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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 2

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6:30 PM -1200 Travis, 21st Floor

Saturday, February 14

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Liberty County

Thursday, February 19

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Christmas Eve Ride-Along

by Mike Weingart

Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the beat

Not a creature was stirring, there
was nary a peep.

What has become a Christmas Eve
tradition for me started out with a
ride along with Officer Al Cabrera,
patrolling in sleigh 1A30-evenings.

Fortunately for all, it was very quiet.
We made but one arrest for DWLS.

During the switch from Christmas
Eve to Christmas Day, I rode with Of-
ficer Chris Zboril, patrolling in sleigh
2A40-nights. First order of business
was putting a gentleman in jail who
might have passed for St. Nick. He
had received many tickets and war-

rants and turned himself in to clear up the matter over
the holidays.

Riding on Christmas Eve is my way of thanking the
officers for all they do for us - everyday. Special thanks
to the sergeants for arranging the schedules and to
Captain Daryn Edwards for providing permission for
the ride along. It was a safe, happy holiday for us.



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Houston Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

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http://www.houstontx.gov/police/vip/citizens_police_academy.htm

HPD Chief McClelland and Assistant Chief Slinkard presented at the Citywide P.I.P. meeting held January 13th

HPD Chief Charles A McClelland and Assistant Chief M.D. Slinkard, head of the Homeland Security Command, presented at the Citywide PIP (Positive Interaction Police) meeting which was held on January 13, 2015.

Chief McClelland addressed the issue of body cameras, stating that he called for body cameras two years ago. He said that "Houston has had body cameras for more than a year . . . The original are obsolete after a year. The goal is to equip all police first responders," the chief said. Doing so, "will not resolve all issues . . ." and he added that "the department is working hard to take care of privacy concerns."

Following Chief McClelland, Assistant Chief M.D. Slinkard addressed the audience. He spoke on the Congressional 1033 military surplus program. The 1033 comes from the number of the law that created this program. Chief Slinkard said the city has obtained \$6 million in military surplus since 1996. This surplus "supplements a strained budget." He commented that the newspaper headlines would lead the casual observer to believe HPD is equipping itself with the same type of equipment which is used for military force. However, he said that this is not true. This is Department of Defense excess property. The program was originated to assist police departments with the war on drugs.

Of the equipment Houston has received, 10% is controlled and more tactical and 90% is uncontrolled.

- Examples of the uncontrolled are \$63,000 for furniture, \$8,000 worth of computers, \$20,000 for safety shooting glasses and \$44,000 for tools. Items such as desks, chairs, file cabinets, office supplies, ladders, forklifts, pallet jacks and generators make up the uncontrolled portions.

- Chief Slinkard said that the controlled portions include specialty vehicles for emergency preparedness, disaster response and threats against public safety. The city has received a 5-ton military truck that that have been repurposed for high water rescue. And the department has received 13 Humvee's and a pair of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles. The MRAP's require chain of command approval to be utilized. The military look of these vehicles is being changed to the HPD paint scheme. Parts such as tires often come with the surplus equipment. He concluded that "the only cost for this equipment is picking it up."



Jose Zapata of the North Patrol Division demonstrates a body camera

The Chief also discussed the use of deadly force, saying it is "awful when you have to use it . . . No one wants to go through that. . . But officers want to go home at night . . This must be viewed through the eyes of the police officer. . . It is awful but lawful." The chief admitted police officers can be wrong, saying "Just being wrong is not illegal." He added that the solution lies with the suspect. They must follow the officers' command.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

2015 Town Hall Meeting

The HCPAAA will have a table set up at Chief McClelland's Town Hall Meeting on February 7th. We will have information on what we do as volunteers for HPD as well as a power point slide show highlighting our past activities. We need volunteers to join us to greet people and tell about the CPA class and Alumni functions. It will be a great time to catch up with friends and meet new ones. If you have photos from past events like Police Week, Comida, SRG training or any other HCPAAA event please send us your photos.

Town Hall Meeting with Houston Police Chief Charles A. McClelland, Jr.

February 7, 2015

10 am to 12 noon (please arrive at 9:30)

Granville M. Sawyer Auditorium

Texas Southern University Campus

3100 Cleburne Street

Please wear your HCPAAA shirts and casual pants. If you don't have an Alumni shirt office casual is fine. Wear your badges.

