



Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association Newsletter

Letter from the President



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Dear Members:

Notable events this quarter included:

- Presentation by Chief Doug Stephens about his 1st year at LPD and his plans for additional volunteer opportunities for LPCAAA members.
- The spring picnic catered by LPD officers for volunteers. 2013 pins for service were awarded.
- The LPD Volunteer Assessment results were received and presented
- We heard from Immigration Attorney Christina Fiflis about current immigration laws and flaws in the system.
- An Active Shooter Community Awareness program was presented by the Chief and Mickey Kempf. There was so much interest that a 2nd presentation was added.
- A tour of the 1st Responder Training Facility at Aurora Community College was accomplished.

Citizen Academy Class 30 was completed and 18 graduates joined the LPCAAA!

Another successful Drug Take back event was accomplished in April.

Our April meeting had our program chairman testing his ability to ad lib as our featured speaker (Chief Stephens) had a last minute family obligation that prevented him from joining us. Mickey did a great job of bringing the LPCAAA members up to date with the Littleton CERT group and the most recent training and graduation exercise.

LPD Chief Doug Stephens was our guest speaker in May. He provided a very informative session in regards to the many responsibilities he has faced in his first year as Chief. He has a lot of good ideas and goals for the LPCAAA with new opportunities for volunteers. Several of these have already been instituted such as LPCAAA volunteers operating the finger printing station on a standard schedule for "walk ins" and court requirements, etc. Other activities include training and support for the LPD Victim's Advocate and Mediation training.

June's featured speaker was Immigration Attorney and advocate Christina Fiflis. We see and hear a lot of news about Immigration but Christina was able to put the issues and problems into perspective and gave us all a more balance view of the issues and problems facing both the US and the individual immigrant.

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June also saw our President-elect, Kevin Cunningham at the helm for the meeting. After the presentation by Christina, Kevin presented a power point presentation that summarized the LPD sponsored assessment of the volunteer program. We had about 1/3 of our members complete the survey. In general the LPD and LPCAAA received good marks for our program with a few areas to be improved in terms of opportunities available, communications and setting expectations.

We also continued training activities outside of our monthly meetings this quarter with the Active Shooter presentations in June, by our own Mickey Kempf and by Chief Stephens. The first presentation "sold out" so quickly that a second presentation had to be scheduled. The program was very informative and was open to all citizens as well as LPCAAA members.

LPD was successful in obtaining a grant to create a Community Service Volunteer (CSV) capacity for Littleton. The LPCAAA created a CSV Committee to work with Division Commander Kim Ferber and Sgt. Steve Skundberg to identify tasks that CSV volunteers can accomplish for the LPD, identify equipment and training requirements and to help write a CSV Policy and Standard Operating Procedures for the CSV volunteers. This is a work in progress that is scheduled to be completed this fall. Updates will be provided at upcoming LPCAAA meetings.

The K-9 committee has continued to make great strides and has now begun active fundraising activities. A web page and Facebook account for this effort has been created and that includes the ability to accept donations on line. This group continues to have lots of momentum. Contact the committee at k-9@lpcaaa.org.

Upcoming events include: The Criterium Bike Race and Grand parade during Western Welcome Week. The Criterium is the new City sponsored "kick off" for Western Welcome Week and is scheduled for August 9th. LPCAAA volunteers will help LPD and Littleton with this event and the K-9 committee will be able to use this event as a fund raising opportunity. As always, the WWW Grand Parade on August 16th will be the LPCAAA's largest and most public effort to help the LPD with traffic and crowd control.

Continued thanks to Chief Stephens and Sgt. Skundberg for their support and acknowledgment of the services we provide to LPD. Their efforts and support are already creating new venues for LPCAAA volunteers.

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The Chief's Corner

By Doug Stephens, Chief of Police

We are now in the middle of our busy summer season and I am happy to report that several of our bigger events have already gone off without a hitch, well other than a little hail! As many of you experienced, the Main Street Block Party was the target of Mother Nature last month when she decided to dump huge amounts of hail right on top of us. Fortunately no one was injured but I can't say the same for the City's Police fleet. Nearly every one of our patrol cars received extensive hail damage in the storm. Luckily, a few dents didn't stop our officers and wonderful volunteers from continuing on with their duties and the Block Party was a big success and safe event.

The 4th of July Family Fest and Fireworks Show again drew huge crowds. Thanks to the combined efforts of the LPD, Englewood PD, Arapahoe Rescue Patrol, and the LPCAAA volunteers, this annual celebration resulted in no major incidents or injuries. Good family fun was had by all who attended and thanks to the wet spring, other local shows were not cancelled this year resulting in the crowd size being slightly more manageable than last year's show.

