



Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association Newsletter

Letter From The President By: Kay Thacker



Dear Members,

As I take the reins of the presidency of the Alumni Association, I want to extend a gigantic thank you to Tony for his service over the past five years as President. His enthusiasm, investment, and expertise will be a hard act to follow. Fortunately, he has offered to continue to coordinate our training schedule and be available for support during this transition period.

Other new members to our board are Carol Gallagher as Treasurer and Mickey Kempf as Director-at-Large. Our immediate challenge from chief Coogan is to explore additional ways to support the LPD and supplement their work in the community.

Chief Coogan made a brief appearance at our November meeting to introduce her desire to increase the involvement of the Association. She will take our training spot in January to engage in a more extensive discussion. I look forward to working closely with her to expand our involvement.

Our annual Hallowe'en Trick or treat Street at Aspen Grove was fantastic. It was a beautiful night and the families took advantage with great enthusiasm. The costumes were beyond belief and actually able to be seen this year. This venue appears to be a future of Hallowe'en celebrations and Aspen Grove is open to expanding the activities. What a great way to facilitate the community exposure with our police department!!!

Our next meeting on December 4th will be our traditional holiday potluck. Please bring a snack to share. In lieu of a training session, we will have a brainstorming session in preparation for Chief Coogan's visit in January.

Another Academy class graduates this November and we are hoping to add more alumni to our roles. With the retirement of Lt. Williamson in December we are honored to have Lt. Tardy returning to the Academy training.

Finally, I want to thank the members of the Association for their confidence and support in entrusting the presidency of the Association to me for the next two years.

Happy Holidays to all.

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Chief Coogan, Jessie Christ and other family members during the "Tree" Dedication to Kathi Christ on Monday, October 27, 2008



The Littleton Police Citizens Academy Class 21 graduation was held Thursday, November 20, 2008. If you know of anyone who would like to participate in the next class in the spring, please have them call

Lt. Ed Tardy at 303-795-3848.



Brent Kieffer and
Sabor



Officer Don
Jones with
Sabor on the
attack.

LPCAAA "Donations" are due by December 1, 2008 of \$25 per member and are tax deductible. To keep your membership current and on the newsletter mailing list please send in your donations before the deadline. An envelope has been included in this newsletter to assist with the ease of renewing your membership. Please renew your membership so we may continue all the good things the LPCAAA does for the Littleton Police Department and our Community.

Coroner's Office Tour submitted by Joe Hanson
Sept. 10, 2008

For 17 Alumni members, a mild September evening provided an interesting, yet sobering, tour of coroner's office accompanied by an informative slide show and discussion of duties, responsibilities and history of the office. We were fortunate to have a dedicated member of the staff, Elizabeth Ortiz, Medical Investigator, guide the group. Drawing on a varied career in both law enforcement and medical fields, she affords keen insights. Several interesting tidbits learned during evening:

Coroners are elected, whereas Medical Examiners are appointed. The minimum requirements to run for coroner's office are very minimal. But Medical Examiners must be degreed Doctors of Medicine.

The Coroner is mandated by State Statutes to establish both Cause of Death, and Manner of Death. It is a misconception that law enforcement determines these questions; however, the sole responsibility lies with the Coroner. A death investigation is the sole responsibility of the Coroner's Office, and as an independent agency not working for law enforcement, the physician, the nursing home, the hospital, the prosecution or defense, it functions on behalf of the deceased to obtain the truth about their death.

Although the Coroner's Office issues the final Certificate of Death, the funeral home attending the body initiates the C-D and will, on occasion, hold the C-D "hostage" until funeral cost is settled. This may lead to tense relationships between the funeral home, deceased's family, Coroner's Office and other interested parties such as lawyers and insurance companies.

Tour of facility included autopsy room. Of special interest was the state-of-art camera and sound system enabling broadcast of autopsies to a nearby conference room. A storage area held many tissue samples taken over the years and maintained for future forensic use. And, of course, the "cooler" contained several corpses awaiting autopsy or transport to a funeral home.

An Alumni member noticed several plaster-of-Paris casts on a bench top. Closer examination revealed a dozen casts of very small, and in some cases extremely tiny, feet and hands. Our guide explained these casts are made of infants and small children's feet or hands upon completion of their autopsy and given to the family, providing closure to the death. In nearly all cases, family members are very grateful and cherish the casts as a tangible artifact linking the deceased with the living. Simply stated, a very touching act of kindness.

The slide show presented graphic evidence of on-scene difficulties encountered by Medical Examiners when called to situations such as horrendous traffic accidents. Bearing in mind that the Coroner's Office is charged with determining Cause of Death and Manner of Death, a severe accident may lead to questions such as: did the driver have a heart attack prior to the accident? Could drugs have contributed to the accident? Is suicide a possible motive for the accident? Conclusions that may initially seem obvious may not be hold up under closer examination.

At the end of the evening, everyone agreed the visit was informative, interesting and worthwhile. And the hardworking staff of the Coroner's Office provides an important function in our county government.

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: LPCAAA Membership Meeting

Date: December 4, 2008

Time: 7:00 P.M. — 7:30 P.M.

Where:

What: Holiday Pot Luck

Date: December 4, 2008

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Where: Community Room

What: Board Meeting

Date: December 18, 2008

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Where:

January

What: LPCAAA Membership Meeting

Date: January 8, 2009

Time: 7:00 P.M. — 7:30 P.M.

Where: Community Room

What: Chief Coogan

Date: January 8, 2009

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Where: Community Room

February

What: LPCAAA Membership Meeting

Date: February 5, 2009

Time: 7:00 P.M. — 7:30 P.M.

Where: Community Room

What:

Date:

Time:

Where:

MONTHLY HOP ACTIVITIES

Buck Center

2004 West Powers Avenue

First Thursday of every month

@ 12:30 P.M.

RIVERPOINT

5225 S. Prince St

4th Monday of every month

@11:00 A.M..

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

Do you Need Transportation to LPCAAA Meetings & Functions???

I have found there may be several members of LPCAAA that do not attend meetings and other functions because they do not drive for one reason or another. I would like to set up a "share a ride" group to get these persons linked up with members willing give them a ride. If members needing rides to meetings and members willing to provide rides to others will call me at **303 795-8546** and leave their names, phone numbers and addresses, I will coordinate these efforts and attempt to get as many persons as possible a means to get to our meetings and other functions. Thank you.

Fred Hamblen



LPCAAA Activities



December 2008 Training: Potluck & Brainstorming

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Holiday Gathering 7 - 9 PM Community Room	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Board Mtg @ 7 P.M.	19	20
21  WINTER BEGINS	22	23	24	25 HAPPY HOLIDAYS	26	27
28	29	30	31 Stay Safe			

January 2009 Training: Chief Heather Coogan

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

February 2009 Training To Be Announced Later

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1	2	3	4	5 Member Meeting 7 - 9 PM Community Room	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 
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