To volunteer please contact Teresa Wilson at teresawilson28@yahoo.com

To send in photos for the slide show please email to teresawilson28@yahoo.com

Free parking will be provided on the TSU campus, as will accommodations for hearing-impaired citizens.

Operation Appreciation

To show our appreciation, respect and support of our officers and to counteract so many of the negative messages being spread in the media, we are launching Operation Appreciation.

The HCPAAA will start going to every station taking breakfast tacos, cookies, or even just bottles of water to SHOW our brave officers that we care and are behind them when times are rough. HCPAAA is forming a committee to help spread the word that we are behind them and appreciate all that they do. We need members to go to the stations. We also need help to make or collect items to give out. Nothing says we care more than home baked cookies! If you can't go to the stations, see if you can get donations that others can distribute.

We will be going to various shifts so there will be a time that fits almost everyone's schedule. We need several people willing to be on the committee that can do a little more. We also need people that may only be able to go once or twice. If you don't drive we will try to find someone willing to pick you up. What's important is that we get out there and try to lift the spirits of those we serve, the ones that protect us each and every day.

To sign up or make suggestions please contact Teresa Wilson.

For all volunteer opportunities, please rsvp and direct all questions to: Teresa Wilson teresawilson28@yahoo.com; 713-614-7640

Notice regarding reporting your volunteer hours

When emailing your hours to Connie Savage, please put "CPA" or "HCPAAA" in the subject line. Connie protects her computer from viruses and does not open, and will delete all emails she does not recognize. If you have sent her hours without CPA or HCPAAA in the subject line, please forward the original email to her. She prints out and keeps all emails of volunteer hours and can verify that she has not already given you credit.

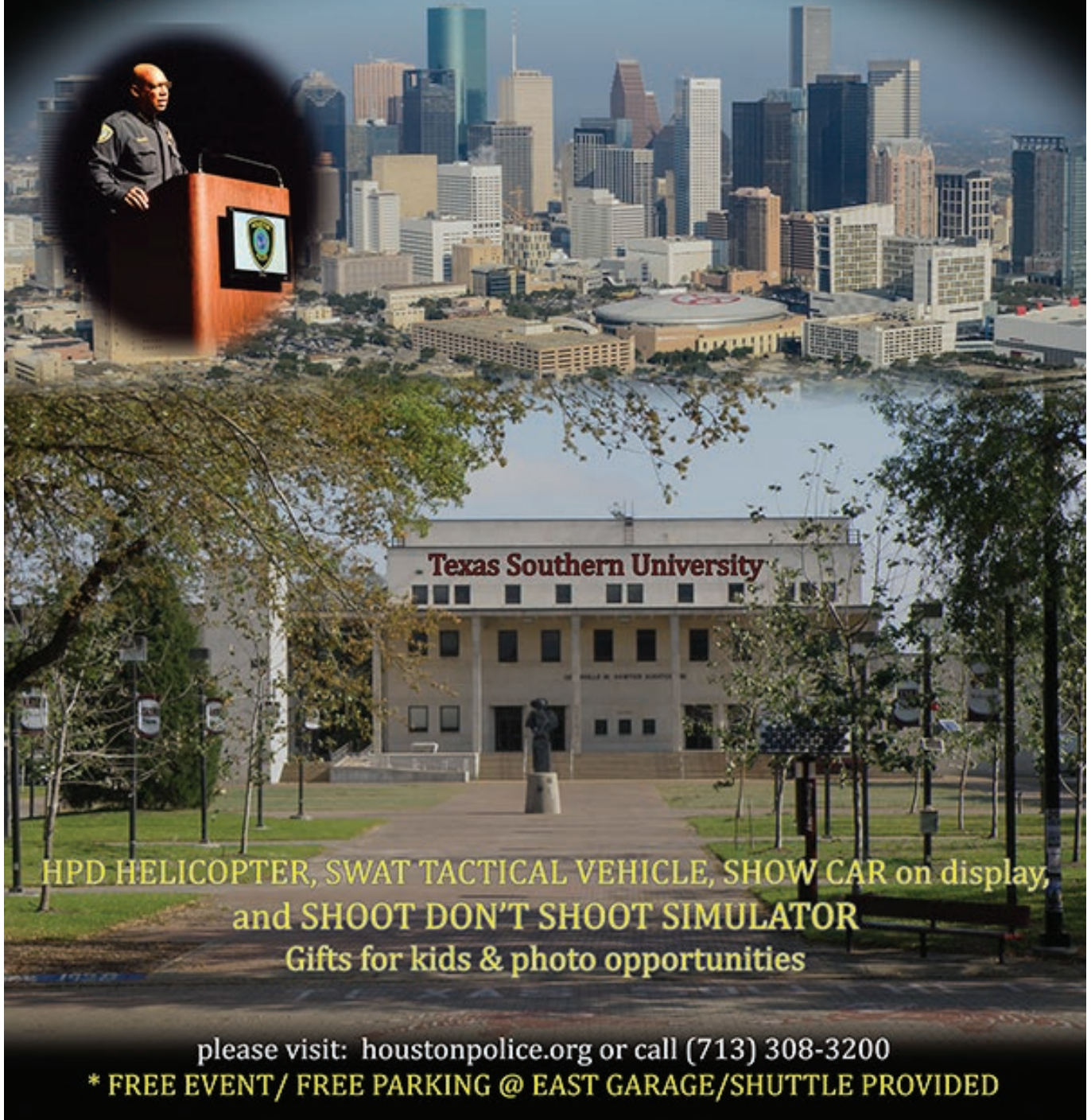
Thank you for your cooperation.