As we head toward National Night Out on August 5th and Western Welcome Week beginning later that week I know I speak for all our officers and staff when I say, "Thank you" to all of our great LPCAAA volunteers who make these events possible. Littleton enjoys a wonderful reputation throughout the region for our community's welcoming and home-town atmosphere. These two events are big contributors to our community's success and we certainly could not do such a great job without your tremendous contribution.

Although our volunteers regularly do so much for our department and the community, one of my priorities as chief has been to identify additional opportunities for the LPCAAA to contribute in a meaningful way that keeps members engaged and interested. Toward that end, I am pleased to announce the department has been awarded a federal grant which will allow us to develop and implement a Community Service Volunteer patrol program (although the name has not yet been finalized). The program details are currently being developed in partnership with the LPCAAA and department personnel but the concept is to provide trained volunteers with a designated patrol vehicle and police radios which will allow them to conduct various non-emergency services throughout our community. Some ideas include vacation home checks, visible presence at and near schools, business checks, traffic direction, and many other important tasks. The details are being addressed by a committee comprised of LPCAAA members and department personnel and we hope to get the program up and running in the coming months.

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Finally, I want to welcome our five newest members to the LPD family. Officers Spencer Sedbrook, Alan Carns, and Tyler Hansen graduated from the police academy on June 12th and Officers Daniel Kim and Michael Rhonick joined our department as lateral hires from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department on June 23rd. All five officers are currently in field training. We are very happy to have these outstanding officers with us here in Littleton. In addition to the new officers in field training, three additional new recruits entered the Jeffco/Lakewood Combined Academy on July 14th and should be graduating in October. With these hires the department will be close to fully staffed for the first time in many years.

We are looking forward to the remainder of the year as we continue to provide the best possible service to our community. Again, we would not enjoy the success we do without the help and support of the LPCAAA. Thank you.

Doug Stephens

Chief of Police

National Police Week—May 14 thru 19

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others, and for honoring the daily sacrifice and commitment of America's law enforcement community. The Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association is proud to recognize the Littleton Police Department's efforts in making our community a safe place to live, work and play.

To honor the women and men of the LPD, the LPCAAA contacted numerous local businesses seeking their support and was pleased with the positive response. Six restaurants and eateries donated food to provide meals and treats for LPD personnel including Patrol, Investigations and Dispatch. A listing of the six contributors includes:

- Noodles & Company
- Littleton Café
- Blueberry's Bakery
- Gigi's Cupcakes
- Bruegger's Bagels
- Subway Restaurant of Littleton

We offer a sincere "Thank You" to these supporters!



LPD / LPCAAA Annual Picnic - May 10, 2014



Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs never tasted so good! Working under the direction of Chief Doug Stephens, (or should that be “Chef” Doug Stephens?), members of the LPD command staff fired up the grill for the annual LPD/LPCAAA Annual Picnic and Service Pins Awards Ceremony. In keeping with tradition, the LPD hosted the barbecue in appreciation of the support and service provided by the LPCAAA. In addition to the great hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings, several fantastic dessert trays materialized. If anyone left the event hungry, they had only themselves to blame!



The Department took advantage of the picnic to showcase one of their newest crime fighting tools, a Polaris All-Terrain-Vehicle. Primarily used by the Special Enforcement Team in their patrol of the city’s streets, parks and trails, the ATV enables the SET to maintain a high profile within the community. The novelty of law enforcement using an ATV encourages interaction with the residents and fosters building of relationships between the public and the Department. Look for the ATV during upcoming events such as Western Welcome Week.



To round out the afternoon, service pins for LPCAAA volunteers were awarded by Chief Stephens. The pins reflect volunteer hours accumulated up to the end of 2013, as well as recognition of those members serving on the Board of Directors. In all, a total of 31 pins were presented, demonstrating once again of the commitment of our membership to the support of our Police Department!



View more photos on the LPCAAA website galleries!



Littleton Police Citizen Academy, Class 30 Graduation, May 15, 2014

Twenty-one students graduated from Class 30 of the Littleton Police Citizen Academy, wrapping up ten weekly sessions attempting to answer the age-old question - "Now, what do cops really do all day?!"

With the goal of promoting better relationships between the police department and the community, the Citizen Academy program helps to develop a clearer understanding of a police officer's duties, how she or he carries out those duties, and the end result of those actions. With many hands-on exercises and exciting demonstrations, the ten weeks of classroom time seemed to fly by and graduation arrived sooner than expected.



