

April 2016

The Informant

Newsletter of the Brenham, TX Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association



At left: This month's Guest Speaker County Judge John Brieden

At Right: COPs tackle their next big job!
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County Judge John Brieden to speak to CPAAA

Guest speaker for the Monday, April 11th meeting of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will be County Judge John Brieden. John Brieden graduated as Valedictorian from Calallen High School in Corpus Christi, Texas. He attended Texas A & M University, where he was a member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band. He received his BBA in Accounting and was a Distinguished Military Graduate, receiving a Commission in the U.S. Army. He served almost 5 years on active duty including an assignment in the 1st Battalion, 75th Infantry (Airborne Rangers).

Judge Brieden has been an Insurance Agent since 1977. He has also been very active in many community organizations. In 2003 he was elected as the National Commander of the American Legion; culminating over 20 years of serving in many positions at the post, district, state and national level. He was a Governor's appointee to the Texas Veterans Commission Board in 1998, and served until 2008; including 2 ½ years as it's chair. He was appointed and served on the board of the Brazos River Authority from 2008 to 2010; having to resign to run for public office.

In 2010 he was elected as the 25th Washington County Judge. In 2011 Judge Brieden was appointed by the Governor to the board of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department for a 6 year term. Judge Brieden has been working tirelessly for his constituents and the betterment of Washington County. All CPAAA members are invited to welcome John to the Brenham Police Department at 7 pm on Monday evening and hear about the latest happenings in Washington County; and how they affect us and our department.

Dates to remember

General Meeting 7pm	4/11
Nat'l Communications	4/10-16
CPA Grad 6pm @ Blinn	5/5
Bake Sale Fundraiser	5/7

Class 30 Graduation

If you would like to attend the Class 30 Graduation Banquet on May 5th at 6:00pm at the Blinn College Student Center, Call Ginger Bishop (337-7337) or e-mail Cpl. Chris Jackson Cjackson@cityofbrenham.org Tickets are \$15.00 each payable to the CPAAA and must be reserved by 10AM on Monday May 2nd

April Officer Birthdays

Mark Pierce 4/7



Citizens on Patrol

MARCH COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	46
Wanda Aguilar	26.5
Dorothy Antkowiak	4
Clyde Averitt	14
James Bassett	2
Sue Braun	12
Wayne Brown	8
Willie Brown	16
David Clinkenbeard	98.75
Sandra Clinkenbeard	36
Bob Cothern	47.5
Michael Cowan	20
Glen Daugherty	6
Tex Davis	21.75
Stan Ford	54.75
Albert Green	30.25
Juanita Hickey	19
Millie Keller	19.5
Howard Mead	14.25
Wayne Miller	24
Jack Murski	2.5
Don Peloquin	16
Carole Petzolt	7.25
Monroe Petzolt	4
Corina Smith	23.75
Mark Smith	14.25
Tony Smith	20.25
Clarence Steinfeld	23
Annette Tiemann	20
Ron Upchurch	71.25
Ceci Wagner	7.5
Jean Winters	2.5
Ron Wise	2.5
Catharine Wood	12
Chuck Wood	8

TOTAL 755

Thank you to the following COPs for their help on:

3-12-16 at the Sgt. Willard Mays Funeral and Escort - Wayne Miller, Juanita Hickey, Howard Mead, and Rob Aguilar

3-18-16 at the Fireman's Fish Fry Parking/Traffic Assignment - Ron Upchurch, Bob Cothern, Clyde Averitt, Stan Ford, David Clinkenbeard, James Bassett, Wayne Miller, Howard Mead, Mark Smith, Corina Smith, Annette Tiemann, and Wanda Aguilar



3-23-16 at the Easter Egg-stravaganza Traffic Assignment - Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Clyde Averitt, Tex Davis, and Rob Aguilar



3-26-16 at the Appel Ford Easter Egg Hunt Parking Assignment - Annette Tiemann, Wanda Aguilar, Wayne Miller, Clarence Steinfeld, Tex Davis, and Rob Aguilar

4-6-16 at the Scott & White Senior's Day Parking and Public Relations Assignment - Manning our Booth were Jean Winters, Ron Wise, Sue Braun, and Michael Cowan ; Parking Cars and shuttling people were Dorothy Antkowiak, Corina Smith, Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Howard Mead, James Bassett, Bob Cothern, Tony Smith, Clyde Averitt, and Rob Aguilar
Special Thanks to BSSLC for bringing and picking up the "people mover"



4-6-16 at the First Methodist Church Art Fair Traffic Assignment - Bob Cothern

Great Job Everyone!!

