



Citizens *In Action!*

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From the Chief

Our La Porte's Citizens Police Academy continues to fly forward. We recently graduated class 19 of our Basic CPA and are set to start our second Advanced CPA this September. The fact that we have been able to fill so many classes in such a short amount of time is a reflection of the supportive relationship our police officers enjoy with our community and the willingness our community members have to become actively involved in keeping our community safe.

This has led to the La Porte CPAAA becoming one of the largest in Texas and our City one of the safest in the area! In fact, our CPAAA volunteers have worked more volunteer hours in the first half of this year than all of the previous year and, through July, the City of La Porte has experienced a 13% decrease in overall crime over the same time period last year. This did not happen by accident, it took cooperation, and a whole lot of elbow grease from all those who make it that "widening blue line" that separates the many good people of our community from the few people who choose to break the law. You, as a CPAAA member, are part of our police family and, as such, are part of the "Line".

Community service and involvement is something for which I have always had a special affinity for. Yet, in my 25 years police service, I have never encountered a more enthusiastic and productive group of volunteers as those belonging to our La Porte CPAAA. In addition to the numerous stories about their kindness and generosity which I have heard from others, I have personally witnessed notable displays of hard-work and stamina at many of our events. I look forward to Fall & Winter seasons and all that they hold. With the LPCPAAA standing by LPPD, I have no doubt we will be successful in many more endeavors. I know that as we continue to interact with more and more area residents, the police department's relationship with the community will become deeper, wider, and brighter. Thank you for all that you do and for joining us in Line.

Ken Adcox
LPPD Chief of Police

Volunteer Activities & More

****Refer to page 4 for a full list of Volunteer Activities Scheduled for September and early October. ****



September 22 - Saturday
Drug Take-Back Drop-Off
La Porte Health and Safety Fair
La Porte Junior High School
401 South Broadway 9AM-1PM

Although volunteers have not been asked to help with this program it is an important one none the less.

La Porte Police and the Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol (BACODA) have joined together to help "take-back" expired and unused medication.

The "take-back" service will be offered through the convenience of both drive-up and walk-up service. The "Take-Back" booth will be located at the corner of South Broadway and C Street.

Persons making a drop off of medications will do so in an anonymous manner. No questions will be asked at the "Take-Back" location by any of the personnel. The booth will be staffed by La Porte Police and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

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EMS Ride-A-Long's Offered to Volunteers

As a result of the outstanding LPCPAAA Volunteer work done at Youth Summer Camp III - Wally Wise Presentation, the Emergency Management, Fire & EMS Assistant Chief, Lisa Camp of EMS has invited our CPA Volunteers to ride with the ambulance crews.

Interested LPCPAAA members may contact Lisa at 281-471-9244 or by email at CampL@laportetx.gov

"High Five" to Richard Browder, Judy Covin, Maggie Stout, Nettie Warren, Emma Zech, Emily McDuffie, and our members children: Josh Zech (Wally Wise) and Courtney McDuffie.

Advanced CPA Class II

Participant Eligibility: Any CPA Graduate
Start Date: Tuesday, September 18
Where: Training Center @6:30PM
End Date: Graduation: November 13

Registration: Contact Roger Gonzalez or Jeff Tippit



In addition to the regular classes these new programs are on the lineup:

- Rape Aggression Defense -RAD program (self-defense for women)
- Shooting simulator (tentative)
- SIDNE (Simulated Impaired DrivInG Experience) - a go-cart that simulates driving impaired.
- Accident Investigation and/or Mock Crime Scene

Grab a family member or a friend and sign up for this new exciting class!

7 Arrests in Labor Day Weekend DWI No Refusal

As the evening began volunteers set up several tables of food and drinks donated for the officers and guests working this DWI project. After the officer's briefing, ride-a-long assignments were read out and members were paired with an officer for the evening. During a ride-a-long, members ride with officers to add an "extra pair of eyes" as they roam the streets on the lookout for impaired drivers. It didn't take long before the first team arrived back at the station with an arrest and others followed behind shortly afterwards. For some, this was their first experience at riding with an officer and it reflected in excited voices as they described an arrest. All of the participants reported how professional each of the officers were and expressed a desire to volunteer again.

A special thanks to everyone who donate food or time to make the night a success! Each and every officer that worked the night expressed their thanks to those who helped throughout the night.

