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Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month (except July and August)
7:00PM at Second Patrol Division • 2500 N. Military Hwy, Norfolk

CPAAAN is a 501c(3) non-profit whose mission is to support Norfolk law enforcement.

Next Meeting Notice
Tues, Feb. 21, 2012 • 7:00PM
Cherie Jabs, Director of Victim/Witness Assistance Program for the Norfolk Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office

Please bring your favorite dish to share at our refreshments table

Flower Cards Fundraiser
Back by popular demand, we are again selling the Norfolk Florist flower cards. Cost for each card is $30, and you get a free bouquet each month for 12 months. Sales deadline is February 21. Pick up your first bouquet in March from any of their 10 locations.

Proceeds go to our Scholarship program for children of active-duty Norfolk police officers. Purchase a card for yourself, and/or as a gift. Please contact Carolee Beckham, Fundraising Chair, at CaroleeB@cox.net or call 587-0095.

NPD Annual Awards Ceremony
Tonight the Norfolk Police Department happily assembles to recognize members and friends of our police family. All of these awardees have worked hard and long to attain the honors they receive today. However, it was not hard, long work alone that yielded their success. The support and encouragement of their families, supervisors, and friends has been and is critical to our success. Thanks to you all for the commitment and dedication that you show—and thanks for being here.

Always remember that the Norfolk Police Department is an agency rich in history and heroism since 1797. Our officers are trained to exercise sound tactical principles in all aspects of policing with an emphasis on respect, dignity, and integrity. The performance of their duties often places them in peril and often at odds with the communities that they “protect and serve.” Idealism, tenacity, and commitment enable them to seek out the positives in these and other challenging situations. As you listen to the summaries of our officers’ outstanding commitment to duty, remember that there are many other stories of professionalism, dedication, and heroism that never touch pen and paper.

Please join me in recognizing the men and women of the Norfolk Police Department. They reflect the best of the police profession. I am honored to be a member of this wonderful family. Be safe, and thank all of you for attending tonight’s celebration.

~ Acting Police Chief Sharon L. Chamberlin

Note: See Awards Recipients on page 3
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Mission Statement
The Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association of Norfolk’s mission is to support law enforcement in Norfolk, VA through education, information, networking, community service, and volunteerism.

The President’s Beat

Dear Membership,

Let me start by thanking Special Assistant to the City Manager James Rogers for taking the time to speak to us about well-managed government. I am sure I speak for all CPAAAN Members when I say that Mr. Rogers’ talk was very informative, and we hope to see him again in the very near future.

At our January General Meeting, Carolee announced that she had the Flower Cards available for our Scholarship Fundraiser. Please consider purchasing a card for yourself or as a gift for a friend or neighbor. I should mention that we have a limited time to get the cards sold. The price for a Flower Cards is $30.

An important goal has been to expand our Fund Raising Chair to a committee. Fund Raising is such a large responsibility and should not rest on one person’s shoulder. I hope that at our next General Meeting you will consider volunteering for the Fund Raising Committee. Remember, we can do great things if we all work together.

~ Yvette Brown, President

Spring Citizens Police Academy

Free and open to the public, the Citizens Academy is a 12-week course held on Thursdays from 6:30 to 9:30PM. The Spring session starts March 29 and ends June 21.

Visit cpaaan.org for more information and to obtain an application. To sign up, contact Officers Miles Warren or M.O. Sarmiento at 664-6921 or email miles.warren@norfolk.gov. Include your mailing address and/or telephone number. Complete, sign, and return the application to Norfolk Police Department Citizens Academy, 2500 N. Military Hwy, Norfolk 23502.

John Roger Scholastic Scholarship 2011-2012 Boosters
Anonymous • John & Velma Birkel
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Any donation is fully tax-deductible and greatly appreciated. Checks made payable to CPAAAN can be sent to: Edith Warring, Treasurer, at 300 Twilley Street, Norfolk VA 23503

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On January 25, 2012, the NPD Annual Awards Presentation Ceremony was held at Norview High School. Opening remarks were provided by Captain E. Ryan. Acting Police Chief Sharon L. Chamberlin presented awards to the following:

Civilian of 1st Qtr .................. Mr. F. Little
Civilian of 2nd Qtr .................. Mr. H. Tapia
Civilian of 4th Qtr ................ Mr. D. Rabidoux
Civilian of the Year ............... Mr. F. Little

