



## ***Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association Newsletter - 1st Quarter, 2017***

### **President's Message**

Dear Friends,  
The first quarter of 2017 has been busy for LPCAAA members and your Board.

#### **100+ Members**

Letters were sent out to individuals whose memberships had lapsed at the end of 2016, with very positive results. We now have more than 100 paid members.

#### **Amazing Volunteers!**

Joe Hanson has pointed out that in 2016, members contributed an amazing 7,000-plus hours to the LPCAAA, and no doubt we are on track to contribute that many hours again this year. Since 2009, when records were kept, members have contributed more than 30,000 hours to the organization, the City of Littleton, and the Littleton Police Department!

#### **Interesting Programs**

Thanks to Laurie Denhalter, we enjoyed interesting programs every month, with more to come.

#### **Audit Completed**

An audit of the 2016 books was conducted and found to be in very good order. Many thanks to Sue Otto for her hard work as treasurer.

#### **Board Planning**

Your Board has also been busy, meeting in January to have a S.W.O.T. exercise (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats). Ideas from that session were carried over to a special meeting in February, where the Board discussed such things as possible bylaws changes, increased marketing of LPCAAA, increased focus on member retention, etc.

#### **Get the Best of Your Membership!**

To get the best out of your membership in the LPCAAA, I urge you to:

- Show up at meetings
- Volunteer when opportunities arise
- Become a volunteer team leader
- Make suggestions for improvements to members of your Board
- Consider running for a Board position in November.

The LPCAAA depends on YOU to be successful! Make this a great time to be involved.

Warm regards,

**Susan Thornton**, Chair





# The Chief's Corner

By Doug Stephens, Chief of Police

## While Littleton Slept

I received the text last night at 12:20 a.m. notifying me our officers were on scene of a barricaded armed subject involved in multiple shots fired outside his residence. As I attempted to shake off the cobwebs of sleep I ran through all the possible outcomes that could result from this high-stress, potentially deadly situation. Having been in this business for over 25 years I've responded to my fair share of barricade incidents and have learned that while they all share similar characteristics, each is unique in its own way. This one involved the possibility of a small child inside the residence along with a possible gunshot victim, and just to make things really interesting, a large pit bull roaming the home.



As I drove to the scene I listened to the calm professionalism of our officers, supervisors, and command staff already on scene. I took comfort in their clear and controlled tone and felt confident in their ability to resolve the situation in the safest possible manner. I heard the Incident Commander provide direction, the SWAT personnel coordinating containment and preparing for contingencies, the Negotiations Team taking steps to help peacefully resolve the incident, LFR Tactical Medics ready to provide life-saving aid and the Patrol supervisor working with the team to manage the perimeter while maintaining service to the rest of the city. Our Tactical Dispatcher kept watch over everyone on scene while coordinating with the Communications Center on incident tracking and resource allocation.

As I arrived I was briefed by the Incident Commander and recognized immediately that all the hard work these dozens of personnel put into learning, training, practicing, and deploying has paid off. Hundreds of hours of study, practical exercises, roll play scenarios, sweat, blood, and sometimes tears in training all has come down to these few moments in time. Our team performed to the exceptionally high level they demand of themselves and the community expects of them. Their effort to prepare for these types of events manifested itself in a display of teamwork and professionalism that saved lives.

The team worked fluidly to overcome a resistant suspect and a dangerous animal to safely take the bad guy into custody without injury to anyone, or to the dog...thanks to some tactical use of Velveeta cheese and a nearby laundry room!

Following the arrest and clearance of the residence, the team briefed at the command post in a nearby parking lot; about 20 men and women in the middle of the night who had just performed their duty with honor and integrity. Most people will likely never know about this incident or numerous others where our officers put their lives on the line to protect their community; however they did so without hesitation and in the truest tradition of the guardian...all while Littleton slept.



