

September 2016

Brenham Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

# THE INFORMANT

## Wedding Edition



### Dates to remember

- General Meeting 7pm 9/12
- Wash Cnty Fair Parade 9/10
- Nat'l Night. Out 10/4
- Halloween Drive Thru 10/31
- Drive-thru fundraiser 11/7

we remember  
9.11.01



*"Best Day Ever September 2, 2016 Ashley & Jeremy" (that's what was written on their souvenir napkins). Ashley Burns and Jeremy Batson were united in Holy Matrimony (photos on Pages 7-9)*

### September Birthdays

Belated wishes to

- Cpl. Justin Schiller 9/3
- Karen Karsteter 9/9
- Cpl. Joe Merkley 9/20
- Sgt. Kelvin Raven 9/26



BPD is presented with a certificate from BISD. More on this and the new BPD/BISD Uniforms on page 4.



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY CHIEF GOODMAN

Chief Craig Goodman was sworn in on September 17, 1015 at City Hall; and we held a meet-and-greet for him here in the Community Room that same day. We came by to meet him and visit with him. Well, one year later, we're still dropping by to meet with him and get his take on certain things that affect us and our group. He has worked out well for us. Many more Anniversaries please!!

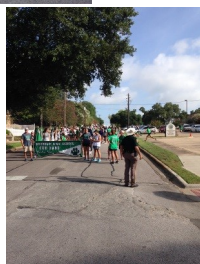
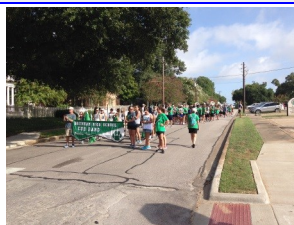


Our Guest Speaker: Sarah Cortez is a 21 year law enforcement professional. A native Houstonian and proud graduate of Rice University, UT Austin, and UH Central. As an experienced Patrol Deputy and Field Training Officer, she will bring a voice from the Thin Blue Line to our Citizens Police Academy Alums. As an experienced writer and editor, she will also bring clear insights into how police officers think, react, and perceive situations. Honored as a finalist for both Houston and Texas poet laureate, she is one of the states most sought after key note speakers in these troubled times of inaccurate perception of police. Her website is: [www.poetacortez.com](http://www.poetacortez.com) See you at 7pm Monday!

## **2016 National Night Out**

Make plans to join forces with us on **October 4th** for the **33rd Annual** crime and drug prevention event. This year's theme will be discussed at this Monday's CPAAA Meeting

Pictures from the BHS Band March-a-Thon (the new Senior Center was on this year's tour)



## August Events

**THANKS to the following COPs for their help on 8-12-16 with the Brenham High School Band March-a-Thon:** Stan Ford, Albert Green, Tex Davis, Robbie Gail Charette, Rob Aguilar; And our County COPs: Howard Schultz, Doss Pruitt, Gary Baldwin

**Thanks to the following COPs for their help on 8-13-16 for the Fireman's Fiesta Parking & Traffic Assignment:**

Annette Tiemann, Ron Upchurch, Mark Smith, Corina Smith, David Clinkenbeard, Wayne Miller, Bob Cothorn, Albert Green, Laura Sparks, Robbie Gail Charette, Tex Davis, Sherry Parker, Wanda Aguilar (pictures on page 4 and 6)

**Thanks to the following COPs for their help on 8-26-16 with the BHS Cubs Football Game Parking Assignment:**

Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Albert Green, Wayne Miller, Sherry Parker, Laura Sparks, Mark Smith, Ron Upchurch, Clarence Steinfeld, Tex Davis, Howard Mead, Clyde Averitt



**Thanks to the following COPs for their help at the Guns and Hoses Blood Drive on Friday 8-26-16:**

Rob Aguilar **Saturday 8-27-16:** Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Clarence Steinfeld, Annette Tiemann, Robbie Gail Charette, Laura Sparks, Sherry Parker

**Thanks to the following COPs for their help on 9-3-16 with the Blinn Football Game Parking Assignment:**

Mark Smith, Corina Smith, Clarence Steinfeld, Sherry Parker, Steve Oneill, Jim Hollister, Wayne Miller, Annette Tiemann, Clyde Averitt, Albert Green



