



Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association Newsletter



1st Quarter, 2014

Issue #52

Letter from the President

Dear Members:

Notable events this quarter include:

- Soaring High without Drugs* presentation in January that replaced the regular meeting
- Promotion Ceremony at Mission Hills 2/21 - 11 LPD members promoted
- Helping with CERT starting 3/1 - role play (victims) for graduating exercise 3/29
- Helping with LPD Citizen Academy starting 3/6
- Farewell party for retirement of Commander Sean Dugan 3/7

There was no regular meeting in January since the New Year's Holiday was so close to our regular meeting date. We substituted with the presentation from Deputy Brian McKnight instead.

Newly appointed Arapahoe County Sheriff David Walcher was our guest speaker in February. He provided a very informative session in regards to the many responsibilities of the Arapahoe Sheriff's Department, including operating the jail.

March's featured speaker was Centennial Airport Manager, Robert Olsislagers. He made a very interesting and informative presentation about the amount of traffic and the variety of airport oriented businesses that are at Centennial, including space oriented businesses!

Many thanks to Chief Stephens and Commander Cooper for their support and acknowledgment of the services we provide to LPD. We look forward to a continued successful relationship in 2014.

Commander Trent Cooper, our mentor and volunteer coordinator with the LPD has been reassigned and now heads up the detective division with the LPD. Commander Jim Warder and Sgt. Steve Skundberg are now filling Trent's shoes in regards to the LPCAAA. Specifically, Sgt. Skundberg will be our day-to-day contact. Steve attended the March LPCAAA meeting to introduce himself. LPD has provided a questionnaire to LPCAAA members with the goal of providing feedback about our interests; finding out what LPD and LPCAAA is doing well and where we can improve. We hope that more volunteer activities will be one of the results as well.

The K-9 committee has made great strides in getting organized and will soon begin fundraising and drumming up support for the LPD K-9 program. A web page on our website and Facebook account for this effort has been created. This group has lots of momentum and ideas. Contact Joe Hanson at k-9@lpcaaa.org if you are interested in helping.

Upcoming events include: Littleton Police Department Promotions and Awards celebrations in April; Drug-Take-Back in April; LPD Citizen Academy Graduation in May and Annual LPD / LPCAAA Picnic & awards on May 10th. Stay tuned for details.

Annual Donations for 2014 are due. Please note that any member who has not renewed by 4/15 will be moved to the inactive roster.

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The Chief's Corner

By Doug Stephens, Chief of Police

Here it is late March already and I can't believe we're already through the 1st quarter of 2014. We have been extremely busy here at the LPD with many continuing refinements of our organizational structure and operations. Here are a few of the many exciting things happening in your police department.

Promotions

On February 21st, it was my honor to promote 11 LPD personnel to new supervisory and command ranks. While promotions occur fairly regularly in police organizations this may have been a first here at LPD due to the large number of personnel being promoted at one time. I am very proud of all our department members but would like to specifically recognize the following for their accomplishments: Division Chief Gene Enley, Division Chief Kim Ferber, Commander Hal Mandler, Commander Jim Werder, Sergeant Rob Eich, Sergeant Tim Kampmann, Sergeant Dave Scott, Sergeant Brian Rauzi, Corporal John Strong, Corporal Shawn Carlson, and Corporal Jim Hanna. I am supremely confident in these officers' dedication and ability to lead the LPD in the years to come.



Good-Byes

After nearly 30 years as a Littleton Police officer, Commander Sean Dugan retired on March 4th to accept the position of Chief of Police for Red Rocks Community College. While we are all sad to see Sean go we are very happy that he has achieved a long-time goal of leading his own agency as chief. We thank Sean for his years of dedicated service to the Littleton community and wish him well in his new endeavor.

More Promotions

With Commander Dugan's retirement we will be promoting more of our outstanding team next month. On Friday, April 4th, I will promote Commander Mike Eyman, Sergeant Nik Dimitric, and Corporal Jeff Farmer. We are all looking forward to having these excellent officers move up within the organization.

