

## La Porte Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

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### ADVANCED CPA CLASS - LARGEST CLASS YET!

[La Porte Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association](#) and the LP Police Department was honored with the graduation of the largest class yet of Citizens Police Academy students on Tuesday, August 12th. Assistant Chief R. Parker and Officer Jeff Tippit presented twenty-nine (29) certificates of completion to the Advanced CPA Class of 2014. Many of the past CPA graduates and LPCPAAA members were on hand to share experiences and congratulate the new graduates.

#### 2014 Advanced La Porte Citizens Police Academy Graduates

(Not in order) Joan Allen, Susan Allen, Brittany Avila, Tammy Bird, Tim Bird, Wanda Cummings, Joyce Dudley, Norma Elliott (absent), Romona Gadberry, Carol Gloyna, Kim Guarino, Jimmie Henderson, Carolyn McPeak, James Miller, Herschel Moore Jr., Herschel Moore Sr., Daniel Parker, JoAnn Pitzer, Shirley Rogers, Mary Seago, Maggie Stout, Lois Tandy, Brenda Thompson, Ed Thompson, Michael Urich, Janice Wilson, Nikki Wyatt, Josh Zech.



The class consisted of 14 weeks of police related training each Tuesday night from 6:30pm-9:30pm. Besides many law enforcement subjects, the class closed on the last night with a mock trial in the municipal court. Students took on the roll of each member of court and others were divided into two juries to learn more about what a trial is like from all perspectives. Surprisingly, each of the two juries came up with a different verdict!

Graduates of this class also were treated to Citizens On Patrol training and are now eligible to complete the second portion of the training and become certified as C.O.P. members.

We are looking forward to the next Basic CPA Class that begins on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 6:30pm in the Training Center of LPPD at Spencer & 23rd St.

**August 9 - REGION ONE MEETING HOST** - It was an honor to host the August Region One meeting and our volunteers really stepped up to the plate to provide a breakfast and snacks for those in attendance. And did we ever have a great crowd with over fifty community minded volunteers from several CPAAA's in Region One in attendance! Chief Ken Adcox kicked things off with a presentation and story that centered on the importance of volunteering and the need to engage young folks. Next, guest speaker Ken DeFoor with the Liberty County Sheriff's Department gave an interesting presentation on the uses of Graphology (handwriting analysis) in law enforcement cases. His informative talk definitely makes you think twice how you dot your I's and cross your T's.

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Ken explained how he uses his skills to determine personality traits and characteristics in ways such as pre-employment screening, jury profiling, personality profiling of suspects and witnesses, and even compatibility studies in personal relationships. Ken explained that an individual's signature alone is not enough to analyze someone's handwriting properly. Therefore, prior to the start of his presentation, he had each of us to complete a handwritten sentence and also sign our signature. As Ken proceeded to explain the variances and meanings of strokes, loops, crossed "T's" and such, folks were trying to sneak a peek at their neighbors paper and some were covering their handiwork. If we had to guess, several of us went home and had a family member or friend write out a sentence and sign their name so we could perform our own amateur analysis.



La Porte hosts Region One monthly meeting. Region president Sandi Miller, presiding, in left photo. Ken DeFoor (right) was guest speaker.

**August 30 - DWI NO REFUSAL NIGHT**

Volunteers may have only had a few days to come together and organize food preparations for Saturday's DWI No Refusal Night at the La Porte PD in Harris County but they did so in their usual big way! Thanks to over sixteen (16) volunteers we were able to provide sandwiches, gumbo, fruit, granola bars, home baked cookies, brownies, cake and drinks for those working this important event. Many of the volunteers not only brought in food items but also stayed to ensure court and medical personnel were supplied with drinks and snacks. Dispatch even had a few treats delivered to their table in appreciation for all they do in communicating with those in the field. A special shout out goes to new volunteers and CPA graduates, Janice Wilson and Joan Allen for attending their first DWI No Refusal night.



DWI NO REFUSAL NIGHT - La Porte Police Department (Standing, L-R) Deb Hathorn, Phil Niewald, Doug Hathorn, Richard Browder, (seated) Brenda Pritchard

**Continuous Projects:** LeadsOnline, Dispatch Greeter, Victims Assistance, Citizens On Patrol Team, Parade Barricade Team, Wally Wise Shelter-in-Place, Blue Santa Program, National Night Out, LPPPOA Golf Tournament, Project Graduation Halloween Haunted House, LP Health & Safety Fair, ongoing LPPD project assistance, and more.

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