A wave of LPD promotions and reassignments earlier this year resulted in Commander Jim Werder and Sergeant Steve Skundberg directing the Citizen Academy for their first time. Accepting the challenge of continuing the high standards and tradition of excellence for which the program is noted, both performed outstandingly! Judging by the camaraderie between students and instructors during the graduation ceremony, the program met its goal of promoting better relations with the community.

An added benefit to the graduates of the Citizen Academy is the opportunity to continue expanding their knowledge of law enforcement and provide support for the Police Department by joining the Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association. We are proud and honored to announce that a total of 18 of the 21 graduates stepped forward to enroll with the LPCAAA. Congratulations - we're happy to have you on board!

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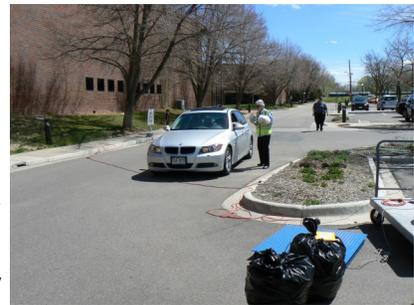
Drug-Take-Back, April 26, 2014

Drug Take Back Day for the Spring of 2014, was another success for the Littleton Police Department and LPCAAA. Spearheaded by Evidence Technicians Cheri McAlister and Bob Silvas, volunteers from the Alumni assisted with assembling the pop-up tent located in the parking lot at Littleton's City Center, and arranging the equipment for bagging the unused prescription drugs. As in years past, drivers began arriving nearly an hour before the official start time to drop off their parcels. Also attending were representatives from the federal Drug Enforcement Agency.



Although many of the area residents drove to the event, there were a handful of citizens arriving on bikes - both motorcycles and pedal bicycles - and even a few pedestrians. The response from residents continues to be very supportive, as they realize the benefit of discarding unwanted prescription medicines in a safe, secure manner.

A new wrinkle in the process this session included relocating the weight scales from the evidence area to the collection area in order to facilitate the weighing of collected materials. The plan worked to perfection until it was time to turn on the scales, at which point they refused to cooperate! However, utilizing a little ingenuity, and a pair of accurate household scales, the crew was back on track in no time. The result of a day's work tallied a total of **782-lbs** of prescription drugs securely collected for disposal.



Thanks to the many LPCAAA volunteers for another hardworking effort!

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Junior Police Academy, June 16 thru 20

“Gee, I didn’t know these dogs were so smart!” exclaimed several of the students attending the Junior Police Academy - 2014. The Littleton Police K-9 Teams definitely impressed the young ladies and gentlemen as they watched K-9 Sabor and K-9 Koda demonstrate their skills at drug detection and apprehension. LPD Officers Brent Kieffer and John Jones provided an in-depth look at the LPD K-9 program, explaining some of the techniques involved with training their K-9 companions and the tremendous overall value of the K-9 teams in law enforcement. Two of the most memorable highlight for the students were the even-tempered nature of the canines with many getting to pet K-9



Koda; and the high degree of obedience training as witnessed by Officer Kieffer holding Sabor on his shoulders!



In addition to the big hit made by the K-9 Teams, the Ride-Smart Trikes & Pedal Carts were eagerly anticipated. Many of the students couldn’t wait to “drive” around a cone-zone course, complete with “STOP” and “ONE WAY” signs, and cross-walks while Alumni volunteers provided help and pointed out infractions. The real fun started, however, when the students were allowed to put on the “drunk-goggles” and then attempted to navigate the course - a lesson well learned!

We would like to recognize the fantastic staff at Mission Hills Church for hosting the Junior Police Academy again this year. “Thank You” for being a wonderful member of our community!



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Friends of Littleton K-9 Update



Finally - the Kastle for K-9 Koda is finished! The hanging of K-9 Koda's nameplate officially christens his new home and he's excited to be moving in. After battling inclement springtime weather and the rigors of everyday life, the construction crew of Officer John Jones, his wife Cassidy, his father John Jones Sr. and Officer Brent Kieffer are relieved to see the project completed. Quality construction is the hallmark of K-9 Koda's new home and includes a covered and fenced front porch area, heated and cooled living quarters and ample storage space for work related accessories.