Left: After completing 36 COP hours, Sherry Parker receives her Radio Call # 4107 from Lt. Rob Aguilar



<u>August COP Hours</u>	
Rob Aguilar	52.5
Wanda Aguilar	7.5
Dorothy Antkowiak	6
Clyde Averitt	7
Patricia Badough	5
Kevin Braun	24
Sue Braun	33
Wayne Brown	14
Willie Brown	7
Robbie Gail Charette	19.25
David Clinkenbeard	53.25
Sandra Clinkenbeard	21
Bob Cothorn	28.75
Michael Cowan	25
Glen Daugherty	3
Tex Davis	85
Stan Ford	54.75
Albert Green	42.5
Juanita Hickey	3.5
Bernadette Kamprath	2
Larry Keller	17.5
Millie Keller	4.5
Dick Klein	2
Howard Mead	5.75
Wayne Miller	9
Jerry Ondrias	5
Sherry Parker	30.5
Carole Petzolt	2
Monroe Petzolt	2
Merlene Schmacher	2
Corina Smith	17.5
Mark Smith	15
Tony Smith	14
Laura Sparks	20
Clarence Steinfeld	18.75
Billy Sutherland	2
Annette Tiemann	2
Ron Upchurch	55.5
Ceci Wagner	4
Ron Wise	2
Catharine Wood	8
Chuck Wood	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>735</b>

Left: Our County COPs were a great help at this year's Band March-a-Thon: Howard Schultz, Gary Baldwin and Doss Pruitt

### “You Make a Difference”

This certificate is presented to:

### Brenham Police Department

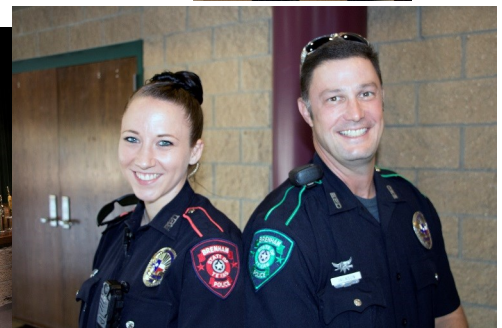
In Appreciation of continued support and invaluable contributions for the safety and well-being of the students and staff of the Brenham Independent School District

Given this 10th Day of August, 2016

Signed by President of the Board of Trustees Mr. Lange and Superintendent of Schools Mr. Jackson

**And check out the new BPD/BISD Uniforms in navy blue and Cub Green!**

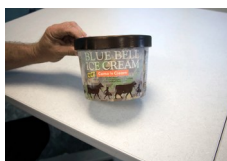
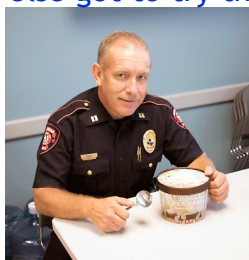
Sheriff's Office also received a cert.



The new Cub Green patch and trim don't photograph as well as the traditional Red; but do look quite good in person. You can check them out at area schools and school functions, like Cub Football Games.

It's quite nice to see all the support we get from our community. They are always dropping off goodies like the 3 pies and goodie bag from Royers'. But Cap you are suppose to share them. I don't think anyone else got to try the Blue Bell "Camo & Cream" Yum!!

Below: On 8-24-16 Cory Flencher and Pat Luckemeyer with Citizens State Bank dropped by BPD with Gift Certificates for all of our Officers! We are truly blessed to have the support of our community.



