

# The Informant

Don't miss our next General Meeting coming up this Monday 6/13 at 7pm at the Brenham Police Department.



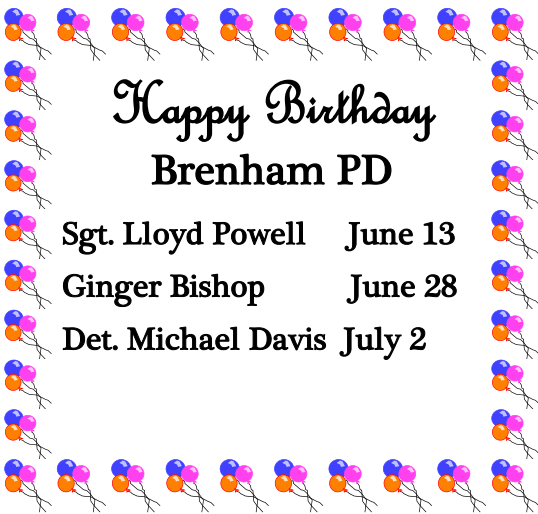
### Calendar of Events:

- June 13—General Meeting @ 7pm
- June 18th—Juneteenth Parade
- June 26th BPD/CPAAA Picnic
- July 2—Hot Nights, Cool Tunes
- July 11—General Meeting @7pm



### Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony held 5/26/16

Presenting the Wreath and Saluting our Fallen Officers were BPD/ COP Lt. Rob Aguilar, a Motor Officer from Harris County, Sgt. Seth Klehm, Cpl. Joe Merkley, COP Cpl. Stan Ford and Cpl. Chris Jackson



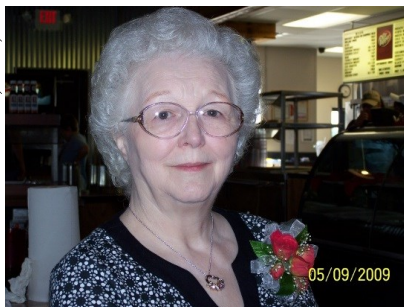
### Happy Birthday Brenham PD

- Sgt. Lloyd Powell June 13
- Ginger Bishop June 28
- Det. Michael Davis July 2



Our first three Ford Explorers are in and are now part of our fleet. They look great and I am told they handle well and are much roomier than the Chargers they replaced. And did I say they looked great. More photos on Page 3

### Remember Dad June 19th



On June 5th the BPD Family lost one of its Angels. Our dear friend, HELEN JOYCE (KILBURN) AVERITT, wife of COP Clyde Averitt, lost her battle with cancer. She went to be with the Lord much too early, but she is no longer in pain. Our prayers are with Clyde and his family.

# Citizens on Patrol

May was another busy month for our COP's and we'd like to give a HUGE thank you to all our hard working volunteers:

**May 5th - National Day of Prayer Safety Assignment:** Rob Aguilar, Stan Ford, Ron Upchurch, Bob Cothorn, Howard Mead

**May 7th - Maifest Parade :** Wayne Miller, Mark Smith, Stan Ford, Albert Green, James Bassett, Rob Aguilar

**May 6 & 7 - Maifest Grounds and Parking Assignment :** James Bassett, Helen Bassett, Annette Tiemann, Sue Braun, Kevin Braun, Clarence Steinfeld

**May 12th - Dalton Dunfield Fundraiser Traffic/Parking Assignment :** Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Albert Green

**May 13th - Blinn Graduation Parking/Traffic Assignment :** Tex Davis, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Clyde Averitt, Wayne Miller, Albert Green, Mark Smith, Corina Smith, Clarence Steinfeld

**May 17th - Local History Day Traffic/Safety Assignment:** Annette Tiemann, Corina Smith, Bob Cothorn, Clyde Averitt, Wayne Miller, Rob Aguilar

**May 20th - Local History Day Safety Assignment :** Clyde Averitt, Tony Smith, Ron Upchurch, Bob Cothorn, Steve Oneill, Wayne Miller

**May 26th - Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Escort or Cooking Assignment:** Bob Cothorn, Wanda Aguilar, Stan Ford, Sue Braun, Stacie Oberrender, Rob Aguilar

