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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.

Current Meeting Notice:
Tuesday, November 19th 7:00 pm
Crime Line
Master Police Officer Chris Amos
NPD Public Information Office

Next meeting:
Tuesday, December 17th 7:00 pm
Annual Christmas Social

January Meeting Notice
Tuesday, January 21st 7:00 pm
Special Agent in Charge Royce E. Curtin
FBI Norfolk Field Office

Please bring your favorite dish to share at our refreshments table

Happy Birthday To:
♦ Nov 3 – Judith Coleman
♦ Nov 5 – Scott Mahone
♦ Nov 8 – Jerri Foreman
♦ Nov 17 – David Brenner
♦ Nov 17 – Cherun Harrell
♦ Nov 18 – Carol Hogwood
♦ Nov 18 – Patrick Joyner
♦ Nov 20 – Brandon Best
♦ Nov 20 – Barbara King
♦ Nov 21 – Mary Shoup
♦ Nov 22 – Valerie Anderson
♦ Nov 29 – Matthew Pierson

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Thought For Today:
The unthankful heart... discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings!

William W. Purkey
More than 250 guests, honorees, concerned citizens and city officials gathered at The Murray Center on October 28, 2013 for the 21st Annual Crime Prevention Awards Ceremony. This event is held to acknowledge outstanding crime prevention achievements in multiple categories. Nominees were honored as private citizens, law enforcement, city employees, groups, Barbara Davis Volunteer and youth. All have excelled in their efforts to keep Norfolk communities safe during the year 2012. CPAAAN President Yvette Brown welcomed all in attendance. A beautiful rendition of the National Anthem was given by Corporal Maggie Russell and Deputy Clanetta Mitchell of the Norfolk Sheriff’s Office. Mayor Paul D. Fraim extended greetings from the City of Norfolk. The keynote address was given by Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney Philip G. Evans, II. Closing Remarks were made by Norfolk Police Chief Mike Goldsmith.

The winning honorees by categories are:

**Youth – Dejara S. Clark**
Dejara, a student at Tidewater Elementary is the youngest awardee. She volunteers at her school, has reported crime and suspicious activities, and educated her peers in how to manage anger and talk through problems. Dejara is a role model at 9 years of age!

**Group Service – Coastal Convenience Store Group**
Bryan Zenarolla of Costal Convenience Store Group partnered with Fairmount Park Civic League, listened to their suggestions and initiated changes to the landscaping, lighting, awnings and signage at the Tinee Giant store on Lafayette Boulevard. This included adding classical music as a deterrent! The image of the property was much improved because loiterers, litter and noise were dramatically reduced. This success was a perfect example of joint community activism.

**Barbara Davis Volunteer – Taylor Gould**
This awardee is President of the Fairmount Park Civic League. Under his leadership Fairmount Park, has partnered with the City of Norfolk, local businesses and other neighborhood institutions to improve this community. Membership in the Civic League has increased; residents have become more active, and maintain a Neighborhood Watch.

Violent crime dropped 28 percent from 2009 to 2010, and fell another 24 percent from 2010 to 2011, police statistics show. Narcotics violations dropped 44 percent in 2011 after an increase the previous year, records show.
Crime Prevention Awards cont’d

City Employee – Corey Miller
City of Norfolk employee Corey Miller is not only interested in his community but also active. He has completed the Citizens Police Academy and joined the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association of Norfolk. He also has taken the CERT training course and is a member. Corey has taken on the task of observing areas in the city where there is graffiti, particularly gang graffiti and reporting it to the city so it can be removed. This helps to maintain a positive image of the city and removes signs of gang influence.

City Employee Group - Officers Miles Warren and Jett Sarmiento
These Community Resource Officers received this award for the second year in a row. They were nominated for their work in the Beach Patrol, Youth Academy, and Bicycle Safety Courses. In addition, these officers plan and conduct classes for the Citizens Police Academy and are responsible for a NPD sub station that is located in the Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Library.

Law Enforcement - Officer Tammy Mendoza
Officer Mendoza was recognized for her efforts in attacking some longstanding community problems in the Norview area, particularly Alexander Street. One problem was an overgrown area around a drainage pipe that was used as a bridge between Norview Middle School and Ivaloo Road which served a gathering point for drugs and crimes. Officer Mendoza, in conjunction with the Public Works Department led the effort for removal of the drainage pipe. In an effort to improve the image of the community, Officer Mendoza also educated residents on ways to improve their property and arranged for unscheduled bulk waste collections to rid the area of discarded vehicles and furniture.

Lifetime Achievement Award
The Lifetime Achievement Award is offered only on occasion to a person who has made a significant contribution to the city and has demonstrated ongoing efforts in crime prevention. This year the award went to Brittany A. Bailey, an employee of the City of Norfolk. Brittany assists those in need with food, health care, and education and good advice. She has served on the Crime Prevention Award Committee and the Huntersville National Night Out event. She is definitely the “Go To” person when one has questions and concerns about how to assist our citizens. She has worked tirelessly for the betterment of our city. Thank you Brittany for all that you do!
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 turn-out we had for October’s General Meeting. I think all will agree that Officer Keeling and Officer Hryniewich from the NPD Harbor Patrol/Dive Team presented a fascinating look into all that their job details. We thank Officer Keeling and Hryniewich for not only taking the time to speak to us but for also bringing some of their equipment and answering all of our many questions.

