



LA PORTE CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# Citizens *In Action!*

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## From the Chief

As a Chief of Police, I am a firm believer that a community is only as strong as its members. With that concept in mind, I would like to take a moment to express my admiration for the fine men and women who represent our La Porte's Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (LPCPAAA). Our CPA graduates, and ongoing LPCPAAA participants, are as sturdy as they come, and their commitment is an example for other communities to follow.

The strides our Police Department's Citizens Police Academy (CPA) program has made in the past two years have been nothing but grand, and it is without reservation that I say these leaps and bounds would not have been made to such an extent without the help of the LPCPAAA. Whether volunteering among information booths, passing out literature, providing safety tips, or assisting police in traffic control at various parades, festivals, and triathlons, the LPCPAAA volunteers have been an invaluable resource for the past few years. By performing such tasks, LPCPAAA members allow front-line patrol officers to target additional areas of concern, which fundamentally doubles the eyes and ears we have on the street. But while such events are priceless, more-recent events prove that LPCPAAA members have a never-quit attitude.

During the first half of 2012, LPCPAAA members have been directly involved with local residents and the LPPD youth Explorer program, on top of their usual contributions, via assistance in motor vehicle burglary prevention efforts (a.k.a. Slap & Tag awareness Campaign), the Simulated Impaired Driving Experience (SIDNE) program, and newly embraced Citizens on Patrol duties. Internally, the LPCPAAA has recently held a public appreciation picnic where they recognized some of their own members and certain police contributors, donated time and funding to feed the entire La Porte Police organization during National Police Week, and established a solid information website concerning their organization.

I am truly excited about LPPD's future involvement with the LPCPAAA. They will be helping our department for yet another year during our annual National Night Out program, and the Police Association's Blue Santa toy drive, later this year. But, while this pair of upcoming events is significant, I have no doubt they will only be a fraction of the many acts of service the Alumni Association will contribute to their Police Department, as well as the larger community.

- Ken Adcox

## Volunteer Activities



### *12th Annual LPPOA Golf Tournament*

Folks, it is time to tee off the 12th Annual Police Officers Golf Tournament! Mark your calendars to be on hand and support this charity event. Funds help support officers and their families in time of need so we really want to step up to the cause!

If you recall, there was great time to be had by all last year!! We will be advised at a later date just what our involvement as volunteers will be this year - so stay tuned.

November 3, 2012  
Time: Shotgun 1:30pm  
Location: Bay Forest Golf Course

If you or someone you know would like to play or make a donation:

Contact: Vice President - K. Martin  
[kmartin.lppoa@yahoo.com](mailto:kmartin.lppoa@yahoo.com)

Make checks payable to:

LPPOA  
PO BOX 575  
La Porte, Texas 77571

## ***VOLUNTEERING***

The LPPD and Alumni have a wide variety of volunteer opportunities that arise throughout the year. If your passion is animal care, historic preservation, traffic control, administrative work, safety education, baking, or simply helping make life a little nicer for an officer - think about volunteering! You might just make some new friends in the process.

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The LPCPAAA has taken the next step to keep members current on what is going on within the LPPD and the Alumni Association.

We now have our very own Facebook page! Check us out on Facebook at:

*La Porte Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association*

"Like" the page and you will stay abreast of the latest happenings automatically.

Don't have Facebook? Don't worry. We will continue to keep our website updated too: [www.lpcpaaa.org](http://www.lpcpaaa.org)

## CPA Class Update

### *Advanced Class Starts Soon*

Many of you know that we recently had 13 candidates of the Basic CPA Class graduate on July 17, 2012. They, along all other previous CPA graduates are now eligible to attend the **Advanced CPA Class** starting **Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012** and ending on **November 13, 2012**.

At the conclusion of this class graduates will have a direct avenue for community involvement and an opportunity to experience policing first hand.

It is our desire too that they will join with the Alumni to assist with volunteer activities and making a difference in our community and our police department.

As Police Chief, Kenith Adcox mentioned at the latest graduation, "It is healthy for the community and our officers to get to know one another." To encourage this blending of graduates and officers, the ride-a-long program was instituted to allow graduates to spend a few hours each month riding with officers.

