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Current Meeting Notice:
Tuesday, September 19, 2017 7:00 pm
Guest: Chief Joseph Clark, Deputy Chief NPD

Next Meeting
To Be Announced

Food for Thought:
★ Sept 2 — Sue Classick
★ Sept 6 — Rufus Forbes
★ Sept 15 — Nathaniel Riggins
★ Sept 16 — Wonder Kearse
★ Sept 17 — Lolita Albergottie
★ Sept 17 — Charles Spainhour
★ Sept 21 — Donnell Justice

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Dear Membership,

I hope everyone enjoyed our summer break. Thank you to the members that supported the 100th Police Recruit Graduation at Harbor Park.

On August 1, 2017, CPAAAN supported National Night Out. What a great community Tarrallton; Carolee Beckham is a resident of the Tarrallton neighborhood, and she served on the Planning Community representing CPAAAN. Thank you for a job well done, Carolee.

As you know, on August 24, 2017 at 6:30pm, the new Citizens Police Academy Class started. I hoped our CPAAAN members were present to show our support, and contributed a dish for the first night of the class.

Inglefest was August 26, 2017, from 4 to 8pm. Thanks to all who came out and supported this neighborhood event. CPAAAN had a table.

On a different subject, I feel that it is an obligation of all leaders to speak out at times. I want our members to remember to pray for the family and friends of Heather Heyer, the young woman killed in Charlottesville Virginia. There were citizens who were injured, keep them in your prayers and most of all, pray for our country. We as citizens of Virginia are fortunate to have great leaders in State and City Government. I have faith in our political leaders. We as CPAAAN members have the honor of serving one of the greatest Police Departments in the country. With that said, I ask that you focus on our CPAAAN mission. Don’t forget with upcoming election, get out and rock the vote.

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

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

Yvette Brown, President
Chief Boone Calls Community to Action in the Wake of Violent Crime

Gangs, guns, drugs, violence, and other crimes affect communities nationwide on a daily basis. Norfolk is not immune to this public safety cancer, and unfortunately, it doesn’t stop at the key players involved. Spontaneous, emotional acts of violence occur in every community and affect us all. Although the Norfolk Police Department has the primary responsibility of responding to and suppressing these violent acts, we alone cannot change the behavior or actions of the individuals that encompass our community. Therefore, our communities, neighborhoods, families, and parents must instill in our youth a sense of ownership for their actions. Our youth must learn right from wrong before the street mentality gains influence over household morals. Gone are the days of resolving a strife, person to person, with the only violence being sharp words or a closed fist. Respect, or lack thereof, has since climbed the street mentality and ethics to mean a trigger pulled and a life lost is a primary method in battling conflict.

This mentality must be eradicated and it begins within each and every community. Well before the call is made to dispatchers that an argument went too far. Well before a person pulls a trigger to define their version of respect. Well before the small children in the home witness their mother, father, brother or sister gunned down is a decision that’s made and a mindset that’s been created over a span of time.

We are a culmination of our experiences. Everything we’ve ever witnessed from the sidelines or felt and seen firsthand, creates and shapes our minds. When children are brainwashed into thinking street credibility and respect are life sources, they begin believing that street credibility and respect are their life sources. The problem with street credibility and neighborhood respect is that, quite often, it doesn’t live long. The sensation of fear, power and respect ebb and flow, coming and going, dependent on the current tide. When one person leaves, another steps into place to gain a title or demonstrate how worthy they are to be feared.

For what? The gang, the guns, the drugs, the continued violence? None of this lasts. I’ve told young minds you don’t see old gang-bangers. I ask them why, and they simply shrug their shoulders. I tell them it’s because very few live long enough to share their stories. Their violence commonly results in violent endings, and pulls the plug on a life that had much more to offer than claiming a street during the blink of an eye. (Continued on Page 6)
Minutes from June, 2017

The meeting of June 20, 2017 was called to order by President Yvette Brown at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tony Derrell. The Invocation was given by Chaplain Bill Childress. The minutes of the May meeting was approved as published in the CPAAAAN News. Valerie Honaker gave the Treasurer’s report.

Ms. Brown welcomed the scholarship winners, their families, and guests. She then introduced Dr. Lawrence G. Dotolo, President of the Virginia Tidewater Consortium for Higher Education who presented the four scholarship awards.

The CPAAAAN Scholarship recipients for 2017 were as follows:

• Rachael Posch, is a junior at Old Dominion University; her Major is Biology. She is the daughter of Lt. and Mrs. Marc Posch with Vice and Narcotics.
• Alexis Pagan, who will be a Sophomore at Virginia Tech is majoring in Bio Sciences. She is the daughter of Sgt. E. A. Pagan, of the Homeland Security/ Harbor Patrol Division.
• Noah Louk will be a Junior at Virginia Wesleyan University with a major in Criminal Justice. He is the son of Stephen Louk of the Traffic Unit.
• Colleen Dickason is a Sophomore at Tidewater Community College; her major is Liberal Arts. She is the daughter of Mrs. Kirsten Dickason and Officer Robert Dickason of the Third Precinct.

