



Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association Newsletter



Letter from the President

3rd Quarter, 2014
Issue #54

Dear Members:

Notable events this quarter included:

- Manning the ticket booth at the Criterium Bike Race at the opening of the Western Welcome Week
- Providing crowd and traffic control for the Western Welcome Week Grand Parade
- National Night Out
- Drug Take Back day on 9/27

As is our tradition, there was no meeting in July. August featured training by LPD in regards to the WWWW activities and the Criterium Bike Race and Grand Parade responsibilities. The Criterium is a new event to Littleton and to LPCAAA. Our role was to sell tickets to be used by attendees to procure drinks. Our efforts for this event generated \$500 of income to LPCAAA. The Criterium was also a great venue for our K-9 support committee to use as a fund raiser. The Grand Parade went off without a hitch as far as LPCAAA is concerned. This year we had the use of LPD radios due to the extra effort of Sgt. Steve Skundberg. The ability to actually communicate during the parade activities was very helpful and much appreciated by our volunteers.

Our September meeting featured a presentation by LPCAAA, LPD and Littleton to two young men, Orlando Portillo and Brandon Vega, who were instrumental in the success of the NNO festivities at Promise Park. Orlando and Brandon were in the park playing when our LPCAAA team showed up to set up for the NNO picnic. Both stopped what they were doing and helped set up, go get the food, take photos of the event, entertain the kids and finally help clean up after the party. City Manager Michael Penny then brought our group up to date with current economic development activities in Littleton, to include the Breckenridge Brewery and the new development at the Marathon Oil land on South Broadway. Penny also explained how some of the public financing methods can be used to promote urban renewal.

October's meeting was another working meeting with more training on pedestrian safety, traffic control and our annual elections.

I would like to thank our out-going Board members for their extraordinary work on behalf of the LPD and the LPCAAA.

John Thornton, Past President, has been very active in LPCAAA and a member of the Board over the past 3 years, first as Vice President, then President and last year as Past President. John's experience with LPCAAA and as a board member made him an excellent mentor to me over the last couple of years.

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Letter from the President

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Mickey Kempf, Director of Training, has done a great job of coming up with unusual and interesting presentations. This past year of Mickey's efforts has also featured for the first time, several events that were presented to the community at large to include the Hawk Quest Drug prevention program and the Active Shooter presentations with Chief Stephens. Janet Simpson, Director of Volunteer Services, has also done excellent work in arranging for and assigning LPCAAA volunteers to the many activities that we have. As a group, we would not have the ability to serve the LPD without volunteers AND, most importantly the ability to organize and assign volunteers to help. Janet has provided this control and organization and the LPCAAA is a much more effective volunteer group due to her efforts. Rick Hofmann, Treasurer, has kept the books, maintained the roster, paid the bills, and generally kept the LPCAAA fiscally responsible. Notable achievement includes the establishment of separate accounts for the K-9 support dedicated funds. This required research in regards to Colorado and IRS regulations to make sure that LPCAAA was handling our accounts correctly. Rick also created a much more informative report that is now provided to each member as a part of the monthly distribution of meeting notes, agendas, announcements, etc.

It is Board Members, and very active LPCAAA Volunteers, such as Mickey, Janet and Rick that make the LPCAAA the effective organization that it has been and continues to be. New to the Board or at least to new positions within the Board are:

- Vice President / President Elect, Mickey Kempf
- Treasurer, Sue Otto
- Director of Training, Janet Simpson
- Director of Volunteer Services, Janna Allan
- President, effective 11/1/14, Kevin Cunningham

We have some new members to the Board and some experienced Board members in new positions. Over-all a very competent and worthy group of folks!

The K-9 committee has continued active fundraising activities. This group continues to have lots of momentum. One recent event that the K-9 support group supported as a fund raiser was the annual golf tournament sponsored by Littleton. This event raised over \$1,700 of dedicated K-9 funds. Contact the committee at k-9@lpcaaa.org.

Upcoming events include: Trick or Treat Street at Aspen Grove on 10/31 and the annual Candle Light and Christmas tree lighting in downtown Littleton. Also coming up is the LPCAAA annual Christmas Pot Luck and gift exchange. Details to follow each of these. 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.