## Cub Scout BBQ Donation



Cub Scout Pack 1773

On July 18th, Cub Scout Pack 1773 endured the hot sun to conduct their Saturday fundraiser. As with any event of this type there were plenty of folks stopping by to purchase some great bbq. There were a few particular customers however that made a huge impact with the cubs. The first was a tall, dignified looking La Porte officer! The kids were thrilled when he drove up and requested a plate! Then, to top things off Paula Wahnoutka and Jo Munke made a special effort to stop by in the C.O.P. car during their patrols. For young cub scouts it doesn't get much better!!

The kids and parents were so impressed with these visits that at the end of the day when there was bbq left - they knew right where to send it. A call went out to the C.O.P volunteers to stop by and pick up the remaining bbq and deliver it to the police department. Paula and Jo did just that!

The bbq was placed in the kitchen and with the help of Officer Robyn Gallion an email went out to everyone letting them know of the donation. Sergeant Cook shared too that he and others working the late shift really appreciated the tasty food. Even Gallion got a taste of the bbq when he got tied up and couldn't leave the station. His critique, "FANTASTIC! Flavor was outstanding."

Sometimes, it is the little things that make a big difference. Thanks Paula and Jo for your input as volunteers and a big thanks to Cub Scout Troop 1773 for making a difference to those that protect us.



*Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association  
Be sure and stay up to date on what is happening in other CPA's  
La Porte CPAAA is often featured CPA's in the Flash 1 newsletter.  
Check it out!*

<http://tcpaaconvention.org>



## Explorer News

October 2012 - Round Rock Police Explorers will hold their AW Grimes Memorial Competition on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at 7am. As with other competitions teams will compete in 4 scenario events ranging from simulation, role play, and physical agility. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded for each event.

Officer Roger Gonzalez is the "Explorer" Coordinator. The Police Department encourages interested youth (ages 14 - 20) to contact Officer Gonzalez at 281-842-3183 for more information regarding enrollment into the Explorer Program.

Click here for more details about the [Explorer Program](http://www.ci.la-porte.tx.us/gov/police/support/youth_explorer_program/default.asp) or go to [http://www.ci.la-porte.tx.us/gov/police/support/youth\\_explorer\\_program/default.asp](http://www.ci.la-porte.tx.us/gov/police/support/youth_explorer_program/default.asp)



The CAER Line is a telephone system that line provides information about emergency incidents or non-emergency events that may cause community awareness or concern in the La Porte area. Call anytime for updates.

## Making A Difference

### VOLUNTEER HOURS

CPA Hours: 370.25

C.O.P. Hours: 78.00\*

**JULY TOTAL: 448.25**

**YTD All: 3949.75**

\*Folks, we really need to step up to meet our responsibilities in this area.

As a trained C.O.P. member you have an obligation to complete a minimum of 8 hours patrol EACH month in order to remain on the team. A contact directory was delivered to all C.O.P. members for the purpose of arranging for a partner(s). There are also several members willing to go beyond their minimum patrol time in order to help you meet your month time. Please help us keep the program alive and active!

### "Fido" Dog House Donations

**Benefiting Animal Control**

**YTD (July) 2012**

**\$13.00**

### Why Volunteer?

Back in May the CPA had the pleasure of hearing La Porte Chaplin, Walter Swaim of the Abiding Life Baptist Fellowship share his thoughts on volunteerism.

Chaplin Swaim lived in Argentina for eight years before reading about the Florida Police department and then moved to Hollywood, FL in search of ways to serve his community. After 9/11, and later, Hurricane Ike, more training was offered to police chaplains so that they could provide much needed support to the community. Training expanded to new type situations and chaplains are often asked to provide support regardless of the time of day or night.

Chaplin Swaim currently lives in the La Porte area and outside the Abiding Life Baptist Fellowship he offers his service to several chemical plants in the area as well as the LP Police Department.

"Why volunteer?" asks Chaplin Swaim. Because "volunteerism is the fabric of our nation; to step up to serve those who serve us 24/7 and to encourage all to help and volunteer, it is a part of who we are."

Thank you for being our guest and thank you for all that you do in supporting the people that keep us safe.

Volunteerism: It is who we are. We think this describes our volunteers to a tee!

