dealing with crucial life threatening incidents on a daily basis.

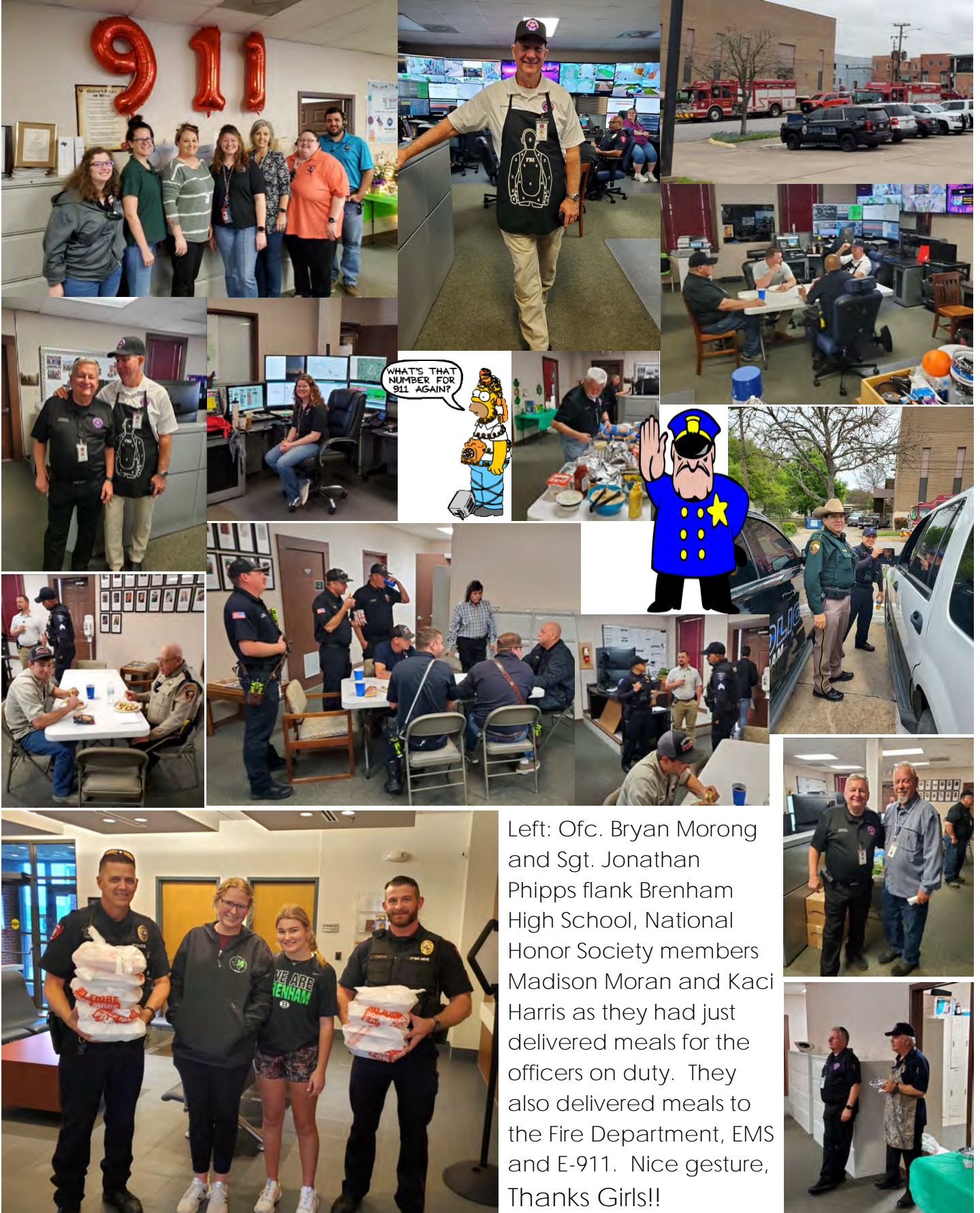


Above: Some of our “Heroes with Headsets”; our Dispatchers, “Professionals Answering the Call”!

