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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, December 19, 2017 7:00 pm

HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Guest: Homeland Security Division

Next Meeting : January 16, 2018

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Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año Nuevo!

HAPPY KWANZAA!

Happy Hanukkah

Happy Holidays

Happy New Year
Dear Membership,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday; although some of our CPAAAN members were away for the holiday, we still had a good turnout.

CPAAAN would like to thank Officers Dozier and Rodriguez for their presentation on Holiday Safety. Officer Dozier also spoke about the importance of having a home security system. For members that do not have a security system for their home, it may be wise to look into systems that are adequate and can fit into your budget.

December 7, 2017 at 6:30pm was the 101st Police Recruit Graduation at the Attucks Theater. There were 19 graduates. CPAAAN would like to give our congratulations to all of the new Norfolk Police Officers. I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. McEntee, Linda Stokes and Magalene McKelvey for all the help they provided for the graduation. These members did an outstanding job, setting up and serving the refreshments after the graduation.

This month is our Annual Holiday Social. I hope you will bring a dish to share.

Thank you for another great year. I wish all of the membership happy holidays and all the best for the New Year's.

I look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting, December 19, 2017 at 7pm.

Yvette Brown
President
BEWARE of "Porch Pirates": Here’s how you can safely receive packages.

This holiday season, Americans plan to accomplish 51 percent of their holiday shopping online. Delivery thefts are rampant, particularly this time of year when an increasing number of parcels from Internet merchants are dropped off at doorsteps and on porches. This makes them prime targets for “Porch Piracy”. If you shop online, here are some tips to protect yourself:

➢ Choose a shipping option that requires you to sign for delivery or track the delivery status online so you can try to be home when the package arrives. Some retailers or shipping companies even offer text messages that alert you when items have been delivered.

➢ Have the package delivered to your workplace if it is allowed or to a trusted neighbor or friend who is more likely to be home.

➢ Ask the shipping company to hold your package for customer pick-up at their local facility; some offer locker pickup locations.

➢ Make note of your shipments’ tracking numbers, or ask for the numbers if they are not automatically provided. You’ll be able to monitor your packages while in transit and have a better idea when they will be delivered. Plan to be home during that time window if possible or request assistance from a friend or relative to help you out.

➢ Some companies offer free-to-use lockers in supermarkets and other public locales for customers to securely receive or return deliveries. The lockers open with codes which the company provides, ensuring someone else won’t steal your goods.

➢ If delivering your package elsewhere is not an option you feel uncomfortable with, ask your delivery person to hide the package from street view – tucked in a porch corner, in a mailbox or cooler, behind Christmas decorations, or on the side of your house. You don’t want to leave packages sitting on your front porch to let people know you’re not home.

➢ Keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles that might appear to be following delivery trucks or lingering too long in front of homes. Report license-plate numbers and other details to the police.

➢ Get to know your U.S. Postal Service worker and service-deliery employees. In many cases, these will be the same people in your neighborhood for weeks, months or years at a time, so establishing a rapport can be helpful when problems need to be solved.

➢ Report stolen packages to the police so they are better able to work on catching thieves, who are often targeting multiple homes and not just yours. If you suspect your package has been stolen and you do not have a security camera system, see if any neighbors have security footage of the area.
The meeting was called to order by Yvette Brown (President) at 7:15 pm. The Invocation was offered, followed by The Pledge Of Allegiance. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Minutes as published.

Our guest speakers were Officers Dozier and Rodriquez, from The Community Affairs Office. Both Officers spoke on Holiday Safety, crimes and tips. Crime rises during the holidays because families go on vacation, leaving their homes, also more people travel with cash. A few top crimes during the holiday season are identity theft, credit cards fraud (on line shopping), larceny, and robbery. Three words were defined that we hear every day; 1. Larceny: taken from you, your car or your home without your permission. 2. Robbery: use of threat, force or intimidation to take something from you. 3. Burglary: breaking into your house, whether they actually take anything or not.

