



LA PORTE CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Citizens *In Action!*

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2013

Chief's Letter to Alumni

As we approach the close of 2013, I wanted to take a moment to express my thoughts on the positive impact of volunteerism. When we give of ourselves, be it through our time, our talents, or our treasures, we impact those around us in ways which we may never know. More importantly, the kindness which accompanies acts of volunteerism is contagious – it spreads quickly from person to person.

Members of the LPCPAAA, and others who have joined us along the way, are the type of individuals who make a community exceptional. Selfless effort and dedication to a cause greater than themselves, such as our police department, community, or individuals in need, never seems to be in short supply among these cherished few. Please accept my sincere gratitude for all that you do.

The only way I could imagine our volunteer program being improved in any way would be for us to grow our numbers even further. We continue to hold two basic CPA Classes each year, however, we almost always have a few empty seats. I would love to fill these with people who would enjoy becoming part of our police family.

The best way to do this is for all of us to spread the word. If anyone reading this has a friend or family member who has expressed even the mildest of interest in serving, or if there is someone whom you feel would be ideal for our cause, take every moment you can to show them the joy you feel as a result of your volunteerism. Never be ashamed to share emotions or stories which touched you deeply, for it is through such testimonies that others are drawn to a cause.

By this same token, if you know anyone who has been critical or untrusting of the police in the past, let's open our arms and invite them in as well. Our police department would love a chance to win them over by letting them get to know our officers on a personal level and by educating them on what our police department does for our community on a daily basis.

In closing, this past year has been a pleasure indeed. However, as we lock away those memories in the storehouses of our minds, let us not forget that the most important times in our lives involve one key ingredient – other people. I hold fast to the opinion that when we surround ourselves with other service-minded people, the memories become that much greater. Thanks to each and every one of you.

Yours truly,
Chief Ken Adcox

What's Inside....Volunteers were overly active these past few weeks. Therefore, we will be posting additional accomplishments on our website over the next week. As we near the end of the year we wish to thank each volunteer for their service and encourage them to continue finding ways to build a better Alumni!



Texas CPAAA Board Meeting

Jeff Tippit, Chris Copley and Brenda Pritchard attended the Texas State CPA Conference in Buffalo, Tx on Saturday, October 26. It was reported that serious changes are needed at the State level however we are encouraged to continue participation in the Region One association and stay committed to the LPCPAAA.

Read more about Region One on page 2.

New Members

We are proud to announce that Dan Parker and Kim Guarino joined the Alumni during Thursday's meeting!

Welcome aboard Dan and Kim!!



Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

<http://tcpaaconvention.org>

Our very own Dave Davis has volunteered as a nominee to 1VP for Region One. Nominations will take place on Saturday, November 9 in La Marque, Texas. Several of our members committed to attend the meeting in support of Dave. Dave attended the October Region One meeting and reported he was impressed with the K-9 demonstrations.



C.O.P Team

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

On Thursday, October 10th the LPPD and LPCPAAA graduated nine new Citizens On Patrol members and recertified four previous members. Participants have completed the required classroom portion of their training and will now schedule the ride-a-long with a certified member. Ride-a-long patrols will be completed in November/December.

The team will then consist of twenty (20) members, including new members:

Richard Browder
Norma Elliott
Dave Davis
Dottie Kaminski
Phillip Niewald
Brenda Pritchard
Bobby Royce
Aubry Sartori
Jeanne Zemanek



CPA Graduation Ceremony

*You are cordially invited to attend the
graduation ceremony of the 2013 Basic
CPA Class on Tuesday, November 12, 2013
at the LPPD Training Center.*

*Refreshments will be served immediately
following the graduation ceremony.*

Making A Difference

Whether you serve during one event a year or try to make them all, you are a valuable member of this organization! We cannot say "Thank You" enough to each and every one of our members and volunteers for all that they do contributing to the LPPD and to the City of La Porte. As one of our PAR officers is known to often say, "YOU ROCK!"

Paula Wahnoutka turned a bad outcome into a positive when the celebration cake for Officer Appreciation Day wasn't ready as ordered. She immediately sprang into action and spoke with the manager to make arrangements for another cake to be ready by lunch.

Richard Browder deserves a hand for making the trip and safely delivering the cake on time. Not to mention picking up a few things for Deb's strawberry angel food cake.

Norma Elliott is to be commended for seeing a need and taking action! Norma recently approached the Board with an offer they couldn't refuse. Being a member of the Alumni is something she takes very seriously and as a result she felt it important for members to receive additional, clarifying information regarding the 2014 Board nominations. Taking it upon herself, Norma created and mailed a packet to all members-in-good standing a week prior to the November elections.

