

Littleton Police

Citizen Academy



Alumni

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Letter From The President

By: Tony Gallagher



Dear Members,

First of all, thank you for re-electing me as your president. The board remains the same as we re-elected Pam Walker as our treasurer, and Fred Hamblen to his at-large director position.

Hallowe'en at Aspen Grove was a success; the LPD decided to bring out the Command Center at the last minute. The Command Center is really a good idea, it gives everyone a rallying point, and the kids love the lights. Aspen Grove bought all the candy this year, a whole pick-up truck full. There were about 600 monsters, ghouls, super heroes and princesses, and all the candy was gone at the end. Thanks to all the members who helped.

If you missed our November meeting, you missed an amazing presentation by Rick Young the LFR's arson investigator, and Chester the arson/bomb dog. Rick and Chester are both sworn peace officer, Rick has a fire department badge; he carries a firearm and has the same arrest powers as a police officer. Chester is a German Shepherd, from Germany, by way of a K-9 training school in Florida. He is able to identify up to 20 different accelerants and explosives.

As you know Chief Maas will be retiring at the end of the year, he was the main reason for our existence. In appreciation for his support, I presented a plaque and a gift certificate to him, at his retirement luncheon. Thank you Chief Maas.

Our next meeting will be on December 7th, and we will be bringing a favorite dessert or dish to share. I look forward to seeing you there.

Your President,

Tony Gallagher

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Chester the Bomb Dog

CANINE INFORMATION:

Littleton Fire accelerant / explosive canine "CHESTER" is used to check for the presence of hydrocarbons and explosive compounds.

On September 19, 2005, I attended the canine certification school in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. The school is owned and operated by a retired Florida Sheriff's Canine Team supervisor who has been training and handling police canines for many years. The school staff consisted of the owner, a full time professional canine trainer, several police officers who are also canine trainers & handlers that work part time at the school, as well as numerous other support staff members.

While at the school the students handle not only the agency selected canine, but also work other canines that are at different levels of training. Numerous real-time scenarios designed to simulate actual scenes. These scenes include mockups of office areas, schools, corridors, elevated search areas, all types of vehicles to include motor homes. In addition to the school props there is a significant portion of the time spent at off-site locations such as schools, airports, and stadiums where the handlers and canines have the ability to search with many outside distractions. At the time of attending the school "CHESTER" had already been in the initial explosive imprint training for approximately 6 months.

On Friday September 30, 2005 after 12 days of continuous training canine "CHESTER" completed the certification process and returned to Colorado. Chester, a three year old male German Shepherd, was placed in service as a resource to the community on October 1, 2005.

Chester is certified on 13 base explosive compounds, and accelerants commonly used to start fires. At completion of the school two certifications were awarded in the following areas:

-American Detection Canine Association -Certification meeting the standards as an explosive detection canine and handler
120 hour K-9 Explosive Detection Handler Course

To date I have completed 700 hours of continued training or responses with the canine in the area of fire and explosive searches.



LPCAAA MEMBERSHIP ELECTED NEW BOARD

There were three LPCAAA Board Member positions open; which terms concluded on October 31, 2006. The three positions that were open were President, Treasurer and one At Large.

Do to an overwhelming vote of the membership in attendance at the election meeting, all previous Board Members were voted back into service. This newly elected Board will serve for 2 years.

<u>OFFICE TERM</u>	<u>CURRENT OUTGOING (November 2004-2006)</u>	<u>INCOMING BOARD (November 2006-2008)</u>
PRESIDENT	Tony Gallagher	Tony Gallagher
TREASURER	Pam Walker	Pam Walker
AT LARGE	Fred Hamblen	Fred Hamblen

<u>OFFICE TERM</u>	<u>CURRENT Nov. 2005-2007</u>	
VICE PRESIDENT	Hugh Sigler	NA
SECRETARY	Eileen Flynn	NA
AT LARGE	Pete Schroder	NA

<u>VOLUNTEER POSITION</u>	<u>CURRENT NO TERM</u>	
REGISTERED AGENT	Woody Laughlin	NA
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Heather Church	NA



Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS)

The Littleton Police Department has developed a volunteer program called VIPS. VIPS emphasizes service to the community as a whole. Volunteers assist officers in tasks that are on-going and necessary to the police mission. Confidentiality is imperative and all potential volunteers are subject to background investigation prior to acceptance.

A general knowledge of office procedures is helpful but not necessary. The Department can utilize persons who are willing to do repetitious tasks such as filing, stapling and data entry. Many positions require some level of typing. They have a number of positions for persons who have a working knowledge of computers. A volunteer should plan to commit to a six-month period with a minimum workweek of four hours.

Please refer to the related article in this newsletter regarding possible positions and contact information.

FRAUD ALERT FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY CAROL CHAMBERS

If you receive an e-mail confirming an order that will be charged to your credit card, but you did not place an order, do not attempt to cancel that erroneous order. In order to cancel that order, you will be asked to give your credit card number, password and other information. This is a scam designed to steal information that can be used to access your accounts.

1. Do not respond to the e-mail.
2. Check your credit card statement as soon as it arrives.
3. If there are fraudulent charges, report them to your credit card company within 60 days of their appearance on your statement. After 60 days you are responsible for the charges.

