

September 2017

Brenham Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

THE INFORMANT

Hurricane Harvey Edition



Preparation

Execution

Dates to remember

- General Meeting 7pm 9/11
- Wash Cnty Fair Parade 9/16
- Nat'l Night. Out 10/3
- Halloween Drive Thru 10/31
- Drive-thru fundraiser 11/6

In the EOC all city and county agencies prepared diligently before Harvey made landfall.

The plans were executed in a professional manner to ensure a good outcome.

we remember
9.11.01



Participation

BPD, BFD, WCSO, DPS, and COPs all participated with the TX National Guard and the Community to ensure success.

September Birthdays

Belated wishes to

Sgt. Justin Schiller 9/3

Cpl. Joe Merkley 9/20

Sgt. Kelvin Raven 9/26





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, two years 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!!



Speaking of Anniversaries

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ASHLEY AND JEREMY

September 2nd, 2016



2017 National Night Out

Make plans to join forces with us on **October 3rd** for the **34th Annual** crime and drug prevention event. This year's theme will be discussed at this Monday's CPAAA Meeting.

August Events

THANKS to the following COPs for their help on 8-11-17 with the Brenham High School Band March-a-Thon: Stan Ford, Tex Davis, Doug Feist, Rosie Langford, Larry Keller, Rob Aguilar; And our County COPs: Kent Buford, Doss Pruitt, Robbie McDaniel

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To the following COPs for their help on 8-19-17 for "Clear the Shelter" Pet Adoption Day: Ron Upchurch, Sherry Parker, Stan Ford, Laura Sparks, Rosie Langford, Clara Kasprovicz

Thanks to the following COPs for their help at the Guns and Hoses Blood Drive on Friday 8-25-17: Rob Aguilar **Saturday 8-26-17:** Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Clarence Steinfeld, Annette Tiemann, Sherry Parker, Clara Kasprovicz, Wayne Miller, Ron Upchurch

Thanks to the following COPs for their help on 8-29-17 to 8-30-17 with the last minute Wal-Mart Information Tent and Hurricane Harvey Traffic Assignment: Rob Aguilar, Ron Upchurch, Albert Green, Rosie Langford

Thanks to the following COPs for their help on 8-31-17 to 9-3-17 with the last minute Manning of the Information Tent at the Fireman's Training Center (aka LSA Brenham): Rob Aguilar, Albert Green, Ron Upchurch, Doug Feist, Bob Cothorn, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Wanda Aguilar, Laura Sparks, Clara Kasprovicz

August COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	88
Wanda Aguilar	16
Dorothy Antkowiak	2
Clyde Averitt	2
Patricia Badough	4
Kevin Braun	4
Sue Braun	9
Robbie Gail Charette	2
Bob Cothorn	50
Michael Cowan	20
Tex Davis	64.75
Fredericka DeBerry	17
Doug Feist	27.75
Stan Ford	17.5
Albert Green	60.25
Dale Green	2
Juanita Hickey	32.25
Harry Jones	12.75
Clara Kasprovicz	24
Larry Keller	18.5
Dick Klein	6.5
Rosie Langford	9.25
Howard Mead	2
Wayne Miller	18
Sherry Parker	27.25
Harshida Patel	2
Monroe Petzolt	2
Merlene Schmacher	11
Jerry Schwake	2
Liz Schwake	2
Corina Smith	4
Mark Smith	6.5
Tony Smith	19
Laura Sparks	9.5
Clarence Steinfeld	6.75
Annette Tiemann	2
Ron Upchurch	242.5
Ron Wise	2
Catharine Wood	8
TOTAL	856

Thanks to all that got a chance to attend the Radio Class held on 8-3-17 and also the Traffic Control Class held on 8-22-17 given by TEEX. These were two great training opportunities that will benefit us, as well as the community that we serve.