Don't forget our Bake Sale Fundraiser is coming on Sat. May 7th. More details at Mondays' Meeting!



Right: Ceci Wagner finally receives her COP Badge at our March Meeting. It was presented to her by Captain Lloyd Powell. Sorry we made you wait; wear it proudly!!



Handicap Parking Enforcement



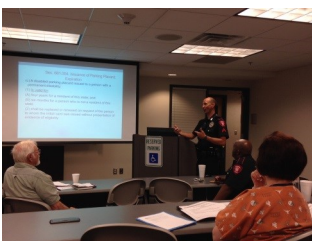
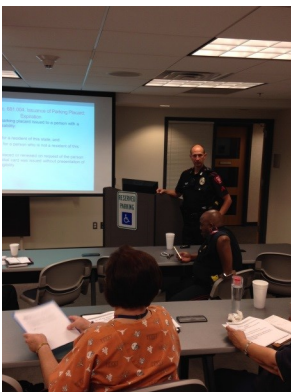
The subject of COPs issuing citations for handicap parking violators has been a topic for quite sometime around the BPD (about 3 years and I believe even before that). I brought it up after attending a 4 hour class on the subject. A year later Tex Davis brought it up after he attended a similar class. A year after that David Clinkenbeard brought it up and he didn't let it go. Our Chief was on board with the idea, but he had to convince the city staff and city attorney. (liability issues are a big thing with government entities, as they should be).



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Well after much research, planning and prodding a Class of 21 eager COPs sat thru an interesting and informative 4 hour course prepared and taught by Capt. Lloyd Powell, Cpl. Todd Ashorn and Cpl. Chris Jackson with the assistance of Chief Craig Goodman and COP Sgt. David Clinkenbeard. David laid the ground work by talking with business owners that were not in compliance and explained what was needed to come into compliance; so we would be able to issue a citation. If the space itself is not in compliance the citation would not be enforceable. The 4 hour class covered all aspects of the subject; and now we know more than we ever wanted to know about handicap parking and it's enforcement. The sign itself, its size, the placement, the height limits, access lanes, color, curbs, etc., etc. Not to mention the license plates, placard, colors and dates. Its enough to make you say, why am I even here. We all know why we were there; because we want to make a difference. And by enforcing the handicap parking rules we will make a difference to those people that truly need the spaces that are occupied by violators!

Photos from the Handicap Parking Enforcement Class 3-30-16



City Manager Terry Roberts announced today: "I have decided to fill the Assistant City manager for General Government with Police Chief Rex Phelps". I have asked Rex to take on this new assignment because I have seen him provide successful leadership to our Police organization. Rex is a seasoned manager and a proven leader. He is a known asset to me, having served effectively as police chief in Brenham for the past six years. I believe the Police Department will continue to operate with a culture of strong public service to this community in the future," Robert's added. "We believe firmly in servant leadership in the police department. I'm very proud and confident in the men and women of the Brenham Police Department and will always be thankful to them for their hard work and dedication. This is our town and it is through a community partnership that we are able to keep a high quality of life here. I'm excited to serve in this new capacity and to learn from and work with the staff in the various departments within the city. My personal mission is to continuously work to keep Brenham a great place to live, visit and conduct business," Phelps said. **Chief, you will be missed, but it is nice to know that you will still be close by.**

Major Announcement by City Manager April, 2016

City Manager Terry Roberts announced today that Assistant City manager Rex Phelps will be stepping down. He has accepted a similar position in the Fort Worth area (Haltom, TX). Rex's last day with the City of Brenham will be April 8th. There will be a farewell gathering at City Hall on April 7th from 9 to 10 am. **What a difference a year makes; well, we wish you well in your new endeavor. We know you will be closer to your family and still have friends there; but don't forget your BPD Family and friends here!!** Some photos of the farewell gathering on Page 8.

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

April 10-16, 2016

Each year, the second full week of April is dedicated to the men and women who serve as public safety telecommunicators. Our unsung heroes, the 911 dispatchers. Every year our organization tries to do a little something for the Communications Office, our dispatchers. Please bring snacks, movie tickets, cash, or anything else you would like to see us give to our dispatchers to show our appreciation of what they do for us. Bring the items to our next General Meeting on April 11th or you can drop them by Max Donuts. **Show a little 911 Love!**



"Heroes with Headsets"

At a recent CPA Class 30 outing you can see a few of our dispatchers performing their duties.





