

LPCAAA

The News Bulletin



Polar Plunge Fundraiser – Kevin Cunningham

Kevin participated in the 2018 Polar Plunge on Sunday, March 11 at Elitch Gardens with the City of Littleton Dive Team. This event supports the Special Olympics Colorado, which helps over 22,000 athletes all across the state.



The group raised \$1033 of which Kevin's contribution was \$408. Thanks go to the many Alumni members whose donations made up a large portion of Kevin's total.



Because of your donation towards this good cause, we were spared seeing Kevin wearing his Speedos at the next Alumni meeting – another good cause!



New Monthly Meeting Date

Following our March 1st meeting, all meetings will occur on the fourth Monday every month. Please join us on March 26 at 7:00 pm for a business only meeting.

[Click here](#) for details.

New Members

[Click here](#) for a list of new Alumni members.

Upcoming Events

[Click here](#) for a list of upcoming events.

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The Chief's Corner

Chief Doug Stephens



It happens again, yet again.

Valentine's Day, 2018, should have been remembered as a day of love and support for family members and special friends. For the people of Parkland, Florida, however, it will be remembered as another day of senseless tragedy. Once again, our country has seen the horrors of an active shooter in a school; this time 17 innocent victims were killed and another 20 injured. When you see these reports, you may ask yourself why these things happen and what can be done to stop them? While no one can accurately determine the "why", we can provide input on how to prevent them.

I believe no one can commit this type of random cruelty absent from some type of mental health issue. Certainly mental health issues are not new in our country; however, awareness and the challenges in addressing them have grown exponentially in recent times. So what can be done?

Enhanced partnerships between the community, mental health providers, and law enforcement can help reduce similar events from occurring. While we'll never be able to prevent all tragedies of this nature, through active communication and cooperation we can make a difference. This has often proven true throughout our nation already. If you look closely at news reports, you may see stories about local law enforcement interceding in plots to attack schools, churches, businesses, or other public facilities. Of course, these stories don't get the airtime the tragic events do, but they are there and we are succeeding at a rate higher than we ever have.

In Littleton we have robust partnerships with Littleton Public Schools, AllHealth Network, and faith-based community service providers; and our collaboration is working. For example, when the LPD or LPS receives information about a potential threat involving a school, it is immediately shared with the other agency. Both agencies work together to investigate and



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address any issues. These efforts include the LPD, LPS and, sometimes, private service providers. The goal is to ensure that the schools are safe while identifying potential issues and working proactively to address them in the most efficient manner.

The LPD also partners with AllHealth Network on a unique program to provide more timely mental health services to those in need. The Co-Responder Program partners licensed mental health service providers with police officers allowing for the immediate intervention of professional services in mental health crises situations. The Co-Responder Program's goal is to prevent unnecessary delay in access to potentially life-saving mental health services to those who need them during a crisis. Our program has proven successful and is looked to as a model by other agencies.

We can never prevent every tragedy but we will continually strive to do everything in our power to identify and intercede so we can better protect our community. You can help by reporting any suspicious behavior to your local authorities or school. If you see something, say something. Together we can make a difference.



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Board Stuff

President's Message

Kay Thacker



As we begin the 18th anniversary of the Littleton Police Citizen Academy Alumni Association, we face a number of new changes and challenges.

First, a heartfelt welcome to the graduates of the Fall 2017 Citizen Academy class who have chosen to join our ranks and extend their commitment to the LPD and the Littleton community. We currently have a record number of 120 registered members.

I want to acknowledge those on the Board who have finished their terms for their commitment and investment to the organization. I extend a sincere thank you to last year's President Susan Thornton, the Immediate Past President Mickey Kempf and Dan Gohr, who served as the Media Director.

Jim McNamee is your new President-Elect and will transition to the Presidency next year. Joyce Cunningham has assumed the position of Director of Media and Karen Wojdyla has accepted the challenge of the new position of Director of Membership. I am so excited to welcome them to the Board. The position of Immediate Past President has been eliminated.

A major modification for the LPCAAA is a change in the date of our monthly meetings. After an extensive but unsuccessful search for a consistent meeting place, it was decided to make a change in the day of our membership meetings. On March 26th we will begin meeting on the fourth Monday of the month, thereby allowing us regular use of the LPD Training Rooms.