From Public Relations Officer – Sgt. John Krueger

As part of their participation in TXDOT's Impaired Driving Mobilization (IDM) grant project, La Porte officers were deployed to specifically watch for impaired drivers operating on local roadways from August 19th through September 5th.

During the, explicit, Labor Day "No Refusal" night, La Porte netted a total of 7 arrests for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI), while teaming up with area Deer Park PD Officers and Harris County Precinct #8 Deputies. The single-night event marked yet another successful and cooperative effort by law enforcement agencies located in southeastern Harris County to apprehend drunk drivers and keep local roadways safe.

Operations such as the DWI No Refusal event hosted by La Porte Police are becoming more and more common throughout the nation. Unfortunately, Texans remain burdened with the fact that national statistics continue to reveal our state as leading the nation in alcohol-related deaths. However, the events from this past weekend clearly reflect a continual series of positive steps toward reducing the ever-present threat posed by impaired drivers. La Porte Officer Bennie Boles, who was heavily involved in the project, expressed his pleasure in the continued success of the DWI programs, noting that every arrest may have saved a life that evening.

The "No Refusal" program involves having judges and certified nurses present at the law enforcement hosting site, where suspects arrested for DWI may have immediate search warrants issued, allowing a qualified nurse to draw their blood on the spot. Such blood samples allow for the suspects blood alcohol level to be determined. In the state of Texas, if a person's blood alcohol content in excess of 0.08, they are considered legally intoxicated. For some people, this would be the equivalent of just two alcoholic beverages.

The Labor Day weekend effort for 2012 included a total of 3 voluntary blood drawings, 2 evidentiary blood search warrants, and 2 immediate breath submission consents. "No Refusal" operations are intended to solidify an arrest case which rests on a question of a driver's particular blood alcohol concentration. Additionally, by using the latest audio and video technologies, suspects are now being recorded from the moment an officer spots their vehicle, to the moment they are secured in a jail cell. Such technologies, combined with the diligence of multiple officers, judges, and nurses are just one way the public servants of southeast Harris County are doing their part to keep everyone safe. For more information on La Porte PD's role in the "No Refusal" program, or TXDOT's broader IDM grant process, contact the department at 281-842-3167.

Making A Difference

VOLUNTEER HOURS

CPA Hours: 370.25

C.O.P. Hours: 78.00*

AUGUST TOTAL: 327.75

YTD All: 4277.50

"Fido" Dog House Donations

Benefiting Animal Control

August Total - \$34.00

Adopt a House and help us provide medications that benefit the Animal Shelter.

La Porte CPAAA Delegates Attend

Texas CPAAA State Convention

Our thanks go out to Chris and Vicky Copley for acting as La Porte CPAAA delegates to the Texas CPAAA Convention in Waco back in July. The two were assigned the responsibility of bringing back to the members a summary of their attendance at several sessions. At our last meeting Chris and Vicky shared a lengthy debriefing about their experience and learning's while at the convention. To summarize a few of their responses:

We felt the delegates meeting was a typical structured meeting but the opening ceremony was outstanding with the salute, honor guard and bagpipes. "I have to say, the entire event was awesome!" I also enjoyed meeting other delegates and discussing organization activities, etc. In speaking with the Deer Park delegate we approached the possibility of partnering with them on projects such as the PACT 360 class for the purposes of arranging training for our members.

What were some important things you learned while at the conference?

Concealed Handguns - The discussion included a Q&A session and debate about why would you have a concealed handgun in your car. A handbook was also provided.

DEA - This was a really "cool" class. Chris and Vicky were surprised to learn that the DEA is a global organization. and often get calls from other countries for assistance. In addition, they train other countries on what to look for and how to deter and stop drug trafficking. Chris shared several examples of new drugs that are being "cooked up" by teenagers and young people that are extremely harmful.

Pact 360 - A session aimed at training parents and others to identify if their kids are heavily involved with alcohol. The session demonstrates unconventional methods used by kids to get drunk. Some were especially shocking, like "eyeballing."

Terrorism - Another interesting and informative class covering all aspects of terrorism. Because of costs, Chris also recommends that we partner with Deer Park. The class covers a number of topics, including Bombs and other Homeland Security topics.

Sexting & Bullying - Vicky covered some of the ways girls and boys text sexual related photos of themselves without realizing they could end up on the web forever. She also shared signs that your child could be bullied at school. For instance, watching for changes in behavior in your child such as low self-esteem. Ways to assist them in improving how they feel about themselves were covered too. Teaching your child to defend themselves and report instances when they are or see someone being bullied is important and this session covered many examples a parent can look out for.