LSA Brenham - ISB Brenham

By Rob Aguilar

While we in Brenham only felt the minor effects of Hurricane Harvey, in the form of some wind and lots of rainfall; other nearby communities were devastated. We received some criticism for not offering shelter to evacuees, fleeing the storms wrath. However, the decision not to accept evacuees was not ours; but rather, that call came from state officials. State officials felt that with our close proximity to hard hit areas, that we would best be suited to house first responders. While the Fireman's Training Center (FTC) has always been a haven for first responders; it is now a military staging area and rehabilitation center for Texas National Guard Troops.

Signs that say L S A Brenham are on every door of the FTC and signs that read I S B Brenham can be found on the grounds of the FTC, especially at entrances and exits. According to National Guard Commander Major Luke Reynard, the signs on the doors state the mission of the Guard. Further he says that LSA can mean Logistical Support Activity, but in this case, it stands for "Life Safety Activity"; the Guards mission at this time. As for the ISB Brenham signs on the property, they mean, Intermediate Staging Base - Brenham. So, we now have a military base in Brenham, temporarily, that is!

The Brenham community has embraced the new military presence and has made them feel welcome. In fact, from my observations, we have got them spoiled. I don't think that they are used to such hospitality from the communities that they are asked to serve. For those of you that don't know, several guardsmen (and women) are being housed at the Brenham Police Department (BPD), as well as the FTC and the Armory. These troops range in numbers from about 50 to 500 at any given time, with the average at just over a hundred. The duration of their stay in Brenham has not yet been determined, but our hospitality continues to amaze.

The Brenham Fire Department (BFD) has been on hand since day one; doing whatever it takes to make ISB and LSA Brenham a successful operation. Our BPD Officers and COPs have not been left out of this equation; and have been instrumental with the success of the Guards mission here. I along with several COPs, have seen the outpouring of generosity from the community; having worked the FTC detail from day two. Cpl. Todd Ashorn was at the FTC for several days straight, and can attest to this community's generosity. I would like to thank BFD Chief Ricky Boeker, BFD's Karl "Corky" Goessler, E-911's Kristi Stamnes, Chief Goodman, Cpl. Ashorn and all of the BPD, BFD and COP officers that helped with this vital operation.



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 sixteen 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!

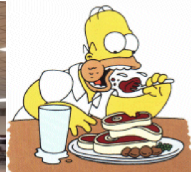
A **Big Thank You** goes out to all the COPs that came out on August 26th to help with the Guns and Hoses Blood Drive. **Rob's Crew:** Clarence Steinfeld, Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Sherry Parker, Wayne Miller, Clara Kasprowicz, Ron Upchurch

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

Friday's Totals : **24** Total Blood Units

Saturday's Totals : **57** Total Blood Units

Which translates to **183** Lives Saved !!



We fed donors and volunteers!



Below: The Police Wives had a Hurricane & Troops Donation Drive at BPD, Sunday the 3rd. They collected 2 trailers full and a couple of pickup truck loads for the troops and disaster relief! Good Job!



More Police Wives photos on Page 9

Right: The Brenham Animal Shelter participated in the National "Clear the Shelters" Pet Adoption Day. The event was a great success with every single cat and dog being adopted. To help with that process were several BPD volunteers: Ron Upchurch, Sherry Parker, Stan Ford, Laura Sparks, Chief Craig Goodman, Rosie Lang-



