

# The RAP Sheet

## News and Events From The Pearland CPAAA



### ROGERS' ROLL CALL

Welcome to the December 2021 Rap Sheet. I have finally run out of leftovers so back to eating healthy long enough to eat bad again for Christmas. All the Thanksgiving decorations are gone and now my house is filled with the Christmas spirit, and yes, the tree did not go up until after Thanksgiving!!! Victory for me. My youngest daughter Taylor asks for a horse every year for Christmas, and I am so excited to let her know this year that once again she will not be getting one. She wants to have the horse roaming around the outside of the house kinda like having a giant dog, she assures me she will help pay for all the bills for the horse. She does not quite understand I am the bank for her job, but the more I think about it I believe she is genius for that comment.

December is a busy month for the CPA. Class #52 graduated on December 2 with CPA Class #53 starting in February 2022. We will also plan to have an Advanced CPA Class in June 2022. The CPA tree is up on the upstairs break room, the City of Pearland Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade were back, the Christmas banquet is back, and the gun raffle fundraiser is concluding. I would like to thank everyone PCPAAA person who took time to volunteer to help with these events. Without your help these events would not be possible. I would also like to send a special thank you to Tom Faircloth, every time you get a water bottle from the fridge it is because of PCPAAA member Tom Faircloth, who on his time off comes to the PD to fill up the fridge with water. Hydration is key!! I look forward to a wonderful year in 2022 as we conclude 2021. Many memories will be cherished from this past year. As we conclude 2021, I give thanks for the PCPAAA and everything they do for us, many of times without us even aware. As always if you need anything please let me know.

Stay Safe and Stay Vigilant

#### December Events:

- 1/11 Board Meeting, 7PM – Swearing in of new officers
- 1/17 General Meeting, 7PM

#### CPA Meetings:

**Board meetings** are always open to CPA Members to attend. They are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (7PM) unless otherwise stated. If you would like to speak at a board meeting you must contact the president to get on the agenda. Other than that, CPA members are welcome but cannot speak to the board unless they ask you a question.

**General Meeting** alternate between the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday (7PM) or the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday (9AM) of each month unless otherwise stated.

Mark your calendars!



## President's Corner

It's the end of the year and CPA volunteer opportunities are winding down. Members are wanting to spend time with their families and get ready for Christmas. The heat wave we are having kind of makes it hard to get in the mood but never fear, in Texas if you wait long enough it will get cold again.

I understand the City of Pearland Tree lighting ceremony had a good turnout. We did not get quite enough people to help at the City of Pearland Christmas Parade as we needed but we did the best we could with those that came out. Both events are a blast to work. I hope new and old members will consider helping next year. Both are very easy tasks, and your family is always welcome to come with you. This is the best "people watching" you can find. Little kids are so excited to see the lights and parents are happy to see their kids' faces light up through the Christmas traditions. The parade was a little wet, but it still went on. Because we didn't have enough CPA volunteers, it sounded like a couple of cars got out on the parade route ahead of the parade. Eventually they got off the road before the parade started. The Officers were out in full force enjoying the events as well. It's nice to see all had smiles on their faces as they zipped by. The drones were out watching from above and the Mobile Command Post was keeping up with all the activities as well. Thank you to both groups that volunteered at the City of Pearland Events.

In January we usually get asked to volunteer for Winter Fest so hopefully we will get to see our members again shortly. Winter Fest is an all-day event, but we will have shifts to sign up for, so you don't have to be out there all day unless you want to. It too is a lot of fun, and you get an opportunity to get to know other CPA members while you are out there. Consider signing up.

In the New Year we will be asked to help with mental health or de-escalation training for Officers again. Training like this is done during the day. We understand some of our members work but if you can volunteer for that it's a great opportunity to help in training these Officers. You are given a scenario to follow, there is a training Officer there who can help you out with "your character". It's so important that not just our Officers in Pearland get an opportunity to practice on us but the other outside agencies as well.

There are changes on the way in the New Year. I am leaving my position as President of the CPA. I have every intention of continuing with the RAP Sheet, SignUP's, helping with training and participating in any other committees/events as I choose so I will see some of you around. It's been an honor to serve as president of the CPA. It has been great to make new friends and I cherish my CPA friends.

