



OCTOBER 2012

LA PORTE CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Citizens *In Action!*

National Night Out



Alumni Volunteers prepare to conduct tours of the LPPD during National Night Out. Jo Munke, Gary Tandy, Judy Covin, and Gwen Tilley.

Festivities at the LPPD Open House and National Night Out once again exceeded expectations by local citizens and visitors - thanks in part to energy-filled LPCPAAA Volunteers who stepped in to help out where needed. Along with staffing the CPA information booth they staffed the DARE booth, served cake, prepared and passed out over 400 hot dogs, directed traffic for safe parking, guided tours through the station, and offered assistance as needed throughout the night. This was our biggest Volunteer turn out of the year!!!

While citizens were taking in the activities at the Police department, several local block parties were held throughout the city to promote strengthening neighborhood awareness around crime and drug prevention. Volunteers used the Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.) vehicle to visit the neighborhood block parties and digitally capture the festivities for our newsletter. Police, Fire, EMS, and City officials visited each block party as well to promote a safe community and encourage citizens to join together not only on this night but all year long. Photos of the block party events can be seen on page 4 of this newsletter.

The end result was another fun-filled night where families and neighbors were able to intermingle with community leaders, law enforcement agencies, crime watch groups, local officials and civic groups. Children leaving the event were overheard expressing their pleasure over the many opportunities to see and learn more about the different law enforcement agencies. Following the event, several parents expressed their pleasure about the evening with comments such as, "The kids were so excited to tour the jail and see the bomb robot!", and "Wow! Having a block party was more fun then I thought. We've already planned our party for next year."

Well done once again Volunteers and City of La Porte Police Department!

LPCPAAA Board Positions Up for Nomination

All positions went up for replacement at the October meeting. Nominees were not available at the time of this publication but will be available for viewing on the LPCPAAA website and Facebook site.

CAST YOUR VOTE!!!

Plan to attend the November 1, 2012 meeting and cast your vote for the 2013 Board Members!



WHY REPORT MY HOURS?

Worth repeating ---- The Alumni uses the tracking of hours to identify eligibility for many of the recognition programs. Also, many departments within the PD report on and share our hours to reflect on our contribution to the Police Department and City.

How do I report my Volunteer Time?

1. Go online at www.LPCPAAA.org and click on REPORT HOURS. Easy!
2. Visit the Volunteer Office at the station and report hours in the Volunteer Binder.

If you have questions about reporting your hours please contact Judy Covin at JudyCovin@yahoo.com

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Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

<http://tcpaaconvention.org>

Our 1st VP-Deb Hathorn will attend the Texas Region One meeting in Conroe on Saturday, October 13, 2012 to provide a brief overview of our Alumni accomplishments. Information learned from the meeting will be shared with all members at the November regular meeting as well as the lpcpaaa.org website and Facebook page.



C.O.P Team

*Trained Volunteers patrolling the
City of La Porte observing and
reporting safety violations*

September Patrol Time:
157.50 Hrs.

The C.O.P. link from our website is up and running! Members of the C.O.P. team now have access to the Members Only link to access information related specifically to the C.O.P. program such as the scheduling process, procedures, and forms.

The C.O.P. Team continues to patrol the parks and enforce Handicap and Fire zone parking. In addition, the team is responsible for checking for light outages along city streets to assist in reducing city charges for nonburning lights. In the course of their duties they are often approached by citizens who ask for assistance, report safety issues or ask about the CPA and C.O.P. programs.



La Porte Texas Airplane Auto Show

Saturday, October 6, 2012

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Volunteers Report @8:00AM

La Porte Municipal Airport

All Proceeds Benefit the Veteran & Military Wounded Warrior Program

A minimum of 5 Volunteers are needed to:

- Carry & Set up Table & Chairs
- Take a few handouts & CPA Applications to give out
- First 5 receive FREE entry to this event.

Even if you are not volunteering, please come out and support this extremely worthy cause.

Entry fee is \$10.00 per person or, \$5.00 + 2 items (children under 12 are FREE) that will be sent to the troops. All attendees are encouraged to bring 2 items that could be forwarded to our troops for personal use.

Making A Difference

YTD: 4783.00

VOLUNTEER HOURS

SEPT. Hrs. 505.5



"Fido" Dog House Donations

Sept. & Oct. Total: \$60.40

We have plenty of houses in need of placement.
Contact Rusty Paulus at 713.823.2991

Volunteers in Action!



National Night Out



OPPORTUNITIES



Blue Santa Workshop

Activity will begin soon in preparation of this year's Blue Santa program!

We'll need plenty of Elf Volunteers to make the event as successful as last year.

For more information on the Blue Santa activities, log onto <http://www.lpcpaaa.org/blue-santa-2012/>.

Special Notices

- LPCPAAA By-Laws have been revised and approved. You can view the final revision at our website www.LPCPAAA.ORG
- Please be sure to return any vests, radios, or loaned equipment to the Volunteer Office at the end of each event.
- The next CPA Basic Class will begin in early January. Talk to friends and neighbors now to encourage participation.
- Watch for notices about our annual Christmas Party & Awards Banquet.



2012 LPCPAAA Board Members

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

URL Link: <http://www.lpcpaaa.org>



How Can I Find Out What's Happening?

1. Attend a monthly Alumni meeting. All things "Volunteer" are discussed and planned at the meetings.
2. Visit our website regularly: www.LPCPAAA.ORG
3. Email: Add our addresses to your contact list so that mail doesn't end up in your SPAM file. Addresses:
EditorLPCPA@att.net
D2Hathorn@att.net
JudyCovin@yahoo.com
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TippitJ@laportetx.gov

Feel free to drop by and listen in on any meeting. We would love to hear what you think of our organization.



Need a Volunteer Badge?

Officer Rick Hilton @ 281.842.3120

Report Volunteer Hours

via the Volunteer Report Form to Judy Covin @ www.LPCPAAA.org

Newsworthy Articles or Photos?

Email to Editor, Deb Hathorn @
Editorlpcpa@att.net

Find us on Facebook at

La Porte Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

THANK YOU!!!

A special "Thank You" to all those Volunteers that came out September 22 to help with the La Porte Health & Safety Fair in September! Once again the event brought out the community for children immunizations, free child ID kits, and information on other topics such as fire prevention and sheltering in place training.

And a big hug to all of you folks who do the behind the scenes work to keep the organization running smoothly!! We know you are there, we know what you do and we really appreciate YOU!!

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