

# 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! Class 34 is scheduled to graduate in a few short weeks, and we can't wait to welcome them to our "TEAM"! Our next Citizens Police Academy Class is scheduled to begin in February, and applications are already coming in!

## HERE'S WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN DEER PARK!

A lot has been happening in Deer Park since our last newsletter! Since October 1st, our members have logged 452 Total Volunteer Hours (thru Oct. 25th) and have volunteered and participated in over a dozen community events and activities! In addition to our ongoing Handicap Parking, Citizens on Patrol and other volunteer programs, our members have also participated in everything from "community relations" to "crowd control"; and from "fingerprinting" to "fundraising"! Through it all, we've managed to come together to proudly serve our Deer Park Police Department, our Officers and the Citizens of Deer Park! A couple of our members even volunteered to help when Pasadena's CPA President, Gene Wheeler recently put out a call for volunteers to help Pasadena PD conduct a "mock-riot" training session! Last year, our Deer Park CPA Alumni Association

logged a record 4,752 Total Volunteer Hours! This year, we are excited to have the opportunity to exceed last year's record by 15 to 20%... or more!!! Our goal for 2016 is to exceed 5,000 Total Volunteer Hours!

Here's DP CPA Alumni charter-member Wayne Taylor helping out at our fundraising booth at Deer Park High School's Project Graduation—Tailgate Party! We got to meet & greet lots of high school seniors and their parents, and our members had a blast "bragging" about our department and our officers! Many of the students we talked to expressed interest in signing-up for our Citizens Police Academy class after they graduate!

\*Wayne is the father of our Deer Park PD Crime Prevention Officer, Tina Taylor!

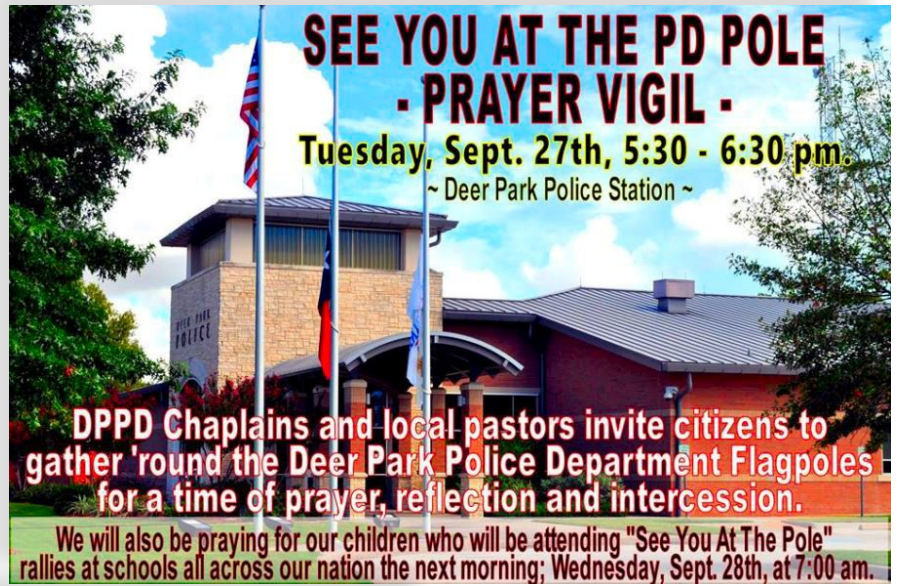


It's important to reach-out to our graduating seniors to let them know who we are and what we do! After all, our high school seniors are the future of our great city! Here's just one of the many students that stopped by to talk with us! "Proud Supporter of our Deer Park Police Department", Deer Park High School Senior, Ms. Destiny Nicholson!



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Nine of our Deer Park CPA Alumni members also serve as Chaplains to our Deer Park Police Department! A number of them Pastor local churches and actively minister to the needs of the Police Department, as well as to the needs of crime victims, our Alumni members and the community!



On Tuesday evening, Sept 27th, our Chaplains hosted a public prayer vigil as a time of reflection and intercession, and to pray for our children who would be attending "See You At The Pole" rallies as schools all across our nation the next morning! The City of Deer Park is blessed to have many Godly community leaders! Here's Deer Park Police Chief Greg Grigg leading our opening prayer.

Deer Park PD Chaplain Eva Weverink addressed those in attendance which included many local citizens and their children, local church leaders, local city officials, police officers and PD personnel! Several of those in attendance took turns praying for our Nation, our community, our first responders and our children!



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## **DPCPAAA AT THE PASADENA LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO**

DEER PARK CPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY SUPPORTS ALL FIRST RESPONDERS!

On Sept., 30th, our members received an invitation to attend the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo for a night to honor all first responders! Special thanks to PLS&R representatives Sherry Free, Tina Taylor and Linda Patrick for the invitation and for all their kindness and hospitality! We had a great time meeting and greeting lots of awesome people!



Here's DP CPA Alumni member Wayne Taylor "minding the store"!



Pasadena Police Officers Robert Guerra and Raul Ibarra WERE "FRAMED" by members of our DPCPAAA!



Pasadena Police Officers Jonathan Jernigan and Joseph Gonzales were spotted hanging-out with DP's "Top Dog" - ROSCOE!

**- OUR DPCPAAA PROUDLY SUPPORTS THE PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT -**

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On October 7th, our friends at Associated Credit Union - Deer Park hosted "NATIONAL - COFFEE WITH A COP DAY"!

ACU- DEER PARK is a proud supporter of our Deer Park Police Department, Veterans and ALL FIRST RESPONDERS!



