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The NCPAA Board Invites You To Baton Rouge, Louisiana For The 13th Annual NCPAA Conference!

Your National Citizens Police Academy Association Board of Directors look forward to welcoming you to Baton Rouge, Louisiana for the 13th Annual NCPAA Conference! As always we look forward to meeting first time attendees as well as those who have been members and supported us over the years.

The ultimate goal is to create a sharing mechanism for Citizens Police Academy issues, innovative programs, instructional presentations and to provide support in establishing local, state and national channels of communications.

It is the collective hope of ALL of us, that we all share in our growth of knowledge, experiences and of the membership of this organization.

If you have NOT signed up yet - it is not too late. We have tried to make this conference economically reasonable due to the hard economic times many of us are facing.

We look forward to providing an interesting and educational conference for everyone. See you in Baton Rouge, LA! Have a safe trip everyone.



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Make A Difference

The NCPAA was founded on the premise that law enforcement agencies and citizens in the communities they serve would have an organization supporting the Citizens Police Academy concept and Alumni Associations. Simply put, each individual CPA and Alumni Association is strong and positive in their own community. A network of Citizens Police Academies and Graduates can learn and grow from one another.

Elections for the Board of Directors will be held at the 2011 National CPAA Conference on Wednesday – May 4, 2011. The NCPAA is seeking members who will fill expiring Director Positions. Ideally – the Board will be representative of both sworn police and citizen alumni from around the nation. We could use a person like you. You can find all the information about how to nominate for the NCPAA Board in the by-laws on our webpage at www.nationalcpaa.org.

One of the strongest elements in charting the course of the NCPAA is that of the Board of Directors. In being elected by the membership, you are given the responsibility of leadership and growth for this 12 year old organization. One important factor that needs reminding is that in your nomination process, you will need to have an official endorsement by your Department or Alumni Association on their letterhead that allows you the proper time to accomplish your director's and committee chair duties for the duration of your term. If you would like to become part of this leadership team, please do not hesitate in putting your nomination information together. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.**

A word of caution: In addition to fulfilling the responsibilities of their respective positions, NCPAA Executive Officers and Directors are expected to Chair an NCPAA Committee, as well as assist with other special projects throughout the year. Members should expect some long distance phone calling at your own expense in addition to a high volume of e-mailing, enabling the Board to communicate and work together to further this organization. Please review your commitments, and be sure you will have ample time to attend Board meetings and fulfill the responsibilities of the position before nominating yourself.

Per the NCPAA By-Laws – the Nominating Committee **MUST** receive all nominations by midnight, March 20, 2011. Send your nominations to:

Jim Kaletka

Attn: NCPAA Nominating

P.O. Box 241573

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The nomination process can be downloaded from the website for your use. Per our by-laws, .Art. 7, Section 4: Nominations for Association Board Members shall be filed, properly received, and recorded with the Nominating/Election Committee no later than 45 days prior to said scheduled elections as defined in Article VIII, Section 1. At this deadline, nominations shall be declared closed. Following this by-law, the deadline date for 2011 conference nominations is 45 days prior to May 4, 2011.

President's Message

Our theme for the 2011 NCPAA Conference in Baton Rouge, LA is a simple but empowering one: “Partnering With Our Communities, One CPA At A Time”

by: Lt. Richard Powers
NCPAA President

Welcome From Your 2011 Conference Committee

I would like to welcome all of the new members to the NCPAA, as well as those returning law enforcement/CPA Alumni who have renewed their memberships. The 2011 NCPAA Membership Conference being hosted in Baton Rouge, Louisiana has some new and exciting workshops created from your feedback at the 2010 conference. Likewise, the association's website, located at www.nationalcpaa.org has been updated with information and new links for CPA resources. Our goal is to provide and expand the library research page, in order to meet the increasing number of requests by L.E. agencies, Alumni organizations, and more recently college students and the news media, regarding CPA related information. In 2010, the requests for CPA/Alumni links to our website have increased dramatically. Finally, I would be remiss if I did not express our appreciation to Ms. Carol McNeil, our web site manager, who has done an exceptional job in creating and enhancing the website's presentation format and information content.

