



Issue #61

Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association Newsletter - 2017 Recap

LPCAAA 2017 End-of-Year Report to Members

Dear fellow members of the LPCAAA,
It has been a fascinating year as President of the Alumni Association. In particular, it has been exciting to see progress made in such areas as outreach to the Littleton community, one of my personal goals.

We now have a new brochure describing the LPCAAA.
Thanks to Sue Otto for taking the lead on the layout and printing work.



We also have a new video that will run on the City of Littleton's Channel 8. Special thanks to Chief Stephens and Joe and Sue Hanson for appearing in the video, and to the city's videographer, Tyler Barton, for producing it. We hope it will encourage more Littleton residents to enroll in the Citizens' Academy - and then join the Alumni Association.

Thanks to Laurie Denhalter, our Director of Training, we have had a very interesting series of presentations this year. One memorable program had Denver One landing their helicopter on the lawn of the Arapahoe County building. It was fascinating to see the helicopter close-up, and hilarious to watch Steve Skundberg standing on a sprinkler system (with water rushing up his leg) to keep everyone from being drenched by an unexpected lawn-watering operation!

In some ways it was a difficult year, with the murder of a young woman in Littleton whose body could not be found. I was especially proud of the LPCAAA volunteers who joined in the extremely difficult search of Lowry Landfill for her body. Bless each of you for participating in that search!

In addition, as I know you are all aware, in 2017 we lost a valuable police officer, Steven Beare, who did not return from climbing a mountain in Russia. The LPCAAA donated funds and the proceeds of the "Dunk-a-Cop" booth at Western Welcome Week to his family toward the rescue effort. Steven was a highly respected member of the Police Department, and his loss was deeply felt by all.

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Other activities and events are included in reports from other officers of your 2017 Board officers.

I am especially impressed with the fact that you volunteered more than 7,000 hours to the Littleton Police Department in 2016 - and more than 7,400 hours in 2017! Wow!!! You rock!

I am also amazed at the significant fundraising efforts extended by members of the Littleton Friends of K-9, which enabled the Police Department to add a new K-9 dog, Zan.



There are many more examples of outstanding service by our members, but at a personal level, I would like to thank everyone who continued conducting their duties while I had so many outside obligations this year.

My special thanks to in-coming President, Kay Thacker, who has filled in when I was away. Thank you, Kay! I appreciate all you have done for me and for the Alumni Association, and I know you and the new board will move LPCAAA forward in a positive direction in 2018.

Warm regards to all, and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!
Susan Thornton, President

Dues were due by Nov. 1, 2017 for 2018. To keep your membership current ... please renew as soon as possible. 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! Thank You!!



The Chief's Corner

By Doug Stephens, Chief of Police



It's hard to believe 2018 is upon us already. It seems like 2017 just began and here we are, wrapping it up!

As we enter the New Year, I look forward to our continued partnership with the amazing members of the LPCAAA.

One of the greatest things about our department is the sense of family we share with all of you. Whether it's supporting us through the lowest of times, or celebrating great accomplishments, you are *always* there for us and we appreciate it more than we can express.

So as we enter another year together, I want you to know we love the wonderful members of the LPCAAA and we can't wait to see what we can achieve together in 2018.

Happy New Year!



Treasurer's Report

Littleton Police Citizens Academy Alumni Assn			Friends of Littleton K9		
11/01/2016 Beginning Bank Balance			Account Balance on 11/01/2016		
	\$	4,960.36		\$	10,362.53
Income			Income		
Membership Donations	\$	2,439.00	Donations	\$	12,022.07
Shirts Hats Sales	\$	679.00	Sales	\$	1,955.26
Dunk Tank Fundraiser	\$	770.00	Fundraisers	\$	1,332.26
Landfill Project Donations	\$	575.00	Other	\$	2.00
Promise Park Donations	\$	-	Total Income	\$	15,311.59
Misc Income	\$	685.00			
Square Dep for K9	\$	597.09	Expenses		
Total Income	\$	5,745.09	PayPal Fees	\$	20.51
Expenses			Cost of Merchandise	\$	1,284.82
Square Dep trans to K9	\$	597.09	Office Supplies	\$	433.83
Retirement/Gifts	\$	-	Postage/Shipping	\$	-
Website	\$	-	Sales Tax Expense	\$	111.09
Sec of State	\$	-	K9 Equip & Exp	\$	1,446.47
Postage	\$	56.43	Misc.	\$	-
Merchandise Exp	\$	967.00	New K9 Unit	\$	18,000.00
CSV Equipment	\$	252.00	Total Expenses	\$	21,296.72
Office Supplies	\$	618.20			
Program Expense	\$	429.98	Bank Balance as of October 31, 2017	\$	4,377.40
Event Expenses					
Misc Exp	\$	2,020.00			
NNO	\$	418.31			
Natl Police Week	\$	424.72			
Trick/Treat Street	\$	-			
HOP	\$	-			
Teen CSI	\$	277.11			
Project Expenses					
Landfill Project	\$	1,623.81			
Promise Park NNO	\$	-			
Total Expenses	\$	7,684.65			
Bank Balance as of October 31, 2017	\$	3,020.80			