Hello's

With all the retirements we have been doing a lot of recruiting and hiring to keep our staffing levels where they need to be to maintain safety and provide exceptional service. Officers Michael Cartier and Krista Hanstrom are currently finishing their field training and will be joining the rest of our team protecting the community soon. We also have three additional recruit officers completing training in the combined Jeffco/Lakewood police academy at this time. Despite these recent additions we are still actively looking for qualified people to join our department. Get the word out and recruit great people you know!

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Changes

With all these promotions come new opportunities for many members of our department. There are numerous additional duties ranging from defensive tactics to Field Training Instructor. Due to all the movement within our ranks we have many new instructor openings which we have been filling over the past months. All the officers are enthusiastic about their new opportunities in these important areas. You will read more about these in the updates provided by Division Chiefs Ferber and Enley.

The Special Enforcement Team (SET) is back and now on the street. Sergeant Brian Rauzi is leading the team and they are currently identifying opportunities to address crime and quality of life issues in the community. As temperatures warm into spring, you will see the SET officers on foot, bikes, and in the department's new ATV as they provide a highly visible police presence throughout the streets, parks, and trails of Littleton.



Koda is our new K-9 who is being trained by Officers John Jones and Brent Kieffer. Koda is making great progress and we hope to get him fully operational by the end of April. Thank you to the LPCAAA and the Friends of Littleton K-9 for your continued support of this program.

Final Thoughts

We just began another Littleton Police Citizen's Academy last week and it reminds me of just how important the LPCAAA is to our success. I want to thank all the wonderful volunteers of the LPCAAA for everything you do to help the Littleton Police Department accomplish our mission. Without your incredible dedication our organization would not be nearly as successful as we are today. Thank you!



Update from Patrol

By Gene Enley, Division Chief

There are many changes headed towards the patrol division of the police department, all good changes. With every retirement or resignation comes a promotion, in fact, several promotions in our case. During the past year we have been preparing for some these changes that reach from Division Chief to entry level officers to minimize any disturbance to our efficiency. Commander Gene Enley was promoted to the Patrol Division Chief in February, leaving a vacant patrol commander's position which Hal Mandler respectfully earned. Commander Hal Mandler is currently our only commander in patrol. Hal has been tasked with trying to keep all shifts on track without missing a beat. He has done a wonderful job keeping up with it all. Joining Hal on April 4th will be newly promoted Commander Mike Eyman, who has filled opening left by Sean Dugan's retirement. Mike brings a multitude of experience as he joins the command staff, as well. Hal will cover dayshift teams, traffic, and SRO's. Mike will be in charge of swing shift teams, graveyard teams, K9, SET, and SWAT. We expect a lot from our Commanders, but these two have proven they are ready for the challenges that lay ahead.

With the above changes, come new patrol sergeants to our city. Dave Scott was promoted to sergeant on swing shift, Tim Kampmann is now the sergeant on the graveyard shift, and Nik Dimitric will soon become a sergeant on swing shift for the other side of the week. These three sergeants have the experience and skills to supervise a team of officers with ease. Dave, Tim, and Nik are anxious to demonstrate their high leadership qualities towards their officers and the citizens.

Our biggest challenge with all these changes is making them seamless. We are doing our best to make sure that the assignments are divided up equally. These officers are working on new assignments in addition to their new positions. Several other officers will also take on new assignments which include new defensive tactics instructors, firearms instructors, driving instructors, and new field training officers are all in the process of learning their jobs. We have officers attending the Fulcrum's Tactical Leadership class and Use of Force class by the Force Science Institute, both are top rated classes in the country. The positive outcome of all the above changes is the City of Littleton is getting a fresh perspective on every aspect of patrol through officers attacking their jobs with new energy, and new commitment.

Our most pressing goal for patrol is making sure that we are mentoring all of the above new leadership and other officers that aspire to become leaders. We have numerous officers with vast experience in Law Enforcement, so we are working hard to share that experience and knowledge among ourselves and the citizens through great police work.

