CPAAAN News
MAY 2015


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, May 19  7:00 pm
Presenter: Assistant Chief Ed Ryan
Topic: Officer of the Year Award

Noteworthy: Election of CPAAAN Officers

Next meeting:
Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 pm
Speaker: Dr. Lawrence Dotolo

Topic: John Rogers Scholastic Scholarship Awards

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Happy Birthday To:
♦ May 15 — Brenda C. Roberts
♦ May 17 — Monica Lohr
♦ May 19 — Velma Birkel
♦ May 27 — Margaret Hoots
♦ May 30 — Corey Miller

If your name is not here, please update your membership information. Thanks

Food for Thought:
To BE KIND is MORE important than to be right. Many times, what people need is NOT a brilliant mind that speaks but a SPECIAL HEART that LISTENS.
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,

First, I would like to thank Officer Courtney Smith for his outstanding and interactive presentation on community policing. The first time I met Officer Smith was several years ago in the Lamberts Point neighborhood. What I learned about Officer Smith was that the residents of Lamberts Point and Huntersville had the utmost trust in his ability as an Officer, and knew that if they needed him at any time of the day or night, he would be there. Officer Smith has been responsible for turning around the lives of at risk youth by being a positive role model, mentor, and coming up with positive activities to get the youth involved in.

Last month a notice went out by E-Mail announcing the passing of Lewis Bateman, a long time CPAAAN member and valued Board member. Mr. Bateman was a family man, business man, a member of The Chesapeake Citizen's Police Academy Alumni and of course CPAAAN. I speak for all of the CPAAAN membership and board, in saying that "his presence will be missed". Whenever the NPD needed us to serve at any event, Lewis was always there. To the Bateman family, we give our deepest sympathy. I will always remember Lewis as an honorable man, dedicated to his church and family, the city of Norfolk, the Norfolk Police Department and to CPAAAN. It was my honor to work with Lewis and call him my friend. "Lewis Bateman", a life well lived.

At this month General meeting there will be the presentation of CPAAAN's Officer of The Year award. I hope all of our membership will attend, it is so important to honor the Officers that serve our communities.

I look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting, May 19, 2015

Yvette Brown, President
Minutes from April 21, 2015

President Yvette Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The invocation was offered by Ms. Donnel Justice. The pledge of allegiance was led by Clarence Holmes. The treasurer’s report was given by Margaret Anne Craig.

After a brief business meeting the guest speaker Officer Courtney Smith was introduced. He spoke about Community Policing.

Officer Courtney Smith has been with the Norfolk Police Department for 11 years as a Community Resource Officer. He explained to us what a Community Resource Officer is expected to do while on patrol. Some examples are to provide protection and police service to the needs of the people, do foot patrols in their assigned areas, meet and greet, get to know the people, and to help work situations out by talking not fighting. They also check on the elderly, and make sure the community sees them every day, not only when called for a situation. It is a joint effort between the officers and the community for this to be effective. Visibility is the key to Community policing. He also said there are 4 community officers in each sector; you can go to the city web site to find out who is in your area.

Yvette Brown announced that May 11, 2015 is the annual Fallen Officers Memorial Service on the steps of City Hall at 9:00 am. CPAAAN will be handing out water and pinning on the ribbons. At the general meeting on May 19, 2015 the Officer of the Year Award will be presented, and nominations and elections of the CPAAAN officers for 2015-2017 term will be held. The National Night Out Committee is planning a meeting on May 14, 2015 at Northside Park at 5:00pm. The fall session CPA will start August 27 and end November 19, 2015. Information and an application can be obtained on line for this, let’s get the word out to friends and neighbors.

Carolee Beckam announced that at least 350 recipes are needed for the cookbook fundraiser. We currently only have about 50, so let’s round up our favorite recipes and also ask our friends and family to contribute theirs.

Winner of the 50/50 drawing was Bill Childress. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Beaty, Recording Secretary
Chief's Message

This month the Norfolk Police Department Peace Officers' Memorial Service will be held Monday, May 11th, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., on the front steps of City Hall, 810 Union Street. Each year the Department pays tribute to Norfolk Police officers’ who made the ultimate sacrifice, with a memorial service. In 1962 President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers’ Memorial Day, and the week of that date as Police Week, to honor law enforcement officers in the United States who perished in the line of duty. This year National Police Week will be observed May 11th – 16th, 2015

This year Mayor Paul Fraim will issue a proclamation calling Norfolk citizens to observe May 11th - May 16th as Police Week. Sadly since the last Norfolk Police Peace Officers’ Memorial, another Norfolk Police officer has made the ultimate sacrifice. Tragically, we lost one of Norfolk Police Department’s finest, and finest human beings, Officer Brian W. Jones, on May 30, 2014. Officer Jones was well liked and respected by citizens and peers alike, and loved by his family. Many CPAAAN members fondly recall Officer Jones as a very engaging Community Resource Officer who delivered consummate customer service, easy to understand presentations for civic league members, crime prevention tips to all, and time enough to swap a family story or two about his beloved wife Rebecca and their 3 children, shared with the ease of a familiar friend or neighbor. Officer Jones former partner, and best friend, Officer Daniel Chaney, shared at Officer Jones' funeral how his passion for policing never seemed to wane, even when the hands of the clock were just a couple of minutes or seconds shy of quitting time, and their vehicle even closer to the precinct parking lot, when suddenly a call for service would come through the radio, and Brian would say, “Man, we don’t do it for the money, we do it for the people!” Officer Jones served his community and didn’t watch the clock. He was a Navy veteran who honorably served our country, the residents of Norfolk, and his family until his last breath.