City Wide Town Hall Meeting

Featuring Chief Charles A. McClelland, Jr. and HPD's Command Staff
Saturday, February 7, 2015 at Texas Southern University
10am to 12pm



Granville M. Sawyer Auditorium
3100 Cleburne Street
Houston, TX 77004



HPD HELICOPTER, SWAT TACTICAL VEHICLE, SHOW CAR on display,
and SHOOT DON'T SHOOT SIMULATOR
Gifts for kids & photo opportunities

please visit: houstonpolice.org or call (713) 308-3200

* FREE EVENT/ FREE PARKING @ EAST GARAGE/SHUTTLE PROVIDED

Annual Holiday Party

The Houston CPAAA held its annual holiday party at a historical venue, the Houston Heights Woman's Club. The Club was organized in 1900 as the Houston Heights Literary Club and in 1912 moved into its present club house at 1846 Harvard Street.

The event was coordinated by 2nd Vice President, Teresa Wilson who beautifully planned and orchestrated the evening. Music was provided by Wanda Mashue on the piano.

HPD Chief Charles A. McClelland Jr. spent the evening visiting with the CPA members and their guests. Also in attendance from HPD were Regina Woolfolk, Deputy Director, Public Affairs and an HCPAAA member; CPA liaison Treva Mott; CPA Academy instructors and liaisons Michelle Collard and Debra Allee; Otis Latin and James Byrd from Public Affairs.

Guest speaker was Dana Tyson of SUNNY 99.1 morning show and a constant supporter of HPD and HCPAAA. The highlight of all holiday parties was the arrival of Blue Santa who came to collect the toys brought by the attendees.



HPD Chief Charles McClelland; CPA Parliamentarian Mike Weingart and his wife Judy. Background: Officers Michelle Collard and Debra Allee



Regina Woolfolk, Deputy Director, Public Affairs; CPA 2nd Vice President Teresa Wilson; and Jeanette Einkauf



Wanda Mashue

MEMBERSHIP INFO

Our Mission

To bring the Houston Citizens' Police Academy graduates together to enhance the relations between the community and the police department. To share the values and guiding principles of HPD with other citizens and to improve the efficiency of law enforcement in the neighborhoods through shared responsibilities and resources. Members of the alumni provide a valuable service to the Houston Police Department in volunteering their personal time to enhance the overall delivery of police service to the citizens of Houston.

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Membership Dues

Membership Dues of \$20.00 is due each year on October 1st and may be paid at the General Membership Meetings or Board Meetings or mail to HCPAAA, C/O Houston Police Department, 1200 Travis, 21st Floor, Houston, Texas 77002-6001. Only members in good standing will be eligible to vote in elections and on other matters. Dues paid is also one of the requirements needed to get your HPD ID badge renewed. Graduates of the Spring CPA Classes pay 1/2 for the current year, with the full amount being due Oct 1. Dues for Fall CPA Classes will be the full amount.