Carey Crain
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The Chief's Corner

By Doug Stephens, Chief of Police

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)

The Littleton Police Department is proud to be one of only a handful of internationally-accredited law enforcement agencies in the state of Colorado. While many people close to the department may know we are accredited, few really understand what that entails. Here is information I have taken from the CALEA website which explains the benefits, and the process, of attaining and maintaining accreditation.

Since the first CALEA Accreditation Award was granted in 1984, the program has become the primary method for an agency to voluntarily demonstrate their commitment to excellence in law enforcement. The standards upon which the Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is based reflect the current thinking and experience of law enforcement practitioners and researchers. Major law enforcement associations, leading educational and training institutions, governmental agencies, as well as law enforcement executives internationally, acknowledge CALEA's Standards for Law Enforcement Agencies© and its Accreditation Programs as benchmarks for professional law enforcement agencies.

CALEA Accreditation requires an agency to develop a comprehensive, well thought out, uniform set of written directives. This is one of the most successful methods for reaching administrative and operational goals, while also providing direction to personnel.

CALEA Accreditation standards provide the necessary reports and analyses a CEO needs to make fact-based, informed management decisions.

CALEA Accreditation requires a preparedness program be put in place—so an agency is ready to address natural or man-made unusual occurrences.

CALEA Accreditation is a means for developing or improving upon an agency's relationship with the community.

CALEA Accreditation strengthens an agency's accountability, both within the agency and the community, through a continuum of standards that clearly define authority, performance, and responsibilities.

Being CALEA Accredited can limit an agency's liability and risk exposure because it demonstrates that internationally recognized standards for law enforcement have been met, as verified by a team of independent outside CALEA-trained assessors.

CALEA Accreditation facilitates an agency's pursuit of professional excellence.

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CALEA accreditation is valid for three years during which time the agency must maintain compliance with applicable standards, keep its proofs of compliance up-to-date, and live by the letter and spirit of those standards. To retain its accredited status, the agency is required to submit to CALEA their appropriate accreditation continuation fees, as well as an annual report. Reaccreditation occurs at the end of the three years, following another successful on-site assessment and hearing before the Commission.

The LPD's current accreditation cycle is coming to a close and we are in the final steps of the reaccreditation process. Our on-site review will take place November 1-4th, and our personnel have been working tirelessly to insure we are ready. Our on-site assessors are Commander Ernie Knight of the University of Chicago Police Department and Chief Doug Middleton of the Henrico County (Virginia) Police Department. These two men bring over 68 years law enforcement experience to the assessment process and we look forward to working with them as they evaluate our operations.

As part of the on-site process there will be a session for public input during which I encourage you to share the experiences you've had with the LPD over the past three years. ***The Public Information Session will be Monday, November 3, 2014 at 4 pm in the Police Training Rooms. Please come!***

We are very proud of our accredited status and I know it would not be possible without the tremendous work of all our personnel, especially Commanders Jim Werder and Trent Cooper, combined with exceptional support from the community. We look forward to our on-site review and another three years of performance excellence.

For more information on CALEA accreditation go to their website at: www.calea.org

Doug Stephens

Chief of Police

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Teen CSI - Aug. 4-7, 2014



Local teenagers looking for something different to do this past summer were able to take advantage of the Teen CSI program offered through Bemis Public Library and sponsored by the Littleton Police Department.



Teaching the class were LPD crime technicians Robert Silvas and Cheri McAlister, assisted by former LPD criminologists Bruce Adams and Bemis program director Mark Decker. With more than 50 years of crime scene investigative experience among the instructors, the students received invaluable advice and insights on working an active crime scene.



Included in the crime scenarios were: office burglary, outdoor pipe bomb, an assault in a park, and a drug deal in panel truck gone bad. Each team of students was given a brief overview of their crime scene and then went to work collecting and analyzing evidence from their respective crime scenes.



Once the analysis was finished, they presented their findings and conclusions to the class during a presentation.