Questions? Call the District Attorney's Fraud Assistance Line, 720-874-8487



2006 Annual LPCAAA Picnic

A record was set this year with over 50 members attending the picnic. Thanks to everyone for attending as you all made it a great day!

Special thanks to Chief Gary Maas, Lt. Doug Parker, and LPCAAA member John McQueen for all their help in funding and coordinating this great event.



Current and In-Process Volunteer Positions with the Littleton Police Department

- **Volunteer Patrol and Surveillance** — Volunteers provide extra patrol, help with crowd control and security at special functions, assist with training new volunteers, and provide assistance to the department with training operations.¹
- **Handicap Parking Enforcement** — Volunteers patrol parking lots and issue summonses to vehicles illegally parked in spaces reserved for the handicapped.^{1,2}
- **Radar Patrol / Motorist Assist** — Volunteers are trained on the use of radar guns and patrol neighborhoods where speeding is an issue requiring investigation. VIPS will also assist motorist in dead vehicles to relieve safety concerns.¹
- **Red Light Runners** — Volunteers are trained on the use of camera and clerical reports required to document the Red Light Runners and send appropriate follow up letters.^{1,3}
- **Abandoned / Found Property Pickup** — Volunteers are dispatched to retrieve abandoned or found property items and book these items into the Police Department's Property Section.^{1,4}
- **Senior Checkup and Vacation surveillance** — Volunteers handle requests to check on elderly persons or handicapped persons and make referrals for services or assistance as needed.^{1,5}
- **For Love of Kids** — Volunteers are dispatched to schools and community program areas to do fingerprinting and DNA testing for a National database the addresses a proactive approach to missing children.^{1,7}
- **Puffer Patrol** — Volunteers assist patrol officers during the winter months by distributing educational information about auto thefts to vehicle owners who leave vehicles unattended with the motor running.¹
- **Financial Assist Crisis Team (FACT)** — Financial Assist Crisis Team volunteers will assist the department by adding a personal touch to the step-by-step procedures of dealing with identity theft. Will work directly with detectives department. Volunteers must complete FACT training.¹
- **Unit Volunteer Clerical Assistance** — Volunteers are assigned to positions throughout the department needing assistance with data entry, filing, mail processing, microfilming, receptionist duties, and case follow up.^{1,4}
- **Finger Printing and Cold Reports** — Volunteers provide fingerprinting and walk in reports on Tuesday through Fridays 1 pm. to 5 pm. excluding holidays at the police department.^{1,4,7}

REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH VIP POSITION

(Note the numbers at the end of each position)

- ¹ Must be a graduate of the Littleton Police Citizen Academy and complete V.I.P.S. training.
- ² Must complete clerical training with traffic coordinator.
- ³ Must complete department radar class.
- ⁴ Must complete department clerical/computer program.
- ⁵ Must complete department specialized training.
- ⁶ Must complete special training form Community Resource Coordinator.
- ⁷ Must complete Fingerprinting training provided by the Department.


If you are interested in volunteering for one of the above positions, download the V.I.P.S. application at <http://www.littletongov.org/police/volunteer/default.asp> or call **Lt. Doug Parker** at **303-795-3884**.



LPCAAA Activities




December 2006 ACTIVITY: Holiday Gathering 12/7/06

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Holiday Gathering 7 - 9 PM Community Room	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Happy Chanukkah
17	18	19	20	21	22  WINTER BEGINS	23
24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29	30
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January 2007 TRAINING: To Be Announced

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3	4 Member Meeting 7 - 9 PM Community Room	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2007 TRAINING: To Be Announced

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Member Meeting 7 - 9 PM Community Room	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

LPCAAA ACTIVITIES

Monthly Alumni Meetings

1st Thursday of every month

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

Location: 2255 W. Berry Community Rm

Quarterly Board Meetings

Last Thursday of every Quarter

March, June, September & December

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

Location: 2255 W. Berry Community Rm.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER

What: Holiday Gathering
Date: December 7, 2006
Time: 7:00 P.M.— 9:00 P.M.
Where: Community Room

JANUARY

What: LPCAAA Membership Meeting
Date: January 4, 2007
Time: 7:00 P.M.— 9:00 P.M.
Where: Community Room

What: Training
Date: TBA
Time: TBA
Where: Details to Follow

FEBRUARY

What: LPCAAA Membership
Date: February 1, 2007
Time: 7:00 P.M.— 9:00 P.M.
Where: Community Room

What: Training
Date: TBA
Time: TBA
Where: Details to Follow

MONTHLY HOP ACTIVITIES

Buck Center

2004 West Powers Avenue

First Thursday of every month

12:30 P.M.

DATE: December 7, 2006

PROGRAM: TBD

PRESENTER: TBD

DATE: January 4, 2007

PROGRAM: TBD

PRESENTER: TBD

DATE: February 1, 2007

PROGRAM: TBD

PRESENTER: TBD

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River Point

5225 South Prince Street

4th Monday of every month

11:00 A.M.

DATE: December 18, 2006 (due to Christmas)

PROGRAM: TBD

PRESENTER: TBD

DATE: January 22, 2007

PROGRAM: TBD

PRESENTER: TBD

DATE: February 26, 2007

PROGRAM: TBD

PRESENTER: TBD

Call Mickey Kempf if you would like to help with the HOP activities on 303.738.9933