



Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association Newsletter

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Letter From The President



Greeting Members,

As we welcome 2011, let us take a little time to reflect on the last few days of 2010. Our members helped make the Christmas Candlelight Walk as safe event by helping direct traffic throughout downtown Littleton. We also secured Santa's truck to make sure no one was injured by getting too close to the moving vehicle. Everyone did an outstanding job and we came up with some ideas to make next year event safer for everyone.

Our final meeting of the year was our potluck meal. It was well attended and everyone had a great time. We had so much fun we didn't have a training program.

We began our new year by having a tour of the new addition to the police facility. We were impressed by how functional it is for the officers. There is room for storage, nice offices and a special place for the LPCAAA. Thanks to Brian and Pat O'Neill we have a nice sign to hang in our office. Be sure to come see our new space.

The training for our February meeting featured Arapahoe County Sheriff Chief, Grayson Robinson, and ICE representative John Longshore. It was an informative meeting on how we can begin to deal with the illegal alien issue in our local community. This is truly an issue that impacts our society on a daily basis.

Our March training meeting will feature John Bowman who has extensive experience with natural disasters such as Katrina and Hattie. He will talk about those experiences and Post Traumatic Syndrome. Plan now to attend.

Chief Coogan has asked us to consider a different month for our annual picnic. The board will be discussing this issue at our next meeting. If you would like to have some input into this matter, please contact a board member.

I would encourage you to attend our monthly meeting. It is an excellent way to stay involved and meet your fellow members. Our training meetings continue to be contemporary and right on with today's concerns.

Warm weather is coming –sometime soon.

Rich Krening

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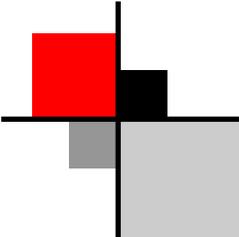
Not only is the Littleton Police Department eagerly anticipating completion of the new headquarters addition, but the excitement is also building for the Citizen's Academy Alumni Association. In addition to the new Evidence Processing Room, a state-of-the-art Crime Lab and contemporary offices for the Detective Division, the expansion houses dedicated office space for the Citizen's Academy Alumni Association volunteers assisting the Littleton Police Department in a variety of tasks.

Located on the first floor near the Crime Lab and Evidence Processing Rooms, the volunteer office will provide a secure and quiet work environment for approved Citizen's Academy Alumni Association members to donate time assisting the Littleton Police Department in an assortment of non-critical jobs. A beautiful hand-made plaque recently finished and donated by alumni Brian O'Neill will hang on the office wall as a symbol of the strong working relationship between the Littleton Police Department and Citizen's Academy Alumni Association.

During the recent January 3rd tour of the unfinished facility, the new volunteer office receives a once-over inspection by Alumni Association President Rich Krening and other members. Alumni Association members sincerely and deeply appreciate the Littleton Police Department's generosity in providing this work setting, and are looking forward to assisting in any way possible!



I.C.E. Agent John Longshore and Arapahoe County Sheriff Grayson Robinson spoke to us about the CAP (Criminal Alien Program) and the Secure Communities. The Secure Communities was launched throughout Arapahoe, El Paso and Denver County on February 15, 2011. Please see the website for copies of the brochures that were handed out at the Feb. 3rd meeting.



The Chief's Corner

By Heather Coogan, Chief of Police

Dear Alumni,

We would like to thank the Citizen's Alumni for all their support for our new digs. For many years, managing storage of property and evidence has presented a great many challenges for the Littleton Police Department. As much as we embrace new technologies and investigative techniques to solve crime for victims, the unfortunate end result is that with it comes an increased demand to maintain evidence, in some cases in perpetuity. For instance, in cases involving DNA evidence or homicide, this evidence is kept forever.

As an internationally accredited police agency, the Littleton Police Department learned that to be in line with the law enforcement industry's best practices in the way of property and evidence storage; such as storing guns, drugs and money separately, that having more space was essential. Additionally, over the years we have taken in more property than we either return, auction or have destroyed, so the need for additional space became more and more critical.

The Littleton City Council approved a building expansion, one that would address property and evidence needs as well as increasing the sizes of the men's and women's locker rooms while making more efficient use of existing department space. The lockers that officers have used since 1978 were middle school sized, very small and not suited to accommodate all of the equipment that officers need to maintain to do their jobs.

Beginning the first week of January 2011, we began relocating all property and evidence held by the police department into the new facility taking painstaking care to keep track of and monitor all items; 15,000 of them. Many department officers chipped in to move the property all in one day. Due to the sheer quantity of total property held, this operation was conducted in two phases. First, all on site property and evidence was moved and then inventoried to ensure packaging integrity and given a new storage location. The property was verified against a computer software system specifically designed to track property through a barcode scanner tracking system similar to what one would see in a grocery store. Officers worked to conduct the inventory over a period of 7 days. Once this property was stowed away, phase two involved moving the off-site property to the new evidence facility and once again inventorying and storing it to ensure proper tracking.

The new building is a state-of-the-art storage facility, crime and forensics computer lab and vehicle examination bay, which will provide the Department with years of storage and evidence processing capability we could only dream about a short time ago. Additionally, there is a convenient and separate property release area that citizens can simply drive up to, to recover their property. Our lab technicians are extremely pleased to be able to work in such a professional facility and are excited about the opportunity to provide the highest quality of service to our citizens.

Heather A. Coogan



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

March

What: LPCAAA Membership Meeting
Date: March 3, 2011
Time: 7:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M.
Where: Community Room

Training Chuck Bowman, McConaty Mort.
Date: March 3, 2011
Time: 8:00 P.M.
Where: Community Room

April

What: LPCAAA Membership Meeting
Date: April 7, 2011
Time: 7:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M.
Where: Community Room

Training: Kay Wilmesher—GLYI
Date: April 7, 2011
Time: 8:00 P.M.
Where: Community Room

What: Board Meeting
Date: April 28, 2011
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Where: Community Room

May

What: LPCAAA Membership Meeting
Date: May 5, 2011
Time: 7:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M.
Where: Community Room

Training: TBD
Date: May 5, 2011
Time: 8:00 p.m.
Where: Community Room

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LPCAAA "Donations" are due by **NOW** of \$25 per member and are **tax deductible**. To keep your membership current and to be on the newsletter mailing list please send in your donations before the March 3rd deadline. Please renew your membership so we can continue all the good things the LPCAAA does for the Littleton Police Department and our Community.



LPCAAA Activities



March 2011

ACTIVITY: Chuck Bowman, McConaty Mortuary – 911 PTSD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Members Meeting 7-9 p.m. Community Room	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Sav- ings	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Spring Begins	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2011

ACTIVITY: Kay Wilmesher - GLYI

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Members Meeting 7-9 p.m. Community Room	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Easter	25	26	27	28 Board Meeting 7 p.m. Community Room	29	30

May 2011

ACTIVITY:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Members Meeting 7-9 p.m. Community Room	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				