# Treasurer's Report

| Littleton Police Citizens Academy Alumni Assn |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| 11/01/2016 Beginning Bank Balance             | \$ 4,960.36        |
| <b>Income</b>                                 |                    |
| Membership Donations                          | \$ 2,119.00        |
| Shirts Hats Sales                             | \$ 362.00          |
| Dunk Tank Fundraiser                          | \$ -               |
| Landfill Project Donations                    | \$ 575.00          |
| Promise Park Donations                        | \$ -               |
| Misc Income                                   | \$ 610.00          |
| <b>Total Income</b>                           | <b>\$ 3,666.00</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                               |                    |
| Retirement/Gifts                              | \$ -               |
| Website                                       | \$ -               |
| Sec of State                                  | \$ -               |
| Postage                                       | \$ 56.43           |
| Merchandise Exp                               | \$ 776.00          |
| CSV Equipment                                 | \$ 252.00          |
| Office Supplies                               | \$ 225.14          |
| Program Expense                               | \$ 329.98          |
| Misc Exp                                      | \$ 750.00          |
| <b>Event Expenses</b>                         | <b>\$ -</b>        |
| NNO   | \$ -               |
| Natl Police Week                              | \$ -               |
| Trick/Treat Street                            | \$ -               |
| HOP   | \$ -               |
| <b>Project Expenses</b>                       | <b>\$ -</b>        |
| Landfill Project                              | \$ 1,623.81        |
| Promise Park NNO                              | \$ -               |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                         | <b>\$ 4,013.36</b> |
| <b>Bank Balance as of April 30, 2017</b>      | <b>\$ 4,613.00</b> |

Misc Income includes Trailer Sale

Misc Expense includes Simpson Fund to LPD

| Friends of Littleton K9                  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Account Balance on 11/01/2016            | \$ 10,362.53        |
| <b>Income</b>                            |                     |
| Donations                                | \$ 2,899.26         |
| Sales                                    | \$ 512.00           |
| Fundraisers                              | \$ -                |
| Other                                    | \$ -                |
| <b>Total Income</b>                      | <b>\$ 3,411.26</b>  |
| <b>Expenses</b>                          |                     |
| PayPal Fees                              | \$ -                |
| Cost of Merchandise                      | \$ 507.36           |
| Office Supplies                          | \$ 37.01            |
| Postage/Shipping                         | \$ -                |
| Sales Tax Expense                        | \$ 34.56            |
| K9 Equip & Exp                           | \$ 717.69           |
| Misc.                                    | \$ -                |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                    | <b>\$ 1,296.62</b>  |
| <b>Bank Balance as of April 30, 2017</b> | <b>\$ 12,477.17</b> |

92 Current Members



## Director of Volunteers Report

The LPCAAA membership continues the well-established tradition of community service by aiding the LPD in many long running programs such as:

- Littleton Police Citizen Academy, Spring 2017
- Community Safety Volunteers program, graduation of 8 new members
- Oral Boards, new hires for PD and advancement of new K-9 handler
- Assistant Victim Advocate
- Littleton Police, Awards and Citations committee
- Numerous Volunteers-In-Police-Service programs, such as pawn ticket entry, scanning case files, assisting with CALEA file work, and other clerical duties

In addition, our members assisted with special projects and events such as:

- Landfill Search Project, ending March 9
- LPD Promotion for Cpl Paul Martens, Feb 15
- Polar Plunge, assisting law enforcement raise public awareness for Special Olympics and a fundraiser for Special Olympics athletes

Also included are events benefiting the community at large such as:

- Community Emergency Response Team program, Spring 2017
- Friends of Littleton K-9, planning a variety of fundraisers for 2017 in support of the LPD K-9 program
- Conflict Resolution Center (Mediation), assist with mediating disputes

The membership can look forward to additional volunteer opportunities over the next several months such as:

- Platte River Half Marathon
- National Drug Take-Back Day
- LPD/LPCAAA Picnic and Service Pin Awards
- LPD Supply Room project

# Friends of Littleton K-9 Update



## What have the Friends of Littleton K-9 been doing lately?

The *Friends of Littleton K-9* have begun 2017 with a successful fundraiser at Romano's Pizzeria, collecting more than \$2,500 in donations and all made possible through the tremendous support of the owners and staff of Romano's—Thank You!.

