

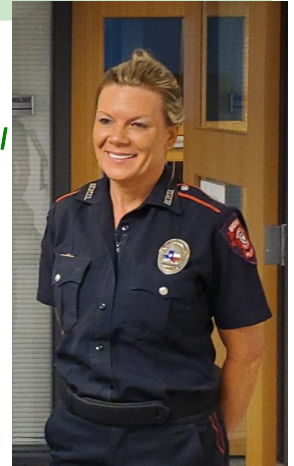


The Informant

Dates to remember

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| General Meeting 6:30 pm | 8/12 |
| Band March-a-Thon | 8/9 |
| Guns & Hoses Blood Drive | 8/23 & 8/24 |
| General Meeting | 9/9 |

Meet our newest BPD Officer, she's Ofc. Tina Bruno. Tina grew up in Magnolia, Texas and was the only girl in her family of five children. Three of her four brothers still live in Magnolia, while the oldest is living in California. She currently lives in Hockley with her fiancé Chris, who works for Germania Insurance. Tina attended the University of Houston Police Academy in 2018. She served as a reserve deputy for Harris County Constable's Office, Precinct 1 after her graduation. "Until I was fortunate enough to become part of the Brenham Police Department", she says. (More about Tina on page 9)



Left: The Hot Nights Cool Tunes Concert Series was held every Saturday evening in July! (Pgs. 3,4)



Left: Superheroes from New Beginnings Pregnancy Center stopped by BPD to award the Police Department and Citizens on Patrol with plaques "Thanking Us" for all that we do for the community. (Pg. 6)

August Birthdays

- Pam Ruemke 8/1
- Sgt. Seth Klehm 8/3
- Alyson Tofel 8/10
- Ofc. Kejan Mehlhorn 8/25
- Cpl. Jose Perez 8/27
- Cpl. Lance Weiss 8/29
- Sgt. Justin Schiller 9/3

Photos 1 & 2 Right: Sgt. Merkley and Cpl. Kurie lead off the Annual Camp Periwinkle Escort, next BFD Eng. 1, the Blaque Pearls Motorcycle Club, SO Deputies, and City and County COP Units. More on pages 5 and 7



Above 2 photos are of the "Breakfast of Champions" benefit that was attended by BPD Staff (including Chief Barrow) and many COPs; held at the Senior Activity Center. (see page 10)

Citizens on Patrol

Thanks to the following COPs for their help on:

7-5-19 First Friday Farmers Market & Artisan Event: Richard Jares and Tex Davis

7-12-19 Flag Raising Ceremony at Silver Sage: Tex Davis and Rob Aguilar

7-18-19 Movies in the Park: Tex Davis and Richard Jares

7-23-19 Breakfast of Champions at the Senior Activity Center Parking & PR Assignment: Tex Davis, Dorothy Antkowiak, Laura Sparks, Annette Tiemann, Sue Braun, Richard Jares, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Albert Green, Wanda Aguilar and Rob Aguilar

7-28-19 Camp Periwinkle Escort: Richard Jares, Tex Davis, Jon Siemsglusz, Kathleen Siemsglusz, Catharine Wood, Clarence Steinfeld, Annette Tiemann, Wanda Aguilar and Rob Aguilar

8-1-19 Movies in the Park : Richard Jares and Tex Davis

8-2-19 First Friday Farmers Market & Artisan Event: Tex Davis

8-3-19 School Supply Traffic Assignment: Catharine Wood and Tex Davis

Hot Nights, Cool Tunes Every Saturday in July
 Thank you to those who assisted with this event during the month of July: Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Albert Green, Rob Aguilar, Sue Braun, Kevin Braun, Stan Ford, Clarence Steinfeld, Tex Davis, Ron Upchurch, Dale Green, Dorothy Antkowiak, Patricia Badough, Richard Jares, Catharine Wood and Howard Mead
 Sorry if I missed anyone!

| July COP Hours | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Rob Aguilar | 48 |
| Wanda Aguilar | 27 |
| Dorothy Antkowiak | 24.5 |
| Patricia Badough | 19 |
| Kevin Braun | 2.5 |
| Sue Braun | 14 |
| Robbie Gail Charette | 2 |
| Bob Cothorn | 24.5 |
| Michael Cowan | 14 |
| Tex Davis | 254.5 |
| Peter Emerson | 2 |
| Doug Feist | 17.5 |
| Stan Ford | 22.75 |
| Albert Green | 29.5 |
| Dale Green | 12 |
| Jerry Jares | 15.25 |
| Richard Jares | 96.5 |
| Dick Klein | 17.5 |
| Howard Mead | 2 |
| Steve Oneill | 2 |
| Sherry Parker | 7 |
| Monroe Petzolt | 2 |
| Kay Reichwein | 8 |
| Kathleen Siemsglusz | 31.5 |
| Jon Siemsglusz | 12 |
| Mark Smith | 5 |
| Tony Smith | 20 |
| Laura Sparks | 9 |
| Clarence Steinfeld | 71.5 |
| Annette Tiemann | 21.5 |
| Ron Upchurch | 31.25 |
| Lori Walker | 16 |
| Julie Wilson | 5 |
| Catharine Wood | 15 |
| TOTAL | 901.75 |



