

DEER PARK CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Class 34 of our Deer Park Citizens Police Academy kicked off in August with another full roster of 20 citizens, many who are eager to graduate and join our Alumni Association!

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DEER PARK!

In May, our Alumni Members took part in one of our largest community events & fundraisers EVER! Our members were given an opportunity to provide parking attendants for the Pasadena Strawberry Festival which is held during the 3rd weekend in May! This annual festival draws over 60,000 people and was a HUGE undertaking, but our members rose to the challenge and even recruited their friends, families and citizens to help. In all, it took over 60 volunteers, both Alumni Members and citizen volunteers to accomplish this task! Our ability to work together as a team and reach out to our community for support earned our Association a \$5,000 donation!

In June and July, our members volunteered to help with the Deer Park Police Department's week-long Vacation Safety Schools! The first session in June was for kids ages 7 – 10 and the July session was for ages 11-15! Several of our members were always on hand to assist our Crime Prevention Officer with the daily events and presentations! Also in July, 4 of our members attended the T CPA Convention in Conroe;

and an additional 5 attended the TEXAS CPAAA State Convention in Corpus.

August has been our busiest month by far!!!

August 13th:

We were invited to DP's Faithbridge Church to provide fingerprinting at their "Back to School" Carnival. Our members actually fingerprinted over 80 kids and we enjoyed every minute of it!

(L to R: Alumni members John and Beverly Cook, Alumni Member Don Brown & Alumni Board Member Duane Sims.)



August 19th:

Associated Credit Union – Deer Park hosted "Coffee with a Cop"! Once again, our members were there to support our Officers and represent our Alumni Association!

(L to R: Deer Park PD Officer Brandon Williams, Alumni Member Peggy Humphrey, Alumni Member/Chaplain Eva Weverink and Deer Park PD Sergeant James Tryon.)



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August 22nd & 23rd:

We took part in HEB'S – Kid's Day in Deer Park!! Our members were on-hand to provide free fingerprinting and actually fingerprinted over 375 kids that weekend!

DEER PARK LOVES H-E-B!



In addition to our fingerprinting volunteers, we had an additional 8 – 10 members who came out to represent our Association, meet & greet citizens, and promote our Law Enforcement Yard Signs and Decals!

Whenever one of the kiddos get fussy, we send them over to our "secret weapon"! Kids just love Don, and he has a way with the little ones! I honestly don't know who has more fun; all the kiddos, or our Alumni Members!

(L to R: Alumni Members Don Brown and George Williams.)



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In addition to all the special events listed above, many of our members are also actively involved in Citizens on Patrol and Handicap Parking Patrol. We also serve and assist our DP Parks and Recreation Department in offering concessions at their public events such as Concerts in the Park and Movies in the Park. Many of us enjoy supporting our Officers and promoting our Association at Police Department scheduled events such as public "Sector & Beat Meetings", "Coffee with a Cop", "Electronics Recycling Day", and "Drug Take Back Day" to name a few!

OUR CHAPLAINS: Nine of our Alumni Members also serve as Deer Park PD Chaplains! A number of them Pastor local churches, and actively minister to the needs of our Police Department as well as to the needs of crime victims, our Alumni members and the Community!



Alumni Member/Chaplain Eva Weverink leading a community prayer vigil that was held at Deer Park Police Department around our flagpoles!



L to R: Alumni Member/Chaplain Timothy Kelly, DPPD Chief Greg Grigg, Alumni Members/Chaplains Eva & Craig Weverink!

FUNDRAISING: We're proud to report that funds raised from various event concessions sales and our ongoing Law Enforcement Yard Sign, Decal and T-Shirt campaigns has enabled our Association to support our Police Department by honoring them with some well deserved equipment! Earlier this year we were able to provide a new piece of gym equipment for the PD's weight room! We were also able to purchase some new custom made equipment organizers and several cases of super-bright rechargeable LED road flares for each of our department's new fleet of Tahoes! Most recently, we were able to provide our Officers with a new RedMan Tactical Training Suit! We'd like to thank the citizens of Deer Park for their generous support!



Alumni Member/Chaplain Eva Weverink working our fundraising table at Deer Park's WorldWide Day of Play!



Deer Park PD's Crime Prevention Officer - Tina Taylor standing beside her dad, DP CPA Alumni President; Wayne Taylor!

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Our members aren't about to slow down! We have big plans for the coming weeks and months! We'll be assisting our PD with traffic & crowd control for our DP Homecoming Parade in late September. We'll also be helping DPISD officials with security and crowd control at their Project Graduation Tailgate Party immediately following the parade! We've been asked to conduct fingerprinting during a local church's annual Pumpkin Patch Festival, and we're making plans to feed our Officers and Dispatchers for the upcoming holidays!

DEER PARK IS GROWING AND OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT!

As our Association grows, so does our ability to serve our DPPD and our community!

We've recently implemented a new "Members Only – Private Facebook Page! It's a fantastic way to share information and promote teamwork! It allows us to highlight Alumni Association needs that may arise on a daily basis and also to celebrate individual and team successes, accomplishments and milestones... IN REAL TIME! We currently have over 70 members who are dedicated to developing and maintaining a positive relationship between the DPPD and the Citizens of Deer Park! One of the main reasons for our success is that the majority of our members love volunteering! WE LOVE TELLING PEOPLE "WHO WE ARE" AND "WHAT WE DO"!!! We love knowing that we are honoring and supporting the Deer Park Police Department and especially our fantastic Officers; and we love encouraging our citizens to do the same!



If you're ever in Deer Park, we'd love to meet you! We like to have fun and you may even find us "clowning around" once in a while but make no mistake; we love serving our department, our officers and our community!

THAT'S WHY ONE OF OUR MEMBERS CALLS US "A CAN-DO TEAM WITH A CAN-DO ATTITUDE"!

*Thanks to Alumni Member Terri Williams & husband Bob for dressing-up to entertain us all!

The Deer Park Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association would like to thank the brave men and women of our Deer Park Police Department and all Law Enforcement Officers & First Responders all across our nation!

**WE SALUTE YOU...
AND THANK YOU FOR SERVICE!**