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Volunteer Hours

A minimum of 25 annual volunteer hours must be completed from October 1 through September 30 of each year, to be eligible to request your HCPAAA ID Card or renew your current ID Card. All hours should be turned into Connie Savage clsavage@cebridge.net. When attending an event and a sign in sheet is provided, please sign and print your name legibly. If your name is not legible, you will not be given credit for the hours.

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Member ID

Requesting your HCPAAA ID Card or renewing your current ID Card, please complete the CJIS Form on the last page of this newsletter and email it to Officer Treva Mott (Treva.Mott@houstonpolice.org) along with a legible copy of your Texas Drivers License.

Dues of \$20 must be paid to receive your ID. In addition a minimum of 25 annual volunteer hours must be completed to be eligible.

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Repetitious, But Necessary...

These items will be repeated each month for those who missed them, need them or forgot them.

Region One Scholarships are available to anyone who is a CPAAA member in good standing and is going to pursue a career in law enforcement or related fields.

HPD Cadet Graduations. HPD Cadet Graduations are quite impressive and colorful and HCPAAA presents an award to the top cadet. HCPAAA members are always welcome. Hours count. Watch the schedule of events for the dates. This is another way to show your support for HPD.

PIP. Do you attend your PIP (Positive Interaction Program) meetings? This is a monthly meeting that brings together the citizens and HPD for neighborhood interaction. You can find the location and time in your neighborhood from your local storefront, sub-station or command station. Hours count. HCPAAA Members are also invited to the Chief's Citywide PIP meeting on the second Tuesday every other month at the HPOU Building, 1602 State Street at 7:00 P.M.

Web Sites. The state convention web site is <http://tcpaaconvention.org>. The 2014 Convention was in San Marcos; and 2015 will be in El Paso.

The Texas CPAAA state web site is <http://TexasCPAAA.org>. Dues are \$10.00 per year. Dues are included in Convention Registration. The state organization has a newsletter that is posted on their web site. Region One is a link on the Texas CPAAA state web site. Region One's newsletter is posted on this link. The web site for the National CPAA is www.nationalcpaa.org. Dues are \$35.00 per year. The National CPAA newsletter is posted on this site.



Houston Police Department CJIS Compliance Unit



Non-Police Personnel

Unescorted Escorted CJISID: _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

I, (print name) _____, do hereby authorize a review of and full disclosure of all criminal records concerning myself to any duly authorized agent of the City of Houston Police Department, Human Resources Division, and CJIS Compliance Unit, whether the said records are of a public, private, or confidential nature.

The intent of this authorization is to give my consent for full and complete disclosure of any records of a criminal nature, which will include but is not limited to information regarding; arrests, criminal charges, criminal convictions, and any information regarding contact with a criminal justice agency or any criminal case in which I presently have, or have had an interest or been a party.

I understand that any information obtained by a personal history background investigation, which is developed directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, upon this release authorization will be considered in determining my eligibility for gaining physical or logistical access to any Houston Police Department facility area or any system, process, or operation, whereby Criminal Justice Information (CJI) is processed, transmitted, accessed, or stored.

I understand that the Houston Police Department will determine if access will be granted based upon the results of the background investigation, and requirements stated in the Texas Department of Public Safety (Texas CJIS Systems Access Policy) and the current CJIS Security Policy. I understand that the Houston Police Department may implement stricter policies than the minimum standards provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety (Texas CJIS Systems Access Policy) and the current CJIS Security Policy.

I also certify that any person(s) who may furnish such information concerning me shall not be held accountable for giving this information, and I do hereby release said person(s) from any and all liabilities which may be incurred as a result of furnishing such information. A photocopy of this release form will be valid as an original thereof; even though the said photocopy does not contain an original writing of my signature.

Witness Signature

Signature

Date Signed: _____

Address: _____

Witness Name (printed)

City

State

Telephone: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Race: _____

Title: _____

Social Security: _____

Sex: _____

Name of Company

Driver's License: _____

State: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email: _____