Misc Income includes Trailer Sale

Misc Expense includes Simpson Fund to LPD

- Kluth Fundraiser
- CLEM Paver
- Search for Steven
- Climbing For Beare Foundation



Director of Training & Programs

Programs and Training

It was a busy year for LPCAAA in terms of programs. I do hope you enjoyed them and learned something as well. Thank you to everyone who gave me ideas and for all those who helped.

We started out 2017 in January with Leora Joseph, Chief Deputy D.A. from the Special Victims Unit of the 18th Judicial District. Leora gave a very interesting and educational program on children as victims of abuse.

Our other wonderful speakers for the year were:

February: Ted De Rosa from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation gave us an insightful look into the CBI Crime Information Center and Information Security.

March: Lisa Traudt, LMFT, is the Senior Manager of Behavioral Health at Kaiser Permanente. Lisa, who has a husband and son who are both police officers, talked about the toll on family and officers when bad incidents happen and also the day-to-day job stress for police officers.

April: In April we learned a lot about counterfeit money. Our speaker was Investigator Terri Naes from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. Terri is from the Criminal Investigations Unit that deals with counterfeiting.

May: Division Chief Kim Ferber (she just retired) of LPD came to tell us about her years as a Motorcycle Officer with Littleton Police. There are a lot more challenges to this job than any of us realized. Kim had some truly interesting stories to tell.

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Director of Training & Programs

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June: June was a one-of-a-kind Program. Denver Police Department's "Air One" helicopter pilots -- Sgt. Evan Hvizdak and Jeff Thomason -- came, and so did the helicopter. With thanks to our own Sgt. Skundberg who arranged a landing spot for the pilots (and filled out all the red tape with Arapahoe County)! It was a truly interesting evening. It was also my most heart-stopping meeting. As all of you remember (and Steve and I will never forget) the sprinkler system came on (we thought the county had turned it off) just as Air One was landing. Lucky for us, our pilots had a good sense of humor and with Steve Skundberg and others helping, they found a dry spot to land on. Both pilots had very interesting information to share about their jobs and film footage of actual cases.



July: LPCAAA's Annual Picnic at Woolhurst was held with lots of visiting, fun and food. We look forward to the picnic in 2018.

August: Maureen Raddell, a Probation Officer with Littleton, came to tell us about the probation process and what her job involves.

September: Our own Chief Stevens of LPD came to give us an update on what was happening at LPD throughout the year, as well as great stories of his experiences over the years in police work.

October: Jeff Podolski, TSA Deputy Assistant Federal Security Director for screening operations at DIA talked about TSA's strategic approach to security.

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Director of Training & Programs

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November: Two officers came to our meeting this night, one that talked and one that barked. Our new K-9 Officer Krista Hanstrom, with her K-9 partner Zan by her side, gave a very interesting talk (and demonstration) of their training out in California at Gold Coast K-9 and the skills Zan will be using on the job here in Littleton.



December: Our annual Holiday Party was at LPD. We have more fun and food and a chance to get to visit.

Thanks to Lynda Brinkerhoff of CBI and her coworkers, LPCAAA members had a tour of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Forensics Science Laboratory. I will be working on another field trip for 2018.

New LPCAAA members from spring and fall classes attended our New Members Meetings to hear more about LPCAAA. Thank you all for coming!!

I do hope the programs in 2018 will be ones that will interest you, educate you and be fun, too. Please let me know your thoughts and ideas: TRAINING@LPCAAA.ORG

Laurie Denhalter,
Director of Training

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Director of Volunteers Report

Assisting our served agency, the Littleton Police Department, is the cornerstone of our organization. As we approach the end of 2017, more than 7,000-hours of volunteerism have been recorded. We should be proud of the following, on-going list of events for which our members have donated their time and energy:

