



Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association Newsletter - 2016, a Recap

Incoming President's Message

As I write this, I am reflecting on what an honor it is to be the next president of an organization that partners proudly with the men and women of the Littleton Police Department. As members, you are helping to keep our citizens safe and our community a great place to live.



As president, I hope to get to know more of you, and to hear any ideas you have for making the LPCAAA more effective. I hope you'll feel free to be in contact with me at any time.

I want to start by thanking two people who will be going off of the Board in January. Past President Kevin Cunningham and Director of Volunteer Services Janna Allan have been tireless workers on behalf of the LPCAAA. Even though they will be leaving the Board, I sincerely hope that they will continue to volunteer in many other ways. We owe them enormous thanks!

I want to also welcome Kay Thacker, who will become Vice President-President Elect in January, and Joe Hanson, who will become Director of Volunteer Services. Kay and Joe bring many years of experience with the LPCAAA to their positions, and I look forward to working with them in 2017 along with Mickey Kempf, who will be Past President, Pam Hubbard as Secretary, Sue Otto as Treasurer, Dan Gohr as Director of Media, and Laurie Denhalter as Director of Training. You'll have a great team working for you!

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The Chief's Corner

By Doug Stephens, Chief of Police



Dear Alumni,

Landfill Search Update

On Monday, November 14th, we began the daunting, yet vital task of searching the Republic Services landfill at 88th Ave. and Tower Rd. as part of the investigation into the Charlene Voight disappearance. Early that morning I joined approximately 25 members of the search team made up of department personnel, members of outside jurisdictions, Republic Services staff, National Guard members, and our outstanding LPCAAA volunteers, as we prepared for our long, and smelly, day.

As we began our operations I was encouraged and motivated by everyone's positive attitude and shared sense of purpose. As we continued through the day I was impressed by the team's willingness to do whatever task was necessary to contribute to the success of the operation, no matter how dirty or unpleasant. When we completed the day's operations I was amazed by the upbeat attitudes of the team members despite being tired and dirty.

During our end-of-shift debriefing I was proud of the work our team had done. We pulled together, doing everything we could to move this investigation forward to bring resolution to Charlene and her family. The consultant helping our initial efforts commented that he has done hundreds of these types of searches and this was "by far" the best first day he had ever seen. He was amazed. I was not. I've repeatedly witnessed what our department and our community accomplish as we work together.

The landfill search may continue for weeks to come and I have no doubt that our department and our community will continue to work together, side-by-side, to do whatever is necessary to accomplish our collective goal – justice for Charlene. Thank you to all of you for your selfless service as we move forward.

Programs & Training 2016

Dear LPCAAA members,

First off I hope that you learned something from, and enjoyed the programs that we had this year. Secondly I would like to thank everyone for your Training and Program ideas, as this has helped me tremendously as I have been learning my new position this year as Director of Training. I hope this next year to explore more areas of Law Enforcement and have more field trips.

Advanced Wireless Communications tour,
to see how police cars are put together.
Thanks, Gary and Jeff—it was great!



Just a quick run down of the 2016 programs:

- **Chief Stephens** - Littleton Police on Active Shooter Situations
- **Brian Abbrecht CSP** - Human Trafficking
- **Keith Dameron CSP** - Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial and its History
- **Ryan Thompson**-City of Littleton Mediator
- **Barbara Martin-Worley** 18th Judicial DA's Office on fraud and steps to protect seniors
- **Div Chief Enley** LPD talked about his FBI National Academy Training
- **Commander Adrian Driscoll CSP**, Durango talked about the state of police work in today's society and rural police work
- **Marcia McMahan** from SARDOC (Search and Rescue Dogs of Colorado) talked about training dogs to help police in search and rescue situations,
- **Byron Wicks** - Retired Commander EPD talked about working on the Alie Berrelez murder case.

We also bid a very active LPCAAA member and very good friend farewell in a Memorial Remembrance and Tribute to Janet Simpson.

Thank You again for your help and for attending the Programs.
Sincerely, Laurie Denhalter

Ideas for the next year? Let me know: TRAINING@LPCAAA.ORG



Community Safety Volunteers What's New?