PoliceOne.Com & NCPAA Are Joining Forces

Just recently, PoliceOne.com (a prominent L.E. based website) has approached us, requesting a mutual website link exchange. In the near future, your NCPAA will join forces with them as a publicized training site for CPAs and Alumni. PoliceOne.com currently averages 30,000 unique visits per day and counts more than 300,000 officers as members.

CPA Challenges in 2011

With today's issues of budget restraints, personnel shortages and some law enforcement agency administrative changes, creating, re-creating and maintaining a CPA has demanded a greater effort from all of us. Over the past year, I have talked or met with several Chiefs, Sheriffs and Superintendents. They have expressed their needs for establishing or maintaining their CPAs, as they have seen the positive impact that a community educational tool such as this brings to their agency. These difficulties they face are then balanced against not having a CPA and the negative separation they have personally seen within the community they service. After some

creative budget re-prioritizing, two local law enforcement leaders (one Chief and one Sheriff) have decided that there is not only a need to continue providing this collaborative effort with their communities, but that a reduction of these efforts would pose a serious backward step in their already working partnerships. The next element in continuing their CPAs was to increase their efforts (and that of past CPA graduates) towards working harder to involve their elected officials and local news media in this win-win community service.

CPA Coordinator National Certification for 2011

With the fast approaching 2011 NCPAA conference, one of the questions asked this year is if a National CPA Coordinator's Advanced Certification Update Course will be offered this year. The answer is YES! After soliciting CPA Coordinators through the 2010 Open Forum Meetings, discussion issues were formulated for this newly added workshop. Issues such as liabilities, grants, whether or not to implement a 501 (c) 3 status for our alumni associations and other factors facing our departments will be explored and expanded upon. In recent years, the role of a CPA Coordinator has become more and more demanding. Factors involving continued community participation following graduations has taken on a new level of expectations. Community based efforts are increasingly being evaluated in an effort to identify what programs or training can prepare our graduates to assume roles as emergency assistance resources. Whether it be through C.E.R.T. training qualifications, VIPS neighborhood patrols, disaster recovery structures, COPS on Patrol or by assisting in resolving community concerns. The expanded role of CPAs and alumni have increasingly sought a higher level of future commitment. This is a perfect example of the acceptance and need to implement the CPA application as a cornerstone to community partnerships. I know of no other foundation collaboration that has enjoyed such a successful history and yet still grows each year. The idea of a Citizens Police Academy shows the need for the continuing educational exchanges between law enforcement and our community members.

Remember, as members of an organization that is increasingly growing, our efforts need to continue in spreading the word about Citizen's Police Academies and our Alumni Associations. Only good things can come from these efforts.

With that final thought, I wish everyone a safe Spring Season, and I look forward to seeing all current and new members at the 2011 Conference.

Remember: The warm breeze from the South is calling your name!!

In the Spotlight...

"In the spotlight" highlights the curriculums of CPA programs being conducted around the nation. It appears in each issue of the NCPAA newsletter to assist agencies interested in starting up a CPA program, as well as to help CPA coordinators enhance a program already in place.

Alumni associations may also find topics of interest for continuing education classes. Together, we can learn from one another and make a difference in our communities!

Citizen Police Academies Aren't Like On 'CSI'

by: Allison Manning
Columbus Dispatch— OHIO



Courtney Hergesheimer | DISPATCH
From left, Tracy Price, Laurel Reinhoehl and Greg Johnson get a closer look at drug paraphernalia at the Westerville Citizens Police Academy.

Police officers are trying to show residents that their job is more than writing traffic tickets - and that no one should expect the small-screen heroics of crimes being solved in an hour.

Citizen police academies have been a part of many

departments' community relations strategies for years, and more cities are seeing the benefit of directly educating curious residents.

