



ARANSAS PASS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE ERIC BLANCHARD

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Mr. Edwards:

I have received the credit card statements for my AMEX for 2022. As requested, here are explanations for transactions that may appear suspicious or improper. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

In Summary:

- Charges for restaurants/hotels out of town are for staff training or investigations. We've found it more fiscally prudent to spend for meals on the AMEX rather than pay them the per diem. This method maximizes our budgeted funds. Also, note that we have limited AMEX cards within the PD, so it is not uncommon for command staff to lend our cards to staff for those purposes.
- Charges for places like Lowes, Amazon, Tractor Supply, PayPal, etc., are for the PD's operational/equipment expenses. We prioritize purchasing in town but sometimes have to find things online.
- Charges for WordPress, CloudFlare, PicMonkey, JetPack, Grammarly, GoDaddy, WPDeveloper, SiteGround, Tidio, Elementor, NinjaForms, and Yoast all relate to the hosting, management, and maintenance of the police.aptx.gov website.
- QuickQuack is for regular washing of my work truck and is paid out of the federal asset forfeiture account.
- HEB, James Avery, OldNavy, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, and others are all for our holiday meal drive, toy drive event, and other public events such as National Night Out (NNO). The funds used for these purchases are entirely from donations. No City funds were used for these purchases, and the items purchased were given to Aransas Pass area participants of the programs.



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In Detail:

- **2/15/22 Harbor Freight \$14.06**
Towing Strap
- **3/2/22 Best Buy \$944.99**
Refrigerator for PD Breakroom
- **3/24/22 El Original Mexican \$26.63**
Meeting w/ LMHA regarding projects (Jorge De Los Santos)
- **4/20/22 Backstreet \$42.58**
LEAP Board Meeting (Chief and Offalter)
- **6/11/22 CM Lanes \$88.89**
Shrimporee Set Up Meeting (x7)
- **6/9/22 Sam's Club \$262.76**
Supplies for Shrimporee (Gatorade, Armchairs, Folding Wagon)
- **9/28/22 Best Buy \$2019.82**
Door Prizes for National Night Out – Sponsored by donations for NNO.
- **9/15/22 CM Lanes \$500.00**
Hiring Advertisement
- **9/30/22 Hampton's Landing \$200.00**
Gift Card Door Prizes for National Night Out – Sponsored by donations for NNO.
- **10/1/22 Movie's Inc. \$125.00**
Gift Card Door Prizes for National Night Out – Sponsored by donations for NNO.
- **09/30/22 Old Towne Espresso \$100.00**
Gift Card Door Prizes for National Night Out – Sponsored by donations for NNO.
- **10/1/22 The Goat Sports Grill \$104.00**
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- **10/1/22 Coaster's \$200.00**
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- **12/17/22 Barnes & Noble \$892.05**
This was for Cops for Tots and was paid for out of Holiday Fund donations.
- **12/18/22 Bath and Body Works \$674.40**
This was for Cops for Tots and was paid for out of Holiday Fund donations.
- **12/16/22 Best Buy \$1219.81**
This was for Cops for Tots and was paid for out of Holiday Fund donations.
- **12/16/22 Billy Ellis Catering \$157.66**
Meal for Leadership Aransas Pass Class training (x12)
- **12/13/22 HEB \$500.00**
This was to purchase a gift card for our Volunteer to appreciate all her hard work. Her work led to us becoming almost entirely paperless.
- **12/23/22 HEB \$1500.00**
This was for the purchase of meals for Sgt. Anders' Holiday Meal Event, which was paid for with donations to the Holiday Fund.
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- **12/23/22 HEB \$67.31**
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- **12/16/22 James Avery \$882.00**
This was for Cops for Tots and was paid for out of Holiday Fund donations.
- **12/17/22 Old Navy \$356.05**
This was for Cops for Tots and was paid for out of Holiday Fund donations. There are two different transactions, as we were able to utilize different coupons with different transactions to get the most out of the purchase.
- **12/17/22 Old Navy \$588.99**
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- **12/13/22 Texas Roadhouse \$1000.00**
This hiring ad was placed at our local (Corpus Christi) Texas Roadhouse for 12 months.



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Again, let me know if any of these transactions require further clarification or if there are others you'd like me to explain.

Thank you,

Eric Blanchard
Chief of Police