How do you feel our association compares to others at the conference?

We felt very good about our Alumni in that our organization appeared to be one of the more active and also has a large number of members compared to most. We did see that many of the other organizations have a larger focus on fundraising and we learned a few tips on how to maintain our non-profit status. Deer Park expressed interest in our C.O.P. Program as they prepare to start one of their own.

Would you recommend we send someone to the convention next year?

Without a doubt, Chris and Vicky both agree that the convention is well worth attending. They highly recommend we send delegates next year and light-heartedly volunteered themselves as repeat delegates.

Volunteers in Action!

LP Youth Summer Camp ended on a high note at the Bike Safety Camp. At each of five stations the children learned important safety tips and techniques from how to wear their helmet to signaling turns. Volunteers assisted throughout the day starting with registration and then assisting children through all five training stations. A special thanks to Nettie Warren, Liz Lainhart, Chris Copley, and Doug & Deb Hathorn as well as to all our Hero's - the officers that took time to help our children have fun while learning.



WE NEED YOUR HELP! **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

September 8, 2012@ 10AM – **Baytown Special Rodeo** – This event is aimed at helping special kids have a great, fun time. The event will take place Saturday in Baytown at the Honda Motorcycle Dealership on I-10. Volunteers will be asked to direct traffic as well as other ways (to be announced later). Our Explorers will be present as well to help out. Additional information about the event can be viewed at www.specialrodeo.com Check out the website to learn more about this exceptional event. We guarantee you will be touched by the children and want to make a difference by volunteering.

September 13 - **Slap & Tag** on Thursday, 6 - 8 PM. Notify Judy Covin at JudyCovin@yahoo.com if you can help. Participants will meet at the station at 5:45 PM. Requirement: CPA T-shirt, I.D., flashlight, clipboard, pen/pencil. New participants will be paired with a trained volunteer who will help you learn the ropes. The purpose of the program is to identify unlocked doors and open windows in parked vehicles that create a potential for break-ins to occur. Volunteers "tag" vehicles with a potential for being broken into as well as those that have locked, hidden and secured their items. The later receive a "Kudos!" tag.

September 18, 2012 – **Advanced Police Academy** starts Thursday, at 6:30PM in the Training Center at the LPPD at 23rd & Spencer. The program will offer several new courses aimed at encouraging participation. In addition to our new RAD program (self-defense for women), we will offer a shooting simulator and our SIDNE (Simulated Impaired DrivINg Experience) - a go-cart that simulates driving impaired. Contact Roger Gonzalez or Jeff Tippit if you are interested.

October 2, 2012 **National Night Out** - Once again volunteers are needed to help support activities at the Police Department on this night. Volunteers will conduct tours, man an informational booth, and host an assortment of other needs around the station that night. In addition, we need several volunteers to host a Block Party on your street with the assistance of the LPPD. Contact Yvonne Stanley, Roger Gonzalez, or Jeff Tippit if you can help with this huge event.

Board Update

Special Announcement

Elections for new Board Members will take place at our November regular meeting.

Individuals interested in any of these positions for the 2013 year should attend an upcoming monthly meeting to make their interest known or contact any of the board members prior to the November election.

Our goal is to keep the organization strong and continue making vital contributions to the LPPD and our community throughout 2013 and beyond.

If you feel you have what it takes - Please step up and help us out! We're all here to help one another so you won't be doing this alone.

You can learn more about what each position requires by visiting our website at www.lpcpaaa.org and checking out the by-laws. The by-laws provide an outline of each positions responsibilities so you can determine if there is a good fit.

2012 LPCPAAA Board Members

President:	Chris Copley (interim)
1 st Vice President:	Deb Hathorn (interim)
2 nd Vice President:	Paula Rizzuto (interim)
Treasurer:	Bob Rivesman
Secretary:	Cheryl Hiser-McCorry

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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>



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. Team,

C.O.P. Members - please remember that a minimum of eight (8) hours patrol time is required each month after you receive your training. It is vital we all make an effort to complete our patrols if we want this program to continue.

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 OR online at www.lpcpaaa.org
or, in the Volunteer Office.

May I Help You?

Volunteer, Paula Rizzuto can often be found on Monday and Tuesday's at the Communications Window at Dispatch.

If you have an interest in helping direct visitors who approach the window, contact Roger Gonzalez for details about training.

COMMUNICATIONS



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