Municipal Court Judge Robert Wright presided over the Swearing-In Ceremony of our newest Handicap Parking Enforcement Officers in the City Council Chambers on 4-6-16. Left to right: Tex Davis, Bob Cothorn, Howard Mead, Stan Ford, Ron Upchurch, Sue Braun, Captain Lloyd Powell, Judge Robert Wright, Wanda Aguilar, Rob Aguilar, Sandy Clinkenbeard, David Clinkenbeard, Tony Smith, Carole Petzolt, Monroe Petzolt, Dorothy Antkowiak, and Annette Tiemann. We are finally ready to hit the streets, or should I say the parking lots, and ensure that handicapped drivers are the only ones parking in those designated spaces. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!**



Left: A Girl Scout Troop tours BPD with Capt. Powell and Sgt. Raven as their guides. Above: The Lady Lions come to visit once again with a donation in hand. Below: The Animal Shelter is progressing nicely and will soon be completed.



The 2016 RSVP Volunteer Recognition Event

Was held at Lions Club Concordia Hall in Bellville on Friday March 11th. Just a few of the COP/RSVP members were in attendance to enjoy the lunch, gifts and door prizes along with the awards program. It was my first time at the event which is held in different nearby cities; as RSVP of Southeast Texas has volunteers from Austin, Colorado, Waller and Washington Counties. If you need info about RSVP, just let me know. Rob Aguilar



At left: The Newest Member of the BPD/COP Family. Our First COP Baby **Jolene Grace** Born March 14th, 2015 at 11:30 pm; 7lbs 7 oz., 20 inches long. Proud Parents: Billy and Manija Whitman



At right: Jolene Grace 1 year later



Speaking of cute babies! At left we spot Sgt. Daniel Gaskamp with his grand daughter at the Easter Egg-stravaganza and at right we spot Stan Ford with his grand daughter Katie, son Kraig and daughter (Montgomery Sheriff's Deputy) Shelby Ford enjoying the Appel Ford Easter Egg Hunt.



Left: Our Treasurer Mark Smith looks a bit anxious when Appel Ford Service Manager John Danesi tries to give him a donation.

Right: All smiles; Thanks John & Appel Ford for your generous donation and the use of your facility!!



What's That For?

By Rob Aguilar

The "*Lieutenant's Gold Whistle Award*" was reinstated at last month's (3-15) General Meeting. The recipient, Stan Ford, was quite surprised; but more importantly, had no idea what it was, and why he had received it. Further, there were other members, that didn't know anything about it either. Well, I am going to attempt to answer those questions in this article.

I think that everyone is aware that each year an award is presented to the CPAAA Member of the Year; and an award is presented to the COP Member of the Year for their outstanding contributions to the respective groups. Let's do the math. We have over 110 CPAAA members and about 70 COP members. If we give out 1 award to each group every year; we may recognize about 5% of the membership every ten or twenty years. But **there are so many members that do so much good work throughout the year**, year in and year out. That's when I thought we should recognize a member that has done outstanding work every month. That monthly award may show them that they are appreciated and perhaps they will be our member of the year. If they are not chosen for member of the year, they will know that they were at least in contention and that their good work did not go unnoticed. Well I did that for twelve months; and the award was well received. There is a plaque in the BPD Lobby with the twelve names of those Gold Whistle Award winners (July 2013 to June 2014). The award was temporarily discontinued after a vote from the COP Officers; with the proviso that it would be reinstated in 2015, and it would become a quarterly award. With the last award being presented in June 2014, members from Class 28 and 29 may never have seen it; thus the bewilderment.

Along those same lines came the "*Office Angel Award*". The members that work in the BPD office, day in and day out were not being properly recognized for their hard work. So I came up with the quarterly Office Angel Award. I poll the employees at the BPD periodically (especially Jean Luera) and ask them who did the best work recently to determine who the recipient will be. I think that it is well received by the recipients; but I have never gotten much feedback from them on that subject. In any case, I feel that it is important to recognize members that are doing good work; it's not like I can give them a raise! By the way, there are still some openings for office help at BPD.

Just a note, since the awards were my idea, I footed the bill for the plaque that is in the lobby; and I have ordered a new plaque for the quarterly awards. But, Chris did buy me a dozen gold whistles, because he thought it was a good idea too! The Office Angel trophies are also paid for by yours truly; that's how strongly I feel about letting our members know that they are appreciated. I also hope that after seeing someone win an award; that it may serve as an incentive to do better work, to strive to be the next recipient. Just remember, if you haven't won yet, you were probably a close second; and **you too are appreciated!!**





Left: BPD and Courthouse personnel decorate the "Blue Ribbon Tree" at the Courthouse with blue ribbons to raise awareness of Child Abuse and Neglect. There were 62 ribbons this year for the 62 confirmed child victims of abuse and neglect here in Washington County in 2015. Law Enforcement and Judicial officials are behind this campaign and remind us to report child abuse to 1-800-252-5400 and go to www.scottyshouse.org for more information on how you can help.

