



Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association Newsletter

Letter from the President



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Issue #57

Dear Members,

This is my last letter to you as LPCAAA President. Thank you for making it an interesting year!

The new LPCAAA board, with Mickey Kempf as President, takes office on the first of November. Congratulations to our new President-Elect / Vice-president, Susan Thornton, together with Dan Gohr (Director of Media) and Pam Hubbard (Secretary).

I would like to thank the outgoing board members, Barb Sigler, Joe Hanson & Carey Crain, for their fantastic work and continuing support of the group. We couldn't continue to support the LPD officers & staff without volunteer involvement.

Please give Mickey and the new board, your support and assistance.

We have had some very interesting speakers over the past few months. In August, Danielle Trujillo gave us a glimpse into her life as Data Analyst at LPD. It was fascinating how she is able to use crime statistics to effectively direct proactive policing. Vicky Trammell, visited us in September. This amazing lady, representing NecroSearch, showed us how botany could be used to find human remains. Bob Silvas, Evidence/Lab Technician with LPD, spoke to us in October, talking about various criminal investigations search tools & databases.

We are lucky to live in a community with such dedicated and skilled experts.

Thank you!

Kevin Cunningham
President

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The Chief's Corner

By Doug Stephens, Chief of Police



LPD K-9 Program

The Littleton Police K-9 program has been made entirely possible through the tireless dedication of the many volunteers who participate in *Friends of Littleton K-9* and through less formal means including other LPCAAA assistance. Your efforts allow us to staff two full-time police service dogs in Patrol providing K-9 support seven days a week between the hours of 3pm - 1am. Officer Kieffer and K-9 Sabor, and Officer Jones and K-9 Koda, provide enhanced services for our personnel and for the community through their unique training and abilities.

Police K-9s traditionally fall into one of three separate types of service specialty - apprehension, narcotics, or explosive detection. Each of these specialties requires extensive training, testing, and certification. Apprehension dogs are specially trained to conduct area searches and to apprehend, as necessary, suspects who refuse to submit to arrest or who attack officers. Their enhanced sense of smell allows them to search both large and small areas much more effectively than human officers greatly increasing operational efficiency and improving officer safety. Narcotics detection requires specialized training involving the K-9 team's ability to correctly detect and alert to various controlled substances. Narcotics detection is perhaps the most regulated, and litigated, of the three types of K-9 services. Numerous court decisions have addressed the myriad of legal issues associated with K-9 use during narcotics investigations and this specialty can come with increased civil liability unless the K-9 handler is well versed in the latest legal decisions concerning search and seizure. Finally, explosive detection K-9's are trained similarly to narcotics dogs but operate in a less high-profile manner upon detection of a suspicious object (for obvious reasons - BOOM!). Instead of a nose for narcotics, they are trained to develop a nose for explosives. All three specialties require extensive, and on-going, work by the dogs and their handlers to maintain proficiency.

The LPD has traditionally cross-trained our K-9s to conduct both apprehension and narcotics detection. This allows us to increase efficiency by fielding dual-use K-9s throughout the week. Training and certifying dual-use K-9s is challenging due to the unique demands of each discipline. Just as with humans, some dogs are better at one discipline than another, not due to a lack of training or effort, but just because of how the dog is "wired." Some dogs have a drive for apprehension and some dogs are much better at narcotics work. After 18 months of extensive training and evaluation the determination has been made that the LPD K-9 program will change slightly from our traditional operations.

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The Chief's Corner

By Doug Stephens, Chief of Police



LPD K-9 Program

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Officer Kieffer and K-9 Sabor will continue to function as a dual-use (apprehension and narcotics detection) team while Officer Jones and K-9 Koda will be used exclusively for narcotics detection. Anyone who has been around the LPD K-9 program over the past 18 months knows that our two K-9s possess polar-opposite personalities. We believe in capitalizing on team strengths and the modified duties for these K-9s will provide for the most effective use of these valued teams.