Notice how well the lobby plants are looking now that they are being watered regularly? **Jeanne Zemanek** took on the responsibility of caring for the plants earlier this year and we can all see the difference a little tender loving care goes.

Rusty Paulus was seen recently repairing a "Fido" house prior to one of our monthly meetings. You're the best! Thanks for keeping this much needed program alive and prospering.

Nettie Warren and Richard Browder are to be thanked for helping staff the Animal Control Ground Breaking Ceremony. After two of our regular volunteers were MIA after a memory lapse, Nettie and Richard handled the event nicely ~ on their own.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Blue Santa Toy Events & More

November 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10	11	12 CPA Graduation LPPD: 6:30PM	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Wrap Blue Santa Toy Boxes LPPD: 6-8PM	22 Deliver Toy Boxes 9am	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Christmas O Main St. Booth: 4pm-9pm	6	7 LPCPAAA Banquet DUPONT CLUB: 7PM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Blue Santa Donation Box Toy Wrap LPPD: 9am-2pm	17 Blue Santa Toy Wrap LPPD: 9am-2pm	18 Blue Santa Shopping LPPD: 6PM	19	20 Blue Santa Toy Wrap Neighborhood Center: 9am- 2pm	21 BLUE SANTA TOY DISTRIB. 7AM
22	23	24 Eve	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2 CPA MEETING LPPD: 630PM	3	4



Vote IVP
Install '14 Board Members

Volunteer of the Quarter



Deb Hathorn was voted the Volunteer of the 3rd Quarter award for 2013! During the 3Q she helped create and deliver the updated COP training program, participated in several events such as the Health & Safety Fair, National Night Out and LPHS Project Graduation Haunted Crematorium. Deb is an active member throughout the year as well handling the duties of Volunteer Coordinator, Media and Recognition Coordinator and is also a member of the Citizens On Patrol Team. We are proud to honor her as our V3Q'13!

Make A Difference Awards

The following volunteers were recognized by their fellow volunteers for having "Made A Difference" that positively impacted the LPCPAAA or LPPD.

Kathleen Faris is a quiet, yet very active volunteer. She was recognized for "Making yourself available to assist where needed during the Health & Safety Fair."

Norma Elliott "recognized the need to share additional information as it related to the nomination process and taking the necessary steps to ensure members received that information in a timely manner. "

Richard Browder's peer rightfully recognized that he "Always attends each event and makes sure that things go smoothly." Richard is known by all to be the first person on site and most times, the last to leave.

Deb Hathorn received two certificates which stated, "You "Go Beyond"! The hours you work are very much appreciated." and the other, "Deb goes above and beyond for the alumni with the website, emails, and record keeping, etc..."

Vicky Copley was recognized for her behind the scenes work associated with her duties as Treasurer.

Her peer complimented Vicky for, "Doing an exceptional job as Treasurer of the LPCPAAA."

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If you have observed someone going that extra mile to serve the LPPD or LPCPAAA, please consider awarding them with a Make A Difference certificate at any time throughout the year!

Important News

During the November alumni meeting members nominated the following individuals for the 2014 Board Member positions:

President - Brenda Pritchard
1st VP - Dave Davis & Aubry Sartori
2nd VP - Paula Wohnoutka
Treasurer - Vicky Copley
Secretary - Norma Elliott

Dave Davis and Aubry Sartori will face a run-off election at the January 2, 2014 Alumni meeting as both received the exact number of votes.

Make plans now to attend this meeting and help decide who will represent the Alumni as 1VP.

The Chief Reports....

Chief Adcox spoke at the Alumni meeting on Thursday, November 7 and shared that La Porte ranked among the top 25 safest cities statewide in a recent crime survey.

Currently, the crime rate is exactly equal to the number of crimes last year. No more, no less.

In addition, of the 700 police departments across Texas, La Porte is the only city of 100 which is certified as a Best Practices department. LPPD most recently received their 3-year re-certification after completing another successful Best Practices review.

The Chief also reported that the K-9 program retired one of the officers but gained two additional K-9's. The K-9's have recently completed a month long training course and are now in the introduction period with their assigned officer. As a result of the additional K-9's there is now an available K-9 at any time of the day.

Blue Santa and the Animal Shelter has friends in all the right places. There is a program in LP whereby jurors may choose to donate their days pay to a number of local charities. Thanks to a municipal court employee and Chief Adcox, Blue Santa and the Animal Shelter are now part of that program. Plus, after just one case, Blue Santa received two donations and the Animal Shelter one!

Before leaving the meeting, the Chief invited everyone to attend Monday nights City Council meeting as past Chief Richard is presented with the Best Practices Re-Certification on behalf of the LPPD. His presence is important as he was the first Chief to recommend and push to participate in the program. So please stop by if you have a moment to show support for this great accomplishment!