Assisting the professional investigators were volunteers from the LPCAAA, as they helped set-up demonstrations of specific skill-sets such as plaster casting of footprints, and correct technique for fingerprinting and crime scene photography. As usual, another great effort by the volunteers including: Peggy Cole, Janna Allan, Kay Thacker, Linda Sinclair, and Ben Sinclair.

After the teams presented their investigation results to the class, each student re-



ceived a certificate of attendance and participation. The session ended with general agreement that police investigative work is much harder in real life than what is seen on TV!





National Night Out-Aug 5, 2014

National Night Out for 2014 was a **FANTASTIC** success! Much of the credit should be given to the tireless volunteers from the LPCAAA.

The Littleton Police Department delegated the newly formed Special Enforcement Team, supervised by Sgt. Brian Rauzi, to oversee the Littleton NNO-2014 celebrations, in addition to the numerous additional duties for which the SET Team was responsible. To help get the project up and going, the LPCAAA recruited a group of 18 volun-



teers, many of them seasoned veterans of past NNO activities. A nucleus of 12 Alumni shouldered the work load, attending 6 monthly meeting as they assisted Sgt. Rauzi with organizing the many components which form the foundation of the program including: developing and maintaining the NNO website and Facebook pages, encouraging HOA's and Neighborhood Organizations to schedule parties, ordering trinkets and gifts for the children attending parties, obtaining sponsors to help defray the costs of the event, close cooperation with LPD and LFR to ensure each party received visits by attractions, and - of course - filling hundreds of balloons with helium the day of the event!



Special recognition is due to several very generous sponsors for this year's celebration: Bradford Auto Body, Mission Hills Church, Littleton Elks Club and Chipotle Mexican Grill. Also, the three Alumni volunteers who donned the McGruff costumes and visited many of the parties are due a big "Thank You!" - John Watson, Al Wieder and Joe Hanson.





Special Report- Promise Park NNO Party

Promise Park Party - A great time for All and a wonderful example of community spirit!



After a lull of three years, National Night Out was celebrated once again in the Promise Park neighborhood. Situated in the northeast part of Littleton, and surrounded by many apartments and home, Pat and Brian O'Neill did an amazing job pulling it all together. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Pat and her band of helpers, the Promise Park National Night Out was a huge success!

When Pat and Brian arrived at the park around 2pm, two teen boys were playing soccer. The young men stopped playing their game and volunteered to help! Brandon Vega and Orlando Portillo helped unload the vehicles, carrying the buckets of supplies and heavy cases of water to the party site. They helped set up tables, facilitate the party, play with the little kids, ran the four piñata games and even cleaned up trash and reload the vehicles after the party.

These young men volunteered and proceeded to work for 6+ hours straight!

A first-hand account by Pat O'Neill: "I agree that these two young men were invaluable. What has not been mentioned is that Orlando will be in the 8th grade this year, and Brandon will be in the 9th grade. When I first had a conversation with Brandon he planned to eventually be in the Army (airborne). At the end of the night when someone asked him what he wanted to do when he was older, he said he wanted to be a police officer. Brandon went to Chipotle with me (he asked if could) and carried the boxes to the car. They were really too heavy for me to lift. Both boys were polite and respectful. They always asked permission to do something beforehand and always agreed to do something if asked. Orlando was my photographer for many of the photos, using my fairly expensive camera. I



trusted him with it totally. Also, we were pleased to have the owners of Jose's attend the party. I believe they were there because Brandon does yard work for them. We met a lot of very nice people and were thanked many times for having the party."





Special Report- St. Mary's NNO Party

The first-time-ever National Night Out party at St. Mary's Catholic Church was a huge success! Attended by more than 150 parishioners and neighbors, the event truly epitomized the mission of National Night Out - to promote police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that Littleton neighborhoods are organized and fighting back!



Through the tireless efforts of LPCAAA's own Mary Manley and working in coordination with Sarah Norton from St. Mary's, numerous groups and volunteers within the church organized to provide food, drink and fun-filled events. Among those deserving special recognition are: Fr. Armando Marsal, DCJM; Deacon Jack Sutton; Knights of Columbus; Altar and Rosary Society; St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop, and parishioner Allan Cravalho. "Thank You" for your interest in making Littleton a safer community, and a superb job of organizing the event!



