Next Meeting Notice
Tues, Oct. 19, 2010 • 7:00PM
CPAAAN Investigation 2010
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Attention CPAAAN Members!!
In our continuing efforts to keep funds coming in for our Scholarships, we are beginning a new Fundraising Project. Kim Carney is responsible for bringing this great Recycling Project to us. (Thank you, Kim.) We are partnering with Mid-Atlantic Recycling.

All we ask of our Members is to save your metals. Accepted metals are: aluminum, aluminum cans, brass, copper, stainless steel, and steel. If the items are small and easily transported by car, please feel free to bring them to our General Meetings. For larger items, you may take them directly to Mid-Atlantic Recycling at 3307 Hanbury Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23513 (off Cromwell Road). Remember to tell them that the items are for the CPAAAN Scholarship Account.

Ask your family, friends, and neighbors to help in this effort as well, so we can collect as much as possible to benefit our scholarships program.

~ Yvette Brown, President

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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.

Dear Membership,

Thank you to all who attended our September 21 General Meeting. As promised, we have an exciting and fun learning experience to look forward to this year.

Now that our Financial Policy has been finalized, we can focus on the areas of our Organization that need improvements. The number one area of importance is to have more member participation in CPAAAN activities. There are times when we are asked to support our Police Department at special events. Please remember that supporting the Police Department is the core of our mission. It would be greatly appreciated if you would make an effort to donate a little of your time.

This year my goal is to focus on building up our Committees. We need more volunteers for Fund Raising. Based on recommendations from the Audit Committee, we also need a volunteer to actively help seek out advertisers for our Newsletter.

I would like to thank the Audit Committee for their work on the audit, and a special Thank You to Mary Babcock who served as the Committee Chair.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next General Meeting on October 19.

~ Yvette Brown, President
It may seem difficult to fathom now, but for decades the Norfolk Police Department had no women working in its patrol division after it was established. Meet Gladys Perkins, 92 years young and a living legend. In 1946, Gladys Perkins became the second woman to become a Norfolk Police Officer.

In 1946, Norfolk was a bustling Navy town. Harry S. Truman was President and World War II was officially proclaimed over. Gladys said she decided that it was her legacy to become an officer. It was in her blood; her father, brother, and husband at the time, worked in law enforcement and she needed a job to help support her family. Not so different from some of the reasons offered by many who seek a career in law enforcement these days.

Mrs. Perkins and her partner on the department, the late Officer Queenie Scelzi, who was the first female officer in the department, were quite a trailblazing team. Perkins and Scelzi were the only women on patrol for 19 years. Other female officers in the early days were employed in administrative jobs only. Gladys, who admits she was the more outspoken of the duo, said, “We never had an argument in the 19 years we were partners. I knew just what she would do if someone tried to jump on me, and vice versa. We always knew how the other would react.”

Mrs. Perkins’ self-effacing and warm personality drew many while a guest at the recent dedication of the Police-Fire Museum on September 22. While the museum garnered the attention, Gladys grabbed the spotlight with stories she delivered with animated hand gestures and facial expressions about undercover work in South Norfolk, surveillance, and the fortitude required to continue in a profession where women were not wanted. Gladys balled up her fist and said, “I won’t go!” She contended that whispered encouragement from colleagues also kept her “heels dug in” and empowered her. Perkins says because she and her partner were the only female patrol team on the streets, they were involved in many vice and narcotics operations.

It was no secret that during the tenure of a now-deceased Norfolk Police Chief, he would discipline some officers by ordering them to ride in the patrol car for a week with the very opinionated and talkative Perkins. Though she began her career in law enforcement as an unassuming pioneer, she left the department knowing that she helped lead the way on an often arduous road for other women. Prior to retiring in 1980, Perkins left Patrol for the Central Records Division to begin work on microfiche. By the time Perkins made her exit, women were clearly making strides in the

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The regular meeting was preceded by Part One of the CPAAAN Drug and Gang Investigative series 2010–2011. This 7-part series is a presentation of the Gang Suppression and Vice/Narcotics units of NPD; CPAAAN members are participants in role playing.

Following the program, President Yvette Brown called the general meeting to order.

Invocation was offered by Julius Simpson. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Keith Fentress.

Following motion by Ann Powell and second by Julius Simpson, the minutes of the June 2010 meeting were accepted as published in the September CPAAAN Newsletter.

