

July 2019

Brenham Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

The Informant

This issue is dedicated to our dear friend Millie Keller

Mildred Anne Keller

August 24, 1926 - June 24, 2019

Our dear friend and long-time COP, Millie Keller passed away after a long battle with cancer. She was one of our hardest working and beloved tenured members. She loved to patrol the streets, and was great at public relations activities. She would always be at fingerprinting events and didn't miss the chance to help at our Guns and Hoses Blood Drives. Her cheery disposition made her a perfect fit to work the front desk at the Police Department. (more on page 3)



Dates to remember :

- General Meeting 7pm 7/08
- Hot Nights Cool Tunes 7/06
- Hot Nights Cool Tunes 7/13
- Hot Nights Cool Tunes 7/20

On June 20th, **Officer Jason Kasprowic** was named **Police Officer of the Year** by Buddy Wright American Legion Post 48; in a ceremony that honored all area First Responders. The Post also recognized the **Firefighter of the Year**, which, incidentally was our own COP Lieutenant, **Asst. Fire Chief Rob Aguilar**. An EMT and Sheriffs' Deputy were also named; for more information and pictures, see page 12



Our two newest Rookies', (until Monday July 8th), **Crystal Buckner and Levi Mcelreath** were Sworn-in on June 11th by the Honorable Judge Robert Wright. Family, friends, city officials and their new BPD and COP family were there to support them. Pictures on page 4.



July P. D. Birthdays

- Steven Eilert 7/18
- Jonathan Phipps 7/20
- Armando Guerra 7/22
- Curtiss Schoen 7/28
- Crystal Buckner 7/28
- Pam Ruemke 8/1
- Seth Klehm 8/3

Citizens on Patrol

Thanks to the following COPs for their help:

6-7-19 First Friday Farmers Market & Artisan Event - **Richard Jares, and Tex Davis**

6-8-19 Grace Community Fellowship Traffic/Parking Assignment- **Catharine Wood, Tony Smith, Tex Davis, Richard Jares, and Rob Aguilar**

6-15-19 Juneteenth Parade - Riding in the parade representing the COPs was: **Clarence Steinfeld** ; Traffic and Crowd Control was handled by: **Tex Davis, Bob Cothorn, and Rob Aguilar**

6-15-19 Summer Sip - **Tex Davis**

6-27-19 Movies in the Park - **Tex Davis and Richard Jares**

6-29-19 Red Cross - Sound the Alarm Event - **Tex Davis and Rob Aguilar**

6-29-19 Pet Adoption Event - **Richard Jares**

7-3-19 Christ Lutheran Day School 4th of July Parade - **Richard Jares, Steve Oneill and Rob Aguilar**

June COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	52
Wanda Aguilar	4
Dorothy Antkowiak	10
Patricia Badough	14.5
Kevin Braun	1
Sue Braun	13.5
Bob Cothorn	16.5
Michael Cowan	16
Tex Davis	238
Doug Feist	13.5
Stan Ford	69
Albert Green	58.75
Dale Green	4
Jerry Jares	2
Richard Jares	111.25
Harry Jones	2
Dick Klein	4.75
Howard Mead	15
Steve Oneill	2
Sherry Parker	2
Kay Reichwein	8
Jerry Schwake	2
Liz Schwake	2
Jon Siemsglusz	3.5
Kathleen Siemsglusz	3.5
Corina Smith	5.5
Mark Smith	6
Tony Smith	14
Clarence Steinfeld	9
Billy Sutherland	2
Annette Tiemann	6
Ron Upchurch	71.75
Lori Walker	42
Catharine Wood	6.5

TOTAL 831.5



Left: It's been said that Tex "bumps heads with everyone"; here is the proof. Just ask Asst. Fire Chief Brian Scheffer (**ouch!**)

Right: Our Traffic Trailer has a new modification. Stan Ford mounted a camera to it; maybe that will slow them down!





Above - Flanked by James Bassett and Rob Aguilar, Millie Keller receives the Office Angel Award for the 2nd Quarter of 2014. Yes, it was Millie's idea for us to wear orange shirts.



The 3 photos above are a small sample of what Millie did for and with our organization: 1. Millie was helping us out at the Scott & White Senior Day yearly event. 2. Millie was part of our fingerprinting team at a Home Depot event. 3. Millie was part of our Guns and Hoses Blood Drive team of COP Ambassadors for this bi-yearly event. And of course she was always winning awards!!