As 2016 draws to an end, the Community Safety Volunteers (CSV) program looks back at a busy year. In their continuing role as additional "eyes-and-ears" for the Littleton Police Department, the CSV patrol teams focus on three distinct areas: patrolling "Hot-Spots" of high property crime, performing housing checks for residents on vacation or out of town, and noting graffiti throughout the city.

The CSV program was developed with the goal of increasing police presence in city neighborhoods, especially those areas away from heavily traveled streets. Numerous areas throughout the city had noted increased property crime, including vehicle trespass, home trespass, residential theft and vandalism.



The Police Department utilizes crime tracking software to pinpoint neighborhoods with elevated levels of property crime, allowing concentrated patrols by the CSV patrol where needed. When the program first began in 2015, a typical "Hot-Spot" map of the City may have had as many as 4 different zones of high property crime, each covering a 12-14 square block area. Through the focused efforts of the CSV teams, and working in conjunction with the Police Department, instances of property crime throughout the City have dramatically dropped and the original "Hot-Spots" have greatly diminished.

Keeping in the spirit of neighbor-helping-neighbor, the CSV program provides a vacation check service to city residents. Whether a family is leaving for a week long getaway, or relocating for a winter long absence, CSV patrols are available to periodically check on residences to ensure all is safe.

Community Safety Volunteers What's New? - continued



An ongoing quality-of-life issue faced by many communities and law enforcement agencies is the prevalence of graffiti, and the city of Littleton is no exception. While on patrol, the CSV teams are constantly alert for graffiti which can occur in any part of the city. Photos of the graffiti are taken and a report is submitted to the city's "See, Click and Fix" on-line reporting system to begin the removal process. In addition, a Police Department report is generated and kept on file in the hopes of catching the perpetrator who will then be charged criminally.

Availability of CSV patrols allows the Police Department to more efficiently deploy their field officers. CSV members assist with many important tasks such as traffic control at vehicle accidents, shuttling paperwork to city and county court, and Littleton Public School events such as The Littleton Stride and Euclid Middle School's fun run, the Falcon Flash.



Proven successes in the CSV program have encouraged the Police Department to expand the membership. A new class of eleven CSV recruits began training in early December, with the expectation of beginning patrols by end of January. The Department asked the existing group of CSV members to assist with the classroom instruction, and act as Field Training Instructors upon the completion of classroom study. We are looking forward to welcoming our new members!

LPCAAA "Donations/Dues" were due by November 1, 2016. Rates are \$25 per individual member, \$20 each for couples in same household, and \$50 for a family regardless of number. Remember – your donation is tax deductible! To keep your membership current and to stay on the email list, please renew as soon as possible. Your membership renewal helps support the many activities of the LPCAAA as we work with the Littleton Police Department to make our community a safer and more attractive place to live, work and play!

A Busy Year: Hooray for Our Members!

Once again, LPCAAA members outdid themselves in volunteering to help the Littleton Police Department and the citizens of Littleton.

In addition to the activities listed below, members worked for many days to help victims of a serious apartment fire that displaced many seniors. Members also took on some of the dirty and difficult work of searching a landfill for the body of a missing woman. Those of you who participated in these activities are just The Best!

The Association provided financial assistance to Teen CSI. Members donated to a fund in memory of Janet Simpson, and many attended fundraisers for the K-9 unit. In addition, Community Safety Volunteers put in hundreds of hours patrolling streets and providing a "police presence" in the community.