I don't want to lose sight of the reason the CPA is here. It is to help our Officers whether it be volunteering with training, helping at events so an Officer can do their job or raising funds to purchase needed items for them. We serve at the pleasure of the Pearland Police Department, and we are there to support them and lift them up in what is a demanding job.

So Merry Christmas everyone! Be safe out there and we will see you next year!

~Cindy Bilyeu





## December Trivia

**Disney released his first cartoon, featuring Mickey Mouse, called Steamboat on what day in 1901?**

*On December 5, 1901*

**What soft drink was served for the first time on December 1, 1835?**

*Dr. Pepper*

**On the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 1945, five U.S. Navy Avenger torpedo-bombers comprising Flight 19 Lost in where?**

*Bermuda Triangle*

## Bad Jokes

- What did one Christmas tree say to another? Lighten up!
- Where do reindeer go for coffee? Starbucks!
- What did the stamp say to the Christmas card? Stick with me and we'll go places!
- How does a gingerbread man make his bed? With a cookie sheet!
- How does a sheep say Merry Christmas? Fleece Navidad!
- Why did the Christmas tree go to the dentist? It needed a root canal!
- What happened to the elf who stole a calendar? He got 12 months.
- What is a Christmas tree's least favorite month? Sep-timber!

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**\*\*NOTE: If you are interested in any VACANT positions, please contact Billy Pyeatt or Officer Rogers and let them know before the January 11 Board meeting.**

### Gun Raffle Reminder:

All Gun Raffle ticket stubs and money must be turned in by Sat., Dec. 18 before 3pm. If you are turning the tickets in at the last minute, you should bring them up to Bass Pro Shops and hand them to **Cheryl Sweeney** who is the Gun Raffle Chairperson. If you would like to make sure your tickets and money, get in on time, please contact Cheryl to make arrangements to get them to her before Dec. 18, 2021. She can be reached at: [casweeney@aol.com](mailto:casweeney@aol.com).



## Christmas Shopping Tips:

- 1) Be aware of your surroundings. When you get to a parking lot, make sure you KNOW where your car is located. Look at the store you're going into and make a mental note what you see from the car's location.... "I'm in line with the "Pharmacy" sign. "
- 2) Walk with confidence, looking up, have your keys in your hand and make eye contact with people as you pass them. No one is going to go after your purse or bags if you are looking right at them. They want a person wandering through the parking lot lost, digging in their purse, fussing with the kids, or watching their cell phone.
- 3) Keep bags in the trunk. If you have to many items go home and drop them off.
- 4) After making a large holiday purchase like a TV, computer, etc. don't leave the entire box out on the curb for trash day for everyone to see what you purchased. If you want to put the boxes out for trash, cut the boxes up and put them inside your recycle bin. Don't announce what you just purchased to everyone.
- 5) As you are driving home, be aware of your surroundings. Are you being followed? Especially if you have just been to the bank.
- 6) If you are paying by credit card, did you know you can put a limit to be notified of any charges sent to your phone? Check with your credit card company for details. If your credit card becomes missing, contact the credit card company, and ask them to put a hold on your card. Check your credit card bills carefully to make sure you were charged correctly and that there are no other charges on there that you did not make. This is the time of year people get scammed using credit cards. Double charging, key in a higher charge, charges that you never made. Check your receipts and bills carefully.
- 7) Amazon purchases. You can monitor delivery from the Amazon app on your phone and almost know to the minute when a delivery is going to be made. In some cases, a map pops up and it will say something like, "three stops until your house". Many times, the delivery person will take a picture of the package at your door so you can see they delivered it. If you know you will not be home when a delivery is going to be made ask a trusted neighbor if they can go pick it up for you. Have deliveries made at your office instead of your home. Amazon also allows you to "update delivery instructions". Once you click on that option in their app you can specify where you want it left: Front door, Back door, Side porch, Garage. If they need a security code, you can put that in the app. Also remember this time of year not all the vehicles are clearly marked. I watched a UPS driver walk up to a home with a large envelop. She was driving a Cadillac sedan....one would assume UPS rented that vehicle because trucks are in high demand this time of year. The driver was wearing a yellow vest and hat with UPS on it.
- 8) Be mindful of what is going on around you all the time. When something seems "odd" or suspicious, act on that feeling and call your police or sheriff dept. Be nosy, ask questions of people that are not from your neighborhood, remember the old saying, "see something, say something". Your police are there for you. Don't ever be afraid to call on them to check something out. If it turns out nothing is wrong, no harm done. If it turns out something is wrong, then you have been helpful. As Officer Rogers says, stay vigilant out there folks!



