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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, March 21, 7:00 pm
Guest Speaker: Sheriff Joe Baron
Norfolk Sheriff’s Office

**Next Meeting**
Tuesday, April 18, 7:00 pm
Nominations and election of CPAAAN Officers

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**Food for Thought:**

Mar 5 — Clarence Holmes, Jr.
Catherine Schweitzer
Mar 8 — Catherine Wallis
Mar 12 — Vanessa Onyirimba
Mar 13 — Joseph “Sammy” Bateman
Mar 18 — August Raber
Mar 21 — Marceline Peet
Mar 24 — Truzinski Scott
Paula Whalen
Mar 23 — Magalene McKelvey
Mar 28 — Kargit Sanderlin
Mar 29 — Thomas Murname
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.
CPAAAN General Meeting
February 21, 2017
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Yvette Brown at 7:00 pm. The invocation was given, the Pledge of Allegiance recited, minutes of the last meeting were approved, and the treasurer’s report was presented.

Roger Whitley from the Office of Community Affairs was our guest speaker. He spoke about several programs that offer citizens the opportunity to partner with law enforcement in identifying suspicious situations. He stated that 95% of arrests are the direct result of a citizen’s phone call.

Neighborhood Watch involved persons in each neighborhood who keep an eye out for any unusual activity in their areas and report it. The Community Affairs Office can also disseminate information to Neighborhood Watch Captains who can send it to their members. Statistics indicate that there is a 15-18% reduction in crime in areas that have an active Neighborhood Watch program.

The Business Watch program operates in a similar manner to Neighborhood Watch. Business owners are encouraged to keep an eye on businesses.

Dog Walker Watch is much like Neighborhood Watch except it encourages citizens to be aware of their surroundings while doing everyday activities, such as walking their dog. If a suspicious activity is observed, citizens should go to a safe place and notify police, not confronting suspects themselves.

Suspect Identification Profile information provided us with specific examples of characteristics to be observed in persons engaged in suspicious activities. Descriptions that will assist law enforcement in identifying these persons include a description of inalterable physical traits such as height, weight, and features such as scars. A description of any weapons and vehicles is also appreciated.

He provided three ways to report crimes, including phone call to 664-7938. The person who answers the phone will take the report. You can request an officer come to you and get the information, or you can fill out an online form.

His department provides residential security surveys, a speaker’s bureau, and administers the PALS program.

Announcements after the presentation included reminders:

- Crime Prevention Awards, March 20, tickets $30
- Citizen’s Police Academy begins, March 30, please attend and bring a covered dish
- Criminal Justice Explorer Graduation, March 31, 3rd Patrol Division
- Active Shooter Drill, April 8, 9-12

Door prizes were distributed.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Winstin, substituting for Secretary Sharon Beaty
Springing Forward and Enjoy Norfolk

Spring is just days away and there is much to enjoy in the City of Norfolk! What appeared to be a tame winter is nearly over, with several nice days of unseasonably warm temperatures. The Spring Equinox is Monday, March 20th, and I want to remind you of a few crime prevention tips that will help keep you safe and smart, and three ways you can have fun, honor first responders, and be charitable for kid’s good health.

- In between winter and spring we often give the heat and air condition system a break, and open windows in our home. Just remember to close and lock those windows and patio doors before you leave your home, or go to bed.
- Remember that our vehicles hold and protect many of our personal items, and shopping purchases. Please lock your doors, and do not leave your vehicle turned on and unlocked.
- Home improvement scams and criminals posing as contractors are often just around the corner with a change in season. Beware especially if you did not solicit a home improvement service/visit. Share with your neighbors and your civic league if you witness a suspicious person offering services, or looking into your property windows.
- If someone comes to your door and claims to be a utility representative (electric, gas, water) ask them to show you their company photo identification card, or call the utility company to verify their employment affiliation.
- Show yourself as an engaged and watchful neighbor, and take note of the coming and going of unfamiliar people or activity you believe may seem suspicious. I always say, “trust your gut!” Allow your senses to serve as crime prevention tools. See something, say something, and dial 9-1-1.
- Sunday, March 12, we all “Spring Forward” with Daylight Saving Time. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour, and check and or change the batteries in your home smoke alarms.

