



Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association Newsletter

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Letter From The President



Dear Members,

The summer has flown by with several new LPCAAA activities. Both the Jr. Academy and Teen CSI were well received by the students and we were pleased to be an active part of their experience. We were much more involved this year with the redevelopment of the Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out.

As usual we were the marshals for the WWW parade and the Dunk Tank was particularly successful. Despite sore and tired feet, ten of our members volunteered the next afternoon to help the LPD with a bike rodeo for the Back to School BBQ.

This concludes the majority of our commitments for the year except for Halloween at Aspen Grove. We have, however, attracted the attention of the Department and may be asked to be involved in other areas as they surface.

In order to assess our abilities and interest in other volunteer activities, a questionnaire will be included in this newsletter. Please respond honestly and return it to us. Each of us has a unique situation regarding volunteering. It is the intent of the LPCAAA to honor the expectations and interest of the members while addressing the needs of the LPD.

Our picnic was a catered BBQ with a record number of members and officers. This annual event is sponsored by the LPD in appreciation for the efforts of the LPCAAA in supporting the work of the police department.

The web site is on its way. Look for it soon.

Again, I urge all members to come to the monthly meetings and to join us in assisting our police department as they serve the Littleton community. We are now 103 strong. Let's make our presence known.

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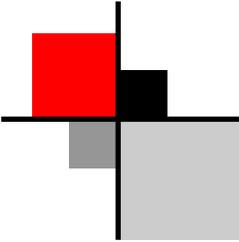
Harlan Waugh and Steve Keliiholokai



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The Troops





The Chief's Corner

By Heather Coogan, Chief of Police

August 6, 2009

Dear Alumni,

I thought I would take a few minutes to tell you about our "Project 365" this year. Our "Project 365" has focused on Bicycle Safety, Awareness, Education and Enforcement. As you are aware the economy has seriously impacted many communities in the country, and as such, many people are finding new ways to save and be more efficient. People have realized that transportation is one way that impacts their budgets. Citizens have also become more conscious about the environmental impact of motor vehicle travel, and are aware of ways they can reduce their carbon footprint on our world.

As a result, the Littleton Police Department has noticed a higher volume of bicycles on the roadways and trails in our city. Increased bicycle traffic means that more bicycle riders and motor vehicle operators need to be aware of the rules of the road. Also, over the last year and a half, we have had several incidents on our major bicycle trail where people were seriously injured. We have decided to focus on the impact we can make in the community to endure a safe and easy commute for all people involved by addressing bike safety on the streets and trails in the City of Littleton.

The SET team currently has seven of eight officers who are bicycle trained. We have initiated a series of bicycle rides with the public that is named, "Cops, Spokes and Folks". The series has included four rides, approximately ten miles in length, and divided up by our council districts in the city. Three rides have already occurred. The final ride is scheduled for August 22nd, and will leave from Arapahoe Cyclery.

At the start of each ride, an information table is staffed by a SET officer who answers questions regarding bicycle issues, along with other neighborhood issues. Educational materials from CDOT are distributed, including Share the Road information, bicycle maps, new bicycle legislation and bicycle safety manuals. We also distribute trail maps for the south suburban trail system. The officer who leads the weeks ride gives a short bicycle information talk and answers questions.

On the previous rides the officers have encountered two situations where law enforcement action was taken. One was a party urinating in public, where a citation was issued and the other was an alcohol possession warning. This gave our ride participants the opportunity to see our bike patrol officers in action.

These rides have been promoted through signs around the community, an article in the Littleton Report, an article in the Littleton Independent, an information page on Channel 8, and a section on our webpage. We have not advertised in the major media outlets because we chose to keep participation to residents of our city.

Set officer on bicycles and in vehicles have made almost a hundred contacts of bicyclists on the roadways. They have given warnings for traffic violations; such as riding the wrong way on a street, and failure to have required lighting equipment at night. Many were also contacted without helmet protection or eye protection. In the coming weeks the SET team will join with South Suburban park rangers for some radar enforcement for speed violation on the Platte River Trail.

We will continue to look at various ways that we can reach out to the community to keep Littleton a great place to live and play.

Thank you as always for your support,

Heather A. Coogan



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Three LPCAAA Board Member positions will conclude on October 31, 2009. The three positions that will be open are Vice President, Secretary and one At Large.

There will be an election at the LPCAAA General Membership Meeting on October 1st. The newly elected board members will assume responsibility on November 1, 2009 for a two-year term.

If you would like to volunteer for one of these open positions please contact **Kay Thacker** on 303-973-9417 to be put on the nominee list.