Mildred Falls Keller was almost 93 years old at the time of her passing. But, longevity alone is not a sign of a full life; however, Millie did manage to live a "full life", by anyone's standard. She accomplished a great deal in her 92 plus years; and always giving back to her community and those around her while in the process made her a very special person. After High School Millie graduated from Nursing School and joined the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. She was promoted to a 1st Lieutenant and while serving she met her husband Floyd H. Keller. They were married in Las Vegas, Nevada in July of 1951. They had two sons, Gerry and Larry. They lived abroad before returning to civilian life and settling in Orange, Texas. She resumed her nursing career working for Doctors, Gulf Oil and the Orange County public health clinic. After 45 years she retired and moved to Brenham in 2007. Millie had several hobbies like learning to play piano, making stained glass and volunteering. She volunteered with the Orange County and Washington County Sheriffs Offices before entering CPA Class 21 and becoming a COP in Brenham. Her passion for the past 15 years has been spending time with her many friends in her art room creating greeting cards and serving as a demonstrator for Stampin' Up. Her family summed it up nicely when they said "She lived frugally, gave generously, loved fiercely, and had a wonderful sense of humor". She will be dearly missed by family and friends; heaven has a new Angel!



On June 11th the Honorable **Judge Robert Wright** gave the Oath of Office to the Brenham Police Department's newest Officers: **Crystal Buckner** and **Levi Mcelreath**.



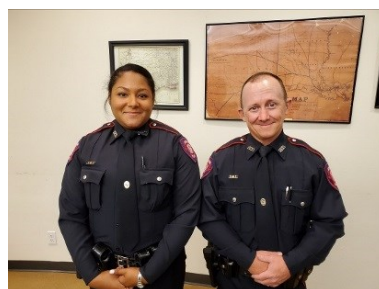
Left: There was a slight delay in getting the proper paperwork; so Judge Wright gave the crowd a primer on Municipal Court policies and procedures. We all learned a little bit more about the law!



Above: Levi's badge was pinned on by his Mother, **Danetta Whisnant** and Crystal's badge was pinned on by her Father, **Christopher Buckner**.



Crystal and Levi's new BPD Family





Left: Our 3 intrepid conference goers - Ron Upchurch, Richard Jares and Albert Green said that the conference was awesome. The \$29 million PD/FD Training Facility was state of the art. The equipment used for the demonstrations and the personnel there to teach them was top notch. The classes were varied and very interesting. Meeting and speaking with other COPs from all parts of the state was also a treat. Learning about other COP agencies and their practices; along with their types of equipment and the duties they perform was enlightening. They can't wait to do it all again next year. While we don't have the fancy new training facilities; we still have the best PD/COP organization in Texas!





Did I mention that they went to a baseball game where Jose Altuve was playing. And that there was a Casino Night and Banquet. There was an indoor gun range, martial arts classes, a skid pad, etc., etc. ***I wanna go!!***

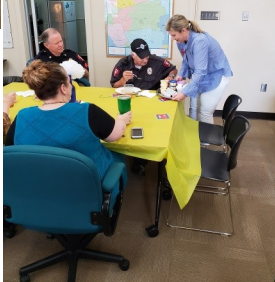
Any questions, just ask Ron or Richard or Albert!



Above: A group shot of all in attendance; "a handsome bunch", right?



Left: Dr. Jackson addresses (THANKS) all in attendance, for all the wonderful work that we do!



JUNETEENTH PARADE 2019

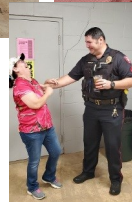




BPD/CPAAA Annual Picnic 2019

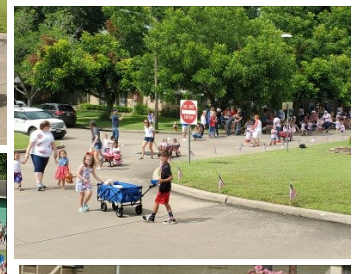


This years picnic had great food, fellowship and fun. Thanks to all that helped put it together and those that helped clean it up!





The Biggest Little 4th of July Parade in Brenham. They honored our Country, the Flag, our Veterans and our First Responders. Very Cute Parade!!