Note: During the Chaplin Training held at the LPPD in July, many of our volunteers were responsible for offering snacks and desserts to all chaplains. A big "Thank You!" goes to everyone who came out to help. Due to the generosity of our volunteers it is rare that folks go without good eats and treats during any of our special events. You are the BEST LPCPAAA Volunteers!!!



# Volunteers in Action!



Wally Wise: Josh Zech  
Richard Browder



Maggie Stout	Wally Wise	Courtney McDuffie
Judy Covin	Josh Zech	Kristen Gauthier
Emma Zech		Emily McDuffie
		Roger Gonzalez



Nettie Warren  
Josh Zech - Wally Wise



Clarence Anderson  
demonstrates how to  
approach unknown animals.



Sharla Northcutt and  
Norma Elliott help the  
children with craft projects.



Youth interact with Officer  
Brian Larkey to learn about  
seatbelt safety.



Volunteer "Mr. Hippy"  
(Doug Hathorn) was a big hit!

## Youth Summer Safety Camp !!!ROCKS!!!

After Officer Stanley was sidelined with an unexpected emergency Officers Larkey and Gonzalez stepped up to take on the task of teaching seventeen 5-9 year olds the importance of safety on July 21. Class interaction was high as the children learned and then demonstrated how to safely approach and cross a crosswalk, identify the characters of "Stranger Danger", and buckle up for safety. As with any young child, the highlight of their day was making crafts and learning about animal safety tips to avoid injury. What a hoot we all had listening to the children comment about their own animals and then attempt to come up with unique names for each puppy. There no doubt a puppy with the name "Buddy" would find a good home.

Was it all worth it? Well, you be the judge. Here's a comment from a child as he was exiting the camp at the end of the day - "I told my mom I didn't think this camp was going to be much fun. But this is the BEST camp I've ever been to!" He also made sure she had signed him for the other camps. Similar comments by other children as well as the fact that more parents arrived throughout the camp to register is more than enough to say that La Porte Youth Summer Camp @Jennie C. Riley ROCKED!!

The following weekend youth descended upon the Fire and EMS center to learn about Fire Safety, Emergency Management, Child Safety Seat Checks & Administering Immunizations. Even before the camp began volunteers had been practicing for weeks to present the Wally Wise skit to teach about Sheltering in Place. Explorer, Josh Zech stepped in at the last minute to play the role of Wally and his trusty security guard Courtney McDuffie (daughter to Alumni member Emily McDuffie) made sure his every step was in the right direction. Judy Covin reports that all the volunteers stayed till the end to help clean up and that by then "we were all dragging." This is a testament to the commitment of our volunteers!!

The fun doesn't stop there! You have two more opportunities to help the youth of La Porte learn more about Safety. Check out our website at [www.lpcpaaa.org](http://www.lpcpaaa.org) or contact Judy Covin at [judycovin@yahoo.com](mailto:judycovin@yahoo.com) to inquire about times and locations.



## SPECIAL REPORT

### 2012 Texas CPA Conference Report

#### How to Help....

The LP Citizen Police Academy Association is a non-profit organization under IRS code 501(c) (3). We would appreciate any consideration towards a donation that you would make.

The Association has no paid personnel, nor office facility overhead.

Your contribution would go directly to help the Association in enhancing the Citizen Police Academy program. No donation is too small!

To make a donation simply send a check made payable to: La Porte Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (LPCPAAA) at

P.O.BOX 1544  
La Porte, Tx 77572-1544

**ALERT:** The LPPD and LPCPAAA have not authorized ANY individual or company to solicit funds on our behalf or by phone. We will keep you advised if this changes.

First, we would like to extend a monster "Thank You" to the Waco CPAAA and all their volunteers for hosting the 2012 Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Law Enforcement Annual Training Conference.

LPCPAAA Second VP, Chris Copley and his wife and member, Vicky Copley will be sharing a detailed summary of their attendance at the conference at Thursday's LPCPAAA meeting. However, we were able to briefly catch up with them to hear about some of their favorite moments.

The pair were charged with attending and representing the LPCPAAA at the conference and using the opportunity to learn from the sessions, network with other CPA associations, and share ideas. As such, they took part in sessions covering Concealed Handguns, DEA, Terrorism (Homeland Security), PACT 360 Police And Communities Come Together about drug usage, and Distractive Driving (for law enforcement).

