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, September 16, 7:00 pm
Topic:
Norfolk Police Department K-9 Unit

Next meeting:

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Please bring a dish to share at our 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.

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Food for Thought:

5 Simple Rules for a Happy Life
1. Don’t be overly emotional.
2. Don’t ever give up.
3. Don’t make things complicated.
4. Don’t take things too seriously.
5. Don’t be a grown-up.

=Have faith.
=Keep Trying.
=Keep it Simple.
=Laugh at Problems.
=Stay as youthful as a kid.

Happy Birthday To:
♦ Sept 6 - Rufus Forbes
♦ Sept 6 - John Sanderlin
♦ Sept 9 - Rebecca Dickerson
♦ Sept 17 - Lolita Albergottie
♦ Sept 21 - Donnell Justice
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,

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer break. On August 4, 2014 CPAAAN lost one of our longstanding members. It saddens me to announce the passing of Ms. Grace Clarke. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family. Ms. Clarke will be greatly missed and forever remembered as one of our honorary chaplains.

As you know, August 5, 2014 was The National Night Out Celebration, and this year Berkley was the Honored Neighborhood. I want to congratulate the residents and the entire planning committee for giving all who attended a wonderful event. Just as important, I want to thank CPAAAN's Vice-President, Allen Williams for representing CPAAAN at the Planning Committee Meeting for National Night Out. Allen has a busy work schedule, so if he had to be at work and was unable to attend a meeting, he communicated with Mary Babcock in order to be kept up to date. I thank Donna Williams for sending out all the notices relating to National Night Out.

What a great team these members made, I thank all of you for a job well done.

August 28, 2014 will be the start of the Citizens Police Academy Class. Please remember to bring a covered dish, your contributions of food for the classes are very much needed and appreciated.

An important reminder for The Crime Prevention Award Ceremony, October 6, 2014. Tickets are on sale now, we have a deadline to give a head count for the event and the deadline is September 22, 2014.

Our 2014-2015 year will feature a Refresher Course. Some of our members have been requesting to attend classes with the Citizens Police Academy to make up for classes they missed or may not have been available when they went through the Academy. Chief Goldsmith suggested some months ago that CPAAAN have our own Refresher Course. Please plan to attend all of our General Meetings, so you will not miss any of the classes.

I look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting, September 16, 2014.

Yvette Brown, President

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The June meeting was called to order by Yvette Brown. The invocation was given by Ms. Donnel Justice. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Allen Williams. Motion to adopt the May minutes as published was made by Ms. Sharon Beaty, and seconded by Ms. Babcock. The Treasurer’s report was given by Ms. Warring.

Ms. Brown then introduced our speaker, Dr. Lawrence G. Dotolo, Ph.D. who presented checks to the three 2014 Scholarship recipients. Dr. Dotolo mentioned that his visit to China last year to speak about higher education, and that about 290,000 students are sent to the United States. Upon graduation in the US, most get a job and bring their parent to the United States. Creativity and imagination are what they like about United States schools. Students in China go to school six days a week. Dr. Dotolo congratulated the scholarship recipients for furthering their education and said that it was a honor over the years to have presented the scholarships to such deserving young people.

Ms. Brown presented Certificates of Appreciation to two Civic Leagues, Fairmount Park and Ballentine, for their support of CPAAAN, noting that we work together and cannot do it alone. Ms. Shirley Bailey, Mary Babcock and Dorothy Rawls accepted the certificate on behalf of Ballentine Civic League. Mr. Taylor Gould and Mrs. Nicole Gould accepted the certificate on behalf of Fairmount Park Civic League.

Chief Michael Goldsmith thanked the members for their ongoing support of the NPD, and congratulated the students who were awarded the scholarships. The Chief and Ms. Brown thanked the members for their continued support especially during the challenges of the past few weeks.

Ms. Linda Stokes Editor of the CPAAAN News was thanked for her work and in particular her flexibility in including an article about our greatly missed Officer Brian Jones, who was recently killed in the line of duty.

Upcoming events to remember: National Night Out in August and Crime Prevention Awards Ceremony in October.

Dues are due in September.

The Citizens Police Academy Class starts August 28, 2014.

The 50/50 was drawn. Members were thanked for helping to keep the classroom clean and removing the trash. Meeting was adjourned.

Magalene McKelvey, Recording Secretary
KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

It’s been a beautiful summer, the weather has been incredible and the days enjoyable for outdoor fun. However part of our summer was marred when a number of our youth suddenly became injured victims as a result of gun violence. The suspects in some of these incidents were also youth. No matter what side of the gun youth may be on, the outcome will likely be a negative one. Thankfully no parent lost a child during that senseless weekend of violence.