By Rob Aguilar

Summer is here, as evidenced by the sweltering heat, our “Summer Picnic”, the start of Brenham’s Concert Series “Hot Nights Cool Tunes” and my dry grass. Just a friendly reminder; keep cool, hydrate, and use sun screen. All the common sense stuff that Mom told you as a child still hold true today. Mom’s advice, while good, is not the focus of this article. Heat related illness, is the topic today: **Heat Cramps, Heat Exhaustion and Heatstroke.**

I know full well that I along with several of you will suffer the symptoms of heat related illness (I already have this season)! Yard work, house painting, building something outdoors, and COP work will put many of us in jeopardy. **Yes, COP work may be hazardous to your health;** especially traffic control and parking assignments. So remember to take care of yourselves, who else will. Take frequent breaks (in a shady or air conditioned locations), drink lots of fluids, wear a hat or cap while out there directing traffic.

Heat Cramps are painful muscle spasms that occur after vigorous exercise, whether you are outdoors or not. Sweat produced during strenuous exercise causes a change in the body’s electrolyte, or salt, balance. This dehydration plays a role in the development of muscle cramps/heat cramps. Treatment for heat cramps is as follows: remove the patient from the hot environment; loosen any tight clothing; rest the cramping muscles; replace fluids (water works best, but a balanced electrolyte solution like Gatorade can be used, especially if diluted to half strength). If the cramps do not subside, go to the hospital.

Heat exhaustion is the result of the body losing so much water and so many electrolytes through very heavy sweating that hypovolemia (fluid depletion) occurs. Signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion (and hypovolemia) are: heavy sweating while working hard or exercising in a hot, humid, or poorly ventilated area; heavy sweating even at rest in a hot, humid, or poorly ventilated area; cold, clammy skin with ashen pallor; dry tongue and thirst; dizziness, weakness, or faintness, with accompanying nausea or headache; normal vital signs, although the pulse is often rapid; normal or slightly elevated body temperature (can be as high as 104F). Treatment for Heat exhaustion include: remove the patient from the hot environment; loosen an tight clothing; lie the patient down and elevate the legs; fan the patient; encourage them to drink fluids if they are fully alert (don’t force fluids if not fully alert, the patient may aspirate the fluids into the lungs); if the symptoms do not clear up promptly, transport to the hospital.

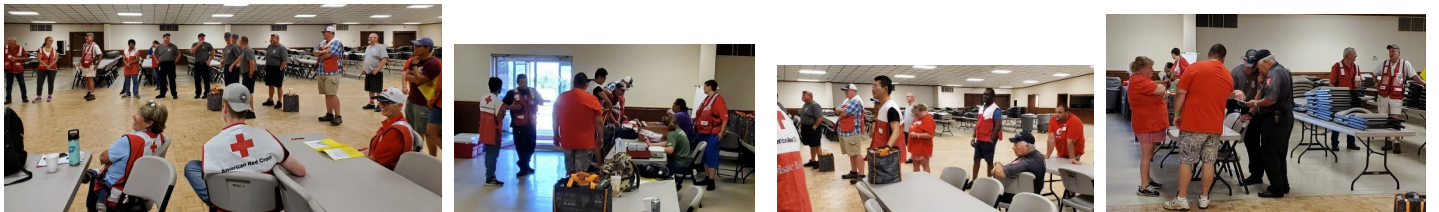
Heatstroke is the most serious of the heat related illnesses. Heatstroke occurs when the body is subjected to more heat than it can handle, and the body temperature rises rapidly (to the level at which tissues are destroyed). Untreated heatstroke always results in death. Heatstroke can develop during vigorous physical activity or when outdoors or in a poorly ventilated, humid space. It also occurs during heat waves among individuals who live in buildings with no air conditioning or with poor ventilation. Many patients will have hot, dry, flushed skin because their sweating mechanism has been overwhelmed. However, in the early stages of heatstroke the skin may be moist or wet. Body temperature may rise to 106F or more. As the body core temperature rises, the level of consciousness falls. Often, the first sign of heatstroke is a change in behavior; and the patient becomes unresponsive very quickly. Take the following steps when treating heatstroke: After calling 911 move the patient to a cool environment; remove clothing; apply cool packs to the neck, groin and armpit areas; cover the patient with wet towels or sheets or spray with cool water and fan him or her to evaporate the dampness on the skin; aggressively and repeatedly fan the patient; the patient must be transported to the hospital as soon possible. Be advised that Heat Cramps and Heat Exhaustion can progress to heatstroke if not treated; and heatstroke always causes death if not treated. The format used in this article was so that you could help someone in need, but the information could also help you save yourself. **So let’s try and stay cool this summer, be smart, and be safe. (This article was reprinted due to its pertinent content and health benefits.)**

Every year the Buddy Wright Post #48 of the American Legion hosts its Responder of the Year Awards for our local heroes here in Brenham and Washington County. They annually recognize a Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT and Sheriff's Deputy. This year I was fortunate enough to be named their Firefighter of the Year and Officer Jason Kasprowitz was honored by being named their Police Officer of the Year. Both of us, being associated with the Brenham Police Department, were proud to have been recognized with this great honor. I think that Jason was as surprised as I was when told about this recognition. Our families along with our Police Department and Fire Department families were there to witness and to even present the Awards.