Officer Jones is to be commended for his tremendous dedication to the LPD K-9 program and his tireless work to help Koda become an exceptional police service dog. Officer Kieffer is also commended for his exceptional instruction and oversight of the LPD K-9 training and for his tenacity in keeping our program operating at high levels. These officers have done an exceptional job with their K-9 partners and I look forward to their continued service to the department and the Littleton community. I believe we have two of the best handlers in the region, two exceptional K-9s, and unbelievable community support for our program. I am confident these factors combined with unique team specialization will allow the LPD K-9 program to continue to thrive for many years to come.

Doug Stephens

Chief of Police



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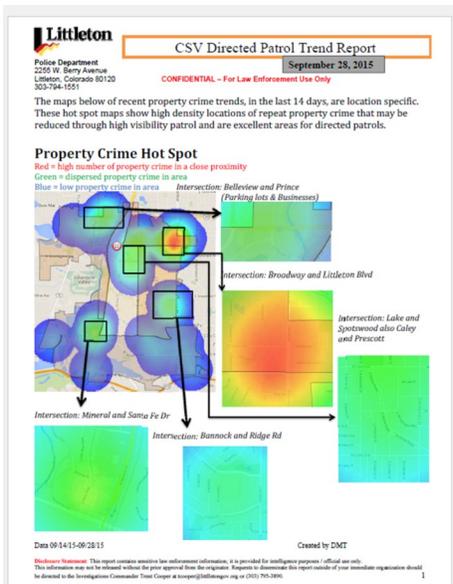


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Community Safety Volunteer Program—Update

The Community Safety Volunteer program is hitting its full stride with a group of 12 volunteers participating in an average of more than 3 patrols a week. Working in 2-man teams and operating an assortment of hours between 8:00AM and 10:00PM, the CSV patrols have been tasked to focus on three specific concerns within the city: the “hot-spots” which highlight increased property crimes; school lanes which concentrate on traffic and pedestrian safety on streets and thoroughfares near Littleton schools; and the reporting and follow up of graffiti within the city.



Developed by LPD Data Analyst Danielle Trujillo and based on up-to-the-minute property crime statistics occurring in Littleton, a Heat Map is generated every two weeks illustrating the “hot-spots” of elevated property crime activity. Utilizing a color gradient design using blue, which indicates no reported crime, to red, which indicates areas of greatest property crime, the map provides a guideline for conducting patrols by the CSV teams. Major intersections within the “hot-spots” dictate patrol boundaries and may include residential neighborhoods, public parking areas, business zones and parks/open spaces.

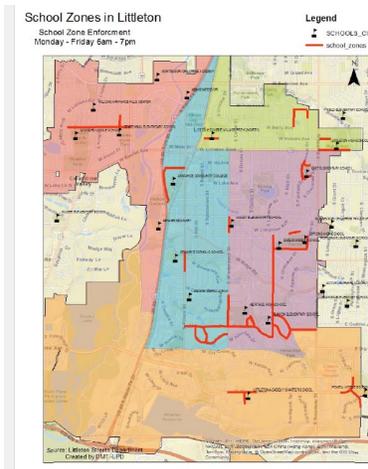
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Community Safety Volunteer Program—Update

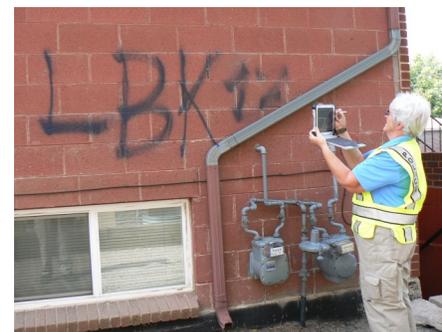
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School lane patrol is a major focus of CSV activity and seeks to remind citizens of reduced vehicular speeds and increased awareness around schools. All Littleton Public Schools, including charter schools, receive intensified patrols during the school year. Other major educational institutions such as St. Mary's school and Arapahoe Community College also benefit from the increased patrols.



Early detection and clean-up of graffiti is essential in keeping a neighborhood safe and secure for all residents. The CSV program is proud of their role in locating and helping to remove all forms of graffiti. It comes as a surprise to many Littleton residents that every part of the city experiences some type of graffiti in varying degrees. As CSV teams patrol city neighborhoods, they are constantly looking for graffiti in all forms and in all places, including high-rise buildings, business areas and parks.

