

November 2016

Brenham Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

The Informant

Congratulations



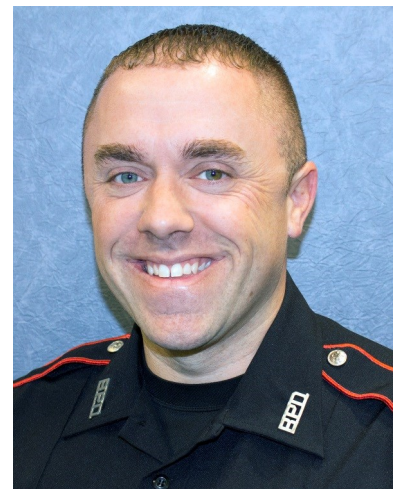
To newly promoted, Sergeant **Joseph Merkley**; who went from CID Detective to Patrol Sergeant. We would also like to Congratulate CID Detective Cpl. **John Snowden** who is now the new Animal Services Supervisor at the Brenham Pet Adoption Center. The Center's Grand Opening was Nov. 7th. There will be an **OPEN HOUSE Sunday, Nov. 13th from 2 to 4 pm**

Dates to remember

General Meeting 7pm	11/14
Christmas Parade & Stroll	12/03
NO General Mtg in Dec	
Christmas Party	12/10



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CPAAA Drive Thru Fundraiser is a Big Success !!

The final tally isn't in yet, but we sold almost 1100 tickets. We should be quite proud of our efforts. We have gotten tons of positive feedback on the meal itself; which is also a measure of success. We should have some totals at Monday's Meeting.
Hope to see everyone there! Photos on Page 6

November Birthdays

Terrence Johnson	11/1
Todd Ashorn	11/10
Judson Hall	11/11

Veteran's Day is November 11th

Thank a Veteran for their Service!



Thanks to the following for volunteering their time to these events:

10-7-16 Senior Center Drive Thru Traffic Assignment: Bob Cothorn, Dorothy Antkowiak, Albert Green, Dale Green, Ron Upchurch

10-8-16 Blinn College Football Game Parking Assignment - Ron Upchurch, Clarence Steinfeld, Laura Sparks, Albert Green, Wayne Miller

10-14-16 BHS Cubs Football Parking Assignment: Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Clarence Steinfeld, Wayne Miller, Albert Green, Mark Smith, Ron Upchurch, Ceci Wagner

10-15-16 Blinn Football Game Parking Assignment: Clarence Steinfeld, Albert Green, Mark Smith, Ron Upchurch, Wayne Miller, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak

10-15-16 Texas Art & Music Festival Public Safety Assignment: Thanks to those COPs that dropped by and walked around the all day event.

10-20-16 St. Paul's Fundraiser Traffic/Parking Assignment - Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Albert Green, Ron Upchurch, Bob Cothorn, Larry Keller, Wayne Miller, Annette Tiemann, Corina Smith, Mark Smith, Tony Smith, Wanda Aguilar, Rob Aguilar

10-21-16 Drug Disposal Assignment: Bob Cothorn, Stan Ford

10-25-16 Senior Center Breakfast Parking Assignment: Ceci Wagner, Wayne Miller, Larry Keller

10-28-16 BHS Cubs Football Parking Assignment - Stan Ford, Mark Smith, Howard Mead, Dorothy Antkowiak, Dale Green, Laura Sparks, Wayne Miller, Bob Cothorn, Albert Green, Rob Aguilar

10-31-16 Halloween Candy Drive Thru - Too many to mention; Thanks to all that made this years Candy Drive Thru a success

11-7-16 Drive Thru Fundraiser at BPD - Too many to mention. On behalf of Clarence Steinfeld and Annette Tiemann of the Fundraising Committee; a **BIG THANK YOU** to all that came out to make this event such a success. And **THANKS** for selling all those tickets!!!

October COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	51
Wanda Aguilar	30
Dorothy Antkowiak	52
Patricia Badough	7.5
Kevin Braun	9.5
Sue Braun	19
Wayne Brown	4
Willie Brown	14
Robbie Gail Charette	4
David Clinkenbeard	39.5
Sandra Clinkenbeard	9.25
Bob Cothorn	67
Michael Cowan	17.5
Glen Daugherty	12
Tex Davis	25
Stan Ford	49.25
Albert Green	67
Dale Green	39.5
Juanita Hickey	3.5
Larry Keller	40
Dick Klein	22.5
Howard Mead	9.75
Wayne Miller	45
Jerry Ondrias	3
Steve Oneill	5.5
Sherry Parker	19.5
Carole Petzolt	18.5
Monroe Petzolt	7
Liz Schwake	12
Jerry Schwake	14
Corina Smith	30.5
Mark Smith	21.5
Tony Smith	21
Laura Sparks	6
Clarence Steinfeld	46.75
Annette Tiemann	31
Ron Upchurch	110.75
Ceci Wagner	20.75
Jean Winters	11
Ron Wise	2
Catharine Wood	17
Chuck Wood	6
TOTAL	1041.5



Left: Patricia Badough receives her Radio Call # 4140 and a COP Cap from Lt. Rob Aguilar at our last meeting.

The ladies leave our Fundraiser to test out our new COP Tahoe. Runs Good, they say.





TRICK OR TREAT!





Spring Forward Fall Back

By Rob Aguilar



“Spring Forward Fall Back”, sounds like a circus stunt; but we all know what it means. It’s that time of year when we move our clocks forward one hour or back one hour. For either, Daylight Savings Time or Central Standard Time. Well its fall so we move our clocks back and supposedly gain an extra hour. However, we all know that the only thing that happens is our internal body clock gets messed up for a few days.

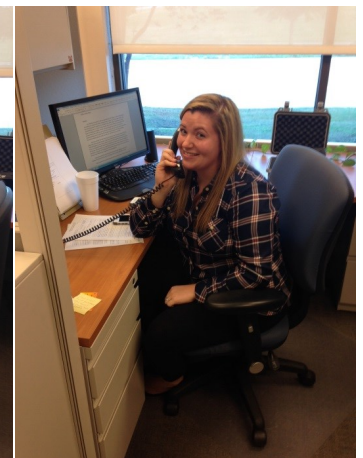
It’s also that time of year when we change the batteries in our smoke detectors (and or carbon monoxide detectors), for safety sake and peace of mind. Changing those batteries is a very important task. It’s one that I take seriously; having seen firsthand the benefits of early warning in cases of fire and the tragedy that ensues when they don’t work. So, yes I am urging everyone to check their detectors and change those batteries. But, I also want to remind everyone to dispose of those batteries correctly and responsibly; that means recycling.

This is just a reminder, we all know we should recycle old batteries; but those nine volt (9-V) batteries are particularly dangerous to store and dispose of. What am I rambling about? The terminals on 9-V batteries are quite close together and can be shorted out quite easily. For example, don’t throw 9-V batteries in your junk drawer (don’t tell me you don’t have a “junk drawer”, everybody does), the terminals might come in contact with a metal object like a paper clip, spoon, key, another battery, etc.; in which case some heat would then be generated which in turn could cause combustible materials in that drawer to catch fire. The same can happen if you throw them into the trash. It is recommended that 9-V batteries should be stored in their original containers when possible. When disposing of them or storing them before disposal you can place some electrical tape across the terminals to “disable” it (wrap the battery with the tape). This is stuff that we learned long ago, but either don’t practice it, or have forgotten. So I hope this reminder will help keep everyone safe, because accidents happen even though they can easily be prevented. And, I can’t wait to Spring Forward again!



Left: Someone takes a photo of Mike Davis after a motorcycle accident. Glad to see he’s okay; light duty may be in his future.

Right: Light Duty isn’t the only thing in Ashley Burns’ (Batson) future. She’s expecting a bundle of joy in the near future (less than 9 months from now). We caught her hard at work, she did have a smile for us; guess those hormones haven’t kicked in yet!





Above: Sgt. Jason Derrick was caught Clownin' Around with "Hoser" (BFD's resident clown Josh Sebastian) at Krause Elem.



Right: Chief Craig Goodman was caught Clownin Around with BFD's "Safety Town Train Station" Fire Prevention Team, that presented a skit to get their fire prevention message to the students at Alton Elementary. Clowns from L-R were Andrew Jozwiak, Josh Sebastian, Brent Folsom, Stacy Oberrender, Ryan Swor, Marisa Sauble. Many other firefighters were involved in making the presentations at area schools a big success.



Clown programs have been around for many years, in many different Fire Departments. They are used in many ways like bringing cheer to victims at burn camp, sick children in hospitals, parades; and as is the case here, for presenting a Fire Prevention message to school children. This is the first year that Brenham has used this technique to teach children about Fire Safety, but it won't be the last. The Department and their clowns are already working on next years "skit" and it's message; thanks to our new Fire Marshal, Brent Sauble, who brought the Clown program here.