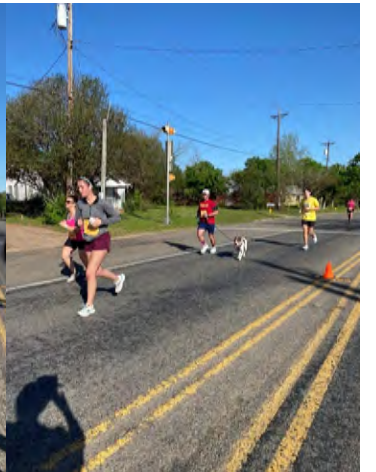
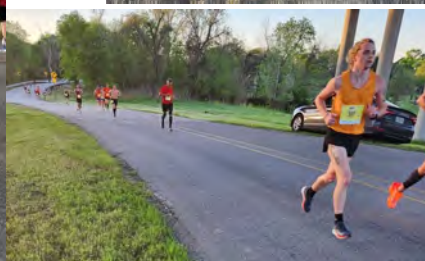
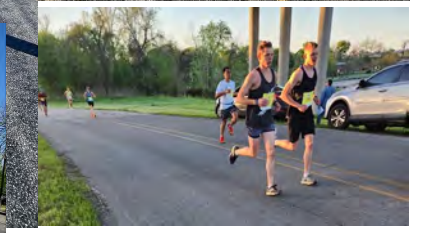
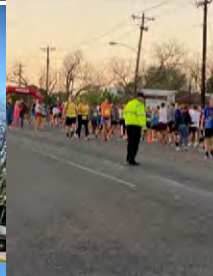
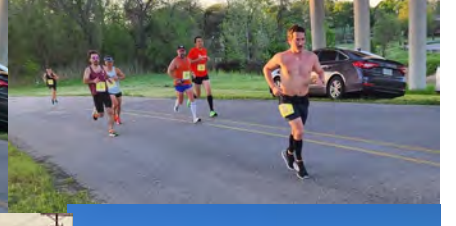


Lunch at the E-911 Center





Left: Ofc. Bryan Morong and Sgt. Jonathan Phipps flank Brenham High School, National Honor Society members Madison Moran and Kaci Harris as they had just delivered meals for the officers on duty. They also delivered meals to the Fire Department, EMS and E-911. Nice gesture, Thanks Girls!!





The next Guns and Hoses Blood Drive 2-Day event is in honor of one of its own, Retired Volunteer Firefighter Darrell "Potsy" Meyer. The drive will be held on Friday, April 21st and Saturday, April 22nd at the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (1100 Niebuhr Street) from 9 am to 3 pm both days. Darrell is a thirty-year veteran of the Brenham Fire Department and was employed with the City of Brenham for twenty years. "Potsy" as he is affectionately called by friends and firefighters played the role of Potsy from Happy Days in a high school play, and the nickname stuck. He was diagnosed with Leukemia a couple of years ago and has fought the disease fiercely ever since. Well, that fight involved more than 400 platelet/blood products in form of blood transfusions, infusions, and a stem cell transplant. He has been in and out of remission and still needs more blood products to continue his battle. He is currently in a third clinical trial, having chemotherapy three times weekly, trying for a permanent remission.

He was there for the City of Brenham, protecting lives and property; now Brenham can be there for him. You can be his heroes by donating the gift of life. He and his family will be very grateful for your "Commit for Life" donation in his honor. Darrell will be there serving coffee and Max donuts in the morning and his army of volunteers will be there serving a light lunch and refreshments all afternoon. All donors will receive a free T-shirt and a thank you from Potsy for your selfless blood donation. To sign up log onto www.giveblood.org and enter Sponsor Code L126 or you can call Rob Aguilar at 979-451-2612. Give the Gift of Life!



Chief Ron Parker is doing much better. He is at home rehabbing and recuperating. Hope to see him soon!

