

**LA PORTE CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
March 2018 News**

We missed you at our meeting in February. Please remember that we meet on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30. You don't have to be an Alumni member to attend the meetings. Attending is a great way to know what we're up to and what's coming up that you can join in on. And here's what Chief Adcox has to say this month:

Chief's Corner

Hello group! We had another pretty great month. I want to start by thanking Sara and her team for coordinating the Pot Luck CPAAAA get together on February 7th. What great food and conversation! Also, we opened our new Southside Neighborhood Center with a bang - thanks to our volunteers. The Center has only been open for about two weeks and we have received nothing but praise from the community. Anthony has been doing a great job holding down the fort, but we really would love to see a core group of CPAAA Volunteers commit to spending some time in the office down there (Monday thru Friday- anytime from 8AM to 5PM). This will really be important during the summer months when we can expect lots of traffic from neighborhood youth. Please join the cause if you can! If you are interested in helping out you can call Anthony direct.

Finally, I am so proud to share that our department was again recognized by the Texas Police Chief's Association. The LPPD was formally presented with a beautiful "Re-Recognition" plaque at last Monday's City Council Meeting for our continued compliance with Texas Police Chiefs Association (TPCA) Best Practices Recognition Program for Law Enforcement. Webster Chief of Police Danny Presley, Team Leader representing the TPCA Recognition Program, presented the certificate.

While making the presentation, Chief Presley put the accomplishment in perspective by sharing with Council that "there are over 2400 Law Enforcement agencies in Texas, and only 144 agencies have achieved 'Recognized' status. Only 67 agencies have been Re-Recognized.....meaning that they have maintained these standards for more than 4 years. The fact that the La Porte Police department has maintained these standards for 8 years in a row means that your Department is among the top 3% of all police agencies in the State."

The Law Enforcement Recognition Program is a voluntary process where police agencies in Texas prove their continued compliance with over 168 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices covering all aspects of police operations. While being “Recognized” is no guarantee an agency will not make a mistake, it does ensure that the agency has studied these critical issues, developed policy and procedures to address them, and has systems in place for the identification and correction of problems. In short, this process helps us ensure that we are providing our community with the best possible law enforcement services!

I am also so proud to mention that, at the same City Council meeting, two of our own received individual awards for their distinguished service over the last year. Lt. Matt Daeumer was recognized as the City of La Porte’s Manager of the Year and Animal Control Supervisor Clarence Anderson was recognized as the Employee of the Year. Both recognitions were well earned and deserved. Please shake Matt and Clarence’s hand the next time you see them. We’ll that’s it for now. Hope to see you all soon.

Chief Adcox



(Left to right: LPPD Assistant Chief Ron Parker, Lt. Matthew Daeumer, Chief Kenith Adcox, Webster Police Chief Danny Presley and City of La Porte Mayor Louis Rigby)



Pot Luck Dinner: We had a ton of fun at our potluck dinner on February 9th. There were 30 people that attended! We got to fellowship with some “new” and “old” friends. The icebreaker BINGO got everybody talking to each other and our photo “booking” booth was a success, too. The jail even loaned us some of the orange jumpsuits the prisoners wear and several people were actually brave enough to have their picture taken with it on! Officer Gonzales brought us pork loin, brisket, and sausage. The food was excellent and we hope to do similar events once a quarter. Hopefully you’ll be able to join us next time. Send me your ideas for future gatherings.

Mardi Gras on Main: We had a great time at our Mardi Gras booth on February 17th. We handed out a lot of CPA brochures, beads, and glow-in-the-dark bracelets. The volunteer turnout was great. Thank you to ALL who helped to make it a success!



Coffee with a Cop - March 5th: Join us from 8:00a - 10:00a at the new Police Neighborhood Center, 3101 S. Broadway, to sit and visit with Officer Bish and neighbors.

Doggie Dash 5K - March 24th: The City of La Porte is hosting the Doggie Dash 5K and need your help. If you can volunteer please contact Bianca Cuccerra at CuccerreB@laportetx.gov or [281-470-5132](tel:281-470-5132).

Region 1 CPAAA Meeting - MARCH 10th: The Region 1 Meeting, with representatives from CPAAA’s across this part of Texas, meets monthly. The March meeting will be held on **March 10** at the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office. Our 1st Vice President, Gary Tandy, serves as our representative each month but you are welcome to attend any of the Region 1 meetings as well. Visit this website for more information:

<http://texascpaaa.org/Region1/abouttcpaaa.html>

Sylvan Beach Weekend - APRIL: The last weekend in April is the Sylvan Beach Day Weekend. We will have a table and hand out information about our classes. If you’d like to hang out with us we would love to have you! Contact Brenda Pritchard as time gets closer. brenda-ann@hotmail.com

Law Enforcement Appreciation Week - MAY: May 17th is the day we set aside to honor and thank our men and women in blue for their service. I'll be getting more information to you as it gets closer but I wanted you to be aware that it's coming up. I'll be asking for volunteers to provide food. Since I'm heading up this event, I'll be your contact.

Volunteer Hours: Just a friendly reminder to turn in your volunteer hours. Email Deb Hathorn at: d2hathorne@att.net or email me and I'll get them to her.

Our "booking" booth at the Pot Luck



Mardi Gras



As always, I'm available if you need me for anything. Looking forward to continuing to serve with you this year.

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