

## Alumni Association in Support of Police Department Kicks Off Its Twentieth Year with a New Board and New Initiatives.

Leadership Hopes to Boost Digital Presence and Membership

Littleton, CO-February 14, 2020- The Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association (LPCAAA) will be observing 20 years of service to the Littleton Police Department and community this year. The LPCAAA has also appointed a new board of directors: Carole Downey – President Elect, Woody Laughlin – Registered Agent, Paddee Leischner – Dir or Membership, Jessica Martin - President, Sue Otto - Treasurer, Jennifer Kernan – Dir of Programs/Training, Susan Schwab - Secretary, Tami Wasson Dir of Volunteers, and Becky Woods – Dir of Media.



L-R: Woody Laughlin, Sue Otto, Becky Woods, Paddee Leischner, Jennifer Kernan, Chief Doug Stephens, Jessica Martin, Tami Wasson, Susan Schwab, and Carole Downey

The board has identified goals for 2020 to include a stronger digital presence and an increase in new membership. The group has already established a <u>Facebook</u> page and has started its search for new website and marketing platforms.

The emphasis on digital presence and membership go hand-in-hand: "We want a larger, more-diversified membership to broaden the perspectives and experiences of our organization," said Jessica Martin, incoming LPCAAA President. "With the help of social media platforms and a new website, we are casting a wider net to attract potential members. It is also great exposure which allows the community to see all the good things we are doing."



The LPCAAA started in 2000 as the post-graduate arm of the Littleton Police Citizen Academy which is a bi-annual, 12-week immersive program, hosted by the Littleton Police Department and free to attend. In addition to monthly continuing education programs, alumni have exclusive opportunities to work alongside the police department in various volunteer capacities. These opportunities include the Candlelight Walk, National Drug Take-Back, Western Welcome Week, and the Community Safety Volunteer program.

"The LPCAAA is a wonderful association that exemplifies and fortifies the spirit of our great community," said Sergeant Steve Skundberg, Director of the Littleton Police Citizen Academy. "I applaud and thank the members for 20 years of service, dedication, and generosity in support of the city of Littleton and its first responders."

A celebration for LPCAAA's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is planned for this summer or early fall.

## About the LPCAA

The Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association (LPCAAA) is a non-profit organization formed in 2000 to help support the Littleton Police Department and Community. Through a variety of volunteer opportunities and training, its members are ambassadors who continue to help bridge the gap between the community and the local police department and help keep our community a safe and desirable place to live. For more information, please visit the LPCAA website at www.lpcaaa.org.

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