CPAAAN News

MARCH 2014

Vol. 13 Issue 7  Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association of Norfolk  © 2014

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, March 18th 7:00 pm
Topic: Identity Theft
Officer Antonio Barrera
NPD Crime Prevention Unit

Next meeting:

Tuesday, April 15th 7:00 pm
Topic: FBI
Special Agent-in-Charge Royce E. Curtin
FBI Norfolk Field Office

Please bring a dish to share at our refreshments table

Happy Birthday To:

♦ Mar 5 - Clarence Holmes, Jr.
♦ Mar 13 - Joseph Bateman (Sammy)
♦ Mar 18 - August Raber
♦ Mar 23 - Magalene McKelvey
♦ Mar 28 - Kargit Sanderlin

(If your name is not here, let us know)

Food for Thought:

IF YOU WANT TO LIFT YOURSELF UP, LIFT UP SOMEONE ELSE.

' Booker T. Washington'
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,

It was great to see so many of our CPAAAN Members at February's General Meeting.

On behalf of the CPAAAN membership, I thank Master Police Officer Chis Amos for taking the time to speak to us about the Crime Line. We would also like to congratulate Officer Amos on his retirement after twenty seven years of dedicated service with Norfolk Police Department. Thankfully, we will still have the opportunity to see Officer Amos from time to time in his role as a volunteer Chaplain for the NPD. Congratulation also to Officer Dan Hudson for his new job with the NPD Public Information Office.

Last month at our General Meeting, I announced that the CPAAAN Board had voted to raised our Scholarships from $1,000.00 to $1,500.00. I think we all know that the cost of a college education is constantly increasing, along with the cost of books. It is for this reason that we made the decision to increase the Scholarships. Before I close, I would like to introduce Ms. Merlyn Blackwood, CPAAAN's new Jail Coordinator. Look forward to meeting Ms. Blackwood at our next General Meeting. CPAAAN also has a new Vice-President, Mr. Allen Williams. I thank Allen so much for agreeing to serve. Mr. Marcus Powell is busy pursuing a personal project, so we wish him well and thank him for his service.

I look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting, March 18, 2014 @ 7pm.

Yvette Brown
President
Chief’s Message
Crime Prevention …Eyes Wide Open

Who isn’t ready for warmer temperatures and a couple of more hours of daylight? After a few winter tussles with Mother Nature last month, we are all thirsty for sunshine. With the advent of the Spring Equinox on March 20th, I want to remind you of a few crime prevention “spring housekeeping” tips that will improve your safety, and ask you to join us to help the Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters.

With spring time many are planting flowers, working, and playing in the yard. Remember to keep your homes front/back door locked, especially when working in the back yard, or vice versa. Don’t forget to keep the garage door closed also.

It’s that perfect time of year when usually you don’t have to turn on the heat or air conditioner in your home and a breeze of fresh air through open windows will suffice. Just remember to close and lock those windows and glass patio doors before you leave your home, or go to bed.

Please remember to place your tools in secure storage after using them. Often, tools left outside may offer criminals easier access to the inside of your home. Always lock your storage shed.

Tis the season for home improvement scams and criminals posing as contractors. Beware especially if you did not solicit a home improvement service/visit. Share with your neighbors and your civic league if you witness a suspicious person offering services, or looking into your property windows.

If someone comes to your door claiming to be a utility representative (electric, gas, water) ask them to show you their company photo identification card, or call the utility company to verify their employment. Being an engaged and watchful neighbor is helpful to all in your neighborhood. Your eyes and ears are excellent crime prevention tools that can identify criminals, which helps police. Become a member of your civic or neighborhood league and get involved. By the way, you’ll get more daylight for vigilance on Sunday, March 9, when we “Spring Forward” with Daylight Saving Time. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

(Official flyer can be seen on our website: www.cpaaan.org)

On March 8, 2014, The Sixth Annual Guns and Hoses Hockey Night in conjunction with the Norfolk Admirals takes place at Scope Arena. The “Enforcers” hockey team, comprised of members of the Norfolk Police Department and other members of the local law enforcement community, has challenged the Norfolk Firefighters and other Hampton Roads firefighters, to a charity hockey game with proceeds going to The Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters. Please support our local Police Officers and Fire Fighters. Tickets are 15.00, and good for both admissions to the "Guns and Hoses" game and the Admiral’s/Hershey Bears (Washington Capitals affiliate) game. Proceeds go to CHKD. For Tickets and T- Shirts, contact Lt. M. Felix of the Norfolk Police Department at (757) 664-7090 or (757) 449-3683.
Minutes of March 2014

The meeting was called to order by Yvette brown. The invocation was given by Ms. Justice. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Clarence Holmes. Treasurer's report was given by Ms. Edith Warring. Yvette Brown introduced our guest speaker, Master Police Officer Chris Amos, NPD Public Information Office. Officer Chris Amos thanked CPAAAN for all of the support they give to the NPD. After 27 years on the force, Officer Amos will be retiring effective March 1, 2014; he will be returning periodically as a volunteer Chaplin. Officer Dan Hudson with be the new Public Information Officer/Crime Line Coordinator.