Thanks to LPCAAA member Brian O'Neill for manufacturing and donating K-9 Koda's nameplate. Construction of Koda's K-9 Kastle is made possible through a generous donation from a member of the LPCAAA. Although K-9 Koda's Kastle is finished, the Kastle project continues! Work will begin soon on the new home for K-9 Sabor, tentatively identified as "Sabor's Shelter". Stay tuned for updates!



Next up for the K-9 Committee is the donation booth at the Criterium Bike Race on Aug. 9th. All of the LPCAAA members are encouraged to drop by and look at our T-shirts and ball caps for sale!



View more photos on the Friends-of-Littleton K-9 Facebook page!



Nominating Committee Begins Work

Submitted by Kevin Cunningham, President-Elect

Per the LPCAAA by-laws, I am to chair the Nominating Committee to come up with members that would be potential candidates for Board positions.

Section 1. Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of five (5) members: the President-elect as chairman, the immediate Past President, one (1) member from the BOD and two (2) members selected from the general membership.

Chair - President-elect	Kevin Cunningham
Past President	John Thornton
One Director	To Be Named
Two Members:	Janna Allen
	To Be Named

Section 2. The Slate. The Nominating Committee shall nominate at least one (1) candidate for each Officer and Director position open for election.

LPCAAA Board of Directors -

The Officers of the Association shall be elected at the annual membership meeting.

The President and President-elect shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successors are elected and have assumed office.

All other Officers and Directors shall serve a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected and have assumed office.

Other than the Registered Agent, no Board member may serve in the same position for more than two consecutive terms.

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Nominating Committee, continued

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Positions up for election for 2014-2015:

The **President-elect** shall:

- Preside over regular membership and Board meetings in the absence of the President.
- Meet regularly with the President and Chief of Police.
- Chair the Nominating Committee regarding Board positions for the following year.
- Maintain and update the Policy Manual regarding the Board Officers_ and Directors_ job descriptions.
- Provide leadership at one volunteer event.
- Present information regarding the Alumni Association to the LPD Citizen's Academy Class.
- Be responsible for Alumni applications, hat and shirt sales.

The **Treasurer** shall perform all duties incident to the office including;

- The preparation of a budget;
- Keeping a record of all such financial accounts;
- Providing a report to the BOD quarterly or when requested;
- Maintain an official list of members;
- Perform such other duties as may be required by the President or the BOD

The **Director of Training** shall:

- Arrange training/programs for the monthly membership meetings.
- Coordinate with LPD/outside agencies to provide training and program opportunities.

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The Director of Volunteer Services shall:

- Coordinate with LPD representatives regarding specific events for LPCAAA participation
 - Determine team leaders for major events and establish/coordinate responsibilities of individual volunteers.
 - Notify general membership about volunteer activities & events. Provide ways for members to sign up for the events.
 - Provide vests, radios and flashlights as needed and retrieve after the event.
 - Coordinate for delivery of tables, banners and tarps as needed.
 - Maintain volunteer hours & coordinate with LPD regarding volunteer recognition.
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The Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association is a purely volunteer organization and thrives on members stepping forward to assist in managing the association. If you would like to participate on the Nominating Committee, or have any questions, please contact Kevin Cunningham at: vicepresident@lpcaaa.org.

If you have an interest in serving on the Board of Directors, or would like to recommend a member for service, please contact Kevin Cunningham. The only qualifications for election to the Board are:

- A desire to promote our Mission Statement
- A member for at least one year
- Cannot serve if a spouse or first generation relative is currently serving

Help us achieve our goal of supporting the Littleton Police Department in making our community a safer place to live, work and play.

Thank You!

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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

July 2014

Thur, July 31 Community Room, City Center
7:00pm LPCAAA Board Meeting

August 2014

Tues, Aug. 5 National Night Out -
5:00pm Parties throughout the City
"Be there—or Be Square!"

Thur, Aug. 7 LPD Training Rooms
7:00pm LPCAAA Members Meeting
Presentation: Linda Suttle
"Volunteer Victim Advocates"

Sat, Aug. 9 Littleton Twilight Bike Criterium
9:30AM — Downtown Littleton
10:00PM Ticket Sales / K-9 Booth

Sat, Aug. 16 Grand Parade — WWW
7:30AM — Crowd & Traffic Control,
4:00PM Dunk-a-Cop Fund Raiser &
K-9 Booth

September 2014

Thur, Sept 4 Community Room
7:00pm LPCAAA Members Meeting
Presentation: TBD

Thur, Sept 4 Community Room
6:00pm Littleton Police Citizen Academy,
Class 31 Begins,
LPD Training Rooms A & B

Board of Directors

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