"It's a great tool for the division to use to stay in touch with the citizens that we serve so they understand what we do, as opposed to seeing it on TV," said Sgt. Melissa McFadden of the Columbus Police Division. "Television has skewed their perception. They have these big expectations."

Students in citizen police academies have classes in DUI enforcement, weapons and shooting, crime scene investigation, booking procedures and even SWAT. Students' ages and backgrounds vary.

Columbus averages 25 or 30 residents per class. In its first class in the spring, Powell had more than a dozen residents ranging in age from 21 to 73.

Most citizen police academies are free to residents. They don't cost departments much because most instructors are on duty anyway. And officers say their departments are paid back several times

over through volunteer hours dedicated by academy alumni associations.

In Westerville, the 125-member alumni association has spent more than 7,000 hours volunteering with community programs, such as the recent Cops and Kids Day and Fourth Friday events. They also raise money to send officers to training seminars and conventions.

Carol Hribar was part of Westerville's first class in 2000 and now is the treasurer of the alumni association. Police officers "can only do so much in the community," said Hribar, who is also a member of the National Citizen Police Academy Association board. "You are educating your citizens on what to look for."

Academy graduates also become contacts for officers as they attempt to share information throughout the community.

"We have a core group of residents that have a better understanding of what we deal with on a daily basis and know what our concerns are, and are being our eyes and ears in the community," said Officer Heather Galli of the Upper Arlington Police Department, which has had its program since 2006.

In urban districts, having allies in neighborhoods is even more important. Graduates can act as ambassadors for the officers, said McFadden, who ran the city's 17-year-old program from 2001 until last year.

"It lets the officers know there are friends out there," McFadden said. "Everyone we usually see is in a negative light, but it reminds us that not all people are bad. It's not us versus them."

Columbus tries to recruit students from all neighborhoods and walks of life.

"Urban communities have issues with police," McFadden said. "Some people have never seen an officer in a positive light until they take this course."

The idea of training citizens is moving beyond police departments. In the spring, the city of

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Courtney Hergesheimer | DISPATCH
Drug paraphernalia lies on a table at a Citizen Police Academy class taught by narcotics detectives with the Westerville Division of Police.

The Case For CPAs In Troubled times

by: **Daniel P. Smith, author of *On the Job: Behind the Stars of the Chicago Police Department***

I confess I knew little of Citizens Police Academies when the Westmont, Illinois CPA alumni association invited me to present my author program at their monthly meeting in July 2008.

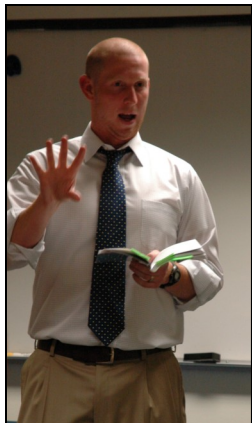
That night, I shared my program, detailing the personal experiences that led me to write *On the Job: Behind the Stars of the Chicago Police Department* and introducing some of the officers I profiled in the book. Immediately, I sensed this was a different group, high on energy and engagement that immediately drove me into the world of CPAs. Today, I count myself among the concept's most ardent advocates.

To date, I've presented my author program to over three dozen CPAs in five states and, each time, I've left more impressed, more inspired by the CPA culture and its tangible benefits. And yet, I continue wondering: why doesn't every community have a CPA?

Combined with ever-constant political maneuvering, the economy's recent turmoil has challenged many CPAs to stay afloat. A number of departments have paused their program or, even more tragic, ceased this valuable avenue that promotes the department and fosters goodwill.

As a reality check to my emotional attachment—and perhaps yours as well, we must remember that CPAs demand two critical elements to succeed: 1.) a police and civic hierarchy dedicated to proactive, inventive measures; and 2.) a monetary investment, which can be a hefty obstacle given thinning budgets.