Our programs are phenomenal and definitely worthy of your time and attendance. Thanks Laurie!!

As we enter another busy year devoted to the police department and the community of Littleton, I urge each of you to explore the volunteer opportunities presented whether it be with the youth of Littleton at the Jr. Academy, Teen CSI or Shop with a Cop, the traffic and pedestrian control at WWW and Candlelight Walk, K-9, CSV or the more traditional duties at the department. Our 2017 volunteer hours totaled over 8000. Great job to all!!!

Hope to see you all at our LPCAAA meetings...



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President-Elect – Jim McNamee



Perhaps the most important duty of the President-Elect is to chair the Nominating Committee. It's the Nominating Committee's job to come up with nominees for open LPCAAA Officer and Board of Directors positions. This year we'll have two open Officer positions: President-elect and Treasurer. Board of Director positions available include: Director of Programs/Training and Director of Volunteer Services.

Our Bylaws call for the members of the Nominating Committee to be the President-Elect, Director of Membership, an additional member of the Board of Directors and two people from among our general membership.

Even though LPCAAA elections are still months away, it's not too soon to form the Nominating Committee. I invite you to volunteer for a general membership slot. If you are interested in helping to nominate a new slate of leaders for next year, please contact me to express your willingness to lend a hand.



Director of Volunteer Coordination – Joe Hanson

LPCAAA members continue to serve the Littleton Police Department and our community by assisting at a variety of events and in-house programs. More than 8,000 volunteer hours were recorded by our members during 2017, a nearly 10% increase over 2016 service hours. The extraordinary number of service hours is also reflected in the record number of 2017 service pins, a total of 51 that will be awarded at the annual LPD/LPCAAA Appreciation Picnic this coming May.



Unfortunately, volunteer opportunities for our members have been curtailed with the cancellation of the Spring 2018 session of the Citizen Academy due to an insufficient number of attendees. The Police Department is confident that individuals who signed up for the

Spring class will come back for the Fall 2018 session, and the Department will once again rely on our members to assist with the Citizen Academy operation.

A handful of other events remain on our volunteer calendar, including National Drug Take Back Day on April 28, the Falcon Flash fun run for Euclid Middle School students in May, and the Junior Police Academy in June. Notifications for all volunteer activities will be sent to the general membership well in advance of the event and will use SignUpGenius as the preferred method of tracking volunteers.



Programs

Laurie Denhalter, Director of Programs/Training, did a great job last year organizing exciting and interesting speakers and field trips for the Alumni Members. She has continued doing a wonderful job in 2018, starting with two presentations in our February and March meetings.

In February, LPD Detective Sam Mullins presented the 2013 Sheri Mills - Grand Jury Homicide. He went through the investigation process and described how the Grand Jury works.



In March, Major Jeff Goodwin from the Colorado State Patrol did a presentation on the State Patrol and in particular, the current issue of Road Rage. He showed the 20/20 episode “Freeway Fury” in which he was on. Fun fact about the State Patrol – the State Troopers salute each other like they do in the Military.



Mission Statement

The LPCAAA Mission Statement was recently revised to the following:

LPCAAA's mission is to assist the Littleton Police Department in making our community a safer and better place to live.

Be Prepared!!

Do1Thing is a non-profit organization that aims to build more disaster resilient communities.

Their premise is to take small steps towards being prepared for emergencies by doing one thing a month. This makes it easy for you to prepare yourself, your family, and your community for emergencies or disasters.

Do1Thing in January: Make a Plan
<http://do1thing.com/topics/plan>

Do1Thing in February: Water
<http://do1thing.com/topics/water>

Do1Thing in March: Sheltering
<http://do1thing.com/topics/sheltering>

Board of Directors

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What would you like to see in *LPCAAA The News Bulletin*?
 Send an email to media@lpcaaaa.org with ideas, stories, comments, and/or photos to share with Alumni members.



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What is Drug Take-Back Day

“National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.”

The LPD takes part in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Days each year. As an Alumni member, you can sign-up to help collect the drugs for LPD.

The next Drug Take-Back Day is on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.





ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Gary & Pam McCullough

Gary & Pam McCullough

1. What year did you graduate from the Citizen Academy class? **Spring 2000 (5th class)**
2. What year did you join LPCAAA? **Fall 2000 (When LPCAAA started)**
3. What events and/or committees did you participate in or are currently a part of? *(This response has been edited for length and clarity)*
 - Ad hoc committees - Alumni Handbook; National Night Out (NNO); Christmas Potluck
 - Assisted with the preparation of Citizen Academy classes
 - Worked at LPD ceremonies (celebrations & funerals)
 - Community Safety Volunteer (CSV)
 - Traffic control for races, WWW Parade, Trick or Treat Street, CandleLight Walk; assisted with the Dunk Tank
 - Helped LPD rollout the RIDE SMART tricycle program; assisted with LPD Safety Day & Cop Cards
 - Participated in several SWAT exercises & City Council Meet & Greets
 - Put together kits for Evidence Department
 - Gary also archived Monthly Minutes & past newsletters; wrote the "We Remember..." column for the newsletter



- Pam was on the Board for two separate two-year terms, as Secretary & Treasurer; assisted with

fingerprinting; prepared mailing of newsletter

Gary McCullough

What is your favorite event that you have volunteered for? Why?

- Although, the Community Safety Volunteer (CSV) program is not a yearly event, but an ongoing monthly commitment, which requires additional training, it is my favorite for a number of reasons: The interaction with Littleton citizens when we inform them about the CSV program or vacation checks at no cost to them or people on park bike paths, who tell us that they never seen a vehicle on the path before; the smiles we get from parents when we give their child a Littleton Police Junior Officer badge sticker at Bemis Library or in the neighborhoods; the relationships formed with the School Resource Officers (SRO), traffic officers or the parking officer while patrolling the streets; lastly, the satisfaction you get when you utilize your training to help LPD officers do their job safely at an accident scene and getting two "thumbs up" for your efforts.

Why did you take the Citizen Academy class and/or join LPCAAA?

- Was told about the Citizen Academy by then Chief Gary Maas at a 1999 National Night Out block party and it sounded interesting and fun. Note: LPCAAA didn't exist at this time.



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What's your first memory of an event with LPCAAA or LPD?

- Field day trip to Cheyenne Mountain (NORAD) in Colorado Springs and the first Alumni picnic in 2000. The entertainment was provided by the 4th U.S. Artillery Regimental Brass Band.

What's the best/worst thing to happen since you joined LPCAAA?

- Worst: Got totally drenched while directing traffic at Rapp and Church during a rain soaked Western Welcome Week parade. Also, freezing after about 10 minutes directing traffic at Aspen Grove's Trick or Treat Street event and then warming up in a vehicle.
- Best: When working the "Dunk a Cop" tank at Western Welcome Week, I made sure that every small child "dunked the cop" and seeing the look of surprise and smiles on their faces when they dunked the cop - priceless! On many of these occasions, the parent came up to me to thank me for making their son/daughter's day!

What would you tell someone who is thinking about joining LPCAAA?

- JOIN! You will not only have an opportunity for additional training but you will develop long lasting relationships with wonderful people while helping LPD and the community.

What do you do with your free time when you aren't volunteering?

- Genealogy - family history

What do you wish other people knew about LPCAAA? Any comments you want to make to other Alumni members or potential members?

- It amazes me that each group of new members brings with them qualities and skills that only enhances LPCAAA as an outstanding organization.

Pam McCullough

What is your favorite event that you have volunteered for? Why?

- Community Safety Volunteer (CSV) program. Western Welcome Week, Candle Light Walk, National Night Out and the other events are once a year but CSV you can volunteer as often as you wish.

What has surprised you most about volunteering with LPD?

- That I really enjoy it! I enjoy working with other LPCAAA members at the various events and getting to know them.

What's the best/worst thing to happen since you joined LPCAAA?

- (Best) LPCAAA has expanded the opportunities to volunteer. You can volunteer using your skills or where your sense of adventure takes you.



New Alumni Members

Please extend a warm welcome to our new members from the Citizen Academy Class of Fall 2017!