**May 27th - Storm Shelter Safety Assignment :** Clarence Steinfeld, Rob Aguilar

**June 4th - BHS Graduation Parking Assignment :** Rob Aguilar, Sherry Parker, Tex Davis, Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Wayne Miller, Albert Green, Dale Green, Clarence Steinfeld, Steve Oneill, Bob Cothorn, Wanda Aguilar



On the last day of school BES Traffic Control was done by The Sorcerers Apprentice (Albert Green), The Cat in the Hat (Bob Cothorn), The Court Jester (Stan Ford) and The Surfer Dude (Ron Upchurch). It was a sight to see and was a big hit with students and parents alike!! Another school year in the books, enjoy your short summer vacation, because we do all again next year!!

## MAY COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	90.5
Wanda Aguilar	11
Dorothy Antkowiak	30.5
Clyde Averitt	16.5
Patricia Badough	6
Helen Bassett	11.5
James Bassett	15.75
Kevin Braun	11.5
Sue Braun	24.25
Wayne Brown	20.75
Willie Brown	18
Robbie Gail Charette	6
David Clinkenbeard	102.75
Sandra Clinkenbeard	39.25
Bob Cothorn	56.75
Michael Cowan	17
Glen Daugherty	6
Tex Davis	52.25
Stan Ford	15.75
Albert Green	35.75
Dale Green	17
Juanita Hickey	16
Bernadette Kamprath	2
Larry Keller	14
Howard Mead	7
Wayne Miller	36.25
Jack Murski	4.5
Steve Oneill	6.25
Sherry Parker	6
Carole Petzolt	2
Monroe Petzolt	2
Corina Smith	31.25
Mark Smith	17.5
Tony Smith	27
Laura Sparks	6
Clarence Steinfeld	49.75
Annette Tiemann	21.75
Ron Upchurch	46.75
Ceci Wagner	2
Jean Winters	7.5
Ron Wise	7
Catharine Wood	10

**TOTAL** 927.25

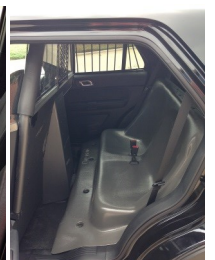
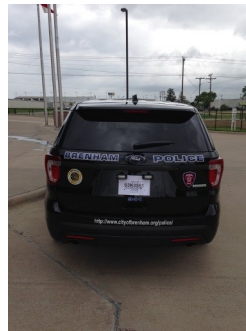
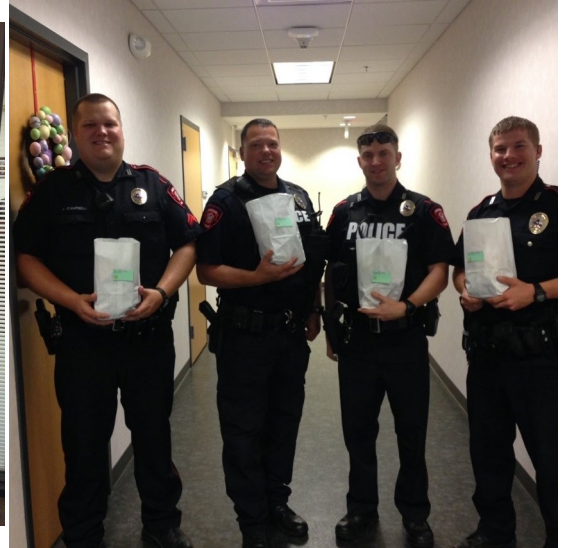
*Thanks for everyone's hard work, it doesn't go unnoticed!!*

# NATIONAL POLICE WEEK



National Police Week - 5/15-21/16

We honored our Boy's in Blue (and Ladies) with "goodie bags". We handed out some of these bags (at right), but left the rest for each Officer to claim when they came on duty. Hope no one was left out! Just one way to say THANK YOU for all that you do!



A Bonifide and now a Certified Hero, our Hero, BPD Sgt. Seth Klehm **Good Job!**

Sgt. Seth Klehm received a Proclamation from the Governor of Texas, Gregg Abbott, which simply states that Seth is a HERO! We here in Brenham already knew that!! But it is always nice to hear it from someone else, especially someone like our Governor. **Congratulations Seth**, it was much deserved; Thanks for all that you do.