As the promise of a new academic school year grows closer and summer days draw shorter, I am asking you to talk to your children about staying safe, and avoiding peers and places that may present irreparable harm to them. My children are no longer teens, however I am only a few short years away from having said to them what I will say to whomever is charged with the wellbeing of a child:

Know where your children are at all times
Know their friends and acquaintance’s
Hold children accountable for their whereabouts
Teach children to resolve arguments with their peers without weapons
Engage clergy, teachers or any adult who has positive influence on your children, to encourage model behavior and good citizenship

Keeping our children safe is a responsibility we all share, and to that end, we are working on creative initiatives and partnerships that will engage and strengthen our communications with youth. These partnerships will allow officer’s to volunteer as literacy mentors, role models, lunch mates, etc. We will also launch an anti-violence public service media campaign, featuring local teens and citizen stakeholders that you may recognize.

We simply don’t have all the answers. Please tell me what you think we can do, to turn down gun and youth violence. I will listen. Norfolk Police will even come to you. Check our Facebook page and Twitter for scheduled events or forums. Youth and gun violence will not be our new normal. Let’s work together for the safe longevity of our youth.
Norfolk Sheriff’s Office Team Members

Pitch In to Assist Disabled Vet

Ken Sypult, a Navy veteran and partial amputee, depends on a cane, walker and wheelchair to get around at times, due to medical conditions. His Norfolk home is equipped with a handicap-accessible ramp—albeit an aging and weathered ramp—which caught the attention of his neighbor—Norfolk Sheriff’s Office Lt. Colonel Cindy Borum.

Borum decided the ramp needed to be replaced. She enlisted the help of members of the Sheriff’s Emergency Response Team (SERT). Borum agreed to pay for the construction materials if SERT members would help her shop for them and build the ramp. They didn’t hesitate to pitch in.

On Saturday, August 9, 2014 eight sworn NSO personnel reported for volunteer duty and a labor of love to build Sypult a new accessway. Borum and Sgt. Brad Ward coordinated the project which was completed in a day.

When Sheriff Bob McCabe, a former Navy vet himself, learned of the project he said he was overcome with great pride. “I’m not surprised that the SERT members stepped up or that the Lt. Colonel dug into her own pockets because they’re always willing to help. But, it especially pleases me to know they were able to assist a vet, a person who served us honorably, and who didn’t ask for help but who graciously accepted the assistance. I always feel the NSO is here for our heroes and this is a perfect example.”

22nd Annual Crime Prevention Awards Ceremony

Save the Date!

Monday, October 6, 2014, 6:30 PM

Tickets are still available!

Doubletree at Airport Hilton
1500 North Military Highway
Norfolk, Virginia  23502

The Crime Prevention Awards Ceremony will honor individuals and groups in Law Enforcement, Volunteers, City Employees, Group Service, and Youth categories.

Featured Keynote Speaker for this year’s event will be Royce E. Curtin, Special Agent in Charge, FBI Norfolk Field Office.

To purchase dinner tickets ($30 each), or $300 for a table of 10, contact Edith Warring at 587-1802. Awards ceremony dinner tickets will be on sale until September 22nd.

For more information, please call Yvette Brown at 339-8091.
The Fall Citizen’s Police Academy Session will begin August 28!

Citizen’s Police Academy and CPAAAN

The Citizen’s Police Academy is a program designed to provide Norfolk residents first-hand information about how their police department works, and develop partnerships with the citizens to help make the City of Norfolk a strong, safe community. This program has continued to increase in popularity; more than 1000 citizens have received training in the academy, which requires the commitment of one night a week (Thursdays from 6:30PM-9:30PM) for a 13-week period. You must attend 6 classes to graduate. Missed classes can be made up at future academies.

To enroll in the academy, participants must: be 18 years of age or older, complete an application for enrollment, and pass a limited background investigation. Applications are available by contacting the Norfolk Police at 664-6921.

Classes include, but are not limited to topics such as; gangs, dispatch center operations, criminal investigations, narcotics investigations, forensics and crime scene investigations, K9 and the drug dog, the pistol range, the bomb squad, a jail tour and a behind-the-scenes airport tour. Learning is reinforced by practical exercises.

Upon graduation from the academy, citizens have the opportunity to join CPAAAN, the Citizen’s Police Academy Alumni Association of Norfolk, whose mission is “to support law enforcement in Norfolk, Virginia through education, information, networking, community service and volunteerism.” CPAAAN members are very active within their communities and assist the police department during the Citizens’ Police Academy sessions as well as with a variety of other events such as the Basic Recruit Academy graduation ceremonies.
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