- Citizen Academy, Spring session
- Drug Take Back, Spring session
- St. Baldrick's fundraiser for childhood cancer eradication
- Platte River Half Marathon, Crowd/Traffic Control
- Junior Police Academy
- LPD Awards Luncheon
- LPD/LPCAAA Appreciation Picnic and Service Pin Awards
- Public Safety Expo, Regis University
- Diane Waugh retirement
- Volunteer Day, Bemis Library
- Sgt Kluth retirement
- Annual LPCAAA Summer Picnic
- Teen CSI
- Western Welcome Week, Crowd/Traffic Control
- Dunk-a-Cop fundraiser for family of Steven Bear
- Citizen Academy, Fall session
- Drug Take Back, Fall session
- Division Chief Kim Ferber retirement
- Littleton Stride, LPS fundraiser and community event
- Littleton Police SWAT Exercise
- Candlelight Walk
- LPCAAA Holiday Potluck Dinner
- Shop-with-a-Cop

The Police Department remains committed to seeking new and exciting ways for which our members can contribute and support them, in addition to long established programs. Included in this list are:

- Pawn Ticket entry
- Scanning and attaching completed case files
- Graffiti reports
- Scanning and attaching CALEA files
- Inventory of patrol division supplies
- Assistance with disposition of outdated evidence
- Assistance with financial crimes investigations



Community Safety Volunteers Report

CSV Program -

The CSV program for 2017 continued to assist the Littleton Police Department with routine weekly and monthly patrols that enhance the quality of life for Littleton residents. A partial list of these duties include:

- Vacation checks for traveling residents
- Reporting incidents of graffiti throughout the city
- Patrolling areas of elevated property crime
- Traffic control at auto accidents

Additional assignments for the CSV patrol teams featured many community outreach events, such as:

- Falcon Flash, fun run for Euclid Middle School students
- Volunteer Days at Bemis Library
- Meet, Greet & Eat - community outreach sponsored by City of Littleton
- Western Welcome Week
- Littleton Stride
- Candlelight Walk

With an eye toward expanding the program and the number of CSV members, the Department asked for additional volunteers and was delighted with a positive response. A total of thirteen LPCAAA members signed up for the 2-day CSV Academy in November, learning the fundamentals of the program before beginning the Field Training segment. Currently, all new members are participating in patrols with legacy members with an eye to achieving certification as CSV members by March, 2018.

Friends of Littleton K-9 Update



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

Several important changes within the Littleton Police Department involved the Friends of Littleton K-9 this past year. In February, K-9 Sabor retired after 9-years of service to the police department and our community. Officer Brent Kieffer resigned from the department to pursue a career in the private sector of public safety. Fortunately, the Friends of Littleton K-9 stepped forward with an offer to purchase a new canine, allowing the department to focus on selecting a new handler for the dog.

We are very pleased with the appointment of Officer Krista Hanstrom as the new handler. Officer Hanstrom spearheaded the search for a high quality vendor of service animals, with the department selecting Gold Coast K9 in Moorpark, CA, as the best choice. Officer Hanstrom trained for 5 weeks with her new partner, K-9 Zan, a dark colored German Shepherd from the Czech Republic. Officer Hanstrom and K-9 Zan began patrol duties in September and were immediately active in vehicle searches, school facility patrols, and suspect control.

The purchase of K-9 Zan highlights the primary goal of the Friends of Littleton K-9 - fundraising in support of LPD's K-9 program. Beginning in the Spring, events included:

- Romano's, two events in Spring and Fall
- Garlic Knot
- Zoey's Pool Party, community event sponsored by Zoey's Place Pet Market
- Junior Police Academy
- Main Street Block Party
- Western Welcome Week
- Jazz Car Wash celebrating their 10th Anniversary

The Friends of Littleton K-9 also remain committed to a public outreach program to educate the public to the value and benefits of a K-9 program. Our efforts include participation in all of the "Meet, Greet & Eat" neighborhood parties sponsored by the Littleton City Council and city government.

We appreciate your support!!!

LPCAAA ACTIVITIES

Monthly Alumni Meetings

1st Thursday of the month

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

Location: 2255 W. Berry Ave., or a 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.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

January - April, 2018

Thur., Jan 4 LPCAAA Members Meeting
7:00pm- LPD Training Rooms A&B
9:00pm

Thur., Jan 25 LPCAAA Board Meeting
7:00pm- LPD Training Room A
9:00pm

Thur., Feb 1 LPCAAA Members Meeting
7:00pm - LPD Training Rooms A&B
9:00pm

Thur., March 1 LPCAAA Members Meeting
7:00pm- LPD Training Rooms A&B
9:00pm

Thur., March 8 Citizen Academy Begins
6:00pm- LPD Training Rooms A&B
9:30pm

Thur., April 5 LPCAAA Members Meeting
7:00pm- To be announced
9:00pm

Thur., April 26 LPCAAA Board Meeting
7:00pm- LPD Training Room A
9:00pm

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