CPAAAN News

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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, October 21, 7:00 pm
Topic: Auto Squad
Detective Ryan Crowder

Next meeting:
Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 pm
Topic: Bomb Squad

We can still bring a dish to share with our fellow members at the refreshments table

If you have questions or need information on anything pertaining to CPAAAN, please contact our webmaster at cpaaan.org. Just click on "comments to the webmaster" at the bottom. Or send an email to cpaaan@yahoo.com.

October

Happy Birthday To:

♦ Oct 2 - Therese Perera
♦ Oct 4 - Grace Clarke & Donna Williams
♦ Oct 7 - Mary Cook
♦ Oct 10 - Sherri Darling & Terry Haddock
♦ Oct 15 - Chip Rogers
♦ Oct 18 - Carolee Beckham
♦ Oct 22 - Stella Jones
♦ Oct 27 - John Donohue
♦ Oct 29 - Kathy Mahone
♦ Oct 30 - Gracie Holmes & Yolanda Raimer
♦ Oct 31 - Gail Nicula

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Food for Thought:
Never park your car over a pile of leaves!
The muffler and catalytic converter on cars get extremely hot and can ignite the leaves you park your car over causing your car to catch fire!
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 return after our summer break for September's General Meeting. I was also happy to see new members of CPAAAN in attendance, and again I like to welcome all of you and I look forward to working with you in the future.

CPAAAN would like to thank Sgt. Chambers for the outstanding presentation on the K-9. Sgt. Chambers kept the membership engaged and patiently answered the many questions that was asked. Thank you again, Sgt. Chambers.

As you know, October 6, 2014 was the 22nd Annual Crime Prevention Award Ceremony. I would like to thank the 2014 Crime Prevention Award's Selection Committee for their hard work and dedication in planning this event. Most of the committee members has served on this committee for many years, and I can't tell you how much I appreciate all that you have done. Next year I am hoping that more of our CPAAAN members will attend the award ceremony. Remember, we are a team, and we will always strive to grow and improve as a team.

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting, October 21, 2014.

Yvette Brown, President
The September meeting was called to order by Yvette Brown. The invocation was given by Ms. Justice. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Jeanette Stover. Motion to adopt the Minutes was made by Ms. Mary Babcock; seconded by Ms. Justice. Ms. Warring gave the Treasurer’s Report.

Yvette Brown introduced our guest speaker, Sergeant Robert Chambers from the NPD K-9 Unit. Sgt. Chambers is a VPWDA Master Trainer and has been with the K-9 since 2001. The unit started in 1959, starting with 5 dogs and has grown to 28 dogs. The Unit falls under Homeland Security. The basic K-9 school requires an average of 22-29 weeks of training. All of the dogs live with their handler; there are 21 kennel to house teams.

These mighty dogs are taken care of 24/7. Areas covered: 1. Canine psychology, 2. Canine care and maintenance, 3. Obedience, 4. Scent work, 5. Aggression control and 5. Legal. The operation is basically out of their General Order OPR-640; to name a few: probable cause to believe that a person has committed, is committing or is attempting to commit a serious or violent felony such as rape, murder, robbery, burglary and reasonable belief that the use of other means of force. Other responsibilities of the Police K-9 Include officers safety, crowd control, general deterrent, locating evidence, locating lost or incapacitated individuals, and searching for weapons and or explosives. The primary job is locating tool (people or evidence). Secondary job is used as a force tool (suspects action dictate whether force is necessary). Having search dogs is faster and safer and it decreases the number of officers being used. Many questions were asked and answered. Sgt. Chambers was thanked for the information the members received.

The Crime Prevention Award Ceremony tickets are on sale. Refreshment will be changed to a minimum at our October monthly General Meeting. The 50/50 was drawn. Members were thanked for helping to keep the Classroom clean and removing the trash.

Magalene McKelvey, Recording Secretary
The Chief’s Message

With an increased focus on safety, improved customer service, and greater transparency, we have begun the purchase process for 300 body cameras for patrol officers. We expect to be "body camera ready" early next year, as further testing, and policies and procedures are worked through. The body cameras will offer another optic layer of accountability for officers and citizens, and help improve mutual trust.

October is a huge month for the department as we launch two new community initiatives that bring us closer to Norfolk youth. We have partnered with the Life Enrichment Center of Norfolk for "PLUS," Police Leadership Unveils Success, for officers to serve as literacy tutors-mentors in Title 1 Norfolk Public elementary schools. Officers have stepped up and shown further commitment to engage the youngest residents among us, by volunteering one hour, each week of the school calendar year, to affect reading improvement.

"CAKE," COPS and KIDS EATING is a sweet partnership, with the Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Virginia. Once a month officers share an after school meal with boys and girls from the Norview Unit, and are treated to a variety of static displays and talks from the K-9 Unit to the Gang Unit. This kind of engagement with youth is priceless, as I learned what they really want to know about police officers at a recent Q&A session at the Norview Unit of the Boys and Girls Club. Thank you to all the officers who volunteer their time to positively impact our youth.

