

The Informant

Newsletter of the Brenham, TX Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association
MAY 2015



This Edition of the Informant is Dedicated to Chief Rex Phelps. He led our department in a positive direction for the past 6 years; he will now help lead our City on that same path to greatness. Good Luck Chief !!



Dates to remember

- Bake Sale Fundraiser at Walgreens & Wal-mart 5/9
- General Meeting 7pm 5/11
- *Nat'l Police Week * 5/10 -
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- Picnic @ Fireman's Trng Center 2-6pm 6/28

Class 29 Graduates May 7th



Happy Birthday to

Cpl. Tommy Kurie
May 2nd

Ed Bishop
May 18th



Remember
MOM



A heartfelt Memo from Chief Rex Phelps to his BPD Family

From: Rex Phelps
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2015 3:46 PM
To: Police_Dept
Subject: Not enough words to express how thankful I am to the BPD family

On Monday, May 4th I will be moving over to city hall. Before I go, I just wanted to email this department and thank all of you for all you have meant to this department and community. **I also want to express deep appreciation for what each of you have meant to me.** We have accomplished so much together in the last six years and that is because of **your** hard work, dedication, loyalty, skills and abilities. **I was successful here because of you.**

You have done all that I have asked and more. I simply cannot say thank you enough. I pray for this department every day and you will all remain in my thoughts and prayers. Never forget that you have a job that matters and that in itself matters. You do make a real positive difference.

I will just be across town and I hope to see you all regularly. I have been serving in law enforcement for the past 30 years and I am most thankful to the last six years serving here in Brenham. It will be an emotional thing for me to start a new season in my career because law enforcement has meant so much to me.

Remember to live in thankfulness during good and bad times. There are always things to be thankful for and sometimes they are right in front of us. This is key to long-term happiness. Your character lives in the space between the problem and your reaction to the problem. Hold our core values close knowing that it is always honorable and appropriate to **empathize** with your fellow man, do and say things that **edify** each other, be **enthusiastic** about life and what you do, and strive for **excellence** because to expect much from yourself ensures inspiration and motivation in others. *If you remember these things you will all do great no matter who serves as chief.*

You are capable, courageous, diplomatic, ethical, dependable, hard-working, intelligent, compassionate and heroic. Please know that I am so very proud of you and I do not mind saying *I love you all.*

It has been a true honor and a privilege to serve as your police chief.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

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At left: It must be official; the "CHIEF'S CHARIOT" has been passed down to Interim Chief Dant Lange! No accidents reported!!

Guest Speaker at this Monday's General Meeting of the CPAAA will be our very own **Clyde Averitt**. Clyde was one of three Washington County Service Veterans to be selected to participate in a new "honor flight" program for those that served in the Korean Conflict. The flight was called Honor Flight Austin and is the first flight for Korean War Veterans. Clyde was flown to Washington D.C. to tour it's War Memorials and be an honored guest at a program for Korean Vets. Last year our long time CPAAA member Keith Twiggs was chosen for the "honor flight" for World War II Vets, and he still talks about that experience with great fondness. I am sure he is exited that his friend Clyde got this opportunity that very few are offered. Clyde's fortune will also be our gain, as he will share that experience with us Monday night. Clyde, we are looking forward to hearing all about it.

Citizens on Patrol

A LOT of exciting events took place in the month of April. Thank You VOLUNTEERS for . .

Working the Easter Egg Hunt at Appel Ford on 4-4-15: **Stan Ford, James Bassett, Clyde Averitt, Albert Green, Annette Tiemann**

Working the Victory Walk for Christ Escort on 4-4-15: **Rob Aguilar, Wanda Aguilar, Cathy Langan, Tex Davis**

Working the Home Depot Spring Event PR Assignment on 4-10-15: **Ron Wise, Millie Keller, Wanda Aguilar, Rob Aguilar**

Working the Blue Bell Fun Run on 4-11-15: **James Bassett, Tex Davis, Jack Murski, Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Mark Smith, Corina Smith, David Clinkenbeard, Clyde Averitt, Chuck Wood, Rob Aguilar**

Working the Anchor Club Bike Rodeo at Wal Mart on 4-11-15: **Chuck Wood, Clarence Steinfeld, Rob Aguilar**

