

DEER PARK CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Class 34 of our Deer Park Citizens Police Academy graduated in November and we're excited to welcome some new members to our "TEAM"! Our next Citizens Police Academy Class (Class 35) is scheduled to begin February 23rd, and it's already filling up fast!

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

A lot has been happening in Deer Park as our members continue to log over 500 Total Volunteer Hours per month, 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!

DPCPAAA PROUDLY HONORS OUR "HIDDEN HOMETOWN HEROES"!

In the past year, our DPPD and our DP CPA Alumni Association have done a great deal to promote our awesome police officers and first responders, but did you know that Deer Park has some "HIDDEN HOMETOWN HEROES" that many of us have never even considered? Recently, DP Chaplain Eva Weverink approached us with an idea. She and the other DPPD Chaplains wanted to highlight and honor a very special group of people who work tirelessly behind the scenes to help keep our great city safe!

Our Alumni Association is proud to partner with our DPPD Chaplains to help bring attention to these well deserving public servants. We will be highlighting a new "Hidden Hometown Hero Honoree" each week!



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BEHIND EVERY FIRST RESPONDER... THERE'S A HIDDEN HERO!

- MEET THE DISPATCHER -

Meet Communications Supervisor Kellie Bass!

Kellie has served with the Deer Park Police Department since 2002 in the capacity of a Telecommunicator, Communications Training Officer, Records Supervisor and Communications Supervisor. She is grateful for the challenging work performed by front line Telecommunicators, as well as the other first responders and members of the Deer Park Police, Fire and City Departments.

We salute you Kellie and we thank you for your service! You truly are one of Deer Park's "Hidden Hometown Heroes"!

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DPCPAAA MEMBERS—IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

American Legion Post 319 recently honored several local first responders and students for their valor and selflessness to their community and coworkers! With that criteria, it's no surprise that our own Don Brown was there to receive an award! CONGRATULATION TO DON BROWN!

DEER PARK'S "2016 CROSSING GUARD OF THE YEAR"! Chief Grigg was on-hand to present the award and had this to say about Don: "We have a lot of volunteers in the police department and there are some that when they are not there, we wonder if they are sick," said Grigg. "Don Brown is one of those." He called Brown a fixture at Thirteenth and Luella as a crossing guard. Brown is known throughout the community for his generous nature, as seen earlier this year when he was spotted helping a child fix their bicycle on the side of the road. "That doesn't surprise us to see him involved in that kind of work," Grigg said. His peers describe him as nice, mild-mannered, honest, dependable, friendly, easy to get along with, patient, and loves and cares about children. Grigg also said Brown is always helping around the department and was part of the very first Citizens Police Academy. Congratulations Don and thanks for all you do!



DPCPAAA CELEBRATES OUR AWESOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS!



MEET DPPD'S HONORARY POLICE OFFICER ~ BO SMITH ~

Recently, Deer Park's San Jacinto Elementary held a special "What I want to be when I grow up" day! Well, 6 year old, first grader—Bo Riley Ray Smith, already knows he wants to be a police officer!

But not just "any" police officer...!

HE WANT TO BE A DEER PARK POLICE OFFICER!

His mom brought him by the station looking for a patch to put on a shirt for him and he was given a shirt, badge, and sticker! He even got to hang out with Deer Park Officer Ryan Coats! Bo is the son of James and Brooke Smith of Deer Park!



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DPCPAAA WELCOMES TWO NEW PATROL OFFICERS!

Whenever possible, our Deer Park CPA Alumni members try to attend new-officer swearing-in ceremonies to welcome the new officers and their families and to let them know that we are here for them!

In November, we welcomed DPPD'S new patrol officer; Officer Travis Trotti. Officer Trotti was born and raised in the Houston area and graduated from Sam Houston State University in May 2016 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. Trotti was recognized as the top student in both academics and firearms!



In December, we welcomed DPPD'S new patrol officer; Officer Travis Potter. Officer Potter is a 2004 graduate of Deer Park High School. After high school, Potter graduated in December of 2009 from the University of North Texas where he earned his bachelor of arts degree in psychology while minoring in emergency management.



WE WELCOME THESE TWO ESTEEMED GENTLEMEN TO OUR DEER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO OUR COMMUNITY; AND WE FEEL VERY THANKFUL THAT THEY HAVE CHOSEN TO SERVE OUR CITY!

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DPCAAA LOVES COFFEE... AND COPS... AND OUR COMMUNITY...!



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DPCPAAA HOSTS "COCOA WITH A COP"... AND SANTA TOO!

Special thanks to our DPPD and awesome officers for helping us make this such a successful event! Our citizens loved coming out to meet, greet and take pictures with our officers and Santa, and we loved getting to know them too!



DPPD / DPCPAAA "COCOA WITH A COP" - SATURDAY - DEC. 17, 2016



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OUR DPCPAAA CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS A BLAST! WE HAVE THE BEST SOCIAL COMMITTEE!!!



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OUR MEMBERS ARE AWESOME PEOPLE!

KUDOS to two of our amazing Alumni members for organizing the effort to honor one of our Deer Park citizens and to help make this Christmas a little brighter for him and his family! Thanks to DPCPAAA Alumni Members Stephanie Stanley and Lori Johnson for leading this worthy cause! THANK YOU DEER PARK FOR CARING AND GIVING-BACK THIS CHRISTMAS!



DEER PARK IS BREAKING RECORDS AND OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT!

As our Association grows, so does our ability to serve our DPPD and our community! We currently have over 75 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! Our goal for 2016 was to reach over 5,000 total volunteer hours! We're proud to report that WE DID IT!

THANKS TO OUR AMAZING MEMBER/VOLUNTEERS

2016 WAS A RECORD BREAKING YEAR FOR OUR ASSOCIATION!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT 2017 HAS IN STORE!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM DEER PARK!!!