All these changes make for an exciting time for the Littleton Police Department. The fine men and women who work patrol are ready for the challenge and excited for our new responsibilities!



Update from Investigations and Support Services

By Kim Ferber, Division Chief

The Investigations/Support Services Division has completed the recent transition of several personnel. As the new division chief, I am excited to have an opportunity to work closely with Commander Trent Cooper and Sergeants Joe Ward and Arlan Kluth in investigations and Commander Jim Werder, Sergeant Steve Skundberg, and Division Manager JoAnn Ryan in support services. Trent, Jim, and Steve have been reassigned from their previous roles and bring a tremendous amount of law enforcement experience to their new positions.

The remainder of 2014 brings new and exciting challenges for investigations personnel. The detectives continue to investigate major criminal incidents, complete background investigations, and respond to crime scenes. In addition, the detectives are completing a comprehensive review of three cold case homicides. As part of the review process, detectives and lab technicians will work closely in the upcoming months to reevaluate evidence and determine if advancements in technology can provide new clues about these tragic cases. Working hand-in-hand with the detectives is the case administrator Marlene Brown. Marlene is the conduit of the division; she compiles background information on felony cases, prepares crime and information bulletins, and coordinates sex offender registrations and deregistrations.

Sergeant Kluth and Victim Advocate Linda Suttle are expanding our ability to provide resources to victims by establishing the department's first volunteer victim advocate program. Linda is currently researching and developing the program in preparation for our first volunteer victim advocate academy later this year. Stay tuned for more information on this great opportunity for members of the LPCAAA.

The final piece of investigations is our property and evidence section. Technicians Cheri McAlister and Robert Silvas are our agency's crime scene investigators and property technicians. They respond to major crime scenes in order to properly document, preserve, and collect evidence. Cheri and Bob receive thousands of items each year into the property room and utilize a software system that assists them in maintaining the proper chain of evidence. In 2014, Cheri and Bob are facilitating two drug take-back events, implementing a photo management system, and working as a team with Greenwood Village Police Department technicians on our response to crime scenes.

The support services personnel have started the New Year strong and continue to plan for several significant upcoming projects. JoAnn Ryan and the dispatch team just completed a full remodel of the communications center. This was an extensive project and the team did an incredible job maintaining services and creating an awesome new work space. If you haven't had a chance to check it out - stop by and see how nice the new facility turned out. The dispatch team receives more than 95,000 calls-for-service each year and facilitates more than 54,000 police responses. JoAnn and the records section are also preparing for the implementation of electronic ticketing, which is scheduled to go live later this spring

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Update from Investigations and Support Services

By Kim Ferber, Division Chief

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Commander Jim Werder and Sergeant Steve Skundberg are working together to coordinate the current citizen academy and plan to host a second academy this fall. Commander Werder is also tasked with the upcoming CALEA re-accreditation which is also scheduled for this fall; accomplishing re-accreditation is a significant undertaking and requires commitment from the entire organization. In addition to his recruiting and hiring efforts, Sergeant Steve Skundberg will continue to convert our employee training files into PowerDMS. The conversion to an electronic application will allow employees to closely monitor past training and plan for future training goals and opportunities.

Finally, we have recently added a new team member to the organization. Danielle Trujillo has been hired as a data analyst. Danielle will work closely with the detectives, special enforcement team (SET), patrol, and senior command to provide valuable data so that we are better able to strategically deploy and utilize our resources.



Friends of Littleton K-9 Update

Construction has started on the “Kastle” for K-9 Koda, otherwise known as *Koda’s Kondo*, with hopes of completion by mid-April. Photos of the construction will be posted in the near future. Officer Brent is eager to begin construction on K-9 Sabor’s “Kastle”, awaiting only the final approval from his Home Owners Association.