- Tanner Austad
- Kevin Cahoon
- Carole Downey
- Vera Hergert
- Christie Hoff
- Cathy Horvath
- Kathleen Houston
- Sandy Hueser
- Nina Ireland
- Roland Ireland
- Dave Kipp
- Jessica Martin
- Roger Masse
- Marolyn Mills
- Susan Murphy-Jacobs
- Jim Pulfrey
- Lizbeth Rodarte
- Rob Schmidt
- Michael Secord
- Becky Woods
- Cindiley Vargas





The Friends of Littleton K-9 are excited as we begin a

new year. With Officer Krista Dimock and K-9 Zan joining Officer John Jones and K-9 Koda, the LPD K-9 program is fully staffed heading into 2018. Both K-9 Teams continue to serve the Littleton community by assisting the patrol division with drug detection and providing an effective display of force in confrontations with aggressive suspects.

New merchandise being offered for sale this year includes hoodies for the whole family. These are available in pullover and zip-up style, offered in a royal blue or heather gray, and decorated with our popular gold banner logo. Look for many of our members wearing theirs at our functions.

We have a full slate of events planned for 2018. The Police Department and K-9 Teams have graciously agreed to participate in 4 major fundraisers this year, including the ever popular Romano's Restaurant and Garlic Knot events. The public won't want to miss the demonstrations planned for Western Welcome Week.



In addition to a comfortable hoodie, the Friends will also offer a newly styled T-shirt. Coming in white only and sporting a simple logo on the front, the new shirts will be offered in children and adult sizes.

A reminder: Participation with the Friends of Littleton K-9 is open to all LPCAAA members. If you are interested in attending our meetings, or just want to keep updated on our activities, please contact us at k-9@lpcaaa.org to be added to our email list.

Our meetings are also listed on events calendar found on LPCAAA website.



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General Information

New Schedule for Monthly LPCAAA Meetings for 2018

Due to regular conflicts regarding the usage of the LPD Training Rooms on Thursdays, the Board has decided to change the day of our regular monthly meetings to the fourth Monday of the month. This change will allow the Alumni to continue to have our meetings at LPD on a regular basis.

Here is the schedule for the remainder of this year:

March 1	Program & Business Meeting	August 27	Program & Business Meeting
March 26	Business Meeting Only	September 24	Program & Business Meeting; Election Slate Announcement
April 23	Program & Business Meeting	October 22	Program & Business Meeting; Elections
May 28	No Meeting, Memorial Day	November 26	Program & Business Meeting
June 25	Program & Business Meeting	December TBD	Holiday Potluck
July 23	Program & Business Meeting		
July 29	Annual Summer Picnic		

Spring 2018 Citizen Academy Class - Cancelled

LPD has decided to cancel the Spring session of the Citizen Academy class because of the low volume of applications received. With some changes expected to be made to the program, it was decided that it was in the best interest of the class to cancel and prepare for a great class in the Fall.

LPD would like the Alumni members to help recruit potential students for the Fall class, which is scheduled to start on September 6th.



Check it out!! LPCAAA on TV

There is a video about LPCAAA on Channel 8 and [YouTube](#). It was released by the City of Littleton in November 2017.

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Upcoming Events*

April 2018						
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May 2018						
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June 2018						
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July 2018						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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* Check the website for up-to-date list of events

4/18	K-9 Fundraiser Event	Romano
4/23	Monthly Meeting - Program-Stop The Bleed	LPD Training Rm
4/28	Drug Take-Back Event	LPD Outside



TBD	LPD Recognition Picnic	LPD
TBD	Falcon Flash Fun Run	Euclid MS
	No Monthly Meeting in May (Memorial Day)	



6/25	Monthly Meeting - Program-Peer Support for Officers	LPD Training Rm
TBD	Junior Police Academy	TBD



7/23	Monthly Meeting - Program-TBD	LPD Training Rm
7/29	3rd Annual Summer Potluck Picnic	Wolhurst



Monthly Alumni Meetings

4th Monday of the month
(as of March 26, 2018)

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Location: Littleton Police Dept Training Rooms
 2255 W Berry Ave

Quarterly Board Meetings

4th Thursday at the beginning of each Quarter
January, April, July & October

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Location: Littleton Police Dept Training Rooms
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