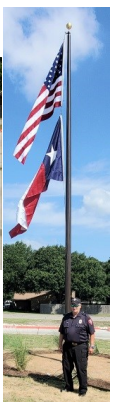
Left: **Lori Walker** receives an Office Angel Award from Lt. Rob Aguilar for her outstanding work in the office. She can be found, not only answering phones, but purging old files, shredding documents, and so much more. She is an asset at BPD.



THANK YOU ALL
 very much for all the hard work. Especially in such hot weather.
AWESOME!



Tex and Rob were on hand for the Flag Raising Ceremony at Silver Sage. Right: Old Glory and Old Tex!!





Above: **Ofc. Levi McElreath** stands beside his parents classic 1970 GTO Nice!

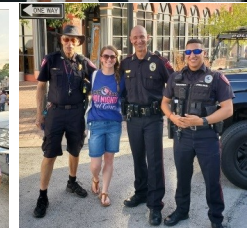
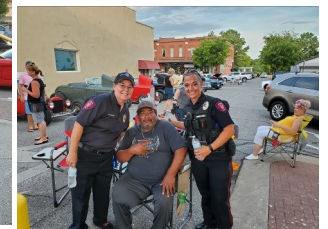


Above: It turns out Andrea's Mom was there too and she gave Andrea a taste of her cold snow cone. Yum!

Above: HNCT was well protected. Here, **Sgt. Jason Derrick** and **Ofc. Armando Guerra** were patrolling the event.

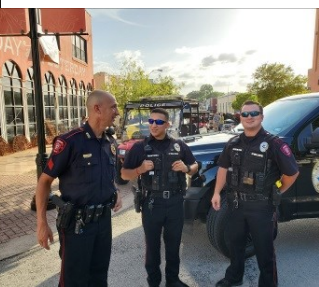


Left: FD's **Chris McCain**, **Ofc. Andrea Norton** and **Ofc. Richelle Taylor** are photo-bombed by Andrea's Dad. She didn't know he was at the event.



Above: **Luke** finds **Waldo** at HNCT!

Were we really on duty? We were having a great time working; right guys??



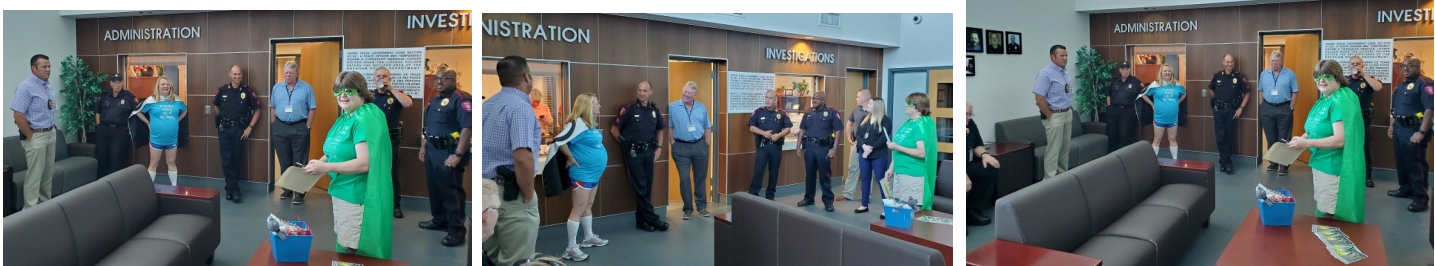


HNCT

Another July of Hot Nights Cool Tunes is in the books. It was so hot, but so much fun!

On 7-28-19 the Police Department, Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, City COPs and County COPs got a chance to work together on a pleasurable and worthwhile task; the annual Camp Periwinkle Escort. This year was no different than any other, except we had several new participants. The escort went off without a hitch and the four bus loads of campers were so excited to get their week of fun and adventure at the camp underway, our interaction with them was limited. We got to visit a while with Deputies and our County counterparts; drink a cold beverage and pose for our plaques. Our plaque can be seen in the COP Office. It was fun and we look forward to next year!