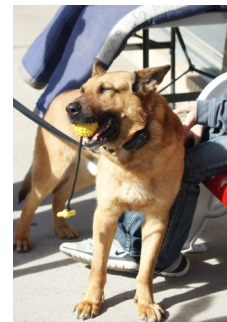


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Upcoming Spring / Summer events featuring the *Friends of Littleton K-9* include:

- “Meet, Greet & Eat” neighborhood parties sponsored by the City Council on May 23 at Ketring Park
- “Main Street Block Party”, sponsored by Downtown Merchants Association, June 10
- Garlic Knot fundraiser on June 14
- “Meet, Greet & Eat” neighborhood party, June 27 at Bowles Grove Park
- “Meet, Greet & Eat” neighborhood party, July 25 at Options High School
- Western Welcome Week Festival, August 19 with K-9 demonstration
- “Meet, Greet & Eat” neighborhood party, August 22 at South Bridge Park

Additional fundraising continues through sales of T-shirts, ball caps and vests, while we add a new product for 2017 - a cozy lap throw highlighted by our K-9 logo. These are a perfect any-time gift for our Mile-High area!



*View more photos on the Friends-of-Littleton K-9 Facebook page!*

# LPCAAA ACTIVITIES

## Monthly Alumni Meetings

1st Thursday of the month

**Start:** 7 P.M., **Adjourn:** 9 P.M.

**Location:** 2255 W. Berry Ave., or location to be announced

## Quarterly Board Meetings

3rd Thursday of the month starting each Quarter

*January, April, July & October*

**Start:** 7 P.M., **Adjourn:** 9 P.M.

**Location:** 2255 W. Berry Ave.

## ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

### May - July, 2017

**Thur., May 18** Citizen Academy Graduation  
**7:00pm-8:00pm** LPD Training Rooms A&B

**Thur., June 1** LPCAAA Members Meeting  
**7:00pm-9:00pm** LPD Training Rooms  
Hand-off to new Board

**Sat., June 3** LPD/LPCAAA Picnic and Service Pin Awards  
**11:30am - 2:00pm** City Center Courtyard

**Thur., June 8** New Member Orientation  
**7:00pm-8:00pm** LPD Training Rooms

**Sat., June 10** Safety Day  
**7:00am-6:00pm** Regis University

**Sat., June 10** Volunteer Day  
**10:00am-2:00pm** Bemis Library

**Sat., July 23** LPCAAA Annual Picnic  
**12-noon - 2:00pm** Wolhurst Pavilion

## Board of Directors

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>President</b>              | <b>Susan Thornton</b><br>president@lpcaaa.org   |
| <b>President Elect / VP</b>   | <b>Kay Thacker</b><br>pres-elect@lpcaaa.org     |
| <b>Treasurer</b>              | <b>Sue Otto</b><br>treasurer@lpcaaa.org         |
| <b>Secretary</b>              | <b>Pam Hubbard</b><br>secretary@lpcaaa.org      |
| <b>Director of Volunteers</b> | <b>Joe Hanson</b><br>volunteers@lpcaaa.org      |
| <b>Director of Training</b>   | <b>Laurie Denhalter</b><br>training@lpcaaa.org  |
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| <b>Past President</b>         | <b>Mickey Kempf</b><br>pastpresident@lpcaaa.org |
| <b>Registered Agent</b>       | <b>Woody Laughlin</b><br>agent@lpcaaa.org       |

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## Littleton Police Department Sponsors

**Chief Doug Stephens**  
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**Sgt. Steve Skundberg**  
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**Barb Andres**  
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## Volunteer Office

**Phone:** 303-734-8281

## Community Safety Volunteer Office

**Phone:** 303-734-8271

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We do vacation checks! Contact us for more info.

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