GREAT JOB GUYS!!

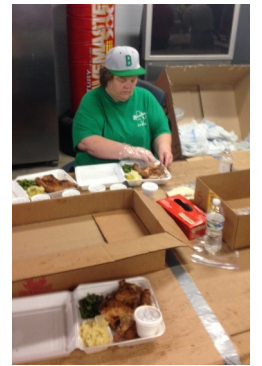


CPAAA Drive Thru Fundraiser



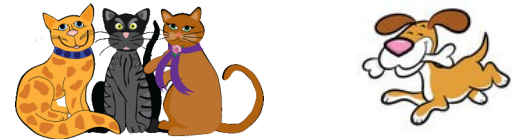


Whether on the frontlines or in the trenches, our Group of Volunteers came through and delivered; even Chief Goodman (above L) pitched in!





Photos from Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at New Pet Adoption Center



John Snowden began his career in Law Enforcement for the City of Brenham in January of 2004. He completed his field training approximately 5 months later and was assigned as a Patrol Officer in the Patrol division. John was selected by the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association as the Officer of the quarter for the first quarter of 2006 after locating a vehicle involved in an aggravated robbery and arresting the three suspects. He became a field training officer in 2006 and promoted to the rank of Corporal in 2008. In 2012, John promoted to the rank of Sergeant and supervised a shift of 3 officers. In April of 2013, John transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division, where he served as a Detective until September 2016 when he learned of the vacancy in the supervisor's position at Animal Control. He applied for the position and was named as the interim supervisor for the City of Brenham Animal Services. John hopes to become the full time supervisor of Brenham's Animal Services. Since being named the interim supervisor, Brenham Animal Services has moved into its new home at the Brenham Pet Adoption Center. And during it's Grand Opening on Nov. 7th, Chief Goodman surprised John by making his position a permanent one. Congratulations John, but it's the Brenham Community that wins!



Check out some of the animals that are ready for adoption below. Talk about cute! Guess which one they named **Groucho Marx!** (Too easy right) Be at their **Open House this Sunday from 2-4 pm**