**CPA member Cheryl Weaver (middle) heads up the Cry Wolf Letter stuffing.**

**CPA members helping stuff Cry Wolf (false alarm letters). This task is done near the beginning of each month. Look for SignUP's in your email inbox.**



This month's officer is Nathan Ramirez who is currently working C Squad's 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM shift.

Nathan was born in Pearland on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1992. He grew up in Pearland where he graduated from Pearland High School in 2011. He then attended San Jacinto Junior College where he received an associate of science degree in 2016. Then his next educational stop was for his basic law enforcement training which he acquired at the Pasadena Police Academy in 2018.

Nathan's family consists of his wife Marissa, and sons Kai who is 5 years old and Everett the youngest at 1 year old.

After Nathan worked for Pearland Parks and Recreation he thoroughly enjoyed working with the city and its citizens and he wanted to continue serving his community better through a career in law enforcement. Prior to becoming a member of the police department, he served for two years in the Pearland Jail as a jailer where he gained experience dealing with incarcerated people.

Nathan plans are to learn new law enforcement skills and applying them so he can better serve the citizens of Pearland. His other plans are watching his family grow and enjoying doing things with them. His plans are to continue his education and to get a degree in wildlife management, which would allow him to rehabilitate local Texas wildlife such as opossums, foxes, raccoons and other wild animals. Nathan also has a desire to learn how to scuba dive.

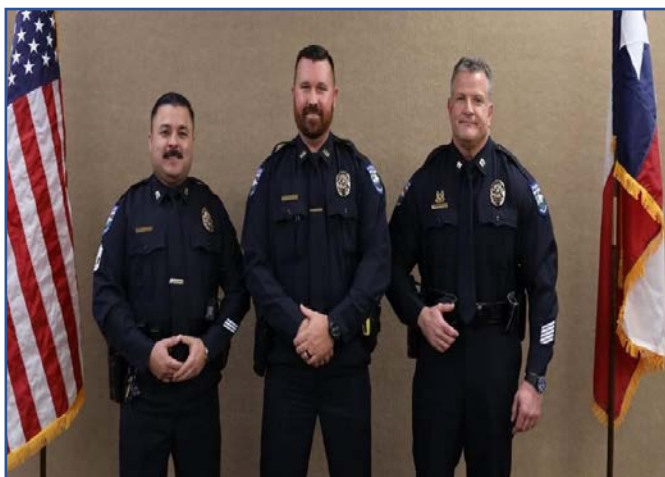
Nathan's impact moment came while he was still on his training program with his field training officer (FTO). He responded to a call regarding a young teenage mother who had given birth to a 20-week-old baby who was not moving or breathing. He was the first to arrive on scene and despite attempting life saving measures he was not able to save the infant. After that call he had a very different feeling toward his own children and made it a goal to do something eventful with them every day. Some of the events he does with his children are park adventures, camping, trips to the zoo and museums, to name a few. He learned that life can truly be cut too short sometimes and to make the best of it all the time.



## PROMOTIONS:

Sergeant Gabe Cortez, Lieutenant Clint Pledger and Captain Judd Kennimer.

Friends, families, and dignitaries celebrated the promotions of Captain Judd Kennimer, Lieutenant Clint Pledger, and Sergeant Gabe Cortez during a ceremony held at the Pearland Police Department this month. Each was sworn in by Chief Johnny Spires before their new badges were pinned on by family members. We wish them the best of luck in their new roles.