Chris shared that he was extremely impressed and surprised with many of the training sessions and the level of knowledge gained from each instructor. He particularly enjoyed the stories that painted a clear picture of just what law enforcement is up against these days. For example, PACT360 contains five key programs: Meth360®, Parents360, Youth360, Latino360 and Padres360. These programs provide parents and teens with a "360-degree" view of existing and emerging drug and alcohol issues.

During the PACT 360 session they learned about ways our youth are trying to hide alcohol use through a variety of ways such as, "Plugging", "Candy Soaking", "Eyeballing" and "Smoking Alcohol". Needless to say, the stories were real eye-openers!

After networking with a number of other CPAAA's Chris feels certain that the LPCPAAA is one of the more active and vibrant associations around. In fact, since returning he has already been contacted about our C.O.P. Program.

We will be sharing more about the pair's attendance at the conference on our website and Facebook page. We may even have a photo of Chris with "Willie" Nelson - wink, wink.

#### New LPPD Program for Women

La Porte Police have a new program to help area women defend themselves against potential assailants. The program is known as the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System and is a program of realistic, self-defense tactics and techniques for women only. It is geared toward training for awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and avoidance. By the end of the class participants will progress toward the basics of actual hands-on defense training. The course will be made available late in August. Check our website or Facebook page for specific dates and times.

# We Need You!

## Youth Summer Safety Camp

There is still time to make plans to volunteer for the remaining two summer camps. Help children (ages 5-9) stay on track as they attend these camps. You will have a great time and make a positive impact on our youth and our community.

You decide how long you can stay. Come for an hour, a few hours or all day - but come join us!!



**Camp III** – August 11<sup>th</sup> @ The Senior Center @ The La Porte Fitness Center (1322 S. Broadway) and then walking to the wave pool. The camp will focus on Water Safety & What to do if you find a Gun. NOTE: We will need an adult with each child under 7 years of age.



**Camp IV** – August 18 @ Pecan Park – 3600 Canada Rd. – This camp will be a Bike Rodeo and each child will be provided with a free bicycle helmet.

To register for both or one of the above camps - Contact: Officer Yvonne Stanley at [stanleyy@laportetx.gov](mailto:stanleyy@laportetx.gov) or 281-830-5208.

## FUTURE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Back to School Bash - TBA
- Slap-n-Tag - TBA
- LP Health & Safety Fair  
**September 22, 2012**  
**9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**La Porte Junior High**
- Airplane & Car Show-La Porte Airfield  
**SATURDAY October 6, 2012**



### 2012 LPCPAAA Board Members

President:	Chris Copley
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Deb Hathorn
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Paula Rizzuto
Treasurer:	Bob Rivesman
Secretary:	Cheryl Hiser-McCorry

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If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life. ~Author Unknown



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?

The quickest way to learn about opportunities is to attend a monthly meeting. Attending meetings will keep you up to date on all that is happening and all that is planned. Regularly visit the website to learn of new events.

## C.O.P. Training

Graduates of the CPA Class are eligible to participate in the C.O.P. and will be notified when the next class is scheduled. Currently, no class is scheduled.

## NEXT ALUMNI MEETING

When: First Thursday of each month.

September 6, 2012 @6:30PM

Where: LPPD at Spencer Hwy. and N. 23rd St.

Feel free to drop by and listen in. Voice your concerns and offer your opinions to help us get even better!



### **Need a Volunteer Badge?**

Officer Rick Hilton @ 281.842.3120

### **Report Volunteer Hours**

via the Volunteer Report Form to Judy Covin @ [www.JudyCovin@yahoo.com](mailto:www.JudyCovin@yahoo.com) OR online at [www.lpcpaaa.org](http://www.lpcpaaa.org) or, in the Volunteer Office.

### **Newsworthy Articles or Photos?**

Email to Editor, Deb Hathorn @ [Editorlpcpa@att.net](mailto:Editorlpcpa@att.net)

The LPCPAAA helps enhance a variety of community programs through education, networking and sharing of information relative to what other law enforcement agencies, associations and volunteer groups are doing throughout the city and state.

**Make A Difference**  
**VOLUNTEER in La Porte!**