Working the Salem Fire Department Parking Assignment at the FTC on 4-12-15: **Wanda Aguilar, Annette Tiemann, Clarence Steinfeld, Tony Smith, Chuck Wood, Catharine Wood, Billy Yawn, Tex Davis, Rob Aguilar**

Being on stand-by for the Blinn Blitz Escort Assignment on 4-17-15: **Rob Aguilar**

Working the Cornerstone Church Prayer Walk Escort on 4-18-15: **Bob Cothorn, Tex Davis, Jack Murski**

Working the W C Little League Fundraiser Traffic Assignment on 4-20-15: **Jack Murski, Tex Davis, Bob Cothorn, Rob Aguilar**

Working the Blue Bell Prayer Vigil Downtown on 4-25-15: **Cathy Langan, Tex Davis, Clarence Steinfeld**

Working Amanda's Fundraiser at the FTC on 4-25-15: **Rob Aguilar, Albert Green, Dale Green, Tex Davis, Dorothy Antkowiak, Clarence Steinfeld, Annette Tiemann, Kevin Braun, Mark Smith, Billy Yawn, Ron Upchurch, Tony Smith**

Working the Blue Bell Media Assignment on 4-27-15: **Billy Yawn, Dorothy Antkowiak, Annette Tiemann, Corina Smith, Rob Aguilar**

Working the Guns & Hoses Blood Drive on 4-30-15: **Rob Aguilar**

Working the Maifest Parade as well as the Maifest Celebration in the Park and the Coronations and Park and Ride 5/1-2/15: **Bob Cothorn, James Bassett, Clarence Steinfeld, Albert Green, Tex Davis, Jim Hollister, Kevin Braun, Sue Braun, David Clinkenbeard, Dale Green, Rob Aguilar**

Working the WCPOA Golf Tournament on 5-4-15: **Millie Keller, Dorothy Antkowiak, Corina Smith, Peter Emerson, Annette Tiemann**

Hope I got everyone; it's hard keeping track when we're so busy! Thanks Again!!

April COP Hours

Rob Aguilar	69.75
Wanda Aguilar	36
Dorothy Antkowiak	53.5
Clyde Averitt	20
James Bassett	46.5
Kevin Braun	13.5
Sue Braun	19.5
Wayne Brown	26.5
Willie Brown	14
David Clinkenbeard	33
Sandra Clinkenbeard	5
Bob Cothorn	44.75
Michael Cowan	16.5
Glen Daugherty	23
Tex Davis	130.75
Peter Emerson	2
Stan Ford	30.75
Albert Green	42.5
Dale Green	32.5
Donald Hegemeyer	4.5
Juanita Hickey	18.5
Jim Hollister	4.25
Helen Jordan	5.5
Bernadette Kamprath	2.5
Millie Keller	29.75
Cathy Langan	10
Jack Murski	28.5
Don Peloquin	16
Carolyn Petzolt	2.5
Monroe Petzolt	2.5
Jerry Pieper	7
Elizabeth Schwake	2.5
Jerry Schwake	2.5
Corina Smith	40.75
Mark Smith	28.25
Tony Smith	23.25
Clarence Steinfeld	60
Billy Sutherland	2.5
Annette Tiemann	51.25
Ron Upchurch	90.5
Manija Whitman	2.5
Jean Winters	2.5
Ron Wise	14
Catharine Wood	5.5
Chuck Wood	12.5
Billy Yawn	35.5
TOTAL	1168



Honoring Our Heroes



National Police Week

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as National Police Week. Thus, this year National Police Week is celebrated May 10th thru the 16th. However, every year on May 13th the Annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial is held, whether or not it falls during National Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around

the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

National Police Week draws in between 25,000 to 40,000 attendees. The attendees come from departments throughout the United States as well as from agencies throughout the world. This provides a unique opportunity to meet others that share a common brotherhood. In that spirit, the Fraternal Order of Police DC Lodge #1 sponsors receptions each afternoon and evening during Police Week. These events are open to all law enforcement personnel and are an experience unlike any other. For more info log onto www.NationalPoliceWeek.com

The CPAAA will be providing snacks for the Police Department. If you would like to donate snack items, you can drop them off at the PD—Attention Cpl. Chris Jackson OR bring them to the General meeting on May 11TH. Thank you for your support.