Most figures I've encountered cite the cost of running a CPA at \$4,000-5,000 with personnel standing as the most costly item. To circumvent the financial burden, some wise, CPA-valuing departments have gotten creative by adjusting instructors' work schedules; bringing in qualified retirees; providing future comp time rather than overtime pay; or pursuing sponsorship and grant monies. While



budgetary woes are a convenient and easy excuse to disregard the CPA, clever thinking can put a dent in costs and create a viable CPA; and yet too few pursue maintaining CPA life.

While manpower and safety should always be a department's paramount concerns, few police programs can match a CPA's dollar-for-dollar return on investment.

At my various encounters with CPA classes and alumni groups, I've often asked audience members to raise their hands if their perception of the police has changed as a result of taking the CPA course. Nearly every hand rises. I then ask if their perception of police has changed in a positive way. Again, nearly every hand rises. Folks, that's positive perception and a return on investment that any corporate heavyweight—McDonald's or Apple, Nike or Ford—would die for.

CPAs stand among the most viable, critical, and robust programs a department can offer. And yet, we're seeing dwindling numbers and slowing momentum, far too many departments ignoring the powerful impact these initiatives can have.

CPAs assume control of perception while dispelling common myths

So much of what the public knows of police comes from either direct interaction, often not at an individual's finest hour, or the media, both of which can deliver a narrow or distorted view of police officers and their work.

Rather than letting Hollywood or disenchanting citizens shape civilian perceptions of the police department, CPAs offer departments the ability to shape their own public image by opening the avenues of communication in a casual, open-minded atmosphere. And this, any PR guru will tell you, is a fundamental means to turn public opinion in your favor.

Furthermore, students learn about their department's roles and capabilities, which will help reduce non-police calls, create more informed citizens, and provide officers a more efficient use of their time.

CPAs foster collaboration and empathy

Insightful, involved dialogue dominates the academy classes, which serve to humanize the department and provide individual officers a name and

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Alumni Corner

“Alumni Corner” highlights the activities and programs of Citizens Police Academy Alumni Associations from around the world. If your alumni has an event, program or information that you would like to share — please forward your information to the NCPAA Newsletter Publisher.

Remember, knowledge is power. And together, the NCPAA is all powerful!

Major Players In A Small Community

by: **Officer W. Candelari – Community Policing Dickinson Police Department**

What was started in February, 1999, has held twenty classes in eleven years and graduated over 225 citizens? The answer is the Dickinson (Texas) Citizen’s Police Academy! If you think that’s impressive, just consider the accomplishments of the Dickinson Citizen’s Police Academy Alumni Association (DCPAAA), an organization that has grown to 120 active members in this same period of time. The DCPAAA supports the Dickinson Police Department in obtaining ancillary equipment and other



assistance through appropriate fund raising projects within the community and works to enhance relations between the DPD and the citizens of Dickinson. The key word in the mission statement of the DCPAAA is “works.” This is a tireless organization. Ongoing activities include: Caring Hands – supporting DPD officers and families in times of crisis, the annual Community Thanksgiving Feast, working with the Festival of Lights, Keep Dickinson

Beautiful, and the Blue Santa program – toys and clothing to those in need. They are also involved in manning the DPD Warrant Notification Program, assisting with traffic control at parades and other community functions, and providing emergency assistance as needed i.e. Hurricane Ike. Within the last year, in an



effort to promote unity and awareness of the other CPA programs in Galveston County, the DCPAAA has started a county-wide citizen’s Police Academy Alumni Association special tours program. Once every other month alumni members from across the county are invited to join the DCPAAA in visiting special sites and programs in the area. To this date, they have toured the Galveston County Jail, the Emergency Operations Center in League City, and the Galveston County Courthouse with a special program by Judge Lonnie Cox. Future programs include a behind the scenes tour of NASA. The general consensus has been that everyone has been amazed as to the complexity and multitude of programs available in this area.