October 28, 2013 was the Annual Crime Prevention Award Ceremony. Congratulations to the nominees for all that they do for their communities and the city. This year, we had a record number of CPAAAN members attending the event and I thank you so much. For the members who donated tickets, I want you to know, what a wonderful and generous gift you gave to so many.

I look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting, November 19, 2013 at 7pm.

~Yvette Brown, President
From the Chief’s Office
Norfolk Police Department
www.norfolk.gov/Police/

Norfolk Police Department Crime Prevention Shopping Tips

GOING SHOPPING? PLEASE READ!

1. Take time to move your vehicle. When you return to your vehicle to lighten your load and need to continue shopping, move your vehicle to another parking space before re-entering the store or mall.

2. Park in well-lit areas when shopping at night.

3. Do not carry large amounts of cash when shopping.

4. Keep receipts separate from items that you purchased. (This way, a suspect will not be able to get cash by “returning” stolen items).

5. Carry only the credit cards that you intend to use. Keep credit cards separate from your cash and from your driver’s license or ID.

OPERATING A VEHICLE? PLEASE READ!

Car break-ins can occur anywhere. This includes places where there is a large concentration of vehicles which includes shopping facilities, churches, sporting/recreation events and restaurants down to a single vehicle parked on a residential street.

Here are some tips which will hopefully keep you from being a victim!

• The best advice: do not leave anything of value in your vehicle in plain sight. Remember, “if it’s in sight, it can take flight.”

• Always lock your doors, even if you plan to be away from your vehicle for a short time. Example: running in to pay for gas.

• Park in well-lit areas.

• When shopping, always be sure to place purchases in the trunk or out of sight before going to the next shopping area to park.

• Try to maintain a “clutter free” vehicle.

• Remove GPS systems from view when leaving vehicle.

• Consider replacing standard license plate screws with theft deterrent screws available at auto parts stores.

Stay on the alert and enjoy your shopping!

Don’t be a victim. Help us help you. Eliminate opportunity and eliminate crime!
The meeting was called to order by Yvette Brown. Mrs. Justice did the invocation. Pledge of allegiance was lead by Mr. Marcus Powell. Adoption of the minutes was skipped because the Newsletter printing was delayed. Ms. Edith Warring did the Treasurer's Report. Yvette Brown introduced Officers from the NPD Harbor Patrol/Dive Unit. Officer Hryniewich and Officer Keeling informed the members that Norfolk is the only city that have a full time dive unit team from the ocean to the Navy Pier. A few tasks the divers perform are 1. Marine Security 2. Investigate potential hazards 3. Search for evidence 4. Help work the Ports of Virginia Coast Guard, 5. Escort Navy ships in and out, along with Cruise ships. 6. Does search and rescues of boats and ships that are in distress.

There are many different types of equipment used to perform the tasks such as the side scanner that takes pictures underwater and the RV, an underwater robot. Every member of the team is issued a M-4 assault rifle, primarily used on vessels. There are self-contained diving suits, both wet and dry types, worn underwater. The underwater metal detector looks for things as small as a radio and as large as a car. Terrorists are handled by the SWAT Team, which is trained to take over in hostile conditions. When fishing licenses are checked, it is to educate the public of the state laws. The bridges and tunnels are checked for security reasons. NPD Harbor Patrol/Dive Unit assists seven other cities. Presently there is one female on the team. It takes a certain personality to do this job, it’s dangerous. There is a no age restriction, as long as you can do the job; no room for errors. Members asked questions throughout the presentation. Yvette Brown thanked Officers Keeling and Hryniewich for taking time out of their busy schedule to be with us. The Crime Prevention Award Ceremony is October 28, 2013 @ 6:30pm. Nine tickets were raffled off to members. The Citizen Police Academy Graduation will be November 21, 2013 @ 6:30pm. The 50/50 was won by Ms. Mary Babcock, on her birthday. Meeting adjourned.

Recording Secretary
Magalene McKelvey
Flood ravaged Colorado serves as a poignant reminder of the devastation caused by natural disasters. Emergency preparedness is a necessity for communities as a whole and correctional institutions in particular. Riots and hostage situations are not the only jail emergencies personnel are called on to handle. Other situations, including gas leaks, bomb threats and fires can also present security challenges and prompt significant manpower response. Preparedness capabilities often determine the success of handling the emergency and the decision may boil down to sheltering in place or evacuating inmates. Those were the topics and challenges discussed in two separate conferences this summer during tablet exercises known as Operation Secure Fortress. In May, representatives from local and regional jails in South Hampton Roads came together for an exercise to evaluate the effectiveness of plans for significant weather-related events.

The representatives were faced with a scenario of a Category 2 Hurricane and had to determine their responses, concerns, forms of communication and Department of Corrections requirement that must be maintained, to name just a few.

In July, the exercise expanded to a regional event and included similar participants from the Peninsula. It’s the first-of-its-kind regional preparedness program involving jails. The exercise was sponsored by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and followed FEMA and Homeland Security guidelines.

NSO Fire Safety Coordinator Paul Ballance served as point person for the NSO during Operation Secure Fortress and described the two sessions as “an extremely important exercise which opened eyes to areas of emergency response that we had not fully considered.” Ballance says, “We also learned, for instance, that the Western Tidewater Regional Jail and Chesapeake City Jail would be able to accommodate many of our inmates if we were forced to evacuate them.” The exercises left participants with a better grasp of Planning, Situational Assessment, Operational Coordination, Operational Communications, Mass Care Services and Critical Transportation needs.
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