New BPD Officer Terrence Johnson is Sworn In by the Honorable Municipal Court Judge Robert Wright



At right: Terrence with his wife Holly. Below: Holly pins on his new BPD Badge.



Officer Terrence Johnson is congratulated by Captain Dant Lange just after Terrence took his Oath of Office on April 29th, 2015
WELCOME ABOARD!





CPAAA Annual Bake Sale Fundraiser, will be held this Saturday May 9th at Wal-Mart and Walgreens. We will also be doing Fingerprinting of Children at the Walgreen’s location. We anticipate great participation from all of our members. We hope it will be a great success, as it was last year, when we raised \$1567; sold a lot of goodies and had a lot of fun doing it. This is truly a Team Effort. I would like to take this opportunity to **Thank Everyone In Advance, For Their Support!**

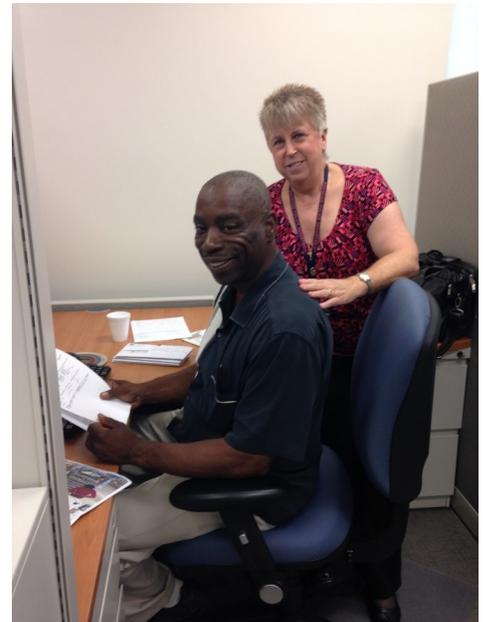
Fundraiser Chairperson,
Annette Tiemann



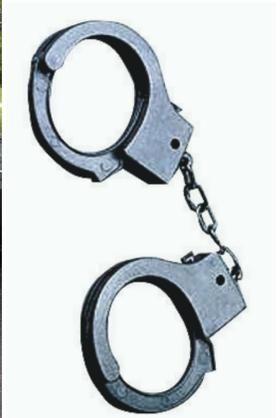
Wanda, Ron and Millie at the Home Depot Spring Event PR Assignment on Friday 4-10-15

At Right: **Officer David Webb** is back to work on “light duty” in the front office at BPD. He is doing some paper work guided by Ginger Bishop. We are sure glad to see him back at the PD. He says that he feels pretty good, almost 100 per cent; and he can’t wait to go back to “full duty”. I guess office work isn’t his first choice, he’s not alone there. Well David, everyone that I’ve talked to is so very glad that you are doing so well, in such a short time.

Welcome Back!



At left and right: A simple fender-bender being handled by Cpl. Tommie Kurie ends up in the arrest of a passenger; as she had outstanding warrants in Harris County. COP Lt. Rob Aguilar made the scene when Cpl Kurie’s radio malfunctioned, and he found everything Code 4. Later, Officer Ashley Burns aided in the arrest.



National Communications Week



WOW! What a treat the dispatchers received during National Communications Week last month. A HUGE thank you to all who donated items and/or money for the goody bags. And a big **Thank You** to Dorothy Antkowiak for delivering the bags on behalf of the organization!

AWESOME JOB!!!



The Officer Marsha Ellis Ullrich Memorial Scholarship will be presented to this year's recipient *Kaitlyn Doyle*. She is the daughter of Michael and Shelly Doyle of Brenham. She plans to attend either Sam Houston State University or Texas A & M, and will major in Criminal Justice with a minor in Forensic Science. CPAAA President Bob Cothorn will be on hand for that presentation.



Save The Date!!!



At left: Shannon Arens with COP Kevin Braun. I know it's happened to all of us at one time or another, we lock our keys in the car. Shannon with Arens Services (a Towing Company) helped Kevin out. He performs services like jump starts, tire changes, lock outs, etc. **FREE OF CHARGE** to senior citizens or the physically disabled; call him at 979-421-6292. Keep this number handy while you are on patrol, or when this happens to you!!