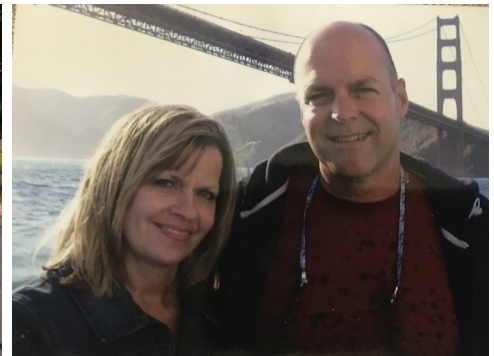
Volunteer Spotlight

He was born and raised in Pasadena, Texas when there were only 48 stars on the U.S. flag. Hawaii and Alaska became states a few after his birth (that makes him old). His mom told him he was always tinkering on things growing up, he would take things apart to see what made them work; and sometimes would even get them back together again (not always)! At age 19 he became a Pasadena Volunteer Fireman; they didn't start calling them fire fighters until the 80's. He found that he had a passion for fire fighting and helping people, so a year or so later he joined the Houston Fire Department (HFD). His fire fighting career with HFD spanned 35 years; 19 of those years were spent with the Department's Hazardous Materials Response Team. Working with the Haz-Mat Team was quite interesting, though at times, demanding; but, never dull. There were lots of specialized training opportunities and he took advantage of several like Bomb School in New Mexico, Radiation School in Nevada, Weapons of Mass Destruction-Live Agent Training in Alabama, Railroad Tank Car training in Colorado and numerous seminars and in house classes to stay abreast of the latest techniques in the war against terror and general emergencies. He got to work with several local, state and federal agencies like the Bomb Squad, SWAT, ATF and the FBI.

He was known as "the fixer" at HFD; he would repair lots of different specialized equipment when none of the vendors could. That's funny, because that's what he does here at BPD! Yes, I'm talking about Stan Ford; "the fixer", our COP Corporal in charge of the BPD Gun Range and all of its special equipment. He not only takes care of the Gun Range, but the BPD Polaris Ranger, the MRAP and our trailers. He has had many side jobs while with the HFD (because a firefighter's schedule has lots of downtime). He has worked as an electrician, plumber, metal fabricator, millwright, and finally, for 10 years he was a John Deere Service Manager. He was once asked to modify a riding lawn mower to race at a charity event and had a strict \$400 budget. While test driving it on Hwy 59 in Cleveland, TX he was clocked doing 61 MPH in a 55 MPH zone; he said it would go faster but the small front wheels couldn't take any more, they were already shaking pretty bad. Needless to say, he won the race and bragging rights for his John Deere Company.

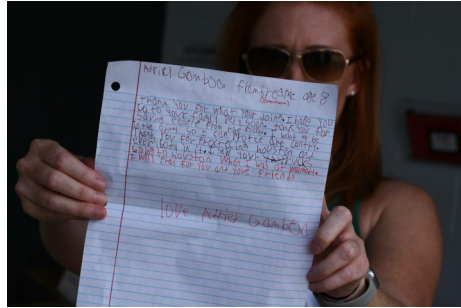
Stan says that like most people, life has dealt him many ups and downs; his Christian faith has gotten through the good times and the bad. With Gods help, he started over in 2005, he built a 2400 sq. ft. metal building; he put his tools and equipment on side and a 1 bedroom apartment on the other side. He lived there with his dog, until the Lord blessed him with his lovely wife Jeanette. They have been married and happy for 8 years. They moved to Brenham in September of 2013, to get away from the Houston area "rat race". He has 3 children and 3 grand children. His youngest daughter is a Montgomery County Deputy Sheriff.

He met several Brenham firefighters that tried to get him to join their ranks, but he declined. He saw a newspaper article about the BCPAAA class and he applied. He says that he really enjoyed the training classes and then went on to join the COP program. He was asked to assist at the gun range, and he kept finding ways to upgrade the equipment and save the department money. His vast mechanical knowledge and his tinkering skills, coupled with his gregarious nature have made him indispensable around the BPD!





God Bless
Victims
and
Volunteers !!





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These Chinook Helicopters made delivering supplies to the Brenham Airport last Sunday, as easy as 1,2,3. *It was a sight to see!!*