Once noted, the graffiti is photographed and a report submitted to the City through their web tool "See, Click & Fix". The City has been very proactive in removing the graffiti. Eventually a crime report of the graffiti is generated with the goal of identifying the culprits and bringing them to justice.





Teen CSI Aug. 4th–6th

Bemis Library welcomed 10 bright-eyed teens on August 4 as they hosted the 2015 edition of the Teen CSI program. Activities covered two days of class room study mixed in with hand-on practice of investigative skills required by law enforcement and culminated with investigation of a “crime scene” as a graduation exercise.



Instructed by Crime Scene Technicians Bob Silvas and Cherie McAlister, class lectures focused on the duties and responsibilities of crime scene investigators and the close working relationship between street patrol officers and lab technicians. Needless to say, the material the students learned differed a great deal from the popular TV shows especially the pace of crime investigations. Whereas TV investigators always seem to gather evidence and solve the crime quickly (usually within an hour), in the real world crime scenes may take many hours, and even days, to gather all evidence, and may take weeks or months to process!

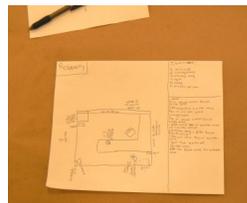
Wrapping up the three-day program was the hands-on exercise allowing the students to practice skills learned during in the classroom. LPCAAA volunteers were on-hand to assist the teams during the exercise if needed. After pairing off in CSI teams, they focused on four main tasks:

- Overview of scene and development of crime scenario
- Photos of crime scene
- Identification and collection of evidence
- Process evidence in the classroom for clues



Each team was given access to cameras and notebooks, evidence collection equipment used by LPD, and criminological test kits for processing fingerprints. After processing evidence and drafting a map of crime scene, each team presented their findings for review by the class and instructors. An excellent job by every team - and a learning experience each will remember for years!

Congratulation to all Teen CSI participants.





National Night Out Recap

Promise Park

By Pat O'Neill

This year we were able to have a budget of \$2900 for Promise Park. Mark Barons, Community Relations, allowed us to request four additional \$500.00 grants. Thanks to Sue Otto, Joyce Cunningham, Wendi Roth, Laurie Denhalter and Pat O'Neill for applying for the grants, and an additional \$500 donation from the Elks, we were able to provide more food, more entertainment, more picnic tables and more games and prizes.

Approximately 350 residents attended. Chipotle donated 300 hundred burritos and we purchased an additional 100.

Band Dynamics provided the live music. Band Dynamics is a local school for young students who want to learn how to play an instrument and be in a band. They are located in the neighborhood. We were able to pay them this year. Last year they volunteered. We also hired a trio of face painters and balloon artists. The band and the face painters/balloon artist were very popular. The face painters are called Giggle Loopsy.



This year we purchased "real" piñatas from the Mexican grocery store next to the park (south), and from their other store in Denver. Real piñatas are made locally, are very heavy, much bigger, harder to break open and require a lot more candy. The "hole" has to be cut open, but it is easy to do. They also volunteered by helping to serve food and they allowed us to use the electrical power from the store for the band. Wendi Roth's husband "operated" the piñata games.

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National Night Out Recap

Promise Park

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Brian built and painted 2 sets of corn-hole games and we purchased corn-hole bags. These are now in the closet across from the SET office. They are available to the LPD for use, personal or otherwise at any time, and to LPCAAA also.

Fifteen picnic tables were rented from SSPR. They dropped them off at the park. Several student City employees arrived around noon to help and they positioned all of the tables around the park. Wendi's daughter also helped with this. The City dropped off several tents and they helped with those also. The SET guys helped to take down the tents at the end of the evening.

This year we had 25 cases of water donated from Home Depot, two folding tables from Lowe's and 10 bags of ice from King Soopers. The tables are in the Volunteer room along with the coolers donated last year.

A resident from the apartments (Jeff) was at the park all day with his Pomeranian, Maggie May and stayed until the end, helping out with anything we needed. We gave him burritos and a case of water and he was happy. The dog was a big attraction for the little kids.