SUNDAY June 28th 2-6 pm

**Annual CPAAA/PD Picnic in Honor of Chief Phelps
@ Fireman's Training Center.**



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The Angel on the left is AVA GRACE, born 4-9-15 at 1:12 am and weighing 10 lbs 4oz and 21" long. The Merkley Family and the BPD Family just got a little bit bigger. That's the Merkley Family on the right: Joe, Maddie, Eli, Ava Grace and mom Chelsea.

CONGRATS !!



The 125th Annual Maifest Parade



The crowds gather, the floats are in place.



Take your seats the parade is about to start.



Officer Ashley Burns chats with parade goers.



A Great Family Parade

How does he do it? Cpl. Chris Jackson is driving the Ranger in two of these shots, but manages to ride the Blue Blazer's float in the middle pic?? Amazing!

At right: Chief Phelps in his last official assignment as Chief. It is fitting that that would be the Maifest Parade!



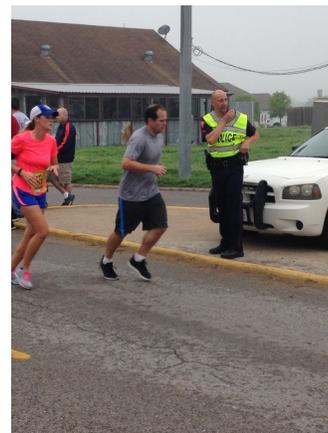
2015 Blue Bell Fun Run!!!



The RUNNERS are warming up, awaiting the start of the Blue Bell Fun Run 2015



Captain Gully enjoys the race and cheers on the Runners



Cpl Todd Ashorn also enjoys the race



Cpl Richard Bobbit runs the 10-K in full gear



Capt. Gully and Cpl Ashorn direct the runners to the Finish Line, cheering them on!

At Right: Sgt. Kelvin Raven and Cpl. Casey Thumann enjoying the race and check upcoming events on the Sarge's i-phone; or was that a YouTube video??



The Anchor Club's Annual Bike Rodeo held at Wal-Mart

Cpl. Eduardo Ortega and Cpl. Lance Weiss were lead instructors at this event, they were assisted by COPs Cpl. Chuck Wood and Clarence Steinfeld (who had on the wrong uniform that day); Lt. Rob Aguilar was also present for the festivities. Looks like fun, doesn't it!!



More Bike Rodeo Pics



Above: Cpl. Tommie Kurie is recognized by Mayor Tate, City Council and guests for his 25 Years of Service to the Brenham Police Department.

At left: Sgt. Judson Hall is recognized by Mayor Tate, City Council and guest for his 30 Years of Service to the Brenham Police Department and citizens of the community. **Great Job Guys!**



Sgt. Raven's Shift

Officer Sierra Newell, Cpl. David Dudenhoeffer, Sgt. Kelvin Raven, Cpl. Steven Eilert, Cpl. Seth Klehm, and K-9 Officer Ronnie



COP Training - This is the schedule for New COP Candidates. **Any current CPAAA or COP member** that would like to attend any of these classes is welcomed to do so, as some of you may have missed them or would like a refresher. Any questions, please feel free to call me at 451-2612.

May 14th - Orientation Class 6:30 pm at BPD 2nd Floor Training Room

May 21st - Traffic Control Class 6:30 pm, Meet at BPD 2nd Floor Training Room

May 28th – Communications/Radio Techniques Class 6:30 pm at BPD 2nd Floor Training Room (and or Communications).

June 4th – Haz-Mat Awareness Level and Emergency Response Guidebook Training 6:30 pm at BPD 2nd Floor Training Room

Thanks,
Rob Aguilar
Training Coordinator



Cpl Lance Weiss investigates a 10-50 on Day Street.



Corina and Mark Smith at a Baby Shower for Corina's first Grand Daughter. She should be here soon!



New Dad and Mom to be, along with new anxious Grand Parents to be! **Congrats!!**

Our latest **SWAT Team** photo, taken at their last exercise on April 29th. We're in good hands!



Mother's Day is
Sunday May
10th



BPD OFFICERS SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY



AND SUPPORTING BLUE BELL CREAMERIES !!



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Guns & Hoses

Thanks to all who came out to donate blood at the last Guns 'N Hoses Blood drive on April 30th and a big THANKS to Rob Aguilar for coordinating this event. We were credited with 34 Total Blood Products. Watch for info on the next drive in next month's newsletter!!