OFFICE TERM	CURRENT November 2008-2010	
PRESIDENT	Kay Thacker	NA
TREASURER	Carol Gallagher	NA
AT LARGE (Volunteer Coordinator)	Mickey Kempf	NA
OFFICE TERM	CURRENT OUTGOING November 2007-2009	INCOMING NOMINEES November 2009-2010
VICE PRESIDENT (President-Elect)	Fred Hamblen	Rich Krening
SECRETARY	Glen Sacry	Glen Sacry
AT LARGE (Newsletter/Website)	Sue Hanson	Sue Hanson
VOLUNTEER POSITION	CURRENT NO TERM	
REGISTERED AGENT	Woody Laughlin	NA

**Crime Report on page 5 was Provided by
Sheree Matousek of the LPD**

*This article was taken from the Federal Bureau Of Investigations website:
http://www.fbi.gov/page2/july09/housingscam_072909.html
It is a great source for keeping up with crime.*

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Headline Archives

CONSUMER ALERT

Online Rental Ads Could be Phony



You can't believe your good fortune—you find a rental home in a nice area through a Craigslist classified ad at an unbelievably low rate. The landlord—who had to leave the country and travel to Nigeria—asks that you wire him two months' worth of rent. You arrive at the home on the agreed-upon date, but there's just one small problem—the house is not actually for rent and its owners know nothing about your agreement.

This latest scam being perpetrated by Nigerian criminals located halfway around the world has been seen in a number of U.S. states, perhaps in response to the current housing market—with fewer people buying, more people are renting.

But it's not really a new scam, just a variation of an old one. The so-called 419 scheme—named after the Nigerian penal code section under which this particular kind of fraud is prosecuted—has been around since the early 1980s. The common thread running through these kinds of scams? The victims are solicited by Nigerian criminals to transfer money out of the U.S. and into the criminals' pockets...usually by being promised something in return. And these schemes *are* profitable, costing victims millions of dollars annually.

In South Carolina, the rental scam problem has become so prevalent that Columbia FBI Special Agent in Charge David Thomas recently issued a warning about it to homeowners and prospective renters, particularly in the Charleston, Columbia, and Hilton Head areas. The scam has also ensnared victims in Rhode Island, Illinois, Colorado, and California, among other states.

How exactly does the rental housing scam work? The criminals search websites that list homes for sale. They take the information in those ads—lock, stock, and barrel—and post it, with their own e-mail address, in an ad on Craigslist (without Craigslist's consent or knowledge) under the housing rentals category. To sweeten the pot, the houses are almost always listed with below-market rental rates.

An interested party will contact the "homeowner" via e-mail, who usually explains that he or she had to leave the U.S. quickly because of some missionary or contract work in Africa. Victims are usually instructed to send money overseas—enough to cover the first and last month's rent—via a wire transfer service (because the crooks know it can't be traced once it gets picked up on the other end).

Renters might sometimes be asked to fill out credit applications asking for personal information like credit history, social security numbers, and work history. The Nigerian crooks can then use this info to commit identity fraud and steal even more money from their victims.

How to avoid being victimized:

Only deal with landlords or renters who are local;

Be suspicious if you're asked to only use a wire transfer service;

Beware of e-mail correspondence from the "landlord" that's written in poor or broken English;

Research the average rental rates in that area and be suspicious if the rate is significantly lower;

Don't give out personal information, like social security, bank account, or credit card numbers.

If you suspect a scam, have already been victimized, or know someone who has fallen victim to a scam, **please** report it to our Internet Crime Complaint Center to help us determine the extent of the problem.

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LPCAAA Activities



September 2009 ACTIVITY:

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

October 2009 TRAINING:

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 COLUMBUS DAY	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Board Meeting 7 - 9 PM Community Room	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN ASPEN GROVE

November 2009 TRAINING:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Member Meeting 7 - 9 PM place TBD	6	7
8	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY	12 Academy Graduation	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	23 THANKSGIVING DAY	27	28
29	30					

LPCAAA ACTIVITIES

Monthly Alumni Meetings

1st Thursday of the month

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

Location: 2255 W. Berry Community Rm.

Quarterly Board Meetings

**4th Thursday of the month starting
each Quarter**

January, April, July & October

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

Location: 2255 W. Berry Community Rm.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

September

What: LPCAAA Membership Meeting

Date: September 3, 2009

Time: 7:00 P.M. — 7:30 P.M.

Where: Community Room

What: CSI Class with Bruce Adams

Date: September 3, 2009

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Where: Community Room

October

What: LPCAAA Membership Meeting

Date: October 1, 2009

Time: 7:00 P.M. — 7:30 P.M.

Where: Community Room

What: Aspen Grove—Halloween Street

Date: October 31, 2009

Time: TBD.

Where: Aspen Grove

What: Board Meeting

Date: October 22, 2009

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Where: Community Room

November

What: LPCAAA Membership Meeting

Date: November 5, 2009

Time: 7:00 P.M. — 7:30 P.M.

Where: Place not yet determined

What:

Date:

Time:

Where:

MONTHLY HOP ACTIVITIES

Buck Center

2004 West Powers Avenue
1ST 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 & Our Planned 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. If members needing rides to meetings call me at **303 795-8546** and leave your name, phone number and address, 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