The Treasurer’s Report will be filed for audit.

The CPAAAN Audit Report for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 was submitted by Mary Babcock, Audit Committee Chair; it was read by committee member Margaret Anne Craig. A motion to accept all committee recommendations was made by Don Ross; the second was made by Ann Powell. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ A full scale public safety exercise known as “Operation Rocket Fever 2010” will be held at the Norfolk Airport on October 9 at 7:30AM. Interested parties are invited to participate. Both CPAAAN members and non-members are welcome. Forms were available at the meeting. The scenario examines safety issues for incoming and outgoing airline travelers. Contact Norfolk Airport Chief J. Hanna or Scott Mahone of the EOC for participant forms or additional information.

♦ The 2010 Crime Prevention Awards Ceremony will be on October 18 at 6:30PM at the Murray Center. Tickets are still available; cost is $30 per person, $240 for a table of 8. Checks should be made payable to CPAAAN and can be mailed to Edith Warring, 300 Twilley Street, Norfolk, VA 23503. For further information, call 664-6937.

♦ The dedication of the new Norfolk Police and Fire Museum will be on September 22 at 11:00AM at its new location, 401 E. Freemason Street, Norfolk. It is open to the public free of charge.

Winner of the 50/50 raffle was Ron McEntee.

Following a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

~ Margaret Anne Craig, Recording Secretary
Project Lifesaver Hits a Milestone
By Paula Miller, Norfolk Sheriff’s Office Communications Department

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITIES OF NORFOLK—THE POWER OF PREVENTION

Five-year-old Ivan likes Sponge Bob, his Monster truck, and painting pictures. Like most five-year-olds, he’s also discovering his independence. That really worries his guardian, Gloria Andrewes.

“He’s getting older and wants to do things,” says Andrewes. Ivan has been diagnosed as autistic and also has Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). He’s already walked out of a church program and Andrewes fears he may begin to wander more frequently.

So she chose to outfit Ivan with an ankle transmitter which Ivan will wear round the clock. Should his independent streak cause him to explore unfamiliar surroundings, run from frustration, or walk out on his problems, Andrewes is comforted by knowing help is just a phone call away.

For the Norfolk Sheriff’s Office, Ivan becomes the 100th client enrolled in its Project Lifesaver program. Launched in 2001, a team of 14 Norfolk Sheriff’s Office uniform and civilian employees volunteer to search for persons reported missing by loved ones, caregivers, or police.

Project Coordinator Paul Ballance says his clients suffer from Autism, Alzheimer’s and Dementia and range in age from 4 to 91. When they’re fitted for a transmitter, a bond also forms. “Many of us become attached, not only to the client, but the family as well,” said Ballance.

One hundred active cases (clients) is a record for the NSO Project Lifesaver program. Since beginning the program, the NSO has enrolled a total of 287 children and adults.

Education is key to the success of the program. So Ballance is branching out and has produced an informational video which is being shared with all fire stations in the city as well as with police precincts. He hopes the emergency personnel will familiarize themselves with the program in case they encounter a Project Lifesaver client. The video instructs personnel on how the transponder works, how it attaches to a person, and how emergency responders track the signal emitted by the victim’s transponder. Ballance also coaches emergency personnel on how to approach a person once they’ve been located.

Five-year-old Ivan shows off his ankle transmitter which will help responders track him if he wanders from home, school, or other locations.
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department beyond administrative jobs.

Now living near Northern Virginia, Perkins’ daughter drives her to Norfolk to attend church a few times a month. Her son died at the age of 70 a few years ago. The fearless Gladys Perkins was married three times, and twice to Norfolk Police Officers. Her first husband, Officer George W. Perkins, died in the Line of Duty in 1947.

Perkins said she loved being a Norfolk Police Officer. Ironically, she says she wouldn’t want to be an officer today. She said, “The bad guys have all the rights!” Retired Officer Gladys Perkins still says just what’s on her mind and in her heart.

If you have not visited the Norfolk Police-Fire Museum at 401 Freemason, then please move it to the top of your bucket list. The museum offers a wealth of history and a vast collection of genuine articles and photos from the police and fire departments’ combined hundred-plus year old past.

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Checks should be made payable to Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association of Norfolk (CPAAAN).
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