



LA PORTE CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# Citizens *In Action!*

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## *New Animal Shelter to Open this Year*

Listen up gardeners and pet lovers! During our February meeting, Chief Adcox thanked the membership for their contributions during 2012 and requested help in raising funds and constructing a park-like setting behind the planned new animal shelter to be built at Spencer Hwy at the airport. The reaction from several members indicated this may be a project of special interest in 2013 but more discussion and planning is required. Be sure to attend our monthly meetings to learn more about this project and how you might help.

## *Officer Jones' Kindness to a local dog brings in a donation!*

Many of you may have heard or read about Officer Kyle Jones kind act of shutting down a street to save a dog on a rain soaked street. The act gained national attention and as a result a nice donation from a lady in Virginia! In case you missed it, we've posted details and links on our website.

## *Check out our Fido Shelters!*

What can we say! We just have a special love for the animals! We have been raising funds for vaccinations and other care for the cats, dogs and other creatures taken into the shelter for quite some time. We are happy to have raised over \$5,700 for their care.

You may see these little Doghouse Banks in businesses around La Porte. They are the efforts of the LPCPA Volunteers to raise some additional funds for the La Porte Animal Shelter. **100% of the money donated** goes to provide vaccinations for all cats & dogs who come through the shelter... making life better for them and safer for the community.

When you see these donation spots, please give... and thank the merchants who provide the space for them. And thanks Rusty & Sandi Paulus for constructing the shelters!



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## SIDNE

On a cold, breezy morning in February, several volunteers bundled up to assist Officer Tippit and Gonzalez deliver the SIDNE program to youths identified by the Municipal Courts.

Needless to say, it was quite an experience to be around youths who are outspoken, adrift, and yet, still very interested in taking on the experiences offered by the SIDNE go cart and drug goggles.

Laughs were heard throughout the parking lot and caution was taken while youths were behind the wheel, but in the end many thanked us and expressed appreciation for showing them the hazards of drinking in general.



## Looking Ahead

### RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE (RAD)

**CLASS** - 4 nights from 6p-9p  
Enrolling for May 15th Class

#### New Advanced CPA Announced

Starts Tuesday, May 14th - Contact Officer Jeff Tippit at [TippitJ@laportetx.gov](mailto:TippitJ@laportetx.gov) to enroll.

**C.O.P. TEAM** - Training to be announced.

### CPA BASIC CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	Course
2/12	K-9 Patrol
2/19	Municipal Court
2/26	S.W.A.T.
3/5	Commercial Motor Carrier Safety Unit
3/12	Patrol Procedures
	Patrol Ride Along
3/19	Traffic Enforcement
	Traffic Stop Scenarios
3/26	DARE
	DRE/DWI Enforcement
<b>4/2</b>	<b>GRADUATION!!</b>

Note: Past graduates are invited to attend any class.

#### APRIL 2013

ACTIVE SHOOTER DEFENSE  
PRESENTATION

#### JULY 24 – JULY 26

2013 TEXAS CPAAA STATE  
CONVENTION & LAW ENFORCEMENT  
TRAINING

## Visit Our Dog Park

The weather has been slightly breezy and a bit chilly but it is nice enough during the day to make a visit to the Little Cedar Bayou Park Dog Park - located between the pool and playground.

Contact: The La Porte Animal Shelter 281-471-3811

## RAD Course Graduates



excerpts from John Krueger Feb. Media Release

La Porte Police Department's members who are trained and certified in Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System techniques recently celebrated along with the graduates of another RAD course hosted by the agency. With the success of the program, and recognizing its unmistakable value, LPPD will begin hosting another course in mid-May. One of La Porte's RAD instructors, Officer Matt Parsons, expressed his observation that the latest set of RAD course graduates appeared to feel a strong sense of empowerment upon completing the course.

The four, 3-hour, days of RAD coursework are scheduled for two weeks in a row from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., with each daily class building on the former. The course days are not consecutive, yet are intentionally spread out, as the program is both physically and mentally intensive. Nevertheless, LPPD's RAD instructors are committed to making the course dates fun and enjoyable, as well as genuinely educational. The **next series will begin on May 15<sup>th</sup>**, with dates for the other three courses being finalized after the 10-person roster is filled.

For those unfamiliar with the RAD System, it is, in essence, a program of realistic, self-defense tactics and techniques. The class, taught by LPPD's certified RAD Instructors, begins with classroom-based orientation where workbooks and reference manuals lay the course foundation. During this initial phase, the entire physical defense program is outlined for both personal reference and continuous individual growth. Later, the physical techniques are discussed, and eventually encompass a series of comprehensive hands-on exercises.

The RAD training is open solely to women ages 13 and up; younger ladies under the age of 18 must attend class with their mother or legal female guardian. In essence, La Porte's RAD program is dedicated to teaching women defensive concepts and techniques against various types of assault, by utilizing easy, effective, and proven self-defense tactics.

For more information on the RAD program, including registration information, please contact La Porte Officer Matt Parsons at 281-604-6787, or via email at: [parsonsm@laportetx.gov](mailto:parsonsm@laportetx.gov).



## Blue Santa

*Another year of joy and laughter.*

In an effort to raise funds for Blue Santa and other Alumni causes, the LPCPAAA will introduce a new meeting format beginning with the March meeting.

