



Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association Newsletter

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Letter From The President



Dear Members,

It's hard to believe that Littleton Public Schools are back in session and August is nearly over! The Alumni have had a busy summer with Field Trips to SungateKids on June 21 and the Arapahoe County Jail on July 19. SungateKids works with victims of child abuse through a focused program in which representatives from many disciplines, including law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, mental health, medical and victim advocacy work together to conduct interviews and make team decisions about investigation, treatment, management and prosecution of child abuse cases. Overall, a very worthwhile trip!

The summer wouldn't be complete, of course, without the Grand Parade capping the end of Western Welcome Week. Keeping with our tradition of assisting the Littleton Police Department, Alumni volunteers aided with crowd and traffic control during the parade and enjoyed a successful fundraiser with the Dunk Tank. With the weather sunny and cool, the four Police Officers being dunked endured the ice-cold water in the tank and shivered their way through the afternoon to the delight of the general public.

Be sure to save the date for our annual LPD / LPCAAA picnic to be held on Sept. 29 in the courtyard of the City Center. Festivities begin at noon. LPD will be supplying the food and drink; the only thing we need to bring is a hearty appetite. Closing out the picnic will be the annual Service Pin Awards ceremony in recognition of the many LPCAAA volunteer hours donated during calendar year 2011.

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The Chief's Corner

By Heather A. Coogan, Chief of Police

Dear Alumni,

As fall approaches, we are pleased that the relationship between our police department and our Citizen Academy Alumni is as strong as ever due in part to the strong collaboration and involvement with Alumni President Joe Hanson. As you know, we are implementing increased volunteer opportunities for our Alumni to serve the citizens of Littleton. The Department has aligned itself with the national Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program. Plans are moving forward for Alumni volunteers to lend their assistance with everything from fingerprinting and reporting open garage doors, to handicapped parking enforcement and helping out with busy after-school child pick-ups at some of our elementary and middle schools. We will also be hosting our annual Alumni picnic on September 29th at noon in the courtyard, in recognition of the hundreds of hours the Alumni volunteers contribute to the police department and the City.

Trick or Treat Street is just around the corner. We are working with Aspen Grove to close some streets to make it safer for everyone. The generosity of the Alumni bought and time and money has helped our children and the community to continue to be a great place to live. Thank you for caring and sharing your time and talents.

Thank you all again for your continued efforts and your willingness to work alongside us as we deal with the increasing demands and challenges law enforcement presents to us.

Thank you,
Chief Coogan
Chief of Police

Heather A. Coogan

LPD Flag Installation, September 20, 2012



LPCAAA member Dave Holland noticed that the LPD training room was missing an American flag. On September 20 at 6:00 pm a flag was presented on behalf of Dave's Boy Scout Troop 361 and the Littleton community to the dedicated officers of the Littleton Police Department.



Boy Scout Troop 361 is chartered to Ascension Lutheran Church in Littleton. The Scoutmaster is Kevin Thompson. The Troop has about 35 active boys and a history in Littleton dating back to about 1962. The Troop has been active in community service projects every year for at least the past 25 years that Dave has been involved with them.



Thanks to Sue Hanson for the photographs.



Jeremy Bittner Memorial, September 22, 2012

Thanks to Pat O'Neill for these photos of the Jeremy Bittner Event, Saturday September 22, 2012 in Englewood. Her pictures include State Senator, Linda Newell, presenting Mrs. Bittner a flag that the senator had flown over the state capitol.



Arapahoe County Jail Tour

*Submitted by Mary E. Manley,
LPCAAA member.*

On the balmy evening of Thursday, July 19, a dozen LPCAAA members had the privilege of touring the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility in Centennial. This facility also serves Littleton, Englewood, Aurora, Sheridan, and Glendale.



We gathered in the main entry to be cleared by security, leaving all of our non-essentials (keys, purses, etc.) in lockers. Chief Louie Perea, seasoned Detention/Administrative Bureau head and our tour guide, gave us an overview.

The county sheriff's office is one of our state's most notable law enforcement agencies. J. Grayson Robinson is serving his third term as sheriff. As prescribed by law, the sheriff is not only responsible for Patrol and Investigations but also detention of prisoners and various services to the courts. The latter two obligations fall within the bureau.

The detention facility's history dates back to an 1865 one-room jail house. The current state-of-the-art complex opened in 1987. A national model for its direct supervision design, it is recognized by the National Institute of Corrections.

Housed in security-appropriate cells within larger pods are minimum, medium and maximum inmates. Accordingly, there are hard cells and more open ones. Clothing color coding shows how serious the offenders are. The color spectrum ranges from white to red, signifying individuals who have earned varying degrees of privileges to violent offenders. Some are serving consecutive stays while others have concurrent terms.

The facility is a 299,241-square-foot facility with the capacity to house some 1500 inmates. While Chief Perea noted that an average of 1200 inmates live there at any given time, this housing figure reflects increasing challenges of overcrowding. The Booking area reflects the problem with a concern being how to avoid inappropriate inmate co-mingling. Fortunately, most inmates are cooperative, with only a minimum being troublesome.

Our congenial jail guide carefully explained the detention process and graciously answered questions throughout our stay. He emphasized a major detention priority is ensuring protective care and custody of those confined.

This includes maintaining proper living quarters, medical care, nutrition, recreation, computer training and an inmate work program. Almost half of those in custody have mental health issues which are also addressed. Vital juvenile detention services are much utilized.

Outside our classroom, we passed a large display case of numerous items that had been confiscated from the inmates. The case included makeshift weaponry such as shanks (handmade knives including one made from a toothbrush), gang attire/ memorabilia, and drug paraphernalia.

We went through secure settings to observe from above the male and female inmate confinement areas (which were much the same). In small enclosed rooms with protective glass we viewed how the prisoners interacted in the day rooms, recreational courts, and in the televised visitation sites. It was curious to see dry erase boards with an "Enemies list", aligning those prisoners who need separation.

At one point we were standing on a grated floor above the prisoners who were working. And, yes, some of them knew we were there.

Earlier, we had entered Booking to see where officers and deputies begin the confinement process. For those of us who have experienced this department on our Ride-Alongs, we got an even greater appreciation of how it fits into the greater picture. Our group wasn't there long when the chief got word that we had to exit the area as there were deputies due with "incomings."

As far as group feedback, a strong consensus is that, while the tour was worthwhile and impressive, none of us would want to spend much time there. It was memorable to get our photos taken with Chief Perea on the entry steps. We left at pre-twilight, never imagining what would follow only hours later. This being the Aurora Century 16 Theater's midnight horror, resulting in the jail arrival of the massacre's prime suspect not long after.



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 2012

Sat Sep 29 LPCAAA Barbecue & Service
Pin **Noon** awards.

October 2012

Thur Oct 4 Community Room
7:00pm LPCAAA Membership
Meeting

Board Election
Training TBA

Sat Oct 27 Aspen Grove Shops
5:00pm Trick or Treat Street

November 2012

Thur Nov 1 Community Room
7:00pm LPCAAA Membership
Meeting

Training TBA

Thur Nov 15 Council Chamber
6:00pm LPCA Graduation

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