Officer John and K-9 Koda continue a strong training schedule with the expectation of being ready for street duty by the end of April. The current round of training focuses on apprehension, with drug training to follow later this year.

Both K-9 teams will be patrolling in new vehicles in the near future. Upgraded Ford SUV’s are on order and should deliver soon. They will be fitted out with special canine cages in a new configuration prior to entering service. The new configuration will allow the K-9 team to transport arrestees to the County Jail, rather than rely on another LPD unit for transport.

If you haven’t had a chance to visit the Facebook page for Friends of Littleton K-9, please do! Future postings will include photos of K-9 Koda’s and K-9 Sabor’s “Kastle”, the new K-9 vehicles and public demonstrations as they are scheduled.



LPD Promotions Ceremony - February 21, 2014



You had to see it, to believe it! With the lobby of Mission Hills Church packed with family, friends and well-wishers, a record number of Littleton Police Department personnel were promoted on February 21st. Following the promotions of two current Commanders to fill the vacancies in both Division Chief positions, the department experienced a ripple effect of promotions resulting in a total of 11 officers advancing in rank. The enthusiasm, excitement and expectations of the advancing officers was apparent.



Special “Thanks” to Pastors Rick Derbyshire and Travis Akins for their gracious offer of the Mission Hills facility. The bright, cheerful setting perfectly matched the ceremony’s mood and easily accommodated the numerous participants and spectators.

Also volunteering on this special occasion was a group of LPCAAA members who helped serve refreshments and assisted with cleanup after the ceremony. Another strong effort by the Alumni in support of our Police Department!



View more photos on the LPCAAA website galleries!



Flying High Without Alcohol and Drugs— **An Important Message For Our Community**



Mere words are inadequate to describe the beauty and majesty of two of nature's most impressive birds of prey, the Eurasian Eagle Owl and the American Bald Eagle. Deputy Brian McKnight with the Arapahoe County Sheriffs Office showcased both birds to the LPCAAA on January 16 during his presentation "Flying High Without Alcohol and Drugs".

These magnificent birds of prey and their stories serve to create a safe environment to open the conversation between students and adults about alcohol and drug use. We believe the program leaves a lasting impression on the students and will help them to make good decisions.

Deputy McKnight began by discussing the consequences of early gateway drug use—cigarettes, alcohol and marijuana—focusing on the addictive nature of these drugs using the story of the Eurasian Eagle Owl. Then, the story of the American Bald Eagle highlights the lifelong physical and mental impact of these drugs.



A memorable evening with important life lessons for all! The LPCAAA extends a heartfelt appreciation to Deputy McKnight and HawkQuest, the providers of the birds.

Thank You!

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Arapahoe County Sheriff David Walcher visits LPCAAA February 6, 2014



With over 42 years of law enforcement behind him, J. Grayson Robinson retired as Arapahoe County Sheriff effective Jan. 31, 2014. The Arapahoe County Commissioners appointed David Walcher to fulfill the unexpired term of Sheriff Robinson, set to end on Jan. 12, 2015. Sheriff Walcher, who served as Undersheriff since 2011, has 33 years of law enforcement experience including 5 with the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office. Within a week of assuming office, Sheriff Walcher graciously accepted an invitation from the LPCAAA to visit and provide an assessment of the Sheriff's Office and his vision for the future.

Sheriff Walcher is justifiably proud of the women and men of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (ASCO) as they continue forward with the programs developed and administered by Sheriff Robinson. They continue to staff and maintain the County Jail, as well as provide law enforcement for unincorporated Arapahoe County which extends as far east as the town of Deer Trail.

The ASCO not only has jurisdiction within all of unincorporated Arapahoe County, but is contractually responsible for local law enforcement for the city of Centennial. Based on latest statistics for municipalities with populations similar to Centennial, the ASCO provides Centennial with one of the most efficient and effective law enforcement services within the state.