Sandi Paulus graciously worked her magic to create a snazzy e-newsletter that announced the change to members in February.

Working at the request of President, Richard Browder, Sandi and Deb Hathorn came up with the first three months worth of events in hopes of increasing member attendance while having a little fun prior to meetings.

March: Raffle  
April: Bingo  
May: Cooking Contest

A survey will be shared with members to identify additional events for the remainder of the year. So be thinking about a fun activity that can take place in the span of about an hour, that is fun, and can help us raise funds for our organization.

## Great Texas Warrant Roundup

**Kuddos to all you volunteers that tackled a stack of Warrants and made courtesy calls to those with outstanding warrants! As usual, you finished the job in record time with a record amount of contacts!**

# Making A Difference

## VOLUNTEER HOURS

JANUARY: 322.75

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## "Fido" Dog House Donations Benefiting Animal Control

January: **\$60.85**

Visit the LPCPAAA website to learn more: [www.lpcpaaa.org](http://www.lpcpaaa.org)

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

LPCPAAA Dues will be payable NOW for the 2013 year. Remain a *Member in Good Standing* by paying your dues on time.

Checks should be made payable to the "LPCPAAA".

Single: \$24.00

Couple: \$40.00

Payments can be made at our monthly meetings.

## Financial Audit Completed

Judy Covin, Wanda Cummings and Emma Zech worked long and hard to complete the first Financial Audit of 2012. Several recommendations were shared with the membership during the February meeting. As a result, the recommendations received overwhelming support!

Recommendations accepted:

1. Balance the account monthly
2. Use Deposit Slips
3. Copy Checks
4. Provide a Receipts
5. Reimburse members in a timely manner
6. Utilize a Single Mailing Address
7. Audit books quarterly.

Outstanding job Judy, Wanda and Emma!!

## Something New

Thanks to efforts and fortitude of Richard Browder we will now have something new to handout during our booth events. Richard has made arrangements for the organization to purchase 1000 wrist bands for youth at special events throughout 2013.

We hope the wristbands will attract both youth and their parents to our booths so that we can increase participation in the Alumni as well as other events sponsored by the LPPD.

Thanks for making a difference Richard!

# Texas Region One

## Highlights

Just a reminder that the Witness Protection Law Enforcement Cruise has had 50 people sign up. If you are still interested in participating in the 5 day cruise out of Galveston on Carnival's Triumph (this might change given the recent events) - Contact [www.dickensontravel.net](http://www.dickensontravel.net) or phone Gwen or Kim at 281-337-5693.

The March Region One Meeting will be hosted by the Harris County Sheriff CPAAA on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 10:00AM at the Northwest Medical Cali Storefront, 17117 Cali Drive, Houston, Texas.

The location is off of FM 1960 west of I-45. North on I-45, exit 66A. Go west on FM 1960, approximately 3/4 mile to Cali Drive and turn right. Come early for refreshments and fellowship. Liaison Officers are encouraged to attend.

April Meeting: Dickinson

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We send our condolences to the following members of LPCPAAA and Region One who lost loved ones since the first of the year:

- February:
  - Mother-in-law of Richard Browder, LPCPAAA President
  - Mother-in-law of Norma Elliott, LPCPAAA Member
- Charles Billingsley, Editor & Publisher of Region One Flash - wife Jean Billingsley in January
- Calvin Walker, President of Region One - wife LaVonne (also a member of Region One another other CPAs) this week.

We apologize if we have failed to acknowledge any other losses. Notifications may be shared via email to, [lpcpaAlumni@att.net](mailto:lpcpaAlumni@att.net) or [D2Hathorn@att.net](mailto:D2Hathorn@att.net).



### 2013 LPCPAAA Board Members

President:	Richard Browder
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Gary Tandy*
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Paula Rizzuto
Treasurer:	Vicky Copley
Secretary:	Ken Rose

\*Resigned - New 1stVP to be announced at March Mtg.



### REPORT YOUR HOURS!!

Not only do we provide a report of hours to Chief Adcox each month, but we also use these reports for determining eligibility for many of our recognition programs. So please take a moment and make sure you sign in at each event or report your hours via our website.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Each month during our monthly meeting the Board shares upcoming plans and events where volunteers may be required. As more current details are announced we post updates to our website and Facebook page.

### MONTHLY ALUMNI MEETING

When: April 4, 2013

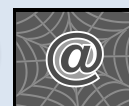
First Thursday of each month.

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

Feel free to drop by and listen in on any meeting.

### NEWSLETTER

If you attend an event and can summarize your experience, or take photos we can use in the newsletter, please share them with Deb Hathorn at [lpcpaAlumni@att.net](mailto:lpcpaAlumni@att.net)



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

Officer Rick Hilton @ 281.842.3120

### **Report Volunteer Hours**

[lpcpaAlumni@att.net](mailto:lpcpaAlumni@att.net) or  
[www.LPCPAAA.org](http://www.LPCPAAA.org) (Volunteer Hours link)

**Annual LPCPAAA Membership Dues are due now! Remain a Member in Good Standing by paying your dues on time. Applications are available at Monthly Meetings and may also be printed directly from our website.**

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. ~Leo Buscaglia