Officer of 1st Qtr............. D. Lautenbacher
.................................. and M.L. Giraudo
Officer of 2nd Qtr ........... B.T. Finn; J.A. Torres
Officer of 3rd Qtr ........... J.B. Hylton; E.T. White
Officer of 4th Qtr ............... J. L. Nowell

Police Officer of Year ............ J.L. Nowell

Medal of Valor .................. Officer A. J. Mondie

Distinguished Service Medal
Officer O.A. Bernal
Officer D.K. Dufault
Sgt M.A. Sawicki
Officer C.A. Daniels
Officer B. Serrano III

Lifesaving Award
Officer B. Jara
Officer D.T. Phan

Police Commendation Awards and Letters of Commendation were also presented to deserving officers.

A special award was presented to President Yvette Brown on behalf of CPAAAN for all that it has done to help the Norfolk Police.
The Norfolk Police Department’s 2011 Annual Report is expected to debut this spring. Our annual report is an excellent and easy to understand resource to learn more about the Department. Please read the sneak preview of the upcoming report. The theme for the Norfolk Police Department’s 2011 Annual Report is, “Heroes Among Us—Our Officers on the Street.” To see past Norfolk Police Department Annual Reports, go to www.norfolk.gov/police.

Field Operations Bureau Second Patrol Division

The Second Patrol Division consists of an authorized strength of 1 Captain, 3 Lieutenants, 15 Sergeants, 104 sworn Officers, 3 Operations Officers, and 1 civilian staff member. In fulfilling the Department’s mission of providing police services to meet the needs of the community and the people of Norfolk, Second Patrol Division personnel strive to identify problems and community concerns and allocate resources to prevent, reduce, or resolve issues.

As we look at the theme “Heroes Among Us—Our Officers on the Street,” we want to highlight the activities that have contributed to creating safer communities. We have several officers that have been recognized for acts of heroism and bravery during this past year. However, as we look at creating safer communities, it is the involvement of the citizens/residents and our partnership with them that allows us to achieve sustained improvement in these areas. The following is a summary of some of our more notable community relations activities from 2011.

The Second Patrol Division is comprised of 42 active civic leagues, which usually meets monthly and represents a large majority of our residential neighborhoods. Sector Commanders and Community Resource Officers attend these meetings regularly, and work closely with residents of these areas to identify their concerns and share information. Officers that attend these meetings review crime statistics for that geographic area, discuss crime patterns that are observed, and offer tips and suggestions on ways that citizens can help us to prevent crime. Officers assigned to the Second Patrol Division strive to establish meaningful partnerships with concerned citizens as well as city agencies, businesses, and others in an effort to ensure that community issues are properly identified; and effective resolutions developed and implemented so these concerns can be mitigated or resolved in a timely manner.

Members of the Second Patrol Division host and actively organize the City of Norfolk Citizen’s Police Academy which was held twice in 2011. This training gives citizens a unique introduction into law enforcement, and allows them the ability to learn about many facets of our job. While much of the time is spent in the classroom learning about topics such as narcotics and gangs, field trips with “behind the scenes access” to areas like the Norfolk City Jail and the Norfolk International Airport are welcome breaks for students. Graduates of the Citizens Police Academy are then able to join the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association of Norfolk (CPAAAN), a support organization for our Department. As part of community outreach, a number of Police Youth Academies were conducted which introduce local youth to citizenship issues as well as the mission and role of the police in society.
The meeting was called to order by Yvette Brown at 7:00pm. Invocation was offered by Carolee Beckham. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ronald McEntee.

Edith Warring read the Treasurer’s Report, which was filed for audit.

Ronald McEntee made a motion, seconded by Anne Powell, and the minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Yvette introduced our speaker, Special Assistant to the City Manager, Mr. James Rogers. Mr. Rogers’ topic was on Well-Managed Government. His presentation explained in detail: A. Have Priorities: Come up with a strategic policy. 1. Start with a vision. 2. Get information from City Counsel, City Leadership Team, and the Community. B. Must have data; efficient, responsive and accountability. C. Have a safe and healthy neighborhood. D. Have economic vitality and workforce development to receive access with jobs in Norfolk. E. Residents of all ages must be able to reach their full potential and personal goals, which would be a lifelong learning experience. Some factors to bear in mind are accessibility, mobility, connectivity, transportation, and computer/technology. With sustainability; work that you do; any group you are in, make an effort to regenerate a future for our environment.

