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 15, 7:00 pm
Guest Speaker: Chief Michael Goldsmith
Norfolk Police Dept.
Topic: Installation of CPAAAN Officers for 2015-2016

Next meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 pm
Guest Speaker: Michelle Morgan
Norfolk Fire Dept.
Life Safety Educator Office of Public Affairs

See You there and Bring a dish for Pot Luck

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If you think you are too small to make a difference, you haven’t spent the night with a mosquito.

-African proverb
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,

Welcome back, I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. This year our break was very busy, but I was happy to see our CPAAAN membership and board come out and participate in the scheduled Police Department and Community Events.

Looking back at CPAAAN's 2014-2015 year, I am very pleased by the increase of our members' participation. I would like to give a special thank you to the CPAAAN members and staff who attended the Police Recruit Graduation and National Night Out at Crossroads Neighborhood. We should also congratulate and thank the Crossroad residents for a wonderful event. I want to thank one of our brand new members, Tony for attending Inglefest and taking photos; Tony has agreed to be CPAAAN photographer.

CPAAAN would like to welcome all of our new members, and we look forward to working with you.

This month our speaker will be Chief Michael Goldsmith. Please arrive on time, I know you wouldn’t want to miss Chief Goldsmith presentation. Remember, if possible, please bring a dish to share. I look forward to seeing you at 7pm, September 15, 2015.

Yvette Brown
President

John Roger Scholastic Scholarship

Boosters:
- Faye Johansen
- Eileen and Sam Sanchez
- August Raber

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President Yvette Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The invocation was offered by Bill Childress. The pledge of allegiance was led by Jim Hahn. After a brief business meeting the guest speaker Dr. Dotolo was introduced.

Dr. Lawrence Dotolo, President of Virginia Tidewater Consortium for Higher Education announced the three recipients of the 2015 CPAAAN scholarship award. Each of the three winners received a $1,500.00 check made out to their respective colleges. Awardees are: Racheal Posch who will be a Freshman at ODU; Brianna Posch, who is a rising Junior at ODU, and Samantha Seacrest, who is a Freshman at Liberty University. Congratulations to all three young ladies, and best wishes for the future.

President Yvette Brown announced that Tammy Nolette and Valerie Viveiros have accepted the position of Events Coordinators. Congratulations to them both. Yvette announced that the next regularly scheduled general membership meeting will be on September 15, 2015.

Susan Winston was our 50/50 winner. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Beaty, Recording Secretary
What a busy and productive summer season we have enjoyed in Norfolk. Together citizens and officers continue to shorten the gap for mutual trust throughout the city, with a variety of game changing engagement endeavors. As of this printing Norfolk Police Department has produced, and or partnered for, 3 Cops and Community Cookouts, 4 Gang Awareness – Anti Bullying Saturday Mini Camps, the Police Athletic League Annual Summer Youth Camp, Teens With a Purpose - Summer Experience with Officers, and participated in several other youth camps in Norfolk.

We are now gearing up to introduce new community initiatives and partnerships, however in the interim please consider joining us in serving with our officers as literacy tutors-mentors in our PLUS - Police Leadership Unveils Success initiative, with the Life Enrichment Center of Norfolk. The connections our officers have made with the youngest Norfolk citizens has created solid relationships for the future. Call the LEC at (757) 623-6001 or log onto www.lecnorfolk.org Police work never stops, and we will never cease in our commitment to grow closer to the residents in the communities we serve and recruit for the best officers for the City of Norfolk.

Thank you for your continued engagement with us on Norfolk Police Department social media sites. When you “share” a post of a missing child or suspect, you show your on-line community partnership with police, and concern for fellow citizens. The Norfolk Police Department Facebook page continues to gain more “friends,” and has the fastest growing social media of any of the City of Norfolk Department’s. Community Relations Manager, Karen Parker-Chesson, and Public Information Officers Melinda Wray, Daniel Hudson and Sam Shenouda, continue to solidly brand and market the department with engaging posts that focus on community policing, and highlight the great customer service of our officers. In fact, in July the Norfolk Police Department was the subject of a British Broadcast Corporation - BBC documentary about officer recruitment. Here is the link if you have not yet seen the feature. http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-33681160

Another highlight of the summer includes Sergeant Craig Lovelace being named the Norfolk Police Departments’ liaison for the LGBT community. Lovelace has served and protected Norfolk residents since 1992, and this time last year was the Sergeant in the Recruitment Unit.

And finally, congratulations to Recruit Academy 96! As of July 23, 2015, the City of Norfolk has 19 more men and women to serve and protect! I wish them well and am confident they will provide our residents with the best customer service.
Student Graduates with full high school diploma in Jail

A Norfolk student received his standard high school diploma for the first time in the Norfolk City Jail’s history. Javonta Norfleet had one semester left to finish at Booker T. Washington, when he was charged with robbery, and sentenced to serve three years.

Where one might see a disappointing situation, Teacher Donita Gordon saw hope. She worked with graduation coach Stephanie Hazell at Booker T. Washington to bring all of Norfleet’s assignments to jail. This partnership between Norfolk Public Schools and the Norfolk Sheriff’s Office started in 2001 with the “No Child Left Behind Act.”

While several students have earned their GEDs and special diplomas in jail, Gordon wanted to take the program a step further. She wanted Norfleet to earn his standard diploma, where a student must earn at least 22 credits and pass all SOL tests.

“Javonta worked tirelessly, night and day. Surprisingly, he received a lot of encouragement from other inmates. They would walk by and give him the fist pump,” Gordon said.

While working with Norfleet, Gordon realized his brother was also graduating from Booker T. Washington this year. “These brothers will graduate from Booker T. at two different locations, but both will receive the same diploma,” Gordon remarked.

A graduation ceremony was held inside the Norfolk City Jail on June 11th, where a Regent University Professor encouraged the students to continue with their education. Eight other incarcerated students received special diplomas, meaning they can attend vocational school and can work on earning their GEDs.

Norfleet has one more year left to serve on his sentence, but he plans to enroll in Tidewater Community College as soon as he is released. His teacher hopes his story will serve as a lesson for others. “Other youth need to know you can get off track, but your life and fate isn’t over yet. You have an opportunity to get back on track,” Gordon said.
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- Current Registration

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September

**OBSERVANCES:** National Hispanic heritage, National Cholesterol Education, Prostate Cancer Awareness, National School Success, National Honey Month, and more.

**HOLIDAYS:** Labor Day (7th), Start of School (8th), Patriot Day (11th), Rosh Hashanah (14th-15th), Constitution & Citizenship Day (17th), Yom Kippur (23rd), Start of Sukkot (28th).
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