Providing ancillary equipment to DPD has come in the form of providing a K-9 for the department, bullet proof vests for each officer, and most recently, a First Aid Kit for each unit. Money for these projects is raised through the Annual Garage Sale, Bucket Brigades, and personal contributions from caring and supportive citizens. One recent graduate of the DCPA provided the funds to purchase a TASER for each patrol officer.

Perhaps the most visible and active arm of the DCAAAA can be found in the Citizen’s On Patrol (COP’s) program. Designed to enhance individual and collective safety, to promote the general safety and welfare of all people in the City of Dickinson, and to assist the DPD in deterring crime, this group provides high visibility patrols within the city observing and

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Charleston's Unit Varies In Some Ways

Curtis Johnson

The Herald-Dispatch— West Virginia

They're armed with flashlights and radios, wear unique uniforms and drive specially marked police cruisers with orange and red lights.

They are community-minded volunteers who patrol the streets of Charleston, much like the Huntington Police Department's Reserve Unit.

The Charleston Police Department refers to its volunteers as Neighborhood Assistance Officers. The group, cited by Huntington Mayor Kim Wolfe as somewhat of a model for Huntington's Reserve Unit, dates back to 1991 and typically has a roster of 15 citizens. Their program is similar to that of Huntington's with some differences.

Neither group has arrest powers. They both assist with crowd control, directing traffic and leading funeral escorts.

The differences are found in what the volunteers carry and other parts of their mission.

Unlike Huntington, the NAOs are not permitted to carry weapons of any kind, including pepper spray. Charleston Police Lt. Valerie Strege explained weapons are not necessary because her city's sworn manpower is large enough to provide a quick response.

The NAOs' assignment list includes other differences. The Charleston volunteers conduct "eye-and-ear" patrols of city parks and write citations for violators of handicap parking laws. They also stand at the ready to assist with actual police calls that do not require law enforcement action, such as standing by a tow-away vehicle or setting up an emergency shelter for flooding.

Strege said her NAOs find their value in the little things, such as the handicap citations. She believes task such as that go far in earning the community's trust.

"I think it really is a good image," Strege said. "It demonstrates the goodwill that we have to people by having this volunteer group. I think that is really a good plus for the community to see that we intend to serve them and here there are volunteers not even getting paid that want to help us."

The Charleston NAOs receive training through the Police Department's Citizens Police Academy. It is a 12-week course covering various aspects of

police work, such as patrol operations, investigations, narcotics, traffic and criminal law.

The academy attracts officers' spouses, other city employees, current and prospective criminal justice students and retirees. Every graduate doesn't become a NAO, but Strege said each NAO is required to take the course. That assures administrators of each volunteer's training and commitment.

"I think you can know they are going to stick with it," she said. "They are going to recognize their own value as a volunteer."



L to R- NAO's Viola Burchett, Sandy Sarvey and Betty Tyler. Their NAO vehicle won first place in the Best Patrol Vehicle.

Viola is a NCPAA member. Lt. Strege (quoted in article) is the CPA trainer for the Charleston Police Department.

Strege said her agency has bolstered its program through a workers' compensation agreement with volunteers and membership within the Volunteers in Police Service, a program born out of the USA Freedom Corps.

The Charleston program is one of 14 VIPS-recognized efforts in West Virginia. The other groups are located in Fayette County, Parkersburg and points north.

Strege said inclusion within VIPS offers national recognition and benefits to both the group and its volunteers. She explained VIPS provides her police department with various materials, sample policies and sample procedures, along with notification and access to federal grants.

Individually, Strege said her NAOs receive uniform pins that honor their hours of service. Their resume also receives a little more clout by participating in a program endorsed by a national group.

The Conference Is Getting Closer!