Mark your calendars now for the  
**"ANNUAL CPAAA/BPD FAMILY PICNIC"**  
SUNDAY, JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2016  
AT THE  
FIREMAN'S TRAINING CENTER  
2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

(Please RSVP the number of people that will be attending with you to Ginger at 979-337-7364 or email [gbishop@cityofbrenham.org](mailto:gbishop@cityofbrenham.org) by Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>)



Our newest Police Officer, Andy Adams gets sworn in by Judge Robert Wright at left. Andy is flanked by the Brass in the center photo and his Badge is being pinned on by his wife and child at the right.

# The E O C

By Rob Aguilar

It was your typical rainy Thursday in May. I had been in phone contact with Chris Jackson throughout the day; we were discussing the COP Traffic Control Class scheduled for that evening, and would the rain subside in time. We decided to change the subject of tonight's session from Traffic Control to the Haz-Mat Awareness Class. But, what neither of us knew was the magnitude of the rain event currently in progress.

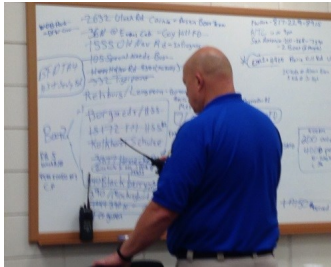
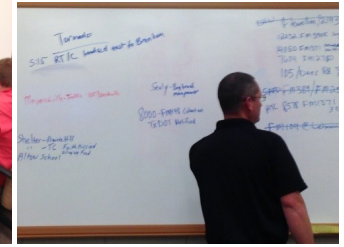
Then, news of a tornado touching down in the Bryan/College Station area hit the air waves. The National Weather Service called for a tornado watch in our area. The skies were ominously dark in every direction; and then the rains came! The rains progressed tremendously in the next few hours; and we decided to cancel classes due to inclement weather. Well, two weather related fire/rescue calls later; I finally got a chance to make the cancellation phone calls to our eager group of COP Candidates.

It was apparent that this was a significant rain event and not of the 100 year variety, but rather the 500 year type; as we got from 17 to 25 inches of rain in just 24 hours. April was quite a rainy month for us; but May was proving to be disastrous. Well, instead of teaching a COP Class, I found myself at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Brenham Fire Department; and it was bustling. I was deployed to assist Sealy FD in their "high profile" people transport truck. This truck was high off the ground like our MRAP but was not as heavy. We were dispatched for a rescue at New Years Creek and Old Navasota Road, but when we arrived it looked like New Years Lake, unpassable even with our vehicle. We did not get to the person we were sent to rescue, but rather took a lady out of her flooding home to safety (our intended victim was rescued by Myersville FD who came in from the other direction). Sealy was not the only outside help that we had here in Brenham. We had 10 boat crews to assist our 2; they were from Austin/Travis County, San Antonio, Denton, Ft. Worth, and Longview, courtesy of Texas Task Force One and STREC. Upon my arrival back at the EOC, I was asked to help with dispatching of road crews and electric department personnel.

It was amazing to see the EOC in operation, with everyone working in unison; just as it was meant to! Police Chief Craig Goodman was dispatching all of the police calls using his handheld radio. He was assisted by his new best friend Firefighter/Paramedic and former Dispatcher Josh Vandever. Fire Chief Ricky Boeker was dispatching the fire calls aided by Firefighter Josh Sebastian. Asst. Chief Brian Scheffer, a former Dispatcher and Firefighter/IT and former Dispatcher Pam Ruemke were dispatching EMS calls and County calls. County Emergency Management Coordinator Brian Ruemke and EMS Lt. Justin Knippel were on hand helping with boat rescue calls and allocating other resources. County Judge John Brieden was there doing what he could to assist; especially with the allocation of outside resources. There were a few more people there, but glaringly absent were representatives from the street department and the utility department. I guess that's why I was tasked with contacting the street and electric departments. I also got coffee and water for the busy dispatchers. And, I also cleaned up said coffee when a certain Police Chief had an "oops" moment. It's all in a day's work or in this case, a night's work!