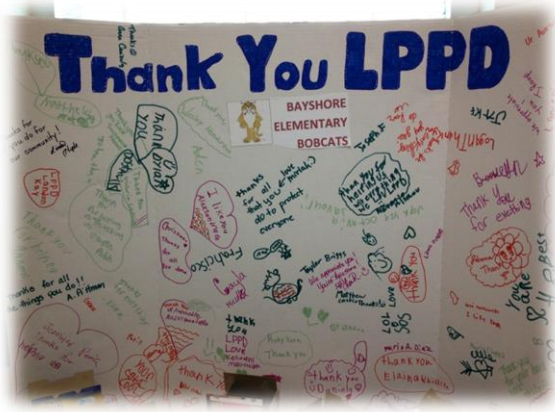
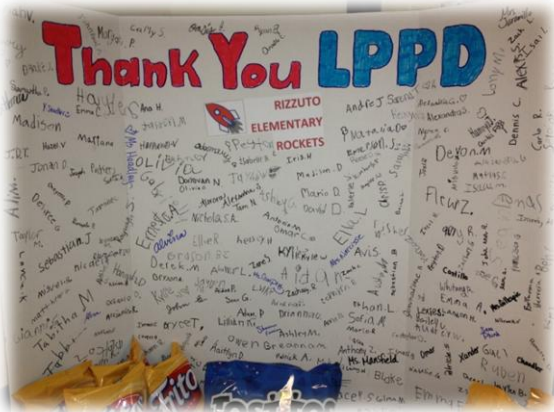
Volunteers in Action!

Officer & Law Enforcement Appreciation Day 2013

Thanks to these and many more who contributed to the day's success!



Gary Tandy, Kathleen Faris, Vicky & Chris Copley, Brenda Pritchard, Paula Wohnoutka, Paula Rizzuto, Norma Elliott, Richard Browder, Doug & Deb Hathorn, Bobby Roye.
And, last but certainly not least, the wives of Gary Tandy (Lois) and Richard Browder (Inke)!



MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

Norma Elliott, Richard Browder, presenter: Doug Hathorn, Vicky Copley, Deb Hathorn, Kathleen Faris was absent.



OPPORTUNITIES



Blue Santa Workshop

Santa needs plenty of elves to help wrap toy donation boxes, shop for toys and then wrap the donated and purchased gifts. For a very special treat - help us distribute the toys at the Neighborhood Center on the morning of Saturday, December 21, 2013!!! Contact Deb Hathorn if you wish to help.

COMING EVENTS

- Dec. 5 - Christmas on Main St. 4pm -9pm
We will set up our booth and have Blue Santa on his motorcycle for photo ops by parents.
- Dec. 7 - LPCPAAA Awards & Christmas Banquet @ Dupont Club House 7-11pm
All volunteers are welcome to attend with a spouse/guest.

King's BBQ will cater our banquet. This was a great time last year and we expect no less this year. Come meet new friends, visit with other volunteers and join in the fun! Be sure to RSVP and make your payment by the due date included in a soon to be received email.



2013 LPCPAAA Board Members

President:	Richard Browder
1 st Vice President:	Dave Davis
2 nd Vice President:	Paula Rizzuto
Treasurer:	Vicky Copley
Secretary:	Ken Rose

CONTACT US

URL Link: <http://www.lpcpaaa.org>
Volunteer Office: 281.842.3149



How Can I Find Out What's Happening?

- Attend a monthly Alumni meeting. All things "Volunteer" are discussed and planned at the meetings. Feel free to drop by and listen in on any meeting.
- Visit our website regularly: www.LPCPAAA.ORG
- Email: Add our addresses to your contact list so that mail doesn't end up in your SPAM file. Addresses:
Volunteer Coordinator: D2Hathorn@att.net
PAR Officer: GonzalezR@laportetx.gov
PAR Officer: TippitJ@laportetx.gov
PAR Officer: StanleyY@laportetx.gov
- "Like" us on Facebook at *La Porte Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association*



Need a Volunteer Badge?

Officer Rick Hilton @ 281.842.3120

Report Volunteer Hours

via the Volunteer Report Form at www.LPCPAAA.org

Newsworthy Articles or Photos?

Email to Editor, Deb Hathorn @
D2Hathorn@att.net
Use Subject: CPA Event

REMINDER:

There will be no meeting in December as we take time to celebrate with one another during the Annual Awards & Christmas Party.

Alumni Quiz

Did you know we have a mascot?

The first member to call 281.842.3149 and identify the mascot will win a prize.

(Chris & Vicky Copley are not eligible)

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