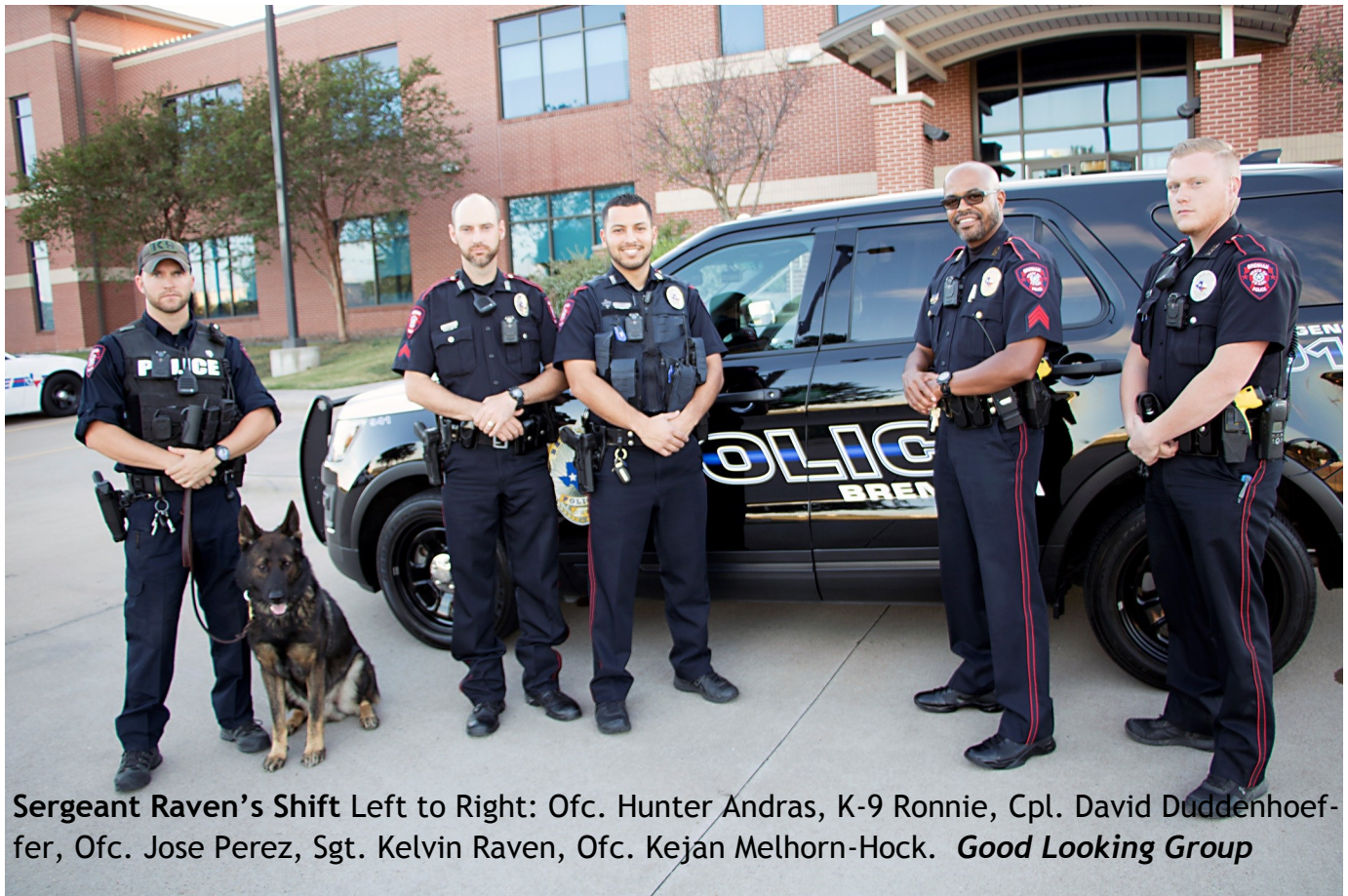


“The Movie Cop” Joseph Merkley has gone from Detective to Patrol Sergeant. I congratulated him while he was on a call; and presented him with a couple of pairs of Sgts. Collar Brass, compliments of the COP’s. I think that with his skill, attitude, and experience (not to mention his mere presence), our streets are a much safer place!

Congratulations Joe!



Left: The “No Shave November” initiative got a big boost as Beau “Chop” Brumfield with Gruntworks stopped by and handed Cpl. Jared Campbell, Ofc. Terrence Johnson, Sgt. Justin Schiller, and Cpl. Steven Eilert a check for \$400 to give to Adams Angels. That total is growing; what a great cause. *Good Job Guys!*



Sergeant Raven's Shift Left to Right: Ofc. Hunter Andras, K-9 Ronnie, Cpl. David Duddenhoef-fer, Ofc. Jose Perez, Sgt. Kelvin Raven, Ofc. Kejan Melhorn-Hock. *Good Looking Group*



Below and left: the COP's newest vehicle, Unit 121 a Chevy Tahoe. It was taken for a spin by 6 of the ladies. It was unveiled at our Drive Thru Fundraiser by Cpl. Chris Jackson and Chief Craig Goodman, and was well received by the group pictured below.

The Big Green Armadillo below will be decorated as a float in this year's Christmas Stroll Lighted Parade. Good luck with that.





Christmas Stroll & Lighted Parade

December 2nd and 3rd in Downtown Brenham. For more information about entertainment and events, check out the City's web page.



Left: BPD's newest weapon against crime is Takisha Smith. She is working part-time with CID as a crime analyst. Takisha is retired from the Air Force and also works part-time with the Faith Mission here in Brenham. Her office is next door to Captain Powell's on the second floor, so stop by and say hello. Make her feel welcome and find out more about her job.



Above: Does anyone recognize Alyson Tofel. She interned here earlier this year, helping out in CID. She is back to help us with records management. Alyson has been tasked to examine old records (those stored in the outbuilding) to determine what must be kept and what we can shred. It's a tedious and time consuming job, but a necessary one. Her office is located in the spare Sergeants office downstairs. So stop by and welcome her back.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL CPAAA & BPD CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH

AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY EVENT CENTER

6:30 P.M.

MUSIC, DOOR PRIZES, FELLOWSHIP & FUN



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A CPAAA Merry Christmas!!

The CPAAA will enter a float in the Downtown Christmas Parade on Dec. 3rd. If you would like to ride on the float, help decorate or provide decorations or ideas, please contact Corina Smith at 281-795-5786 or Dorothy Antkowiak at 251-2666. This year's theme is "Christmas in Texas".