13th Annual National Citizens Police Academy Association Conference

May 4- 6, 2011
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
At the Holiday Inn-Airline Highway

Conference Topics (subject to change)

- Citizens Police Academy Coordinators National Certification
- Certified Citizens Police Academy Coordinators Update recertification
- Open forum- General agency and Citizens Academy issues
- Open forum- Citizens Academy Alumni and volunteer issues
- Terrorism in our backyard- Domestic and International
- Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS)
- EPA-Role of Citizens in Environmental Crimes Investigations
- Critical Emergency Employee Planning (CEEP)
- Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)
- Refuse to be a Victim
- Operation Medicine Cabinet/Pill drop
- Texting/ cell phone/driving issues
- Pedophile/ sex offender issues/cybercrime

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NCPAA Conference
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South Bend, IN 46624
or
visit our
website at:
www.nationalcpaa.org
to register online
and for up to date
conference
information

Register Early!

Registration Between: January 31-
March 31, 2011.....\$200.00
Late/On Site Registration: March 31-
May 3, 2011.....\$225.00

Get Your GAME on!

Wear your favorite college team t-shirt to one of our hospitality night events. The team group with the most fans attending the conference wins!

The person that has the most creative team shirt (hand made, or decorated) will win an individual prize.

Conference Silent Auction

We are looking for items to be donated to the Silent Auction we are holding at the conference in Baton Rouge. If you wish to donate an item, Agencies, Alumni(s) and Companies can contact Carol Hribar at basketcjh@aol.com with their name and description of item(s) that they will be bringing to the Conference or for additional information.

Winning bids in the Silent Auction will be paid for by cash/checks only.

Graduated Citizens Academy Classes



**Scottsdale (Arizona)
Police Department
Citizen Police Academy
Class 38 (at left)**

**Waterloo Regional Police
Service's Citizens Police Academy
(Ontario, Canada) Class 25
(at right)**



**Little Rock (Arkansas) Police
Department Citizen's Academy -
Class 44 (at left)**



**Westerville (Ohio) Police
Department Citizens
Academy Class 23 (at right)**



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voice in the midst of cultivating personal relationships. Cops are not seen as a uniform, but as part of the community’s fabric, while citizens begin to consider their own responsibilities.

CPAs build a foundation of support and volunteerism

Each year, CPA alums in South Bend, Indiana hand city leaders a symbolic check signifying the “value added” alumni members have donated to the city through various volunteer efforts. That check amount, annually accounting for over 10,000 hours of service, hovers near \$200,000.

Alumni groups, where these CPAs yield the greatest benefits, often hold fundraising drives for unbudgeted items, such as ear pieces, seat organizers, equipment, and training. In many cases, alums serve as role players in training scenarios or as a responsible presence at community events, such as parades and festivals. Anchorage, Alaska has used its alumni to place follow-up phone calls to victims alerting them of their case status, a savvy PR move that reminds victims they haven’t been tossed aside.

This spirit of volunteerism and support creates a stronger department and delivers tangible, even cost-saving benefits for the community and its officers.

CPAs generate networking opportunities

Every community is filled with talented and eager souls. I know departments that have utilized—often free of charge—CPA members or graduates for computer graphics, the department newsletter, or even funeral escorts. In Arlington Heights, Illinois two students operating a local McDonald’s restaurant have regularly volunteered product and support for various police functions. One member of the Arlington Heights alumni group is a criminal justice professor at Loyola University-Chicago who had his students collect and examine data from 1,000 community surveys distributed by the department.

The CPA’s presence introduces the department to valuable people, resources, and relationships that would otherwise go undiscovered.

CPAs jolt professionalism and morale among the ranks

Police work can be a thankless job and one that weighs on the soul while inviting disenchantment and cynicism. Countless CPA instructors have told me of the joy they receive from citizens showing a sincere interest in their work. The CPAs allow officers themselves to see their community’s citizens in a new light while simultaneously providing a renewed sense of professionalism as they explain their work to others and emerge a credible and trusted source of information. All police should be so fortunate to be reminded of the valuable, important work they do.

Ultimately, CPAs help produce a stronger community

As departments across the nation face budget and manpower crunches, citizen support gains added importance. If citizens can lend their eyes and ears to assist law enforcement efforts, crime can fall as community spirit rises.