Let's not forget the stars of the event—the many families, neighbors and friends attending for delicious food, great companionship and a chance to visit with the attractions provided by the Littleton Police Department and the City of Littleton.

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Special Report- St. Mary's NNO Party (cont.)

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Special attractions included Chief of Police Doug Stephens and his wife Susie, Division Chief Gene Enley, Commander Mike Eyman, Officer Brent Kieffer and K-9 Sabor, McGruff the Crime Dog accompanied by Special Enforcement Team (SET) member Officer Rick Redmond, and the new All-Terrain-Vehicle from the SET team, featuring Sgt. Brian Rauzi and Officer James Fountain.

Thanks to LPCAAA Alumni Sue Otto for the great photography during the evening!



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Twilight Bicycle Criterium- Aug. 9, 2014

For the second year in a row, Western Welcome Week festivities kicked off with a relatively new event - the Littleton Twilight Criterium and Little Jam. The event this year included the sale of craft beers, wines and local food. Security for the event fell on the shoulders of the Littleton Police Department, and to assist them with the beverage ticket sales, the LPD wanted the finest in community oriented volunteers and had to look no further than the Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association!



The LPD requested volunteers to man three sales stations at the ticket booth from 10:30AM to 10:00PM - a very long day! In keeping with our grand tradition of providing volunteer service to LPD, 12 members signed up for the day-long event. Of special note are the extraordinary efforts of Peggy Cole, who spent the entire day at the booth! The commitment of the Alumni to man the ticket sales enabled the Police Department to better utilize their personnel to concentrate on crowd and traffic control in the downtown area.

Although early ticket sales were light, by mid-afternoon volume was picking up and culminated in a tidal wave of guests as they arrived for the concert held shortly after the bicycle race. More than \$9,000.00 dollars was collected by Alumni volunteers during the event. Not only were the volunteer's efforts greatly appreciated



by LPD, but the city graciously agreed to donate \$500.00 to our organization for our work.

Another great effort by the LPCAAA!





WWW Parade - Aug. 16, 2014



Everybody loves a Parade - especially if it's the Western Welcome Week Grand Parade!

Saturday, Aug. 16, was a picture-perfect day for the WWW Grand Parade and record crowds were expected. The LPCAAA demonstrated once again a strong commitment to serve the Littleton Police Department in crowd and traffic control, helping to ensure a safe and enjoyable celebration. In an effort to upgrade communications between the volunteers and the Mobile Command Center, the Police Department provided radios to critical locations along the Parade route and staging areas. The radios greatly enhanced communications between all parties to the delight of the volunteers!



Although the crowds of spectators were large, and the number of participants seemed more than normal, there were no major problems. Several volunteer stations at street closures - especially the Gallup / Caley intersection - experienced higher than normal traffic but our volunteers handled all situations with courtesy and professionalism. Special thanks to Sgt. Steve Skundberg for the refresher course on proper conduct during WWW events!

The addition of several new faces among the volunteers was a definite positive for the event. With the LPCAAA roster increasing to more than 110 paid members, it's important to include as many new members as possible in our volunteer activities.



For all of the volunteers - **Thank You!!**





WWW Dunk Tank- Aug. 16, 2014



Who said lightning doesn't strike twice? When Chief of Police Doug Stephens volunteered as one of the "dunkees" for last year's Dunk Tank, many thought it would be a one-time appearance. Well - they thought wrong!! Chief Stephens demonstrated his love of cold water by again volunteering to sit on the "hot seat" of the LPCAAA Dunk Tank during our annual Western Welcome Week fund raiser. With three additional Littleton Police Officers joining Chief Stephens, the

group of scantily clad cops splashed into the cold water as local residents lined up to take a shot at "Dunking-a-Cop"!

After many years of holding the fee for an opportunity to Dunk-a-Cop, a price adjustment was made at this year's event resulting in record revenues. A total of \$836.00 was raised during an afternoon of fun at the Dunk Tank, and when added to the \$500.00 donation for volunteering at the Twilight Criterium, a total of \$1,336.00 was credited to our general fund.

