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# **The Alumni Volunteer**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Thursday, May 21** HCPAAA Membership Meeting 7:00 PM HPOU Building - 1600 State Street 1st floor Conference Room *Plenty of parking in front of the building and across the street at the Credit Union.* 

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Monday, June 1 HCPAAA Board Meeting 6:30 PM - 1200 Travis, 21st Floor

<u>Saturday, June 13</u> Region One – Pasadena

Thursday, June 18 No HCPAAA Membership Meeting

Monday, July 6 HCPAAA Board Meeting 6:30 PM -1200 Travis, 21st Floor

<u>Saturday, July 11</u> Region One – La Porte

#### Tuesday, July 13

Citywide PIP 7:00 PM HPOU Building - 1602 State Street Auditorium Plenty of parking in front of the building and across the street at the Credit Union.

<u>Thursday, July 16</u>

HCPAAA Membership Meeting 7:00 PM HPOU Building - 1600 State Street 1st floor Conference Room Plenty of parking in front of the building and across the street at the Credit Union.

<u>August 2-4</u> TCPAAA State Convention – El Paso

Monday, Aug 3 HCPAAA Board Meeting 6:30 PM -1200 Travis, 21st Floor

Saturday, August 8 14 Region One – NO MEETING

Thursday, Aug 20 No HCPAAA Membership Meeting

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**Houston Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association** 

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# **April Membership Meeting**

Sergeant James B. Luplow of HPD's Northeast Division was honored with the Lynn Clooney Memorial Officer of the Year Award by the Houston Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. This was the 22<sup>nd</sup> time the award was given in memory of Lynn B. Clooney, a graduate of Class 1, and founding member of the Alumni Association and President at the time of her death.

The event was held April 30 at the Houston Police Officers Union building. Those in attendance honoring Sergeant Luplow included his chain of command – Lieutenant's Rose Terry and Al Elizondo, Captain Greg J Fremin, Assistant Chief Mary Lentschke and Executive Assistant Chief Michael Dirden, head of Field Operations. Also in attendance was Executive Assistant Chief George Buenik of Strategic Operations.

Sergeant Luplow was nominated for the award by his Lieutenant, Al Elizondo. He was acknowledged for the active role he has played in the department beyond his normal duties. He is an instructor for the Self-Aid/Buddy Aid course and Active Shooter course as well as being a trainer for the Tactical Training Unit. He





is a member of the major incidents response team and part time officer with the Bomb Squad. In addition to his police training, he has been a certified advanced firefighter for 19 years and a member of the Ponderosa VFD. Sgt. Luplow has been a Marine reservist for 18 years.

Emcee for the evening was Jennifer Tyler, an HCPAAA graduate and a deejay for The Eagle radio. The Honor Guard was also present and Melissa Saldivar Hamilton of Public Affairs sang the National Anthem. Thanks to Jeanette Einkauf and Patricia Neal who prepared the food for the event.

Of interest, Mrs. Luplow, Jacqueline, was HCPAAA President Abraham Guevara's 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Hambrick Middle School. At the event, it was revealed that Sgt. Luplow's wife was named Teacher of the Year for the Aldine Independent School District this year. The couple affectionately refer to themselves as "Mr. and Mrs. of the Year."



# **Assistant Chief Honored**

Congratulations to Executive Assistant Chief George Buenik who was honored on May 4th at the Four Seasons, as the 2014 recipient of the Houston Young Lawyers Association "Liberty Bell Award."

The Liberty Bell Award recognizes one outstanding nonlawyer in Texas who has made a selfless contribution to his or her community to strengthen the effectiveness of the American System of Justice by instilling a better understanding and appreciation of the law.

The Liberty Bell Award recognizes community service that 1) Promotes a better understanding of government, especially the Bill of Rights; 2) Encourages greater respect for the law and the courts; 3) Stimulates a deeper sense of individual responsibility, so that citizens recognize their duties and their rights; 4) Contributes to the effective functioning of our institutions of government; and 5) Instills better understanding and appreciation of the law.

Chief Buenik was joined in the photo by HCPA's former 1st VP, Andrea Schmauss who was the 2011 recipient of the Liberty Bell Award.



Andrea Schmauss and Chief George Buenik

# Congratulations and Welcome to our newest graduating Class #52



The 17 graduates in attendance were presented their certificates by Chief Montalvo and Training Division Captain Jennifer Evans. They included Donald Basey, Christopher Brown, Judson Bryant, Micaela Cherry, Larry Cossey, Lawrence Davis, Nancy Diaz, Darcie Glade, Jennifer Medellin, Alysha Montello, David Neal, Susan Neal, Marc Nolan, Sarah Noman, Ana Portillo, Paul Siegel and Cecilia Yniguez.

### **HPD Chief's Citywide - PIP Meeting**

by Mike Weingart

There was a first at the Citywide PIP meeting May 12. Capt. M.W. Martin of the crime analysis and command center division opened the meeting with a brief overview of crime trends. Capt. Martin said this will become a regular feature of the Citywide meeting held bi-monthly. He also told the audience they can keep up with crime statistics available online at www.houstontx.gov.