On Saturday, March 4, first responders will rally for the kids of CHKD with the 9th Annual Gun’s and Hoses Hockey Tournament at SCOPE at 2:00pm. There will be plenty of family fun with McGruff the Crime Dog on site for pictures, the Special Operation Team’s armored Bearcat, and Norfolk Fire’s big red fire truck and Sparky the fire dog mascot. Let’s support this effort with a ticket or t-shirt, and call Sgt. Deleo at (757) 757-651-8831.

I’ll see you for the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association of Norfolk’s Crime Prevention Awards Dinner, Monday, March 20, 6:30 p.m. at The DoubleTree by Hilton, 1500 North Military Highway in Norfolk. The keynote speaker for the occasion is Mayor Kenneth C. Alexander.

Norfolk will serve as host to some of the best basketball this side of the Mid-Atlantic, with the 2017 MEAC Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournament at SCOPE, March 6th – 11th. Be sure to note our Captains and Assistant Chiefs in white blouses. Know that when you see an officer in a white blouse, you can be assured of Norfolk’s finest customer service. Also check out the new NPD “Welcome Video” playing on the jumbo-tron inside Scope throughout the tournament. Stay safe!
Norfolk Sheriff's Office Implements First LGBT Liaison

The Norfolk Sheriff's Office takes pride in being a progressive organization that provides an inclusive work environment and a diverse staff. Over the years, the NSO has built a solid relationship between the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) community.

Continuing that relationship, Sheriff Joe Baron is proud to announce the implementation of an on-staff LGBT liaison, Lieutenant Meryah Breeden. Corporal Xavier Kent will support her as the assistant LGBT liaison. Sheriff Baron is the first sheriff in Hampton Roads to initiate this type of position, which is similar to others recently created by police departments across the country.

On top of their normal duties, Lieutenant Breeden’s and Corporal Kent's roles will include serving as spokespeople for the NSO to local LGBT demographics, represent LGBT interests to the leaders of the NSO, as well as promoting the organization as a safe, hostile-free environment to work in, regardless of sexual orientation. "We want to make sure our staff understands that they are fully supported if they want to attend events or volunteer for things that maybe in the past they didn't feel comfortable doing. As an organization, we have their backs," Lieutenant Breeden said.

Additionally, the Norfolk Sheriff's Office is proud to have the full support of Hampton Roads Pride, a local organization that unites the LGBT community and allied communities in support of inclusion, dignity, and equality "In any workplace, anytime you can make any effort to be more inclusive, you're going to create an environment where people will be more likely to stay or want to join," Michael Berlucchi, President of Hampton Roads Pride said.

Hampton Roads Pride vows to provide assistance and resources to the Norfolk Sheriff's Office, if needed. "We are beyond excited to have their commitment to equality and for their service to the community," Berlucchi added.

The staff at the NSO has been notified of this new initiative. Individuals are encouraged to seek out their liaisons to get involved in volunteer opportunities, ways to recruit others, or just talk about life. "To think of where I was when I was in college, where I was uncomfortable being a lesbian. Now I'm in an organization where I can be open with who I am," Lieutenant Breeden said.

Sheriff Baron hopes by making Lieutenant Breeden and Corporal Kent available to staff members, every employee will feel embraced as a person when he or she comes to work. "No one should have to check his or her identity at the door," Sheriff Baron said.

Corporal Kent agrees, stating that the NSO has always been supportive of his choices and he is so proud to be giving back to others who may need some assistance.

"I feel like I'm part of a family here. I know that if I pick up the phone and call one of my coworkers, whether I'm gay or straight, they'll have my back," Corporal Kent said.

The NSO will continue Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) training and maintain objective classification for all inmates inside the city jail.
For information or tickets, please contact Yvette Brown at 339-8091. Tickets are $30.00 per person or $300.00 for a table of 10.
MARCH 2017

OBSERVANCES: Women’s History, National Nutrition, Red Cross, Irish-American Heritage, National Colorectal Cancer Awareness, National Ethics Awareness, National Kidney Month, National Kite Month, and Youth Art Month

HOLIDAYS: Ash Wednesday (1st); International Women’s Day (8th); Daylight Savings begins (12th); Purim (start 17th); St. Patrick’s Day (17th); Spring (20th); Elimination of Racial Discrimination Day (21st).
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