The EOC was working like a well-oiled machine, things were humming. Things were getting done, people were getting rescued, and shelters were being set up. The shelter at Alton Elementary was shut down because it took on water and it was replaced by Krause Elementary. The Fireman's Training Center was also designated as a shelter (myself and Clarence Steinfeld were stationed there on Friday and Saturday as COPs at the request of the Police Chief). Police, Fire and EMS were working together seamlessly and side-by-side. The Emergency Operations Center was working as it was supposed to work, and all on the spur of the moment, by some who had never worked together before or had been put in that situation before. I shouldn't say it was amazing, but it was a sight to see. I was so glad I got to see our EOC in action; it was a great experience. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all of the men and women that were there to help Brenham in its time of need!!

### Photos from the E O C 5-26-16



The photo at left is my pic of the month. It is of our New SWAT Team; left to right: Kevin Mertz, Richard Bobbitt, Lance Weiss and FF Ryan Swor. Richie obviously enjoys water sports. **Good Job Guys!**



Left: Clarence Steinfeld is sworn in by Judge Robert Wright. He can now issue citations for Handicap Parking Violations.



Above: BPD, Fire and EMS working together at a 3 vehicle accident on Market Street. Below: Taking a break together, under a tree!

Photos below are from Local History Day in Downtown Brenham.



## Our New S.W.A.T. Team

By Rob Aguilar

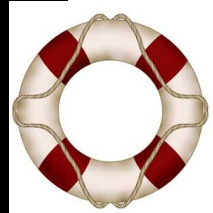
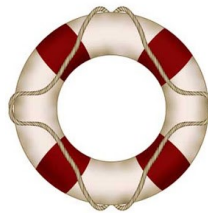
Who knew the Brenham Police Department had a new S.W.A.T. team? With the addition of our MRAP vehicle, which now has a brand new paint job, a little more training, the right equipment and the right circumstances; we got a new S.W.A.T. team. All those things came together the evening of May 26<sup>th</sup>; that's right, the night of our epic storm. The team's personnel didn't change, but their normal role of protecting the citizens of our community shifted dramatically.

Our **Special Weapons And Tactics** team (SWAT) was transformed into our new **Swift Water Assault Team** (SWAT). I was there to witness firsthand the fine job our new SWAT team did that night; and they did it over and over again. Having the "high profile" MRAP was a big help in the rescue efforts that night and the next day; as it could go places normal vehicles couldn't. But it was the personnel that made things happen; that made the rescues have positive outcomes. And those personnel should be commended! I did not get a look at all the officers on board the MRAP or out on patrol, but here is a short list of those that I did see or know were part of the rescue efforts: Captain Trey Gully, Captain Lloyd Powell, Sergeant Curtiss Schoen, Sergeant Seth Klehm, Cpl. Chris Jackson, Cpl. Richard Bobbitt, Cpl. Joe Merkley, Cpl. Lance Weiss, Cpl. Jared Campbell, Cpl. David Dudenhoeffer, Cpl. Eduardo Ortega, Cpl. Todd Ashorn, Ofc. Kevin Mertz, Ofc. Hunter Andras, Ofc. Jose Perez, Ofc. Terrence Johnson, Ofc. Andy Adams. These brave officers and command officers were assisted by members of the Brenham Fire Department, Ryan Swor, Brent Folsom, and Chris, McCain. They were dispatched by Police Chief Craig Goodman and Fire Chief Ricky Boeker, out of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) which was the Police and Fire Department's Dispatch Office for that evening.

Our new **Swift Water Assault Team** was credited with dozens of saves; plucking citizens out of high water, flooded cars and homes. Our SWAT team practices quite often for such things as building breaches, school shootings and the like. Perhaps next time their training will include some ropes, knots, PFDs, and swift water rescue techniques. Hopefully there will not be a need to press our MRAP and new SWAT team into action, but be assured that if the need arises, the men and women of the Brenham Police Department **SWAT team will be ready!**



Old S.W.A.T. logo and crew on left. New S.W.A.T. logo and crew on right



## St. Paul's Appreciation Luncheon for First Responders



A meal for **First Responders** was prepared and served by St. Paul's 6th Grade Class at BPD on May 18th; it was a good turn out, FD, PD, SO, EMS, DPS and even a few COPs were on hand to enjoy the feast. **Thanks St. Paul's!**