Next was Chief McClelland's message. He said crime has reduced by double digits since becoming chief five years ago com-

pared with the previous five years. "We accomplished this with fewer personnel." He said he is a believer in free speech and the right to protest. "But we have zero tolerance for looters and robbers." The chief asked whether this could happen in Houston. "Yes, but it would be rare. We didn't start our programs after Ferguson.

You have to talk to each other, not at each other."

The program for the meeting was the Air Support Division. Details about the fleet and personnel were provided. But the highlight of the evening was when Fox, the name for the helicopters, flew into the credit union parking lot and attendees got to go outside and view the ship up close and in person.

The chief discussed National Police Week and said the worst days in his life are when HPD officers are killed in the line of duty. He said last year in the United States there were 127 officers killed including 11 from Texas, "we were fortunate none were in Houston." Houston is mourning the death of Officer Richard Martin who was killed the line of duty during a police chase on May 18, as The Alumni Volunteer went to press.



### Mike Einkauf Receives the Linda Kitazaki Award

MADD hosted the 2014"Take The Wheel" Law Enforcement Recognition Awards Luncheon on May 1, 2015 at the Bayou City Event Center. Each year MADD recognize Law Enforcement, The Judiciary, Prosecutorial Personnel and Volunteers for their commitment to keep our roadways safe from drunk drivers.

This year, Mike Einkauf, HCPAAA Director Position 1 and graduate of Class 45 was honored as the 2015 Linda Kitazaki Award recipient which recognizes a volunteer for their unwavering support of MADD's Mission.

The award is named after Linda Kitazaki who served as the Executive Director in Houston from 1988 till her untimely death in 2007. Under her direction, the Houston office grew to be one of the strongest in the country. Linda's leadership created new programs, including MADD's "Take The Wheel" program. Linda was honored as "Employee of the Year" at MADD's 2003 National Conference and was universally loved and respected by MADD's staff and volunteers, and left a legacy of excellence within the MADD organization.

The letter nominating Mike Einkauf for this award sited his commitment to MADD.

"Mike is the unsung hero in our volunteer group. Present at almost every No Refusals Night, he is often loading and unloading his truck, helping with the food preparation at home and onsite and assisting the officers. Hamburger Nights would definitely not be the same if Mike wasn't standing at the grill all night making sure the officers



have fresh off-the-pit burgers. He also takes on a more serious role when he speaks at countless Roll Calls, at all hours of the day and night, sharing the DWI tragedy that rocked his world 35 years ago.

Mike is a volunteer 24 hours a day, constantly encouraging officers to do DWI's. He carries the little red notebooks (pocket notebooks for officer notes with instructions on back for field sobriety testing) in his truck and hands them out to officers whenever he sees one and thanks them for the job they do and talks with them about the importance of DWI's. Mike genuinely wants the Law Enforcement Officers to know how much they are appreciated.

For the MADD Walks, Mike is up and out at the parks by 5am to prepare to park Law Enforcement on Law Enforcement Row. He also serves the officers refreshments all morning. He takes commitment even further by representing MADD at meetings, neighborhood events, CPA Classes and any opportunity he finds to share the importance of "have a plan before you go out".

Several members of our HPD family are past recipients of the Linda Kitazaki Award. They include:

HPD Senior Police Officer, Paul Lassalle - 2008;

Former HCPAAA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Andrea Schmauss - 2009

HCPAAA Director Position 3, Phil Niewald - 2013

HCPAAA Member, Jeanette Einkauf - 2014

#### Eddee Hestand Honored at Crime Stoppers of Houston 2015 Houston's Heroes Awards Luncheon



L to R: Lee Vela, Devon Anderson, Eddee Hestand, Rania Mankarious/Executive Director of Crime Stoppers, Gena and Chuck Norris.

Congratulations to HCPAAA member Eddee Hestand (Class 42) who received the Leiv Platou Crime Stoppers Award on May 15<sup>th</sup>. This award is given each year to a citizen who has made a significant contribution to public safety as a volunteer.

Crime Stoppers of Houston hosts the Houston's Heroes Awards Luncheon to honor passionate community advocates and dedicated supporters of their crime prevention programs. Eddee was in fine company with the other award recipients which included:

- **Devon Anderson**, Harris County District Attorney: The Johnny Klevenhagen Crime Stoppers Award
- Lee Vela, Clear Channel Outdoor: The Leon Goldstein Crime Stoppers Award
- Eddee Hestand, Houston Police Department Volunteer: The Leiv Platou Crime Stoppers Award
- **CenterPoint Energy**: The Corporate Partnership Crime Stoppers Award

• Gena and Chuck Norris, KICKSTART KIDS: The Safe School Crime Stoppers Award

Eddee joins two other HCPAAA members who were honored in the past by Crime Stoppers. Annette Baldwin received The Leon Goldstein Crime Stoppers Award in 2007; and Andrea Schmauss received The Leiv Platou Crime Stoppers Award in 2010.



### 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. Paid dues 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 not 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:
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