Happy Birthday to You

May
15  Rosa Rainey
19  Velma Birkel
21  Dorothy Gannon
27  Margaret Hoots
29  Demetra Lilliston

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

Tenth Annual Scholarship Awards

Since 2003, CPAAAN has awarded academic scholarships each year to children of active-duty Norfolk Police Officers. The continued success of the John Roger Academic Scholarships is particularly gratifying in that it has grown in the dollar amount and number of awards. We are pleased that this will be the tenth consecutive year scholarships have been provided, with total awards as of June 2012 exceeding $20,000.

The deadline for submitting an application is June 4 (go to cpaaan.org for an application form). The awards will be presented at the membership meeting on June 19, 2012. Winners will be selected by Dr. Lawrence Dotolo, President of the Virginia Tidewater Consortium for Higher Education.

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 started on 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.

Next Meeting Notice

Tues, May 15, 2012 • 7:00PM
Police Officer of the Year Award

Tues, June 19, 2012 • 7:00PM
Tenth Annual John Roger Memorial Scholastic Scholarship Awards

Please bring your favorite dish to share at our refreshments table
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,

What a great turnout we had for April’s General Meeting. Thank you to Denise R. Meyers from the Virginia Department of Forensic Science. Ms. Meyers’ presentation on Using DNA in Cold Cases was very informative. We look forward to seeing Ms. Meyers again in the future.

Our CPAAAN working year is almost over, and I hope that the Membership will continue to come out and support our General Meetings. This month we will present the CPAAAN Officer of the Year award at our regular meeting on May 15.

The Police Memorial takes place this month on May 17, 2012, at City Hall. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to attend the Memorial, I hope that you will come out to pay your respects to those who have lost their lives in the line of duty and to support their loved ones. At April’s General Meeting, I asked for volunteers to arrive at 9 AM. We are setting up and serving refreshments, and giving out the Memorial Ribbons. CPAAAN also presents a wreath.

I look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting on May 15, 2012 at 7PM.

~ Yvette Brown, President
“There is much in the role of a law enforcement officer that changes over the years. Two factors remain constant: A dedication to serve and a willingness to make whatever sacrifices are required.”

–Unknown

On May 17, 2012, at 10:00 AM, at City Hall, the Norfolk Police Department will formally honor the 38 Norfolk Police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of their duty while serving the City of Norfolk. The ceremony is an opportunity to gather together as a department and community and, most importantly, with the families of the fallen officers who are now legacies of our heroes’ sacrifice.

Many of our officers work throughout the year in support of families of fallen officers. Several will cycle again this year to Washington D.C. with other members of LEU (Law Enforcement United). LEU’s annual 250-mile bicycle ride serves as a memorial to fallen officers and as a fundraiser to financially assist the families left in the wake of their death. The regional send-off for the LEU cyclists this year is May 10, 2012, 7:00AM, at the Chesapeake Marriot in Chesapeake.

In 1962, President Kennedy officially designated May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the calendar week in which May 15 occurs as National Police Week. This year, National Police Week is May 13 through May 19. The Norfolk Police Department respectfully pays tribute to the 38 Norfolk Police Officers who proudly wore the uniform, carried the badge, and held in high regard the significance and responsibility of their job. Without concern for themselves, each gave their life in service and protection of their fellow officers and the City of Norfolk.

I ask that you let the memory of their good work never be forgotten, and to join us on May 17, 2012.

Norfolk Police Officers Riding for LEU

Please come out on Thursday, May 10, to show your support as the Bicyclists start their journey to Washington, DC.

Please join us at the Memorial ceremony on May 17, 2012 at Norfolk City Hall to Honor our Fallen Officers and Support their Families. CPAAAN will again provide a Memorial Wreath.
Yvette Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Ms. Grace Clarke gave the invocation. Mr. Ron McEntee led us into the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to adopt the minutes was made by Ms. Mary Babcock, and seconded by Mr. John Birkel. The Treasurer’s Report was given by Ms. Edith Warring.

Yvette Brown informed members of the Fundraiser at Applebee’s (5750 E. Virginia Beach Blvd) for National Night Out. Flyers were available showing the scheduled dates. The Flyers must be presented to the server for a 20% donation toward National Night Out, sponsored by Fairmount Park Civic League.

Yvette reminded members of the Police Memorial on May 17, 2012, and that volunteering members are to report to City Hall at 9 AM.

The Guest Speaker was Ms. Denise R. Meyers, from the Virginia Department of Forensic Science. Ms. Meyers works in the DNA Section. Following her presentation, Ms. Meyers answered questions from CPAAAN members. Yvette Brown thanked our guest for such an enlightening program.

CPAAAN members were reminded of the upcoming Crime Prevention Awards at the Murray Center on Monday, October 22, 2012. The 50/50 raffle was won by Mr. Lewis Bateman.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

~ Magalene McKelvey, Recording Secretary

Using DNA in Cold Cases

Denise Myers, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, gave an excellent presentation on the use of DNA in solving Cold Cases. Following her program, members asked many interesting questions.

We learned that the DNA Data Bank did not come into existence until 1997. There are 4 Labs in the State of Virginia that process DNA, including ones in Richmond and Norfolk. One procedure used for collecting DNA is called PERK (Physical Evidence Recovery Kit). Ms. Myers told members that all private citizens should stay clear of a crime scene so agencies can do their job.