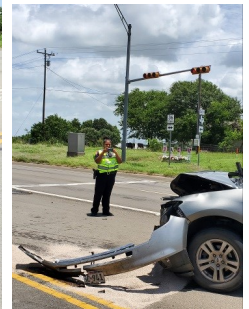
Left: Left to right Firefighter of the Year, **Rob Aguilar**, Police Officer of the Year, **Jason Kasprowitz**, EMT of the Year, **Taylor Leonard**, Deputy of the Year, **Sgt. Chris Garcia**

Below: On June 29th, Red Cross volunteers descended on Brenham and with the aid of the BFD and BPD COPs **Tex Davis** and **Rob Aguilar** they implemented their "Sound the Alarm" campaign (smoke detectors in every home). We installed a total of 164 smoke detectors in area homes!





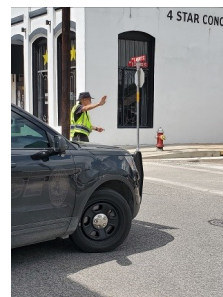
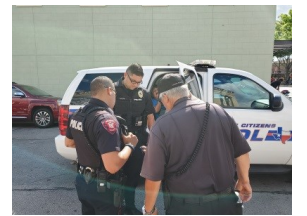
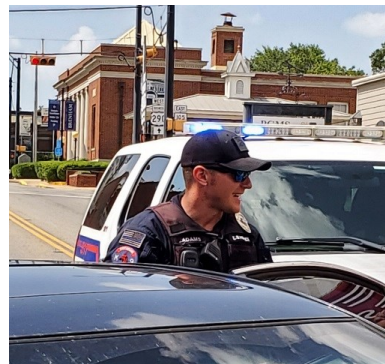
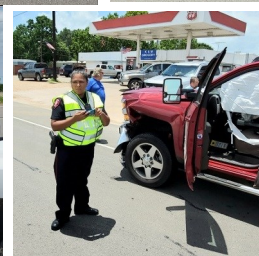
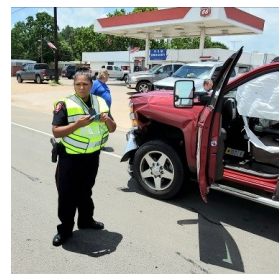
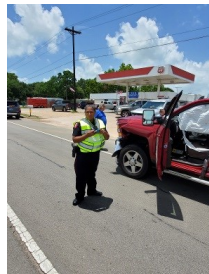
Above: Sgt. Steven Eilert assisting the Fire Department at a fire on Rink St.



Above: The "chain of command" in action; Sgt. John Snowden tells Cpl. Jose Perez the game plan, who then tells Rookie Officer Crystal Buckner to carry out said plan!



Great job by Crystal carrying out the investigation, but why is her traffic vest so very big?



See anyone you know?

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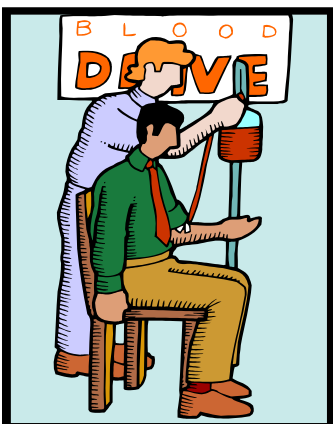
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The next Guns and Hoses Blood Drive 2-Day Event will be held on Friday August 23rd and Saturday August 24th. The Donor Coach will be at City Hall (200 W. Vulcan) on Friday 8-23-19 from 9 am to 3 pm. The Fireman's Training Center will be the location of our Saturday Blood Drive 8-24-19 from 9 am to 3 pm. We will need volunteers to man the front desk at the Training Center and possibly help with the food preparation and distribution. If you can help, please call Rob at 451-2612. And as always, we need volunteers to *Donate Blood*. See you all there!