

Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association Newsletter

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Letter From The President

By: Tony Gallagher



Dear Members,

There is some good news regarding our injured officers, Officer Harlan Waugh, and Sgt. Jim Werder, are back on active duty. Officer Greg Zentner is healing well and is on restricted duty, and expected to be back on full duty soon.

If you have followed the news lately, LPD Officers Bob Carmody, Al Quintana and Nick Dimitric saved the life of an extremely premature baby, Nevaeh, (Heaven spelled backwards). Their awareness, fast action and professionalism, in addition to quick medical help from LFR paramedics saved Nevaeh, when her mother thought she was gone. Good job to all involved.

If you missed our February meeting, Dr. Michael Dobersen, the Arapahoe County Coroner, put on a fantastic program about his experiences in Louisiana during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. We will have a field trip to tour the Coroners' office for our May 4th meeting, details to follow. I have had the opportunity to tour this facility before and believe me it is very interesting. It is a state of the art operation; this is a meeting that you do not want to miss.

Thanks to Officer Jim Hanna for our guided tour of the Mobile Command Center in January.

It looks like the LPD will get their CALEA certification, during the administrators visit in December, they said that LPD met all of the 440 plus requirements, the official notification will come in March. This is a direct result of many years of hard work by Cmdr. Beckman, Lt. Black, Lt. Williamson and cooperation of the entire department and their support personnel, a great team effort.

This year, Littleton was nationally recognized for National Night Out participation, we were second in the U.S. for a city of our size. This is a program that we support and is a great way for the community to meet and interact with their neighbors, local police officers, fire technicians and paramedics.

Your President,

Tony Gallagher

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Littleton Police and LFR Paramedics Rescue/Save Baby

On February 7, 2006, at 9:45 a.m., Littleton Police were called via 911 to 5577 S. Hill St. on an unknown disturbance call. While enroute, Littleton dispatch learned from the mother that she was 6 months pregnant and had just delivered a premature baby girl into the toilet. Littleton Fire Rescue was also dispatched to the apartment.

Littleton Police Officers Bob Carmody, Al Quintana, and Nick Dimitric, responded to apt. #304 and contacted the reporting party, Lawrence Howard, 27, and his girlfriend, Salina Newman, 22 yrs. Officers found the baby, still in the amniotic sac, floating in the toilet.

After donning sterile gloves, Officer Carmody removed the sac and discovered the baby still moving inside. He quickly handed the baby to Officer Quintana who wrapped the sac containing the baby and ran the three flights downstairs to meet arriving paramedics.

Littleton paramedics quickly attached an oxygen breathing tube to the infant, got her breathing on her own, and stabilized her while enroute to Littleton Hospital with her and her mother. The baby, named Nevaeh (heaven spelled backwards) Newman, weighed 1lb, 5oz. and is doing well. She is expected to remain in the hospital until she reaches 6 lbs.

The officers and firefighters who saved Nevaeh have been named the official God-parents.



Littleton Police Department Successfully Completes Initial On-Site Assessment in Pursuit of National Accreditation

Littleton Police Department hosted a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., (CALEA) who arrived on Saturday December 10, 2005 to examine all aspects of the Littleton Police Department policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The on-site assessment process began on Sunday morning December 11th and continued to Wednesday December 14th at about noon when the assessors completed their assessment functions.

Verification by the assessment team that the Littleton Police Department meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of the voluntary process to gain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence in the US. The assessment team that evaluated the Littleton Police Department consisted of Chief Ray Johnson of the Chesterfield Missouri Police Department, Captain Gordon LaFrance of North Dakota Highway Patrol, and Accreditation Manager Marilyn Stieneke of Cary North Carolina Police Department.

As part of this initial on-site assessment, agency employees and several members of the LPCAAA (Tony Gallagher, Mickey Kempf, and Ken Shock) were on hand during the "Static Display" inspection on Sunday December 11, 2006. The community was invited to offer comments at a public hearing/information session on Monday December 12, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The public hearing/information session was very well attended by more than 40 people in the City of Littleton Council Chambers at the Littleton Center, 2255 West Berry Avenue. There were 16 people who offered comments to the assessors in support of the Littleton Police Department being granted accreditation.