Here's DP CPA Alumni member Don Brown, DP Officer Stacey Bridges, Alumni member/ Chaplain Eva Weverink, Walgreens DP Store Manager Lisa Anderson and Photo Specialist Regina Lee, along with DP Officer Lars Moe! That's DP Detective J.B. White in the back!

Here's DPPD'S Assistant Chief Sharon Massey with Associated Credit Union's Celeste Taylor Velasco and Alumni member/ Chaplain Eva Weverink! Celeste is a Military Relocation Specialist with Keystone Realty Group!



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### 2016 DEER PARK FIRE PREVENTION PARADE!

Each year, our members look forward to helping-out with Deer Park's loudest parade and this year was no exception! This year's annual 2016 Deer Park Fire Department's Fire Prevention Parade took place on Saturday morning, October 8th! It's "all hands on deck" as our Alumni members volunteer to assist with parade route traffic control and safety! The parade begins at Abshire Stadium and travels north on Center St. all the way to Fire Station 1 - at Center & 13th! This year's parade consisted of over 50 "siren-blaring" fire apparatuses, including ambulances, ladder trucks, pumper trucks, and rescue vehicles! It also featured several kinds of special emergency vehicles and equipment from local plants, as well as numerous antique and novelty vehicles!



### 2016 DEER PARK NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

Another annual event our members always look forward to is "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"! Our members just love to socialize and this year, NNO - Deer Park was held on Tuesday, October 11th! Many of our members either hosted or attended a NNO Party in their neighborhood! Thanks to all the DP Police, Fire, EMS and Dispatchers that were out in-force to make NNO-Deer Park such a huge success! Thanks also to all the citizens of Deer Park who came out to meet and greet each other and for helping to make our neighborhoods and community a much safer place to live! Special thanks to those of you who contributed and/or brought donations for the DP Food Bank!

**KEEP DEER PARK SAFE! GREAT NEIGHBORS - MAKE GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS!**



Chandler Lane/D.H. Watkins—4th Annual NNO Party with Alumni members Lori Johnson, Mark & Mary Edmonson and others... hosted by neighbor—Vicki Senulis!



Runningbrook 1 - 7th Annual NNO Party with DP Officer Curt Ward, Alumni member Adell Boren, Pct. 8 Constable Phil Sandlin and Alumni member/ party hostess Norma Hysler!

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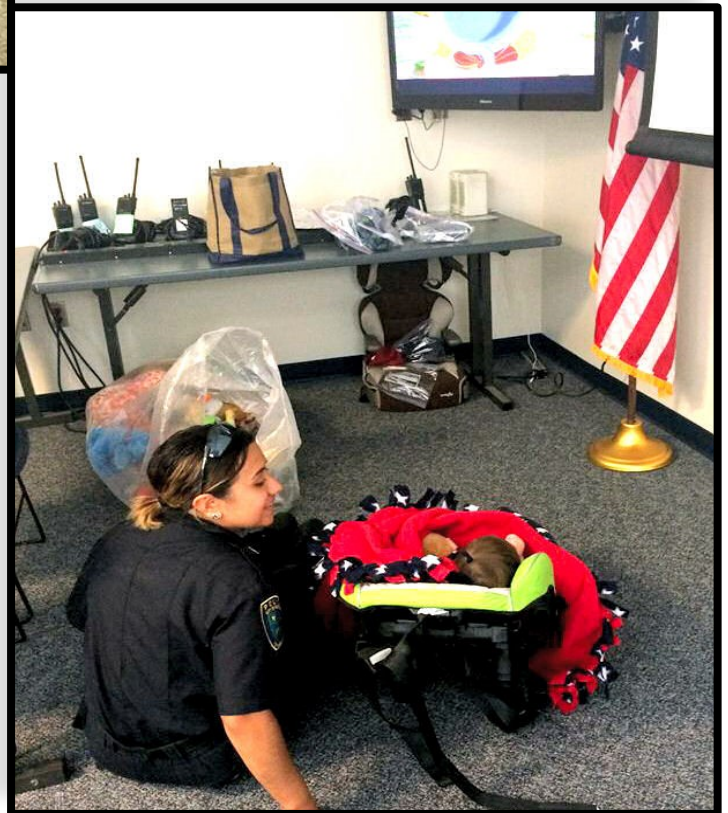
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### **“A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS”!**



A while back, a citizen sent this picture to our Deer Park Police Department. Officer Del Wilcoxson had no idea that anyone had taken his picture that day! While working an extra job for a track meet at the North Campus a few months ago, he was walking around and started talking with some of the young kids that were there. The next thing he knew, they began coming up to him and asking all kinds of questions and even sitting on his knee. In his words, “it was precious.” He was unaware that anyone had taken the photo and when he saw it, said it “touched him deeply”. He went on to say that “this is how it is between police officers and our citizens 99% of the time, but unfortunately, some like to take the negative 1% and make claims that officers are prejudice and target according to race.” “But, this picture is a true example of the relationships between officers and citizens within our community!”

Recently, Officers with the Deer Park Police Department responded to a call for help from a female suffering a mental health crisis. We were able to intervene and take her to get the help she needed but left in the wake was this 18 month old child. Officers quickly stepped up to help with several going to their own houses in the city to get food and clothing for the child. Once back at the PD the child became very sleepy which led to being very fussy. While many of our officers and staff tried to calm the child it was Officer M. Flores who succeeded and was able to get the child down for a nap while we awaited the arrival of a guardian.



**- GOD BLESS OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS -**

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### **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!

### **THE SECRET TO OUR SUCCESS!**

**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! We'll be electing some new Alumni Officers/ Board members at our next general membership meeting in November, and we'll be announcing them in next month's newsletter!

**STAY TUNED!!!**

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM DEER PARK!**