## *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 fifteen 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.

# Thank You!

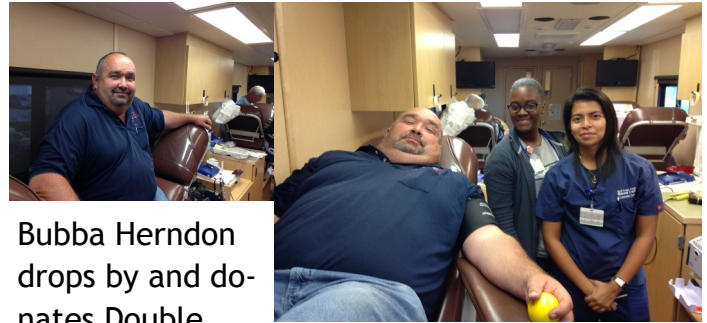
A **Big Thank You** goes out to all the COPs that came out on August 27th to help with the Guns and Hoses Blood Drive. **Rob's Crew:** Clarence Steinfeld, Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Sherry Parker, Laura Sparks, Robbie Gail Charette.

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

Friday's Totals : **32** Total Blood Units

Saturday's Totals : **46** Total Blood Units

Which translates to **174** Lives Saved !!



Bubba Herndon drops by and donates Double Reds at Fridays Drive!



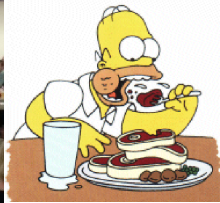
Catharine and Chuck Wood donate at Saturday's Drive!!



Left: COPs Tex Davis and Sherry Parker visit the Fire Museum on a break from patrolling on a Saturday afternoon. Thanks for coming by and keeping Rob company!!



Part of our Guns & Hoses Blood Drive Crew: Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Sherry Parker and Laura Sparks (not pictured were Robbie Gail Charette, Clarence Steinfeld and Rob Aguilar)



Left: Part of the Parking/Traffic Control Crew at the Fireman's Fiesta finally get to sit down and enjoy a much deserved dinner: Annette Tiemann, Ron Upchurch, Albert Green, Tex Davis, Sherry Parker, Robbie Gail Charette, Wanda Aguilar (not pictured Bob Cothorn, Mark Smith, Corina Smith, Laura Sparks, David Clinkenbeard, and Wayne Miller)



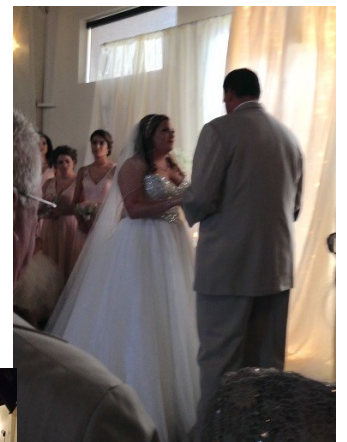
Above Left: Sgt. Kelvin Raven is doing a Good Deed, filling a gasoline can for a stranded motorist. That's nothing new, he and other officers are always helping our community in some way. Middle: The 100 Club has donated equipment (shields, tactical vests and helmets) to our Emergency Response Team (ERT). Top Right: Our new ERT (SWAT) Patch.



Above: There was a large contingent of Police Officers at Ashley and Jeremy's Wedding including Ashley's father!

Below Left: I know it says Mr. & Mrs. in front of Jonathan Phipps and Justin Schiller, who have quite the *bro-mance* going; check them out in the above photo. Get a room guys! No, but seriously, Jonathan said they have been *best friends* since 2009.





Above: *The I Do's!!*

Beautiful people everywhere. Great Wedding!!

What a beautiful Bride; they make a handsome couple. Great evening!

Love is in the air!!!







The sign he is holding says:

***Too late to run.  
Here She Comes!***



More beautiful people enjoying a wonderful evening at a great venue for an awesome couple.

***CONGRATS Ashley & Jeremy Batson***



## Committees and You

The following is a list of the CPAA Committees, Committee Chairperson/members, and what that committee does. This list is for clarification; as some may not know how certain committees function. ***A better understanding of these committees may lead to more participation by you, the members.***

***Media/Newsletter Committee*** - Rob Aguilar This committee is charged with public relations for our organization. It places notices, pictures and pleas in the local newspaper. It is charged with putting out our monthly newsletter, the Informant. Rob is always looking for news worthy items to place in the Informant; and for anyone willing to sit down and write articles, as well as submit pictures for publication.

***Speaker Committee*** - Albert Green This committee is charged with obtaining a suitable speaker for our meetings on a quarterly basis. They will also provide the Media committee with a brief biography of the speaker so it can be published in the local paper prior to meeting night. They will also introduce the speaker to our group on meeting night.