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I would like to mention that many of the City employees were involved in various ways. They printed the flyers that we distributed around the neighborhood (Rob Eich also printed a lot of them). The teenagers that volunteered to help with the tables and tents were summer hires working in the City flower gardens, pulling weeds, placing mulch, etc. I saw them pulling weeds by the railroad tracks on Rio Grande one morning. They were the only three left from the crew that was hired for the summer. One was a college student and the other two were 14 years old.

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National Night Out Recap

Promise Park

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I should mention that we started setting up at 8:00 am and left at 9:30pm. We got there early to make sure the grass was cut (they were doing it when we got there) and to make sure the tables and tents were delivered. The City kids and Annalee arranged the tables (we ordered 15) around the park and they also helped set up the tents when the City delivered them (2 trips).

Also, the SET guys were there at the end of the night to help take down the tents and get them ready for us to return the next day. We appreciated that they volunteered to do this (or were volunteered!)

Especially important were the school supplies distributed to the children who attended. I understand that someone (at a board meeting) had commented that NNO was about Safety. The school supplies were extremely popular. I wish we had bought more. We handed out bags containing pencils, crayons, erasers, scissors, folders, and spiral notebooks, wide rule for elementary and college rule for middle school. My best guess is that we gave away about 100 bags (King Soopers provided the bags). Next year, I would suggest that we concentrate on providing more school supplies for the families. I don't believe that this is necessary for other neighborhood parties, but it was much appreciated at Promise Park.

The LPCAAA volunteers included:

Laurie Denhalter, Wendi Roth, Charlotte Noffsinger, Pat O'Neill and Brian O'Neill. Wendi's daughter, Annalee and husband, Alan, also pitched in to help.

Editors Note: Special Thanks are owed to **Pat O'Neill** for her many hours of work on this project, as well as our sincere "Congratulations" for a successful NNO party.

You're a credit to our organization, Pat—Thank You!!



National Night Out Recap

St. Mary's Church

By Mary Manley

An estimated 200 guests partook in St. Mary of Littleton Parish's second National Night Out Party on August 4, further establishing the event as a vital community gathering. This year's party benefitted from greater advance preparation and publicity to complement the seasoned expertise of Fr. Javier and pastoral staff. Mother Nature cooperated with a repeat performance of a glorious evening.



Once again, a variety of LPD's finest arrived to mingle and give the delighted multi-generational crowd hands-on opportunities to enjoy their impressive vehicles. McGruff and his officer-handler were first on scene, followed by Littleton Police Commander Jim Werder, Division Chief Mike Eyman and Chief of Police Doug Stephens, representatives from the SWAT team and various Patrol officers.

Enjoying a taste of suburban Americana were Pastor Fr. Javier Nieva, DCJM, and Br. Rafael Palos, DCJM, both from Spain and assigned to St Mary's parish.

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National Night Out Recap

St. Mary's Church

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Littleton Fire Rescue arrive in grand fashion, displaying their newest and biggest fire engine to enhance the fun experience. Littleton City Councilman At-Large Bruce Stahlman dropped by to visit with party goers and appreciate the community spirit.



Entertaining the crowd with foot tapping music was local DJ Sean Lynch. Sean has provided his special mix of tunes and lively dialogue to many area events and was a welcome addition to the party.



**Here's to High Hopes that St. Mary will provide an even finer and larger
NNO venue in 2016!**

Photos courtesy of Mary Manley and Jennifer Kernan. Thank you!



WWW Parade & Dunk Tank, August 15

Another fine effort by LPCAAA - number of volunteers, including several new members: Michelle Tatnall, Jordan Hewitt and Laurie Denhalter.

A huge sigh of relief was heard throughout Littleton the evening of August 15 as the LPCAAA volunteers and Dunk-a-Cop crews wrapped up another Western Welcome Week parade weekend. Although the weekend activities are eagerly anticipated, it sure is nice to see them successfully completed for another year!