Above left: Sgt. Raven, Cpl. Merkley, Ofc. Pierce, Capt. Lange, Ofc. Johnson and Ginger Bishop

Adios, Me Amigo

Below: Departing Chief/Asst. City Manager Rex Phelps says goodbye to his right and left hand people here at BPD Captain Dant Lange and Ginger Bishop. Chief Phelps will become Asst. City Mgr. of Haltom, Texas near Ft. Worth.



You will be missed!





Left: Cpl. Lance Weiss and Ofc. Sierra Newell enjoy some fresh catfish at the **BFD Fish Fry**



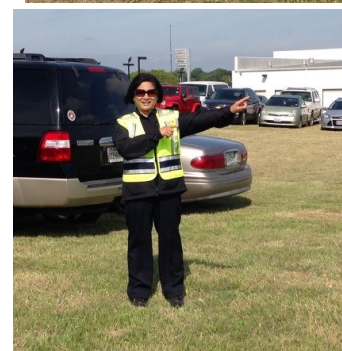
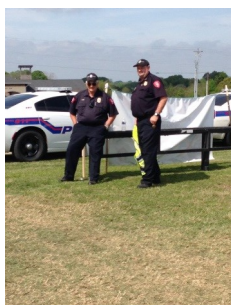
Right: Mark, Corina, Albert, Annette, and Wanda enjoyed some catfish and iced tea after parking cars at the **BFD Fish Fry**

Photos below and right are from the City's **Easter Egg-stravaganza**. Even we had fun at this event; with help from Ashley Burns, Daniel Gaskamp and all the eager little kids.





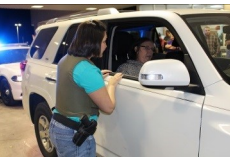
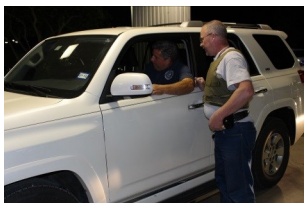
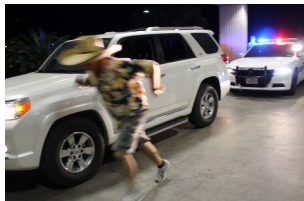
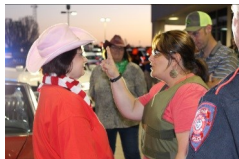
The Appel Ford Easter Egg Hunt



Any CPAAA member that would like to work the front desk at the Brenham Police Department will now be able to do so. This new program would not require a front desk volunteer to participate in the Citizens On Patrol (COP) program; nor would they need any COP training. You would be taught on site the duties that you would perform which would include greeting citizens, answering and or transferring phone calls, finding, copying and selling reports, shredding documents, running errands, etc. You may be asked to perform other tasks, but you will not be asked to do anything you do not feel comfortable doing or have not been trained for. While a formal uniform will not be furnished; you will be issued a shirt with a PD logo of some sort. Anyone interested can contact me, Ron Upchurch or Jean Luera at the front desk of the police station.



Traffic Stops Night



Class 30, having fun !!





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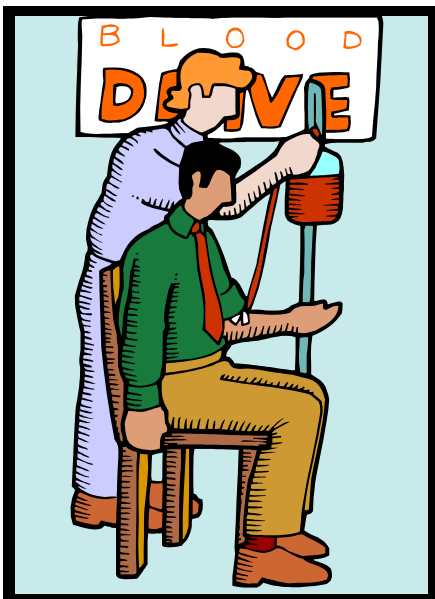
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Guns and Hoses Blood Drive

The Donor Coach will be at City Hall

200 West Vulcan Street

Thursday April 28th

From 9 am to 3 pm

Please give the Gift of Life