If for some reason an individual could appear in person to speak at the public hearing/information session but still wanted to provide comments to the assessment team, they could do so by telephone on Tuesday December 13, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The assessment team reported that there were 8 telephone calls in support of Littleton PD's accreditation efforts.

The Littleton Police Department has to comply with 446 standards in order to gain accredited status. Receiving accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. graphically demonstrates that the Littleton Police Department is a professional law enforcement agency. This is evidenced by the fact that the Littleton Police Department is governed by a set of standards that are recognized by the law enforcement community as epitomizing the highest standards of police service.

Once the CALEA assessors completed their on-site at the Littleton Police Department, they prepared a comprehensive written report to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted accredited status at a review hearing to be conducted during the CALEA conference that will be held in Jacksonville, FL on March 22-25, 2006. The assessors reported during their exit interview that they found the Department has met all required 446 standards.

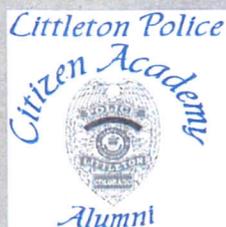
Accreditation is for three years, during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited. Lieutenant Jim Williamson and Commander Bruce Beckman spearheaded this project during 2005 and wished to thank all the members of the LPCAAA for their continued support and personal contributions during this very important project.

Anyone wishing more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. may visit the web site at www.calea.org or write to CALEA at 10302 Eaton Place, Suite 100, Fairfax, VA. 22030-2215; or call (800) 368-3757 or (703) 352-4225.

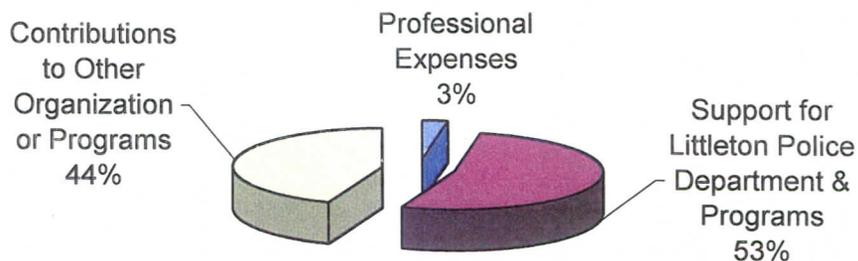
Alumni Tours Mobile Command Center with Officer Jim Hanna



From left to right: Dave Logan, Eileen Flynn, Irene Woodall, Jack Woodall, Richard Krening, Jim DuBose, Greg Oaklief, Pam Walker, Gary McCullough, Chris Tyus, Officer Jim Hanna, Tony Gallagher, Heather Church, Heidi Church-Garza, Russ Chihoski, Tony Soria, Fred Hamblen, Woody Laughlin. (All attendees are assumed innocent until proven guilty.)



LPCAAA 2005 EXPENSES



Income Statement

Check Book Beginning Balance	\$1,739.79
Revenue 2005	
Membership Dues	\$1,975.00
Fundraisers:	
Western Welcome Week Parade Marshals	\$250.00
Dunk A Cop Booth	\$312.60
Sale of Alumni Shirts and Hats	\$480.00
Contributions	\$280.00
Total Income	\$3,297.60
Total Funds Available	\$5,037.39
Expenses	
Professional Expenses	
Tax Consultant	\$100.00
Support for Littleton Police Department & Programs	
National Night Out	\$347.32
Littleton Police Benefit Association for drunk goggles	\$600.00
Chris Grosz Memorial Fund	\$250.00
National Police Week Banner	\$445.50
Halloween Bash at Aspen Grove	\$250.00
Drive Smart Trailer Registration	\$11.17
Contributions to Other Organization or Programs	
Helping Other People (HOP)	\$573.36
Sungate Youth Advocacy Center	\$500.00
Hurricane Katrina Relief	\$400.00
CPR Classes	\$108.00
Total Expenses	\$3,585.35
2005 Check Book Ending Balance (Net Worth)	\$1,452.04