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Centennial Airport Manager Robert Olislagers - March 6, 2014



Mention “International Airport” in the metro Denver area, and most people immediately think of Denver International Airport. However, Centennial Airport in Arapahoe County also has the distinction of being an International Airport with 24-hour Customs Service available. This is one of many fascinating tidbits offered by Robert Olislagers, manager of Centennial Airport. Although Centennial is a charter-services-only airport, it is one of the top business airports in the US and among the 30 busiest US airports. Centennial Airport generates in excess of \$1.3 Billion in annual economic output and supports more than 7,000 full and part-time employees. A tremendous asset to have in our back yard!

In addition to the “everyday” features of private aviation, Centennial Airport can claim several unique qualities. It is home to at least one company focusing on space-based technology with direct ties to commercial space travel. An occasional military aircraft from the Colorado Air National Guard flight can be seen - and heard - taking off and landing!

Centennial Airport offers unique, behind-the-scenes tours which would make a fascinating summer outing for the LPCAAA!



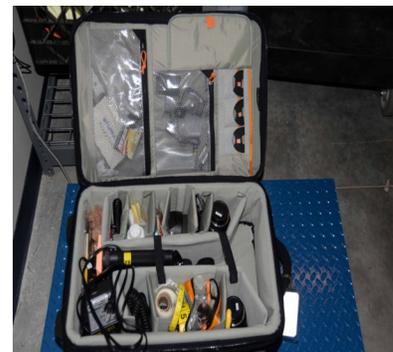
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“Shouldering the Load”

LPCAAA Donates New Camera Bags to Crime Scene Investigators

An essential component of criminal investigations and successful prosecution of criminals is the work performed by the crime scene investigators. With the many advances in digital photography, it has become a crucial skill on which the investigators rely in their duties. Criminal investigation Technicians Cheri McAlister and Robert Silvas recently requested assistance from the LPCAAA in purchasing more efficient camera bags to ease the workload during crime scene work.



“Bob and I requested the LPCAAA to purchase new camera bags for our use in the field. As you all know taking photos is a big piece of our job. All the camera gear we take on scene with us in a camera bag weighs between 25-30 pounds. Previously I had a backpack style bag and Bob’s was a rectangular bag that was slung over one shoulder.”, remarked

Technician Cheri McAlister.

Cheri continues, “The new bags as you can see by the photos provided are both rolling cases. This will ease our body wear while we carry these bags to all the incident scenes and other functions we take photos at. After processing a scene for 12-17 hours the last thing you want to do is carry heavy gear bags to the car then into the building. These bags will be awesome as we continue forward with our work on scenes.”

“Each of us picked a bag that suited our needs and wants better, for additional items we carry in our bags.”

“Thank you for being so willing to help provide us with gear that makes our jobs easier!”

LPCAAA ACTIVITIES

Monthly Alumni Meetings

1st Thursday of the month

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

Location: 2255 W. Berry Ave.

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 Ave.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

April 2014

**Thur April 3
7:00pm** Community Room
LPCAAA Members Meeting
Presentation: Chief Stephens

**Thur April 24
7:00pm** Community Room
LPCAAA Board of Directors
Meeting

May 2014

**Thur May 1
7:00pm** Community Room
LPCAAA Members Meeting
Presentation: TBD

**Thur May 10
12:00pm** Location to be determined
LPD/LPCAAA Picnic and
Awarding Service Pins

**Thur May 15
7:00pm** LPD Training Rooms
Citizen Academy Graduation,
Class 30

June 2013

**Thur June 5
7:00pm** LPD Training Rooms A&B
LPCAAA Members Meeting
Presentation: TBD

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Oops Reminder!

If renewing your LPCAAA membership has slipped your mind, now is the time to fix it! We value your membership in the LPCAAA and it's especially important during these times that we maintain our membership rolls. Membership donations - "dues" - remain \$25.00 for individual, \$40.00 for wife/husband and \$50.00 for a family membership. You are encouraged to renew your membership now if you haven't already and continue your support of our organization and the Littleton Police Department as we work together to make Littleton a safer community and a more desirable place to live!