Taking advantage of powerful on-line software tools for volunteer management and event planning, Director of Volunteer Services Janna Allan utilized "Sign Up Genius" to allow members to volunteer and request assignments for this year's Western Welcome Week Grand Parade and the ever popular post-parade Dunk-a-Cop fundraiser.

By the end of both events, the Alumni had 26 volunteers who worked a total of 110 man-hours during the Parade. Community Safety Volunteer participants Dan Gohr and Hugh Sigler manned the new CSV patrol car as they visited Alumni volunteers stationed at various locations along the parade route and the staging areas on Gallup Street.



Dunk-a-Cop, 2015 WWW Festival, fundraiser for LPCAAA

Dunk Tank cops:

Hal Mandler, Spencer Sedbrook, Brett Pinover, Justin Petersen and Rick Redmond - Gentlemen, you have our sincerest gratitude for your sportsmanship and enthusiasm in helping the Alumni Association at our annual fundraiser—"Thank You"!!

Dunk Tank proceeds were \$574.00, plus an additional \$250.00 from an anonymous donor. We appreciate our many supporters in the Littleton area and look forward to giving back to the community!



Photo courtesy of Pat O'Neill

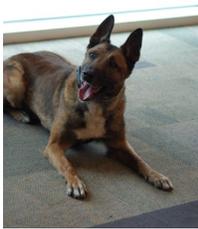


Friends of Littleton K-9 Update



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

Summer 2015 was a busy time for the *Friends of Littleton K-9*. Our group made numerous public appearances with the goal of raising awareness of the Littleton Police Department's K-9 program and the several areas of support that the *Friends* offer. Events attended by the *Friends* this summer include:



Bemis Library, kick-off of "Summer Reading Program", May 26
"Main Street Block Party", sponsored by Downtown Merchants Association, June 13

"Lewis & Bark Dog and Cat Goods" Grand Re-opening, June 27
"Greet, Meet & Eat" neighborhood parties sponsored by the City Council on June 23, July 21, July 28 and August 23



Western Welcome Week Festival, post-parade festivities in downtown Littleton, August 15

1st Annual Ice Cream Social, hosted by Wolhurst Adult Community

One remaining event remains on the calendar for 2015 - the Romano's Restaurant fundraiser on October 7.



The Friends continue with ongoing sales of T-shirts, ball caps and vests, while adding a new product for 2016 - a K-9 focused calendar containing photos of our K-9 teams in action at public events. Be sure to get your copy before the New Year - ask about purchasing your copy at the next monthly meeting!



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



LPCAAA Board-of-Directors Election



Elections for vacant positions on the LPCAAA Board of Directors were held at the October members meeting, Oct. 1, 2015. Open Board positions included: vice-president, secretary and director of media. The nominating committee, chaired by current vice-president Mickey Kempf, proudly announced the slate of new candidates: Susan Thornton for the position of vice-president, Pam Hubbard for the position of secretary, and Dan Gohr for the position of Director of Media. After being elected by a unanimous vote of the membership, they appeared eager to begin work in their new positions.

Congratulations Susan, Pam and Dan—welcome to the Board of Directors!

All of the current Board members, and the new incoming Board members, will convene on the Oct. 22 Board of Directors meeting in LPD Training Room A. 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, Barb Sigler, Carey Crain and Joe Hanson. Thank you for your service and dedication to the Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association!

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., or location to be announced

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.

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ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

August 2015

Thur., Oct. 1 LPCAAA Members Meeting
7:00pm- LPD Training Rooms A&B
9:00pm Board-of-Directors Election

Thur., Oct 22 Board-of-Directors Meeting
7:00pm- LPD Training Room A
9:00pm Hand-off to new Board

Sat., Oct. 31 Trick-or-Treat Street
3:30pm- Aspen Grove Shop Center
8:00pm

Thur., Nov. 5 LPCAAA Members Meeting
7:00pm- LPD Training Rooms A&B
9:00pm Presentation: TBD

Sat., Nov. 27 Candlelight Walk
7:00pm- Main Street, Littleton, CO
9:00pm

Thur., Dec. 3 Annual Potluck Dinner
7:00pm- LPD Training Rooms A&B
9:00pm

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