Mr. Rogers stated that the City hopes to attract a quality workforce where expectations for each employee are: accountability, integrity, Innovation, and respect. There is a Departmental Synergy, where there is cross-departmental brainstorming. Open communication includes: creating a new website, creating budget saving suggestion boxes, and striving to make the government more accountable to the residents. Key conclusion is to build a well managed government that develops a vision, builds a workforce that can support the vision, and makes sure programs are effective and meet the needs and priorities of our city. Mr. Rogers then answered questions from the Membership.

Carolee spoke to the members about the sale of the Flower Cards as a fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund. Marcus Powell spoke to the group about a Sock-Hop on 16 February 2012 at Huntersville Recreation Center. Mary Babcock announced the Ballentine Civic League guest speaker would be Bev Sell.

Yvette said that CPAAAN has a few X-large T-Shirts left, and that we would be ordering only twice a year. The National Night out Planning Committee Meeting would be 31 January 2012 at New Hope Community Center at 6pm.

Our 50/50 raffle winner was Branden Best. Magalene McKelvey, Recording Secretary.
ODU Football Coach Bobby Wilder has received another prestigious title—this one from Norfolk Sheriff Bob McCabe. McCabe named Wilder an Honorary Colonel in the NSO for his commitment to the sheriff’s office and especially for his constant support of the Sheriff Bob McCabe Foundation and its annual football camps.

Wilder takes time out of his busy schedule to appear at the camps and allows his players to work with underprivileged Norfolk children who aspire to play high school or professional ball one day. McCabe called ODU’s beloved coach a “genuine asset to the Norfolk community” and hailed his three season record of 27 wins and 8 losses as just the beginning of a stellar 10-year commitment to ODU and to Hampton Roads. “We are fortunate to have him and I’m proud to call him both Coach and Friend,” said McCabe.

Sheriff McCabe is also honored to be the Monarch’s sideline security for games when the team is traveling.

The number of Evictions Soar for NSO Civil Process Unit—The glut of U.S. home foreclosures and a still ailing economy have pushed evictions in the City of Norfolk to another record level for the NSO.

Days before 2011 officially came to a close, Civil Process Deputies placed just shy of 6,000 eviction notices on homes and apartments throughout the city. More than half of those notices (3,147 as of December 28) resulted in actual evictions. That’s an increase of nearly 200 evictions from the previous year, and nearly 340 evictions more than what deputies executed in 2009.

It’s the Law—STOP when a School Bus is Flashing its Lights and Watch for Children Crossing Streets
Welcome to the Neighborhood!

We’ve all been there at one time or another—a new addition to the neighborhood. This can be awkward as the newest face on the block, but it’s important to get to know your neighbors.

If you are a long-standing fixture of the neighborhood, be sure to take some time to welcome the new members of the community and exchange emergency contact information. This is important in the event there is ever trouble at their home or your home and someone needs to be contacted.

Getting to know your neighbors also helps prevent crime by giving everyone the “inside scoop” on what the normal pattern of activity is for each home. Do they work during the day or at night? Who should or should not be on the property? Are they on vacation? All of these are important tidbits of information that can help you and your neighbors be more observant and responsive to suspicious happenings in the neighborhood—and don’t forget, call 9-1-1 for in progress incidents or crimes!

It’s Inventory Time!

First time inventory? Compile a list of all valuable and semi-valuable items in your home and garage. Include Make, Model, Color, Type, Serial number, Cost, and Location of each item.

Keep two copies of the list. One copy should stay in an accessible but hidden location in your home, and the other at another, safe location (safe deposit box or other family member’s home). Be sure to mark the items with some distinguishing information (your name and phone number, or driver’s license number).

Don’t forget to take photos and video. Your home’s inventory will help with replacement if lost or stolen.

~ from Crime Prevention Outreach

Happy Birthday to You

February

01  Margaret Anne Craig
01  Rebecca Luce
15  Mitch Miller
20  Karen Peek
24  Barbara Bartley
24  Mickey Giles
24  Jeanette Stover
27  Frank (Pete) Craig
27  Jeanette Speight
28  Sabine Collins

Please let us know if we missed your birthday so we can update our records. Thank you for your assistance.

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