If you have ever wondered how to best remember or honor police officers lost in the line of duty, take a moment during National Police Week or any time, to speak or write words of gratitude to their families who bear the pain of their ultimate sacrifice. At this years’ tribute, we will unveil a new standing marker to honor Norfolk’s fallen heroes. Please join us in honoring our fallen officers May 11th, and share your gratitude with their families that day.
Good stories usually end up in libraries, but it’s rare for one to start there.

But that’s exactly what happened inside our Norfolk City Jail Library tucked away in a small room on the 7th floor.

After a round of budget cuts, we were forced to reduce our library staff of three to just one person. I knew the man for the job would have to be Dan Provance: A Vietnam veteran who won awards for efficiency while working on Air Force One, and a former police officer. But that’s not all. As it goes, Provance always does what it takes to get the job done right. He even took a break from law enforcement to sell insurance to put his two children through college. His son went on to have a successful acting career, becoming a double for Bruce Willis in the hit “Die Hard” movies.

But then, it was back to his passion. At 66 years old, Provance wanted to join our Norfolk Sheriff’s Office team, and he did, becoming the oldest man in Virginia’s history to graduate from a Sheriff’s Office academy.

I had confidence that Provance would tackle the challenge of running our jail library solo. He started by reorganizing and labeling all the books into a color coded system. He found out we had too many romance books, and not enough inspirational material. Most importantly, he brought a problem to light. We didn’t have enough books to go around. You see, our policy allows each inmate to check out two books at a time. We were at least 1,000 books short.

It turns out, that with the economic downturn, public libraries had stopped donating to the jail, and over time, our paperback books started falling apart.

Our Public Information Officer Karen Hopkins heard the tip, and I encouraged her to start a campaign to ask the public to donate books. Armed with her iPhone, she created a video showing the need, posting to our Facebook Page and Twitter. She alerted local media outlets, and they aired the story.

You, the citizens of Norfolk, reacted with compassion. Our goal was to bring in 1,000 books, but we received nearly 3,000 books, and a $500 donation from Norfolk Urban Outreach Ministry.

I would like to thank all of you who answered the call to help our inmates. I am humbled by your kindness.

Many citizens fail to realize that the average stay of a Norfolk inmate is 58 days; nearly 70% will be coming back into our community within a short time. I believe in giving those that will return to society an opportunity to learn to make better decisions to prevent them from coming back to jail.

I hope these books will help inspire inmates to stretch their minds, to find inspiration to rise above.

The best part, is the rest of this story is yet to be told.
Even Super Heroes Take Swimming Lessons.

Keep your little heroes safe this summer.

- Always swim with a buddy.
- Avoid water wings; wear a life jacket instead.
- Never drink water from pools, lakes or rivers.
- Teach kids to swim – it’s the best way to stay safe in the water.

Visit www.nationalwatersafetymonth.org for more tips on playing it safe this summer.
As previously announced, the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association of Norfolk (CPAAAN) is planning to prepare a taste-tempting custom cookbook featuring recipes from our members, friends, First Responders, and the Norfolk Police Department. Due to inclement weather the February general membership meeting was cancelled and the deadline for submitting recipes was extended. We are currently accepting recipes and will continue to do so at the next few general meetings, as well as by email and regular mail. It would be very much appreciated if your recipes are submitted at the earliest possible time. You may bring them to the meetings, email them to caroleeb@cox.net, or send by regular mail to 2101 Helsley Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23518.

Please submit as many recipes as you would like so that you can be represented in the new CPAAAN cookbook. Be sure to include the recipe title, category and the contributor’s name so it can be acknowledged. We ask that you print legibly (one recipe per 8 ½ X 11 page, written in paragraph form). List the ingredients in order of use. Indicate container size, along with cooking, baking and/or freezing times. Your help in contributing recipes will ensure that our cookbook will be a big success. Ask your friends and relatives from out of state to send their special recipes along also. Your family’s favorite recipes are always welcome!

Among the many and varied observances we have in May is: National Stroke Awareness, Jewish American Heritage, Mental Health Awareness, National Military Appreciation, Skin Cancer Awareness, National Smile, National Bike, National Golf, and National Water Safety. Notable days are: Mayday on the 1st, Cinco de Mayo on the 5th, Mothers Day on the 10th, Peace Officers Memorial Day on the 15th, Armed Forces Day on the 16th, Pentecost/Shavuot on the 24th, Memorial Day on the 25th along with National Missing Childrens’ Day.
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