

## Making History: Eight Officers Promoted

**M**aking the news isn't anything new for police departments. But this week, the Brenham Police Department not only made the news, they made history. For the first time ever, *eight* officers were promoted – two lieutenants, five sergeants, and one corporal. Family, friends, citizens, elected officials, and City staff attended a promotion ceremony on January 28, 2019, at the Brenham Fireman's Training Center to celebrate these officers.



Sgt. Snowden, Sgt. Johnson, Lt. Raven, Sgt. Derrick, Lt. Schoen, Sgt. Phipps,  
Sgt. Merkley, and Cpl. Mehlorn.

“This is the first time in the history of the Brenham Police Department that we’ve had this many promotions at one time,” said Police Chief Allwin Barrow.

During the ceremony, Captain Dant Lange and Captain Lloyd Powell commended the officers for their hard work and dedication. “This is an outstanding group of young men,” said Captain Lange. Captain Powell continued, “We are proud of this group, this bunch of fine young men.”

Those in attendance were moved and hearts were touched as proud loved ones joined each officer on stage to pin their new badge.



## LIEUTENANTS

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### Kelvin Raven



“I have been with the Brenham Police Department for 22.5 years. I enjoy helping others. When I was a School Resource Officer, I enjoyed interacting with students while at Brenham High School. Now, those students have become adults in our community and that is rewarding to see these students become successful,” said Lieutenant Raven.

Family, church family (St. Johns AME Church), and friends attended the ceremony. Lieutenant Raven was honored to have his son, KJ, pin his badge.

### Curtis Schoen



“I have worked for the Brenham Police Department for 13 years. What I like most about being a police officer is the ability to assist people in their time of need,” said Lieutenant Schoen.

Family and friends attended the ceremony. Lieutenant Schoen was honored to have his wife, Jenny, pin his badge.



## SERGEANTS

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### Jason Derrick



"I have been with the Brenham Police Department for 22 years. What I like most about my job is being able to help others and making a positive difference in the community. I grew up in the Brenham area, graduated from the Brenham High School class of 1992, and I have a 14 year old daughter, Kerrigan Derrick, who lives in Bryan," said Sergeant Derrick.

Family and friends attended the ceremony. Sergeant Derrick was honored to have his girlfriend, Jennifer, pin his badge.

### Terrence Johnson



"I have been an officer with the Brenham Police Department since 2015. What I like most about being a police officer is that we practice fluidity by taking on roles of enforcers, mentors, counselors, protectors, etc., all within a day's effort. We train continuously to improve our techniques and take continuing education classes to stay well-informed of current trends," said Sergeant Johnson.

Family and friends attended the ceremony. Sergeant Johnson was honored to have his wife, Holly, pin his badge.

## Jonathan Phipps



"I have been an officer with the Brenham Police Department for six years. What I like most about this department is the comradery with my fellow officers and I appreciate how supportive our community is," said Sergeant Phipps.

Family and friends attended the ceremony. Sergeant Phipps was honored to have his wife, Krystal, pin his badge.

## John Snowden



"I have worked for the Brenham Police Department for 15 years. The things I enjoy most about being a police officer are the days where we get to help people, whether it's getting them out of a bad situation, helping them when their car breaks down, or keeping drunk drivers off the road, helping is what matters most to me. And, my family is my greatest passion," said Sergeant Snowden (nicknamed by his fellow officers, "Snowman").

Family and friends attended the ceremony. Sergeant Snowden was honored to have his wife, Heather, pin his badge.

## Joe Merkley



"I have been with the City of Brenham Police Department for 17 years. I like helping people, getting justice for victims, and arresting the bad guy. Being with the department for 17 years, I have seen many changes. One thing that remained the same all these years is the family persona. The entire City of Brenham has a brotherhood that cares about each and every employee including their family," said Sergeant Merkley.

Family and friends attended the ceremony. Sergeant Merkley was honored to have his wife, Chelsea, pin his badge.



## CORPORAL

### Kejan Mehlhorn



“I have been with the Brenham PD for almost three years. What I like most about my job is being about to help people in need. The community is great and very supportive of law enforcement,” said Corporal Mehlhorn.

Family and friends attended the ceremony. Corporal Mehlhorn was honored to have his fiancé, Misty, pin his badge.

There are people that put their lives in harm's way every day. It's not something they do, it's something they are. The City of Brenham is blessed to have a department of dedicated officers that not only do their job, but are true servants.

Thank you, to all of our officers that bravely fight for our safety.

We appreciate YOU!