Did anyone notice a difference in our booths this year? The LPCAAA purchase two new pop-up shelters to provide more comfort for our volunteers. The old pop-ups were showing their age—more than



8-years old—and in need of replacement. Our appreciation to Mickey Kempf for spearheading the upgrade to new equipment.

Thanks, Mickey!!





Friends of Littleton K-9 Update



What have the Friends of Littleton K-9 been doing lately?

The Friends of Littleton K-9 have been busy during the past three months participating in numerous fundraisers and assisting at several K-9 demonstrations.

Fundraisers at -

Twilight Criterium Bike Race

Western Welcome Week, in conjunction with Dunk-a-Cop

Littleton Golf Tournament

K-9 Demonstrations -

Littleton Police Citizen Academy

Wolhurst Adult Community

To view the many photos from the above activities, please visit the LPCAAA website and click on the page "Friends of Littleton K-9". A link to the photo galleries can be found near the middle of the page.

In an ongoing effort to support all phases of the LPD K-9 program, the Friends of Littleton K-9 have focused on raising funds to purchase world quality canine armor for K-9 Sabor. Officer Brent Kieffer and K-9 Sabor have begun training with the LPD SWAT team with the goal of full integration with future SWAT actions. Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Friends, and a generous donation from Dr. Lee Breigitzer and Columbine Animal Hospital, the specialized canine vest has been ordered. The custom fitted vest, valued at \$2,500.00, will allow K-9 Sabor to participate fully in SWAT engagements and provide a level of protection on par with the human members of SWAT.

The Friends still have a long road to travel to reach their goal of sustainability. Each member of the LPCAAA can help with a direct donation to the K-9 Fund, or the purchase of a T-shirt and/or ball cap at special discounted pricing.

We look forward to your support!!!

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



New Members Elected to Board of Directors - Oct. 2



Elections for vacant positions on the LPCAAA Board of Directors were held at the October members meeting, Oct. 2, 2014. New members are Sue Otto, Treasurer and Janna Allan, Director of Volunteer Services. Also elected to new positions on the Board are Mickey Kempf, President-Elect (also known as Vice President) and Janet Simpson, Director of Training. Congratulations to Sue Otto and Janna Allan for their successful election to the Board, and to Mickey Kempf and Janet Simpson for their commitment to continued service on the Board. Welcome!!!

All of the current Board members, and the new incoming Board members, will convene on the Oct. 23 Board of Directors meeting in the Community Room at City Center. New members will officially assume their positions on Nov. 1, 2014.

We wish to extend a heartfelt “Job Well Done!” to the departing Board members, Rick Hofmann as Treasurer, and John Thornton as Past President. Thank you for your service and dedication to the Littleton Police Citizen Academy!

Please review the full Board of Directors roster on the last page of this newsletter for a complete listing of members.

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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

October 2014

Thur., Oct. 2 Community Room, City Center
7:00pm- LPCAAA Members Meeting
9:00pm Board Elections &
Traffic/Crowd Control Refresher

Thur, Oct. 23 Community Room, City Center
7:00pm- LPCAAA Board Meeting
9:00pm Hand-off to new Board Members

Fri., Oct. 31 Aspen Grove Shopping Center
4:30pm- "Trick-or-Treat Street"
7:30pm Traffic & Crowd Control

November 2014

Thur., Nov. 6 Community Room, City Center
7:00pm- LPCAAA Members Meeting
9:00pm Presentation: TBD

Thur, Nov. 13 LPD Training Rooms A & B
6:00pm- Graduation LPCA Class 31
7:30pm Welcome new members!!

Fri., Nov. 28 Downtown Littleton
6:30pm- Candlelight Walk
8:00pm Traffic/Crowd Control, and
Escort Santa Claus!

December 2014

Thur., Dec. 4 LPD Training Rooms A & B
7:00pm- LPCAAA Annual Potluck Dinner
9:00pm And White Elephant Gift

Board of Directors

President	Kevin Cunningham president@lpcaaa.org
President Elect / VP	Mickey Kempf vicepresident@lpcaaa.org
Treasurer	Sue Otto treasurer@lpcaaa.org
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