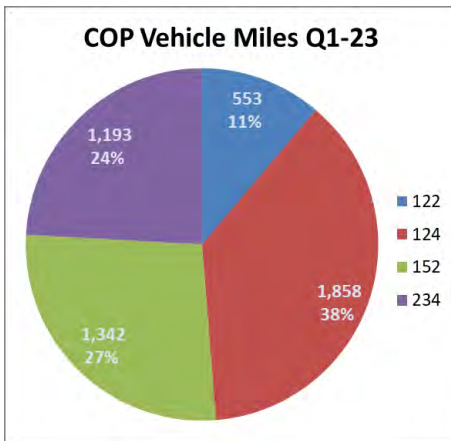


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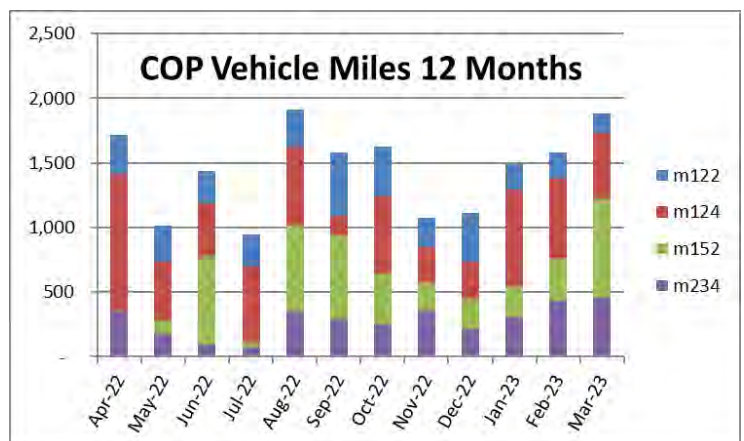
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Left: 1st Quarter Vehicle Mileage Chart

Right: Vehicle Mileage Graph for the past 12 months.

Thanks Jeff





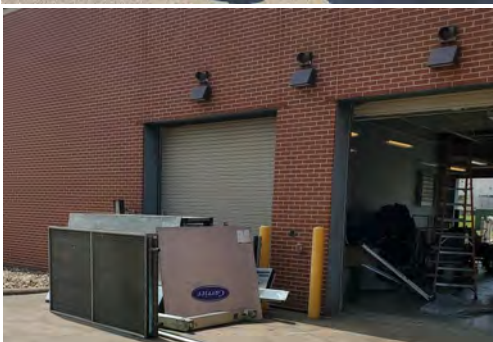
RSVP Luncheon 3-23-23



Above: Sue Braun, Wanda Aguilar and Rob Aguilar attended the Annual RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) Luncheon held in Bellville. Laura Sparks and Dale Green who could not attend were recognized for their Ten Years of Service for the organization; we accepted on their behalf.



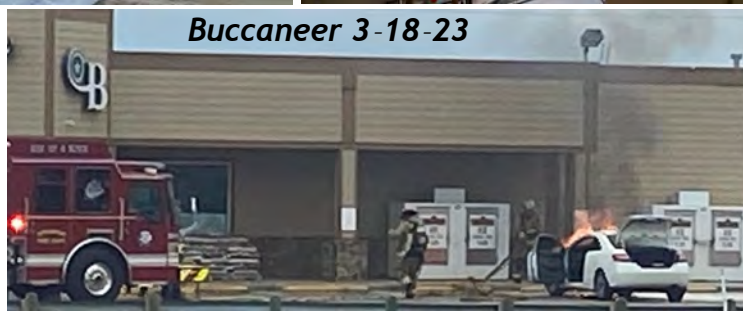
Left: Lt. Kelvin Raven and Capt. Lloyd Powell were tasked with the Funeral Escort for COP Ernest Dever's mother, Emma Bernice Williams. It was a beautiful Celebration of Life Service and she was a beautiful soul.



The 3 photos above are of the A/C work being done at BPD this past week. Good news is the upstairs units are up and cooling well. The bad news is the downstairs units have not come in yet, and it's getting warmer and warmer. Let's hope it won't take much longer

Right: Peter Emerson got this shot of a car fire from the highway. He said PD units were also on scene

Buccaneer 3-18-23



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