Above: Superhero and CPA Alum, Carol Holloway (with the Blue Cape) and her sidekick (her boss Melinda VonOstrand), both from New Beginnings Pregnancy Center came by BPD on July 17th to present the Police Department and Citizens On Patrol with plaques in appreciation for all that we do.

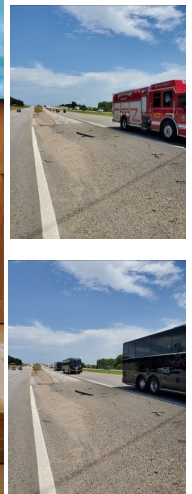
7-5-19 First Friday Farmer's Market and Artisan Event. Todd Ashorn, Richard Jares and Tex Davis were there working. Performing a vital crime prevention function; Public Relations. It's hard work, but someone has to do it! (photos at right)



Right: The Silver Sage Nursing Facility 1119 - 1121 Prairies Lea Street opened it's doors on July 12th with a Flag Raising Ceremony. We were asked to help with traffic control for the event. We participated in the Flag Raising Ceremony; then had snacks and got to tour the new facility.



BPD was quite busy when the escort to Camp Periwinkle began, and before they knew it the escort was out the city. We had lots of help with the escort as the Fire Department had Engine 1 there to assist; the County Sheriff's Office had 3 Deputies and 3 County COP Units and we had all of our COP units as well. We were also joined again this year by the Blaque Pearls Motorcycle Club and another MC from the Waco area. Camp Periwinkle is for children suffering from cancer. Each child can bring one person with them to camp (usually a sibling or close friend). The Camp is staffed with doctors and nurses familiar with the children's treatment and medications. The Camp Volunteers are also well trained about the disease and some of the volunteers are cancer survivors that attended the camp when they were younger. Having two new COPs with us meant that we would ask the Camp Periwinkle staff for a tour of Camp For All. They graciously obliged, and new COPs Jon & Kathleen Siemsglusz got to see firsthand the amazing facilities. The guide showed them much of the 200 acres of various activities. There are two lakes for boating, canoeing, and fishing. An archery range, chapel, meeting hall, 17 cabins, a multipurpose building (used as a theatre, gymnasium, etc), swimming pool, stable for horses, arena, pens for goats and other animals, rock climbing wall, ropes course (very impressive, as its about 50 feet high), zip lines, and the list goes on. The staff praised us for our help and said that the "Star Treatment" with the escort heightens expectations and sets the tone for the weeks activities for the kids. Well, we get just as much from the experience as the kids do. We look forward to doing this again next year, or until a cure is found!



Changes

New changes in the rank structure of our COP organization have been made. While our organization has been running smoothly; and almost all of our officers were doing their part to ensure smooth operations. A couple of our higher-ranking members have decided to step down (or step back) from their position in order to give someone else a chance to grow and to shine. **Cpl. Ron Upchurch** turned in his Stripes, followed by **Sgt. Bob**

Cothorn. Ron was in charge of office personnel and Bob was in charge of our fleet. They will still help our organization in any way that they can and they will train their successors. The Command Staff, Liaison Officers and the Chief have deliberated and came up with some suitable replacements. **Come to Monday nights Meeting and hear their conclusions!**



Officer Eddie Martinez went into the Kountry Boys Sausage plant with Firefighter and CPA Alum, Stacie Oberrender to check on a fire alarm. They were issued hairnets, by policy, before entry. Turns out Eddie wore his the rest of his shift. He says it made his hair feel smooth and silky. He asked management where he could get more of them. True story, right Eddie!

Aaron David Markizer, Brenham Firefighter.
9-27-69
To
7-21-19
We miss you!

Lt. Kelvin Raven, Sgt. Terrence Johnson and Officer Zack Greig can be seen helping out at different emergency scenes. First responders are usually glad to see law enforcement on the scene with them!



Heads up, Texas.

It's now against the law in Texas to read, write or send a text while driving.

TALK | TEXT CRASH

IT CAN WAIT AT&T

- Approximately 1 in 5 crashes in Texas involve driver distraction. Anything that takes your eyes or mind off the road can be a dangerous distraction.
- Always give driving your full attention.
 - Put your phone away—or turn it off—before you get behind the wheel.
 - Pull off the road entirely before you talk or text.
 - Tell friends, family, and coworkers you won't respond to calls or texts when driving.
 - Use a smartphone app that sends auto-reply texts when you're behind the wheel.
 - Spread the word. Tell your friends and family about the dangers of distracted driving.