## 2016 SPECIAL OLYMPIC'S Law Enforcement TORCH RUN







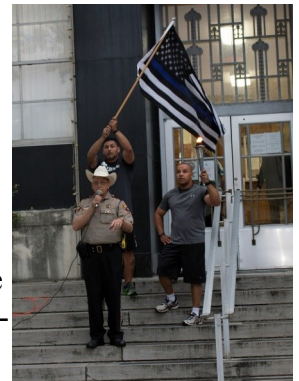
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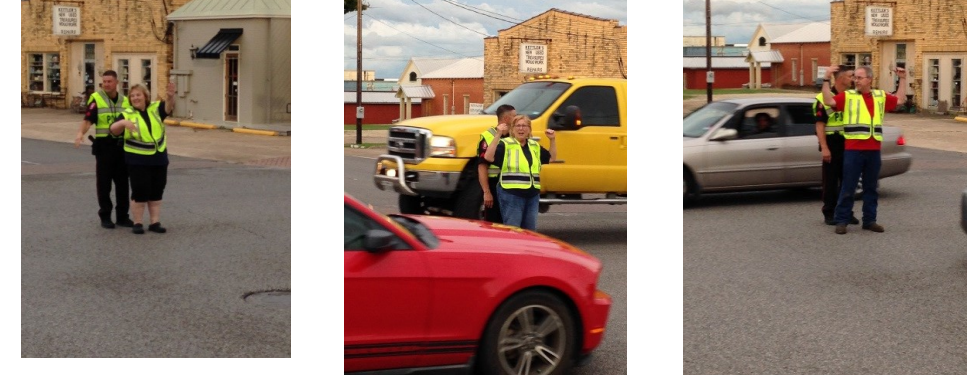
The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics always starts out with a breakfast. This years breakfast was held at the Fireman's Training Center. At left Cpl. Joe Merkley holds a participation Trophy and is flanked by some special runners. The runners are all pictured at right. What a great turn out for the kids!



Right and below right: Runners stop at the Courthouse for the Peace Officer's Memorial Ceremony; just before the rains came!



Our seven new COP Candidates did what Mama told them never to do, they played in the street! When you read this, they will have all completed their COP Classes and will be in the ride-a-long stage of their training. However, Millie's son Larry Keller has all of his hours and is now a COP!



Above: Wanda Aguilar ran into Butch and Cyndi Lorenz. They were in town for Joyce Averitt's funeral.

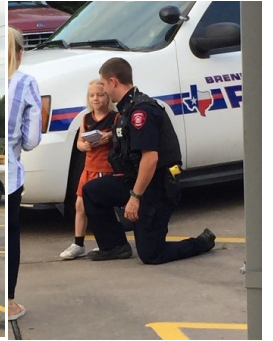


**Just a side note: The totals are in and our Annual Bake Sale Fundraiser's grand total is \$2,052. Thank You to Annette and all of the volunteer sales people and goodie bakers for making this fundraiser so successful!**

**Thank You** to all of our Brenham Elementary School Traffic Control Wizards (and Sorcerers Apprentices) for a great job again this entire school year!



# BPD Prides itself on Community Service...



In the 3 photos above and left K-9 Officer Hunter Andras and his dog Ronnie entertain some kids and adults from Cornerstone Church. Good Job Hunter, but we know that Ronnie stole the show!!



At left and right: Capt. Lloyd Powell gives a tour of our Police Station to St. Paul's 6th Graders. They were so grateful, they served us lunch!



Left: K-9 Ofc. Mark Pierce and his K-9 Sammy will be missed. Mark will be the new City Marshal for Brenham, and Sammy is retired. **Good Luck Mark!!**



Left and right are the articles collected for flood victims Sunday, 5-29-16 at BPD. Cpl. John Snowden was aided by Rob Aguilar and Albert Green.



Above: Ofc. Jonathan Phipps shows a future officer how to clear a building. I like those Charlie's Angels Guns & poses!

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*A Dad is*

*A Dad is respected because he gives his children leadership.*

*A Dad is appreciated because he gives his children care.*

*A Dad is valued because he gives his children time.*

*A Dad is loved because he gives his children the one thing they  
treasure most - himself.*

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**