We received many safety tips and to name a few; computer software should be updated when required. Use secure WIFI connection. Shop at companies you are familiar with. Be aware of unrealistic discounts and advertisements. Ensure all windows and doors are locked before leaving. Have an alarm system and make sure it’s armed when you leave, even if it’s just for a few minutes. Have automatic time lights to turned on; have packages delivered to the post office; also check into having your home visited by our finest men and women in blue while you are out. Park in a well-lit traffic area. Secure all valuables out of sight (if in sight, it will take flight); best place is the trunk. Double check windows, making sure they are rolled up and locked before walking away. Do not leave vehicles running and unattended for any reason.

If possible, go shopping during the day time. Use the buddy system, because there are strength in numbers. Do not wear expensive jewelry or carry large hand bags. Carry cases and credit card in your front pockets. Check banks and credit cards accounts statement for unauthorized purchases and report it to the bank immediately. Be aware of strangers approaching, call 911 immediately. When witnessing a crime, notify the police of the basic such as sex, race, color of clothing, height and weight, facial hair, tattoos, etc. Do not touch anything. Forensics will recover fingerprints. Keep records of serial numbers of your belongings. Again, important reminders: 1. Always stay alert; 2. Beware of scene; 3. Lock house and car at all times.

Ms. Brown reminded us of the Norfolk Police Recruit 101st Graduation on December 7, 2017, at the Attucks Theater; help is needed for support. Also our Annual Christmas Social is December 19, 2017.

The 50/50 was won by Mary Babcock and donated back to CPAAAN.

The meeting was adjourned.

Magalene McKelvey
Thank you to the Norfolk Sheriff’s office staff and many others for the congratulatory messages received after the citizens of Norfolk elected me on November 7th as your Sheriff in my first election by the people. I will take office officially on January 1 as my journey as Sheriff continues.

I will continue to live by the NSO Mission Statement Motto and Core Values and I expect no less from my nearly 500 dedicated employees.

We are committed to public safety, public services, and public trust. This includes providing an environment of life, health, safety, and security. We serve in the spirit of the Golden Rule: Treat others the way you would like to be treated.

My resolution is to demonstrate integrity in all things, respect at all times, duty without prejudice, pride without ego and team before self.

I look forward to serving as YOUR SHERIFF for the next four years!

~Sheriff Joe Baron

The Norfolk Sheriff’s Office is proud to congratulate and welcome the members of the 59th Basic Academy Class to our team.

The graduation ceremony for the 59th Basic Academy Class was held on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at the Norfolk Fire Rescue Training Center. The ceremony was Sheriff Baron’s first since being elected to the office on November 7th. Deputy City Manager Michael Goldsmith (former Norfolk Police Chief) delivered the keynote speech during the ceremony.

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**MEMBERS OF 59TH BASIC ACADEMY CLASS GRADUATE, JOIN NSO FAMILY**

**SEASON’S GREETINGS**
THE 2017 FALL CLASS OF THE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

CPAAAN congratulates the fall class of the Citizen Police Academy for graduating on Thursday, November 16, 2017.

CPAAAN is also happy that several chose to join our association.

Congratulations and Welcome!

YOUTH ACADEMY GRADUATION AT LARRYMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On November 13, 2017, CPAAAN members attended the graduation of the Police Youth Academy at Larrymore Elementary School.

There was also a graduation class of 30 students in the Youth Academy at Oceanair Elementary School on November 1, 2017.

These academies built an interest of a career in law enforcement and they teach laws and policies that help the students become law-abiding citizens, and foster respect for law enforcement officers.
OBSERVANCES: Universal Human Rights Month, Safe Toys and Gifts Month, National Impaired Driving Prevention, AIDS Awareness Month, Worldwide Food Service Safety Month.

HOLIDAYS: World AIDS Day (1st); Advent Begins (3rd); Pearl Harbor Remembrance (7th); Human Rights Day (10th); Hanukkah starts (12th); Hanukkah ends (20th); Winter Solstice (21st); Christmas Day (25th); Kwanzaa starts (26th); New Year’s Day and Kwanzaa ends (Jan 1, 2018).
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