When crimes are committed, police agencies go out to study and collect whatever evidence is available. DNA is collected in different forms, such as saliva and blood. Luminal, a chemical, is a form of detecting blood from areas that have been cleaned up. Two new DNA Technologies are: Y-STR’s, from the male chromosome; and Mitochondrial, which is passed on from mother to child.

Some considerations for collection of DNA evidence are: condition of the scene, condition of stored evidence, and previous handling of evidence. DNA is evidence in history and can’t go back in time.
The NSO’s 242 hand-held 800 megahertz radios have been converted from analog to digital format as part of a city-wide initiative to reprogram police, fire, and sheriff’s department radios for public safety reasons. In terms of audio clarity, Dan Knorowski, Senior Communications Systems Analyst for the City of Norfolk’s Information Technology Division, says it’s like transitioning from “a vinyl (record) to a CD player.”

The process of converting the department’s inventory of radios took about two weeks while NSO Fire Safety Coordinator Paul Ballance carefully timed the switching out of the radios with the deputies’ regular floor duties. Ballance accomplished this, one floor at a time, “by taking a handful of spare radios we have and backfilling them with those that were taken out of service,” said Ballance. The task meant working around shift and court schedules, as well as transportation runs.

For City IT crews, it often meant working into the night to clone a software program for each model and duplicating it to each radio by changing their ID’s (identities). In addition to the hand-held radios, units in each of the sheriff’s department vehicles also had to be reprogrammed. The NSO’s Special Projects Division coordinated getting each of the fleet vehicles to City Communication garages for the work.

The final phase of the radio reprogramming won’t be completed until next year, when the IT techs must go back and wipe each radio clean of all its analog display information. In the meantime, the info tech wizards will work on converting the City’s recreation department radios and some other divisions in Public Works. In all, four thousand radios will be reprogrammed through November.

“Mary Sue” joins Master Deputy Bob Walsh’s collection of ventriloquist dolls which are used in the community to teach lessons in everything from anti-bullying to manners to conflict resolution and bike safety. Mary Sue is 20 years young and wasn’t easy to find. She cost $500 and was located in Tennessee. And, yes, MD Walsh says he is capable of transitioning to a female voice for his acts!
Who Are You Going to Call?

Not quite said the same way as a movie of the 1980s, but it’s still a good and valid question. The only difference is, when you make the call you won’t be getting someone to come out to eradicate ghosts, but trained emergency services personnel who are there to help.

Of course, the number we’re talking about is 9-1-1, the three-digit nationwide number for summoning emergency assistance.

9-1-1 is a critical component in receiving emergency assistance. It is an important link in activating the emergency services system and making sure help arrives at the right location.

For many, they have never needed to dial 9-1-1. However, the need could come for any one at any time, and it may not just be an adult who makes the call.

When instructing young people, be sure to stress when it is and is not appropriate to call. Curiosity can overrule common sense at times, so taking some of the mystery out of what happens will help to avoid wandering fingers on the keypad. Have them pretend to call for help (make sure your phone is not connected during the practice) and then ask them the questions communications personnel would ask in an emergency. “What is the emergency?” ~ “Where do you live?” ~ “Is anyone hurt?” are some of the questions they will be asked and will help us send the right type of assistance for their emergency.

How many 9-1-1 calls are there every year? Over 240 million 9-1-1 calls are made each year in the United States.

Protecting Our Kids

Could it really be spring? While weather can be unpredictable, the calendar says it’s Spring, which means time for nice-weather outdoor activities. For many, it’s biking season!

Time for a two-wheel checkup! Take some time this month to do an inspection of every family member’s bicycle. Each bike should be properly sized for the rider and the rider should demonstrate their ability to control the bicycle effectively. Check the brakes and make sure that when applied they do their job.

For night time users, check the lights to make sure they are functioning and batteries have a full charge. Loose parts and low tire pressures can make a ride dangerous, so be sure to tighten nuts, bolts, handlebars, and seats, and then be sure the tires are inflated.

It’s not all about checking the two-wheeled transporter, but also about checking the rider! Do they have a helmet and wear it appropriately? A helmet hanging from the handlebars may protect the metal, but not your head! Does the rider know the rules of the road, hand turn signals, and right-of-way? Taking a few moments right now will help to make safe two-wheeled journeys.

~ from Crime Prevention Outreach
Prevent Business Robberies

Preventing business robberies often involves enhancing security measures, equipment, and features such as:

- Visibility / natural surveillance
- Alarm systems and panic buttons
- Time-delay safes
- Closed circuit television (CCTV) and surveillance equipment
- Security guards / armored couriers
- Cash controls, other internal processes

For more information or to request a business security survey, owners should call the Crime Prevention office at 664-6901.

Clean Out Your Wallet

Cleaning out your wallet or purse can save you lots of time and money. Remove items that are not needed except on rare occasions when you can plan ahead to take them with you:

- Social Security cards
- Gift cards
- Excessive credit cards
- Extra cash.

PIN (personal ID numbers) and computer login information should NEVER be stored in your wallet or purse!

~ Crime Prevention Outreach
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