One of the topics Officer Amos discussed was the Crime Line; the number is 1-888-LOCKUUP. The Crime Line consists of a board of citizens, one police officer and one detective. Money is raised through fund raising. The on-line site is norfolkcrime-line.com. Officer Amos introduced Officer Hudson. Officer Hudson wants to build a relationship with the communities and the media. Ms. Maravia Reid, Community Outreach/ Crime Prevention Unit spoke on the following topics: 1. National Night Out. 2. Crime Prevention Award Ceremony. 3. Neighborhood Watch. 4. Security Survey for homes or businesses. NPD Crime Prevention Officers will do a complete security check. If you are interested and your home or business is in Norfolk, call 757 664-6901; the Security Surveys are FREE of charge. Ms. Reid also gave the date of the upcoming Citizen Police Academy Classes April 3 to June 26, 2014.

Our President told the membership that the Board has voted to increase the CPAAAN Scholarship from $1,000.00 to $1,500.00 for each of the three scholarships. Ms. Margaret Anne Craig explained the selection process of the Scholarship recipients. Ms. Carolee Beckham made a motion that $100.00 be donated to the Crime Line. The membership voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Scott Mahone brought in the File For Life Card as requested by the members. Ms. Brown told the membership of the award that was presented to CPAAAN for our tireless support of NPD. The 50/50 raffle was awarded. It was announced that the Flower Cards are still on sale. The meeting was adjourned.

Magalene McKelvey, Recording Secretary
Norfolk Sheriff’s Office helps Norfolk Recover from a Winter Blast

When Hampton Roads had a recent brush with Old Man Winter, the Norfolk Sheriff’s Office’s Inmate Work Force was pressed into action to help the City of Norfolk bounce back.

For three days in late January, and again in February, Inmate Work Force crews helped the city dig out from under of the biggest snowfalls in recent memory.

Teams of low-risk inmates picked up shovels, hand-held blowers and sand-salt mixtures to tackle the snow and ice.

The unusual snow events sent Work Force Crews out to City Hall, SCOPE, MacArthur Memorial, the Park, Juvenile Detention Center, stations and numerous school sites to clear walkways and unclog entrances to city and school buildings.

Two crews from the NSO’s Community Affairs division also pitched in to shovel driveways for members of our senior TRIAD program. One woman was without heat and the deputies helped troubleshoot her heating problem.

Assisting the city with snow emergencies, grass cutting and other projects, including regular set up and break down assignments at Norfolk’s SCOPE, is nothing new to the Inmate Work Force crews. Under the direction of Community Corrections, the Norfolk Sheriff’s Office mows and maintains 191 city properties on a ten day mowing cycle.

All totaled, it translated into more than 175,000 manpower hours in 2013 and a huge cost avoidance for the city. If you calculate those manpower hours at a hourly, minimum wage rate, the savings total 1.9 million dollars.

The inmates who comprise the work force volunteer for the duty in exchange for days trimmed from their court sentences and credit toward court costs for each hour worked. Some, may even be eligible for job placement, based upon their high job evaluation scores. Inmates may also take those scores with them, upon their release from custody.
With the Best Chili Dawg in Town!
Bayview Plaza
7924 Chesapeake Blvd.
Norfolk, VA 23518
757-588-7785

The same great menu! The same great service!
Monday–Saturday 10:30AM–4:00PM

Office of the Commonwealth’s Attorney
Gregory D. Underwood
Norfolk Commonwealth’s Attorney
Suite 600
800 E. City Hall Ave.
Norfolk, Virginia
Telephone (757) 664-4848
FAX (757) 664-4445
http://www.norfolk.gov/commatty

Hormel Hot Dogs
New York Hot Sausage
Carolina Pork B-B-Q
Freedom Fries
Home-made Chili
Lew’s Hot Dogs
1531 Azalea Garden Rd.
Norfolk, VA 23502

Hours: Monday–Friday
11:00–4:00
Saturday 11:00–3:00
757-855-9539

Barclay C. Winn
Councilman
Suite 1006
City Hall Bldg.
Norfolk, VA 23510
Office (757) 494-1400
Home (757) 622-5263
Fax (757) 494-1217
E-Mail: barclay.winn@norfolk.gov

It’s the Law—Stop when a School Bus is Flashing its Lights and Watch for Children Crossing Streets
Greetings….Welcome to the Neighborhood. We’ve all been there at one time or another….a new addition to the neighborhood. This can be slightly 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 shouldn’t 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!

Excerpted from the Civic Connection
Spread the News!

Citizen’s Police Academy
Spring Session #36 begins in April

Please share this information with your family, friends, civic league or others who want to attend the Citizen’s Police Academy and learn about law enforcement policies and procedures in their community.

The first Citizen’s Police Academy of 2014 has been announced. The Spring Session #36 will be held from April 3, 2014 – June 26, 2014; applications are now being accepted. For further details or to obtain an application you may contact Officer Warren (390-0386) or Officer Sarmiento (390-0387). To learn more about the academy or to download and print an application for the upcoming session visit the CPAAAN website, cpaaan.org, click on the “About the Citizens Police Academy” link in the left column, and then click on CPA Application. Be sure to include your mailing address and/or telephone number. Complete, sign and return the application to the Norfolk Police Department Citizens Police Academy, 2500 N. Military Highway Norfolk, VA 23502.

THE BUSY MONTH OF MARCH

March is indeed a month full of events, celebrations, and observances. This is the National Nutrition month, National Colorectal Cancer Awareness month, Women’s History month, Red Cross month, Social Workers month, and Irish American Heritage month, to name a few. We will observe the official start of spring, daylight savings time, St. Patrick’s Day, Mardi Gras, Good Friday and the Girl Scout’s birthday (along with the birthdays of some of our members). We wish everyone the happiness and good cheer in whatever observance or celebration is dear to your heart.