Far Left: The Honorable Judge Robert Wright administers Tina's Oath of Office. Left: After being Sworn-In Tina's badge is pinned on by her fiancé, Chris. Tina has two boys, her oldest son Anthony is currently serving in the Marines and is stationed in North Carolina. Her youngest son Vincent lives in Cypress, Texas. She enjoys running, working out, fishing and most importantly, coffee! The photos below are from her swearing-in ceremony and some are from our last meeting, where she graciously came by to introduce herself to us!



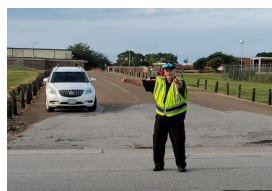
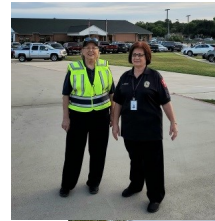
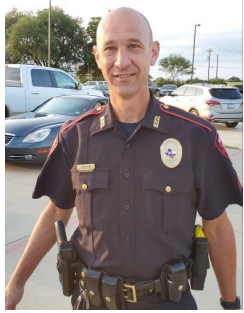
Washington County EMS - Stop the Bleed Class

On July 30th, Washington County EMS *Paramedic Ricky Pena* conducted a "Stop the Bleed" Class for COPS. Almost 20 of us were in attendance and we received quite a good stop the bleed, CPR, and general first aid class. Ricky Pena is a highly qualified and tenured medical professional with a wealth of information to disseminate. Everyone left there with a better knowledge and confidence to perform first aid and CPR duties in the field. However, we will have to stock our units with certain supplies. We will probably even stock our private vehicles and homes with those same life saving supplies. A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to *Ricky and Washington County EMS* for providing our training.





Above: We all enjoyed our breakfast, the presentation and the fellowship. Below: Before we could enjoy the program we helped park cars and direct traffic at the event. The benefit was sponsored by the Washington County Healthy Living Association.





Above: I met a 12 year old boy named Bryce from Kermit, Texas who was touring the Brenham Police Department. He told me that he loves visiting Fire Stations and Police Stations; and does so whenever his family travels. His Dad is a Kermit firefighter taking a week long class at TEEX, and brought his family for a work/vacation. While his dad was in class his Mom was visiting Brenham. After his tour of BPD, I asked if he and his family would like to tour the Fire Museum and the Fire Station. His smile was all the answer I needed; his mom followed me to the Fire Museum in downtown Brenham. I gave them the grand tour. To see someone so young interested in history and hanging on my every word was quite a good feeling. I led them to the Fire Station and gave them a tour of the Emergency Operations Center and Administrative Offices; then I turned it over to the firefighters on duty. He also collects patches; he showed us his albums which had pictures of him visiting Firehouses and Police Stations as far away as New York. He garnered patches from BPD as well a Challenge coin; not to be outdone, BFD gave him a patch, Challenge coin and a BFD T-Shirt. We also signed his flag (notice the red and the blue stripe). Another amazing thing was the attention afforded him and his family by everyone at BPD and BFD alike. What a great city with such great public servants; we should all be proud. And what a great young man!



Left: New COP **Julie Wilson** is ready for the Gun Range or the SWAT Team!!



Above: **Julie Wilson** and **Kay Reichwein** complete their final COP Class, Traffic Control, taught by **Sgt. Steven Eilert**. **Good Job Ladies!**

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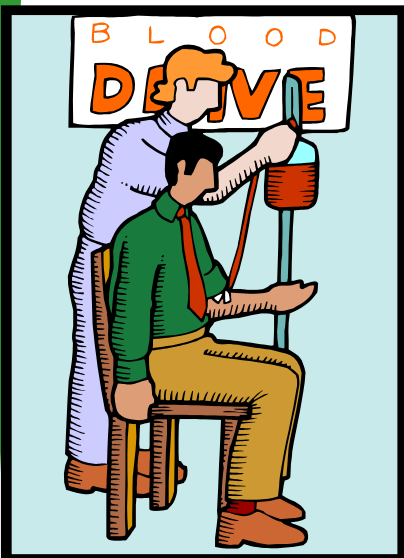
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Guns and Hoses Blood Drive Two Day Event

The Donor Coach will be at City Hall on Friday, 8-23-19 from 9 am to 3 pm

The Drive will be at the Fireman's Training Center on Saturday 8-24-19 from 9 am to 3 pm

A Free Coupon for a Pint of Blue Bell ice-cream for all who donate Blood.