In the end, CPAs create more informed, more empathetic citizens, all of which leads to a stronger community and safer working environment for police. With training and bearing in hand, citizens now have a better understanding of how to report crimes and, perhaps more importantly, how to not be a victim, a giant step in creating a more efficient police department.

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Delaware held its first citizens academy, where residents learned about the seven municipal departments. Now, one of the graduates, Chris Jones, is the newest member of the City Council.

"We believe that the more informed residents are, the more active they can be in their local government, and that's a good thing," said city spokesman Lee Yoakum, who coordinated the program.

The Delaware County EMS and 911 center are looking to start their own classes, teaching residents how to save a life and how EMS fits in with other departments.

EMS Chief Rob Farmer chalked up the increase in citizen academies to a more inquisitive community.

"This provides them not only the opportunity to read about it in the newspaper, but to interact directly with those agencies and get a firsthand feel for how those operations work," he said.



reporting suspicious behavior. Citizens who participate in this program, in addition to having a thorough background check, must complete the Dickinson Citizen’s Police Academy and undergo additional training. Underlying all activities is the one tenet: “Observe suspicious behavior, Report the behavior, and Remove yourself from any danger.” Scheduled patrols throughout the month in marked units provide the citizens with the opportunity to learn more about the community and to interact in a positive manner. In 2009, this program contributed over 2000 volunteer hours. They are not policemen.

They are not trained as policemen. They are citizens dedicated and trained to make a difference.

Through participation in the Texas Citizen Police Alumni Association, on a state level the DCPAAA has won Alumni Member of the Year(99), Membership of the Year(02), Alumni of the Year(02 and 09), and Officer of the Year(09). In the brief span of time that they have been in existence the DCPA / DCPAAA has managed to organize itself and develop in a manner that it serves as a model for other programs in the state. In 2004, after only five years, the DCPAAA hosted a State Conference in Galveston at the Moody Gardens for some 400 delegates of other Alumni organizations. The DCPAAA will again assist Region I in hosting the CPA State Convention in 2011 in Galveston at Moody Gardens. As Class XX continues its’ march to completing the program and graduation, it is adding to the full and rich tradition of past academies. This program is designed to continue an interactive discourse with community and Police Department and to offer an opportunity to become an active member of an organization whose motto may say that we, as citizens, also strive to “protect and serve!”

Networking At The Conference

During the 2011 Conference, there will be different opportunities for members to network and share programs and ideas with the other attendees. We encourage you to bring paperwork, information, brochures or other items to share during the open forums we will hold on Citizens Academy/ Agency issues and on Alumni/Volunteer issues. Some of the best education/information we will attain is from each other.

We are also requesting that you bring group pictures or even challenge coins for the display board we will have on display at the conference representing our members as we create a **“Circle of Patches”**. If possible we need you to mail two of your patches to S/Sgt. Mike Jennings - Beaufort County Sheriff’s Office- P.O. Box 1758-2001 Duke Street- Beaufort, SC. 29902. The goal is to create a circle of police and alumni patches representing your agencies.

We wish to share in medicine/pill drop information. Prescription medicine/drugs have become a major problem in our communities especially in our schools. Studies have shown that a majority of the abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinets, night stands or wherever the medication was kept for the ones that was taking it and not in a

controlled environment. Many people do not remember to discard the medicine once it is no longer needed. This is where the problem begins.



The access to these medications/drugs is too easy for our children. Drugs have become such a problem in our schools, neighborhoods and communities that several health organizations and agencies (police and fire/medics) have started the Prescription Medicine/Drug drop off programs.

We would love to hear if there is a program in your area, how it works and who is involved. We would like to gather as much information on the many different programs, so that the communities that do not have a program can get help and information from others to get one started. Communities that have these programs in place have found them very successful. Please bring any and all information to the Conference with you to share with others. If you cannot attend and have information to share, please email it to Carol Hribar at: basketcjh@aol.com



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