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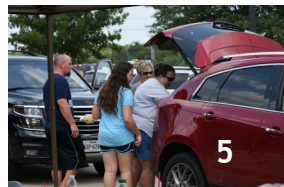
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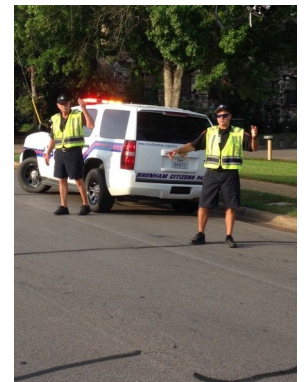
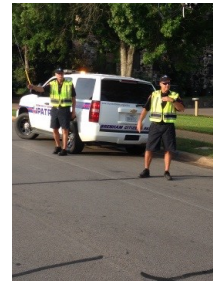
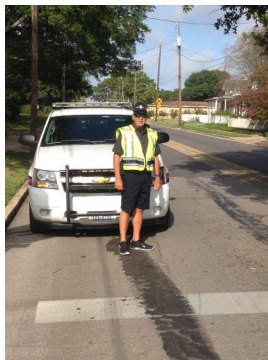
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These 5 photos are from the Police Wives Hurricane/Troops Donation Drive held at BPD on Sunday, September 3rd. They did a great job!

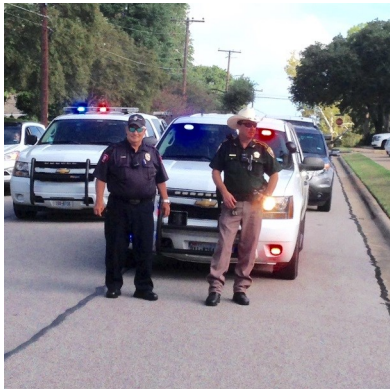


The 2 photos below are of the Girl Scouts' Hurricane Harvey Collection Drive held at Wal-Mart this past Saturday. Stan Ford and Howard Mead were on hand for safety and traffic control. It appears that the Girl Scouts did well!



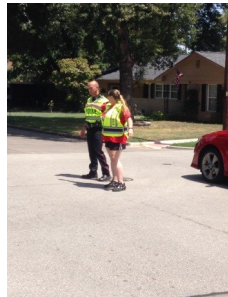
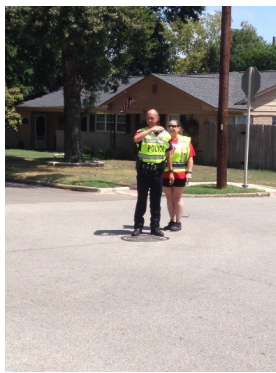
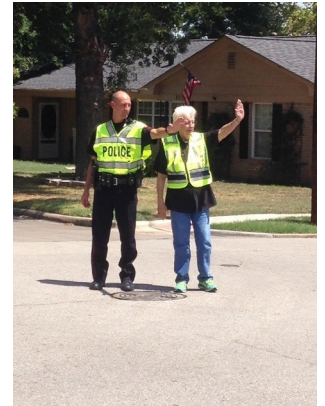


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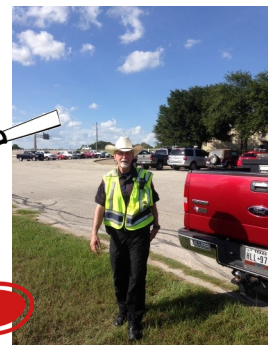
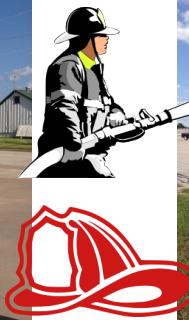
Left: Meet our newest COP 's in Training. Melanie Vega (CPAAA High School Session 1 in 1993) , her Mom, Betty Martin (Class 3 and 11) and Clara Kasprovicz (Class 31). They have had all 4 COP classes and are in their ride-a-long stage; except for Clara who was an eager beaver and has almost completed her 36 hours. Photos are from the Traffic Class that Todd conducted.



Photos below are from the Fireman's Fiesta Parking/Traffic Assignment and from the meal provided after the assignment was completed.



Left: Wanda Aguilar was lucky enough to be at the Brenham Airport when the Chinook Helicopters brought in their payload!!





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Reminder: *Hometown Heroes Appreciation Day* will be Sunday September 10th at 9 am at the Brenham Church of Christ (2800 Victory Lane) Worship Service with Luncheon to follow. RSVP—Beau at 836-3271. BFD, WCSO, EMS, DPS and COPs are all invited to attend.