The 2013 Norfolk Police Annual Report is available for you to read on-line at your convenience at norfolk.gov/police. "Teamwork" is the theme for this report, as we recognize and appreciate the work of residents in tandem with our officers. Please take a look back at the work we did as a community to prevent crime and protect our safety. We all gain when we communicate for the goal of safe neighborhoods and the best quality of life.

The Annual Crime Prevention Awards Dinner is set for October 6, 2014, 6:30pm at the Double Tree Hotel in Norfolk. Please support this effort to honor and celebrate our citizen partners, and fund the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Scholarship for college bound high school students.

Next month I’ll share new initiatives the Recruitment Unit is developing to recruit more diverse police candidates for the academy, and how you can help. Stay safe!
Sheriff Bob McCabe Foundation
Helping Neighborhood Students

Schools are back in session and a number of Norfolk school students are sporting new uniforms thanks to Sheriff Bob McCabe and the Sheriff Bob McCabe Foundation.

Norfolk students are required to wear mandatory uniforms but not all families can afford them. So, for more than five years, Sheriff McCabe has been helping families outfit their children with the required shirts, blouses and slacks. Most recently, he assisted families with students in Campostella and Rosemont Schools and the Berkley-Campostella Early Childhood Center with getting properly prepared to return to school.

Helping with this year’s distribution in the Diggs Park community was the NSO’s Community Affairs Division. Also helping to organize the giveaway were Rosemarie Freeman and Rose Arrington (President, Diggs Park Tenant Management Corporation).
October is chock-full of observances and awareness events. To name a few: Crime Prevention month, Fire Prevention month, Apple month, Breast Cancer Awareness (Save the Ta-Ta’s), Celiac Disease (Gluten Intolerance) Awareness, Domestic Violence Awareness, German American Heritage, Computer Learning month, Popcorn Popping month, Seafood month and many more. Celebrations and Holidays include: Yom Kippur on the 3rd, Sukkot on the 8th, Columbus Day on the 13th, Bosses Day on the 16th and of course, Halloween on the 31st.

All of these celebrations should be celebrated with a measure of safety! Don’t drink and drive is the foremost. Take precautions to prevent fires in any give situation. Be observant in your surroundings, especially while shopping and traveling. Call 911 about suspicious activities. A few tips for and about children:

- If possible, leave small children at home with a trusted babysitter.
- Teach your child to go to a store clerk and ask for help in case your child is separated from you.
- Teach children to stay close to you at all times while shopping.
- Never allow children to make unaccompanied trips to the restroom.
- Children should never be allowed to go to the car alone and they should never be left alone in the car.
- Teach children their full name, address and telephone number to give to police officers or mall security.
- Teach children to immediately inform you if a stranger is bothering them.

Have Happy and Safe OCTOBER

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We, the NPD Recreation Committee, are hosting a Public Safety Holiday Celebration Cruise aboard the Spirit of Norfolk on December 19, 2014 from 9:00 pm till 12:00. Tickets are on sale now for only $35.00 per person for this three hour holiday cruise!

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CRIME PREVENTION

Educating Citizens About Keeping Safe

Community outreach is a regular part of the Crime Prevention Unit’s workday. Members of the unit are in constant touch with residents, businesses, civic leagues, and other organizations in an effort to educate citizens about keeping their property and themselves safe.

The Crime Prevention Unit officers were proactive in contacting civic leagues to encourage the establishment of Neighborhood Watch in their neighborhoods. A strong civic league is important for combating crime in neighborhoods and Neighborhood Watch is one tool that civic leagues can use to assist with these efforts.

Crime Prevention officers can address criminal activity and neighborhood concerns within the scope of each civic league, and offer education and awareness programs to assist members in recognizing and combating crime.
More than 200 guests, honorees, concerned citizens and city officials gathered at the newly remodeled Doubletree Hotel, 1500 N. Military Highway, on October 6, 2014 for the 22nd Annual Crime Prevention Awards Ceremony. This event is held annually to acknowledge outstanding crime prevention achievements in multiple categories. 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. Vice Mayor Angelia Williams extended greetings from the City of Norfolk. The keynote address was given by FBI Special Agent in Charge of Norfolk Office Royce E. Curtin. Closing Remarks were made by Norfolk Police Chief Mike Goldsmith.

The winning honorees and their categories are:

Youth – Clara Huff
Group Service – Teens With a Purpose (TWP)
Barbara Davis Volunteer – Raytron White
City Employee – Gloria Peek
City Employee Group - Officer Kenneth Aldrich and Officer Thomas Horan
Law Enforcement - Officer James Caruso and Officer James Carrington
Lifetime Achievement Award – Judy Hash

Although there was only one named winner in each category, all of the honorees are truly winners who have excelled in their efforts to keep Norfolk communities safe during the year 2013. They are special people who have gone the extra mile in combating crime and the causes of crime in Norfolk.

To continue to make our city a better place, it will take all types of individuals whether they are private citizens, law enforcement, city employees, groups, volunteers and youth. Remember no one is ever too young or too old to help prevent crime!
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