Among other activities, members provided support for:

- The Littleton Police Citizens Academy, in the Spring and Fall
- Euclid Middle School – Falcon Flash, fun run
- Junior Police Academy
- Drug Take-Back Day, in April and October
- Meet, Greet and Eat neighborhood parties with the City Council
- Teen CSI
- National Night Out
- Littleton Twilight Criterium (bicycle race)
- Western Welcome Week (and Dunk Tank)
- Littleton Public Schools – Littleton Stride
- Trick-or-Treat Street
- The Candlelight Walk
- Shop with a Cop

The Association also undertook some internal changes:

- Held a just-for-fun potluck picnic at Wolhurst Landing (thanks, Janna, Laurie, Sue, Pam and Dan)
- Rebuilt the LPCAAA website (thank you, Kevin)
- Amended/updated the bylaws
- Audited the Association's finances
- Revised/updated the Member Handbook (thank you, Joyce, Kevin and Joe)
- Adopted a new, more modern logo (thanks, Graeme Cunningham)

And we had fun! For the first time ever, we held a potluck for members at Wolhurst, and also greatly enjoyed the Police Department picnic and Awards Ceremony. Our members enjoyed a field trip to Evans, CO, visiting the company responsible for converting "regular" vehicles into police cars by installing state-of-the-art electronics, emergency lighting systems and special components such as K-9 cages and high security cabinets.

Stay tuned for another interesting, active, fun-filled year ahead!

Friends of Littleton K-9 Update



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

The past year has been a busy and successful year for the Friends of Littleton K-9.

Major fundraising events included Romano's Restaurant in March and October, and The Garlic Knot in May. Average net income from each event was \$1,300.00, enabling us to increase cash reserves to over \$10,000.00 and reaching our goal of sufficient funds to replace a K-9 dog when needed. We are so grateful to have the support of the fantastic folks at Romano's, the Garlic Knot, the Alumni Association and Littleton community.



In addition to the major fundraisers, we participated in numerous community events as a means of raising awareness to the benefits of the K-9 Program. Events include the Main Street Block party in May, Western Welcome Week in August, and the city council outreach program "Meet, Greet & Eat" featuring 4 neighborhood pizza parties in various locations throughout the city. Our message is being heard by the community at large, and support growing steadily.

A fun activity for the Friends of Littleton K-9 is assisting the K-9 Teams with public demonstrations. Watching the K-9 dogs and handlers showcase their skills in drug detection and suspect apprehension is a real treat. However, as exciting as the demonstrations are, it's more fun to watch the audience, including young children, as they are captivated with the presentation.



Thanks again for your tremendous support!

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

Littleton Police Citizens Academy Graduates 17

The Police Department is pleased to announce that 17 citizens graduated from the most recent Littleton Citizens Police Academy in a well-attended ceremony on Nov. 17. Graduation certificates and photos were presented by Chief Doug Stephens.

And as a special treat to graduates, friends and family members, Officer John Jones and K-9 Officer Koda attended, greeted participants, and demonstrated how Koda attacks a "bad guy" on command.

The next Academy class will begin March 9th. Urge anyone you think might be interested to apply!

LPCAAA Website Tip – lpcaaa.org

Visit our Events Page to get a preview of upcoming meeting topics & training!

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Events from Dec 30th

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**LPCAAA Monthly Meeting - Special Victims
Unit of the 18th Judicial District**

2017 Thu Jan 5th 7:00pm - 9:00pm

January's guest speaker is Leora Joseph, Chief Deputy District Attorney for the Special Victims Unit of the 18th Judicial District (Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln counties). Her team handles a...

Meeting

LPCAAA ACTIVITIES

Monthly Alumni Meetings

1st Thursday of the month

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

Location: 2255 W. Berry, LPD Training Rm.

Quarterly Board Meetings

4th Thursday of the month starting

each Quarter

January, April, July & October

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

Location: 2255 W. Berry, LPD Training Rm.

Board of Directors (January 2017)

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ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

January 2017

Thur Jan 5
7:00pm
LPD Training Rooms
Special Victims Unit of the 18th
Judicial District
LPCAAA Membership Meeting

February 2017

Thu Feb 2
7:00pm
LPD Training Rooms
Training TBA
LPCAAA Membership Meeting

March 2017

Thur Mar 2
7:00pm
LPD Training Rooms
Training TBA
LPCAAA Membership Meeting

Thur Mar 9
6:00pm
Citizen Academy
LPD Training Rooms

April 2017

Thur Apr 6
7:00pm
LPD Training Rooms
Training TBA
LPCAAA Membership Meeting

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