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# **The Alumni Volunteer**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Thursday, February 19 HCPAAA Membership Meeting 7:00 PM Aramco Services Houston 9009 West Loop South (Exit 610 at N Braeswood; Parking is behind the building)

Monday, March 2 HCPAAA Board Meeting 6:30 PM -1200 Travis, 21st Floor <u>Saturday, March 14</u> Region One Humble

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### **HPD Reaches Out to the Community**

"The current climate makes it tough for law enforcement," HPD Lt. Rose Terry told Houston CPAAA members at the Jan. 15 meeting. "We are trying to bridge the gap and ease fears . . . We don't reach out to youth often enough" Lt. Terry was accompanied by Officer Gregory Dolphin, also of Northeast Patrol.

When a person is stopped or detained by the police, they should follow the instructions of the officer. "Keep your hands visible. No sudden movements," he cautioned. For those with concealed handgun permits, "tell us if there is a weapon – but don't reach for it. Also, he said, "Do not attempt to leave or flee."

When stopped at night, it is advisable to turn on your inside light and put your hands on the steering wheel, he said. And when stopped on a freeway, pull over to the right as far as you can. It is okay to go to the next exit or intersection to a safer location.

Officer Dolphin handed out a pamphlet on Police and Citizen Intervention. The Northeast division police officers said if a citizen feels something is not right, ask for a supervisor. They also gave information on filing a complaint. This can be done at any station 24/7 or at Internal Affairs/Central Intake Office, 1200 Travis. The pamphlet also gave details on how to commend a police officer. "Trying to solve the matter on the scene is not the way to do it," the alumni were told.

While several members were in attendance at this meeting, other members were volunteering as protesters during training for the Special Response Group (SRG) and Mounted Patrol. HCPAAA members were the crowd during the crowd control exercise. The training event was coordinated by Teresa Wilson, second vice president.



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## **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Vehicle Registration and Inspection Stickers are Partnering Up in Texas "Two Steps, One Sticker" Program Begins March 1



As a result of House Bill 2305 passed during the 83rd legislative session, the State of Texas will stop issuing inspection stickers and transition to a "Two Steps, One Sticker" vehicle inspection and registration program. Beginning March 1, 2015, vehicles will no longer be issued an inspection sticker. Your registration sticker will serve as a combined proof of registration and inspection.

Why You'll Love "Two Steps, One Sticker"

One sticker, one date: Are you one of the millions of Texans whose inspection sticker and registration sticker expire in different months? With "Two Steps, One Sticker" you will just have one sticker with one expiration date.

Less clutter, better view: Who wants multiple stickers in their view while behind the wheel? With "Two Steps, One Sticker" you will just have the familiar blue-bordered registration sticker in the corner of your windshield.

Safer streets, cleaner air: Because a passing vehicle inspection will be a requirement to renew your registration, more Texans will comply with the safety and emissions testing laws. So with "Two Steps, One Sticker" there will be safer and more environmentally-sound cars on the road.

Fraud prevention: With inspection stickers no longer needed under "Two Steps, One Sticker," this change will eliminate the risk of inspection sticker fraud and theft.

#### Who's At the Wheel

The implementation of "Two Steps, One Sticker" is a joint effort of three state agencies as required by state law:

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV): The TxDMV administers the state's vehicle registration program.

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS): DPS administers the state's vehicle safety inspection program.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): The TCEQ administers the state's vehicle emissions testing program.

You can calculate the month you will need to inspect your vehicle on their website. http://twostepsonesticker.com

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



### **MOUNTED PATROL NEEDS OUR HELP**

Mounted Patrol will be hosting a large conference this March. They have asked for volunteers to help out three different ways.

#### Saturday, February 21st • 9am till...

Grounds Improvement Day 5005 Little York

The city has delivered mulch to be put around the trees and in the flower beds. Volunteers are needed to help spreading mulch and planting flowers.

#### Friday, March 6th • 9am till...

Cleaning Day 5005 Little York Volunteers are needed to help clean inside and outside getting ready for the visiting Law Enforcement Agencies. No poop just a general cleaning getting ready for company.

#### Saturday, March 7th

**Roll Players** 

Volunteers are needed as roll players for a large scenario in the downtown area. HCPAAA members and guest only. Participants must be 18 or older. The time will be from 2 pm to 5 pm. Arrival and check in from 2:00 to 2:30, practicing the scenario from 2:30 to 3:30, actual scenario demonstration at 4. As volunteers sign up they will be given the address and instructions on the color clothing to wear. There will be FREE PARKING in a garage close to the demonstration. You will be signed in when you enter the parking garage.

#### 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Chief's Citywide "Positive Interaction Program"



For the month of March, our program presentation topic will be:

## "Real Time Crime Center"

The Houston Police Department's Crime Center staff will provide information on Protecting Houston's Citizens by supporting Officer Safety, Investigative Support and Situational Awareness.

### **TUESDAY March 10th 2015 7:00 p.m.** WHERE: 1602 State St. Houston, Texas 77007 (Auditorium)

From: Officer James Sobota Hope to see you there.

Voice # 713-308-9079

E-mail: james.sobota@houstonpolice.org

ASL Interpreter and captioning provided



## 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.

**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.

### **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 note legible, you will not be given credit for the hours.

### **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.

### 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:
Name of Company	Contact Phone:	
	Email:	