# MEET K-9 FLASH! THE NEWEST K-9 TO THE PEARLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Flash is a 9-week-old blood hound trained to be a SAR dog, which is a dog trained to conduct search and rescue. He will be specifically trained to track missing or endangered persons. Flash is assigned to Sgt. Basye at this time. K-9 Flash took his Oath of Office and was officially sworn in by Chief Johnny Spires on December 9, 2021. K-9 Flash has been playing with his chew toys, got snuggles from the Records Clerks and after all that excitement, he had a long nap until lunch time. He's had a very busy first week on the job. Those entering the building and passing by the K-9 Office will notice a "baby gate" installed on the office doorway. Hopefully the room will not need to be baby proofed, or "chew" proofed because K-9 Flash will be a VERY good boy and a new addition to the Pearland Police Dept. Welcome K-9 Flash!



*"Who's a good boy?" – why the Chief of course! Who did you think we were talking about? . . . "oh....the cute puppy too!"*



## “Zelle” scam alert.

Zelle is a way to send money to friends, family and trusted people. Do you remember the old “Money Gram” or “Western Union” way to transfer money to someone? That’s basically what this is, in today’s technology. However, there is one BIG difference. Once you have authorized payment to be sent, you can’t cancel it if the recipient is already enrolled in Zelle.

Interestingly, there are seven banks that own Zelle. Banks in the area that offer the Zelle app right now: Bank of America, Chase Bank, Capital One Bank, Amegy, Fidelity, Frost, Wells Fargo and Regions just to name a few in the area.

The only thing you share to get Zello setup is an email address or a US Mobile phone number tied to a bank account in the US. You don’t even have to provide a bank account or routing number to get started!

As you setup Zelle payments through your online banking apps, you are warned, repeatedly, that the bank is **NOT RESPONSIBLE** if you make an incorrect payment. You are told to make sure you trust the person or business you are sending money to. Once sent, you can’t get it back.

***Below is an example of a Zelle Scam someone received:***

A women received a text on her cell phone. It said "*Bank of America. Did you attempt a Zelle transaction for \$3,500?*"

"And then it said, '*Reply **yes** or **no**,*' so I replied, *no...*" .

Minutes later, her phone rang, showing a Bank of America number (unbeknownst to her, the number was being “spoofed”).

The person on the other end of the phone asked her, '*Do you know this person?*' I was like, *no...*".

The man on the phone said the person was transferring her money. He could help her get it back.

"*He said I needed to reverse the transfer and I needed to transfer it to myself...*" she said.

The man told her she was sending the \$3,500 back to her account.

"*He got me in the Zelle app, he was sending me all these codes,*" Singer recounted.

And suddenly, the call dropped.

She thought, '*Well that's funny,*' so I tried to call back," she said.

The man was gone. And so was her money.

Unfortunately, this woman is now out of \$3500.

Zelle is a very good app to send family members money quickly and easily. Send money to children in college, pay your lawn guy, but it does come with risks that you should be aware of.

Understand, people out there will exploit a way to get money from you and this seems like it’s pretty easy to. This woman said she didn’t know that person, then why would she want to “receive” money from someone she doesn’t know? She did not check with her bank to see if any money had been transferred in the first place. Remember the old saying, “if it seems too good to be true.....it is”. Use common sense. **CALL** don’t text, anyone claiming you owe money, or they are trying to *give* you money. **VERIFY before** sending money. This includes someone asking you to send gift cards to purchase for them. Stop and think. Verify. Speak to a real person to verify.

If you are legitimately sending someone money through Zelle, verify their email address and phone number, if you are using it for the first time **before** setting up a payment. When it doubt, use a credit card. Most have Buyer Protection setup on them. And remember, any time there is fraudulent activity on a bank account, don’t rely on the bank to call you. It’s very easy to “spoof” a phone number. Pull out your credit card or bank card and call the phone number on the back of it to get verification of any transactions. **CALL**, speak to a live person.

# 2021 CHRISTMAS PARADE

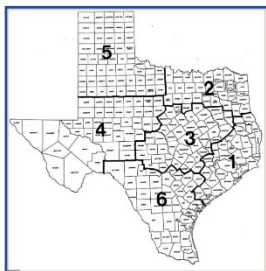


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