***Social Committee*** - Corina Smith The social committee puts our social functions together. They secure a proper venue for the type of function we wish to have. They secure a caterer if needed, and music if desired (Band or DJ). They are also tasked with set up, which may include purchasing table cloths, silverware, etc. and making sure the venue is ready for guests. They will also have to make sure the venue is cleaned after use. They will also have to make sure that deposits and bills are paid for all items related to the event. Even the Christmas Parade Float falls under the social committee's purview.

***Fundraising Committee*** - Annette Tiemann/Clarence Steinfeld The fundraising committee is in charge of our two major fundraisers: the Bake Sale (held the Saturday before Mother's Day) and the Drive Thru Fundraiser (held the first Monday in November). They are tasked with everything related to these fund raising efforts like having tickets printed, printing posters and signs and displaying them. Also, getting volunteers to help and or to bake items. They also have to secure the venues and make sure no rules are being violated as related to the venue. Lastly, they are in charge of the monies collected until which time as the Treasurer takes possession.

***Benevolence Committee*** - Rob Aguilar/Ron Upchurch/Annette Tiemann This committee is charged with keeping the membership informed on the wellbeing of its members. They will report on major illnesses or pending surgeries. They will also send out Get Well cards to members that are ill or infirmed, Condolence cards to members that have lost loved ones. On a brighter note, we will also send out Cards for promotions, and other milestones; as well as Thank You cards to individuals or businesses that have treated us or the department well; or to those that have donated time or money to our causes.

***So if you would like to help any of these committees, or have more questions, let the Chairperson know.***

## Perception is a Four-Letter Word

By Rob Aguilar

Policing in the digital age is quite different than it was just a few short years ago. Due in part to increased and sometimes biased media coverage (for dramatic effect) of events, the advent of smart phones and digital cameras; and mostly, the mindset of today's uninformed citizens. Today's citizens have been bombarded by images, mostly negative in nature, of our nation's law enforcement officers performing their duties in, shall we say, an authoritative manner; with little regard for so-called civil rights. Well, we in the law enforcement community know how close to impossible it is to do our jobs if we have to worry about "public perception". A person's perception can be most misleading and elusive in terms of actual truth. I saw it, I heard it; but what did they actually see and hear. You have to be there before the incident in question actually takes place in order to have an accurate sense of what really transpired. If you miss, even a few seconds of the incident in question, your perception of what happened will be skewed. And that my friends, is the main problem law enforcement officers face today.

The fabric of society, as a whole, has been ripped and torn; and must be repaired. We in law enforcement and informed citizens must be the tailors and seamstresses that repair it. Another problem is the state of mind of the individual committing an alleged crime; his or her motives, as well as any premeditation of their actions. Law enforcement officers will act on what they see and what dispatchers, victims or witnesses have relayed to them. They will also use their training, guidelines (SOPs) and experience to handle the situations. A bystander, who happens upon an incident, whether it is a traffic stop, take-down or an arrest, and happens to have his camera (or smart phone) on record, does not get the whole picture. They will then draw conclusions and have a fixed perception of what they witnessed. A witness (bystander) may know the perpetrator, which may also twist his conclusion of the events. While each person is allowed to draw their own conclusions and have their own opinions; their conclusions may be skewed.

I know that I am just rambling and not telling you anything that you don't already know, but it is the reality that our officers live with every day. Officers have to put their best foot forward every time that they step outside, at every citizen contact. They will have to be perceived as helpful, courteous and professional. We as COP's will have to do the same thing; as we too are part of the law enforcement community. Our actions are being judged daily, especially when we wear the "blue". So let's make our counterparts proud and earn the respect of officers and citizens alike. **BACK THE BLUE!!**





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**Reminder:** H.E.B. is hosting their Annual Heroes Day Luncheon for First Responders on Monday September 12th from 11 am to 1 pm at the Fire Department, Emergency Operations Center (101 N. Chappell Hill Street). BPD, BFD, WCSO, EMS, DPS and COPs are all invited to attend.