Ms. Brown then made the following announcements:

➢ June 22, 2017 at 6:30 PM is the Citizens Police Academy Graduation. CPAAAAN members are invited to attend to introduce ourselves and meet the new graduates.
➢ The 100th Session Police Recruit Graduation is on Thursday, June 29th, 2017 at Harbor Park. Gates will open at approximately 5:30 PM. There is no parking fee for attendees of this event.
➢ National Night Out will be on August 1, 2017 from 6-8 PM. Tarrallton is the honored neighborhood. Carolee Beckham is the CPAAAAN Representative for this event. If there are questions, or you wish to volunteer to assist, she may be reached at 587-0095.

Ms. Brown thanked all of those who had assisted in various ways to make this a successful year. Meetings will resume on September 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM to open the 2017-2018 year. Please remember to check your email for messages throughout the summer break.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Anne Craig
Substituting for Sharon Beaty, Recording Secretary
THE PINK PATCH PROJECT—Working to Kick Cancer to the Curb!

Throughout the Norfolk Sheriff’s Office, it is safe to say that every employee knows someone courageously undergoing cancer treatment or is undergoing a fight against cancer themselves. As a team, we’ve supported our co-workers who’ve been diagnosed with this life-altering illness, and sadly, we’ve even had to lay to rest some of our own whose lives were taken too soon.

Lives may be lost, but cancer never wins. NSO Lieutenant Felicia Morgan wants to make everyone aware of that.

As a breast cancer survivor herself, Lieutenant Morgan has decided to participate in the Pink Patch Project. The Pink Patch Project is an innovative public awareness campaign designed to bring attention to the fight against breast cancer and to support breast cancer research organizations in combating this devastating disease. The program started in Los Angeles, California with the Los Angeles County Police Chief’s Association and grew to include many public safety groups throughout the United States. The Norfolk Sheriff’s Office will be the first Virginia agency to participate in this program.

As you may have guessed the campaign centers around the idea of recreating an agency’s departmental patch in pink. If you would like to show your support for this fundraiser, Lieutenant Morgan has patches available for a small $5.00 donation. Proceeds from the sale of these patches will be given to the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation (VBCF), a nonprofit state based 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the “eradication of breast cancer through education and advocacy”.

Along with the sale of the pink patch, she also has order forms available for NSO badges forged in pink. Badges are recreated in pink by the company Smith & Warren and they are full size. When a badge is purchased Smith & Warren makes a 10% donation to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Sheriff Baron has given consent to wear the badges and the patches during the month of October if you would like to show your support for Breast Cancer Awareness month. If you would like to put the patches on a uniform shirt you will need to purchase the shirt at your own expense. If you want to display only the pink badge that is fine.

You don’t have to work at the NSO to buy a patch or make a donation! Please email Felicia.Morgan@norfolk-sheriff.com and she will get back to you as soon as she can.

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Some of us are given chances and opportunities to rise above. Some are pulled back into this cycle only to watch it replay in reality. But how do we change what appears to be a revolving door of crime and violence? I say “we” because this issue is not just about the community or just about the police. The police and the community are one. We must change our tolerance. We must stand to give our youth and future leaders a strong voice. We must decide that silence and waiting for others to fix a generation becoming immune to violence is unacceptable.

We are the ones we have been waiting for.

There are many community members that have intimate knowledge of what’s going on around them. Whether the crime began at their front door, or happened blocks away, neighborhoods talk. They aren’t silenced. They are vigilant and have an intimate understanding of the key players involved and the person or people committing violence to or around them.

When social media feeds are filled with witnesses sharing their stories, local media outlets need only put a microphone near someone to hear a supposed firsthand account of the events that occurred. It’s these same witnesses, same voices, same community members that are silenced when police ask the same questions. What once was a waterfall of firsthand testimony, turns into recanted tales, faded memories, and retracted witness statements. The Norfolk Police Department will not watch our youth fall victim to violent predators or remain silent when innocent minds are transformed into believing violence solves problems. In our efforts to enhance public safety, we’ve created bonds within our communities to engage open dialogue and enrich our police-community Chief Boone Calls Community to Action in the Wake of Violent Crime partnerships. Rest assured my officers will identify these violent social outliers and remove them from our communities. But we have to have the community’s assistance. Only in actionable partnership will public safety be enhanced to affect the change that’s needed to combat violent crime with long-term resolutions.

The Norfolk Police Department partners with anonymous tip lines, faith-based outreach, community recreation centers, open forums, mentorship programs to sponsor or support over two dozen community-based outreach initiatives. In addition to public safety, my officers are working hand-in-hand building lasting relationships in our neighborhoods. We can’t affect sustainable, lasting change without our communities standing up against violence as well.

I urge you to get involved in your child’s life. Recognize the signs of criminal behavior, or the cries for help, and take action before it’s too late. Call for community support when you need assistance. Contact the police to report suspicious behavior in your neighborhood. Anonymous tips are researched and followed up just the same as identifiable witnesses.

The bottom line is simple. The age of tolerance and silence has to end. As a community, we have to invest in our youth to create positive opportunities of hope for their future and the generation to come.
SEPTEMBER 2017

OBSERVANCES: National Preparedness Month; Childhood Cancer Awareness Month; National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; Hispanic Heritage Month; and National School Success Month.

HOLIDAYS: VJ Day, WWII (2nd); Labor Day (4th); Schools Open (5th); Grandparents & Suicide Prevention Day (10th); Patriot Day (11th); Constitution Day (17th); Rosh Hashanah (20th); World Gratitude Day (21st); Native American Day & Autumnal Equinox (22nd); National Good Neighbor Day (28th); Yom Kippur (29th).
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