



# The Alumni Volunteer

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday - Tuesday, August 2-4**

TCPAAA State Convention – El Paso

**Monday, August 3**

HCPAAA Board Meeting

6:30 PM -1200 Travis, 21st Floor

**Saturday, August 8**

Region One – NO MEETING

**Thursday, August 20**

No HCPAAA Membership Meeting

**Monday, September 7**

HCPAAA Board Meeting

6:30 PM -1200 Travis, 21st Floor

**Tuesday, September 8**

Citywide PIP

7 PM - HPOU Building

1602 State Street, Auditorium

*Plenty of parking in front of the building and across the street at the Credit Union.*

**Saturday, September 12**

Region One – Montgomery Co.

**Thursday, September 17**

HCPAAA Membership Meeting

7:00 PM HPOU Building

1600 State Street

1st floor Conference Room

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## 2015-2016 ELECTIONS

### Houston Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

By Mike Weingart

It's that time again - elections. No, not the Democrats versus the Republicans. But the 2015-2016 elections for the Houston Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

The nominating committee was named at our July meeting. It was elected by the membership and the committee will elect its chair. According to the bylaws, The President will not serve as a member of nor have the authority to appoint any member of the committee.

To be nominated to the committee, you must be a member in "good standing" as do

candidates for each elective office. A member in good standing shall be a person who has paid the current association dues and has 25 volunteer hours each year. The committee will report its list of nominees at the September meeting. At that time, additional nominations may be made from members in attendance.

Our officers are president, first and second vice president, secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian. In addition, there are three directors-at-large elected for three year terms and one is elected each year.



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## Recap of July 14th Citywide PIP Meeting

By Mike Weingart

Captain G. J. Fremin, commander of Northeast Patrol, spoke at the July 14 Citywide P.I.P. meeting on the hot topic "Bank Juggling." The term is used to describe suspects who sit in bank parking lots and watch customers go in and out of a bank. The suspects follow the customers they believe are in possession of cash and look for an opportunity to burglarize their vehicles or rob them directly. Fremin said bank juggling is a complex matter. The crooks watch people leave financial institutions with bank bags. "They may have \$10,000, \$20,000 or even \$80,000 in cash," Fremin said. "Business owners that make a large withdrawal should go straight to their destinations."

Some have been robbed, they resist and are killed. "Don't set yourself up to become a victim," he added.

Bank robberies have been another challenge for Captain Fremin. He said a group of arrests were recently made as a result of a Crimestoppers tip. "They all lived in my area," he said of the crooks. The Northeast district is the largest patrol station geographically," he added. It serves about 190,000 citizens of which 51% are Hispanic and 42% are African American. The station has 317 classified officers and a total count of 350 people.

In the absence of Chief Charles A. McClelland Jr., Executive Assistant Chief Martha Montalvo said crime statistics on property crime are pretty good, down about 5% compared to the previous year. There is a spike in violent crime and that's because of homicides, she said. What's driving this is gun violence and gangs, which is not unique to our city. "The common denominator is repeat offenders," she said.

Chief Montalvo also touched on the department's budget saying

that it has been passed by the mayor and city council. She indicated 94% of the police department budget is for personnel. The budget will fund four cadet classes during the fiscal year, up from the usual three. While this may produce up to 280 officers, Montalvo said this is not keeping up with the pace of those retiring - about 250 this past year. "We are an aging department," she added. "Our average age is 43."

The Chief invited P.I.P. members to attend the July 27 dedication ceremonies naming police headquarters after Officer Edward Alfred Thomas who served HPD for 60 years. One of the longest serving employees, Thomas was here pre-civil rights, the chief said. He was always referred to as Mr. Thomas, never Officer Thomas, she added. The ceremony will be held at 1200 Travis on July 27th at 10:30 am.

Also discussing crime statistics was Captain M. W. Martin who is in charge of the Crime Analysis and the Command Center. He attributed the reduction of non violent crime, in part, to people not leaving things in their car. He said violent crime was down 7% in the last 30 days compared to the year ago period. Regarding violent crime, he said the murders that are occurring usually involve someone known by the victim. A major spurt was robberies of cell phone stores. "We got some of them and they are in jail," he said. This year there have been 2,150 cell phones stolen in Houston. While 96% of the population have cell phones, 30 to 40% of the robberies involve cell phones. The most common areas are apartment complexes, he said. It is easy to steal a phone and run off. He recommends a kill switch that could be set after a phone was stolen making it unusable. California has passed a law requiring such a switch.



## July Membership Meeting Report

By Mike Weingart

The highlight of the July 16 HCPAAA meeting was the naming of the nominating committee to recommend a slate for officers for the 2015-2016 year.

Meeting at the HPOU conference room, more than a dozen members of the alumni association gathered for the business meeting.

The nominating committee includes Jeanette Einkauf, Bill Alford, Michael Neely, Kenneth Crenshaw and Lauren Ainsworth. Phil Niewald, whose directorship includes the nominating committee will be an ex officio member of the committee. Immediately after the alumni meeting, the nominating committee got together and elected Jeanette Einkauf its' chair.

Alumni members are encouraged to submit their name to the committee for consideration. To do so, please contact Jeanette at [mnjeinkauf4@aol.com](mailto:mnjeinkauf4@aol.com). Her phone number is 832 643 3663. The next nominating committee meeting will be July 27.

The slate will be presented at the annual meeting, Thursday, Sept. 17 at the HPOU. At that time, additional nominations will be accepted from those in attendance. If someone nominates a person who is not in attendance, they must have

contacted that individual and obtained written permission to place their name in nomination.

Also at the July meeting, it was announced that the next no refusal weekend will be Labor Day Weekend. The event on Saturday, Sept. 5, will be a hamburger night. At the last hamburger night, which included hot dogs and sausages, more than 150 officers were served.

Because of security involved with the No Refusal, volunteers should contact Jeanette at least one week before the event. For those who cannot attend and would like to help, there is a need for bags of individual servings of chips, cookies or other snacks. Mike Einkauf pointed out there might be a limited number of ride along opportunities but to be eligible one must have assisted with No Refusals before being eligible for consideration.

At the meeting, Kenneth Crenshaw gave the opening prayer. Treasurer Charmaine LeBlanc gave her report. The members were told of how the organization relies on dues as the main source of income. At the present time there are 82 dues-paying members. Dues for the 2015-2016 fiscal year are due Oct. 1. President Abraham Guevara said a budget committee will begin its task for the upcoming fiscal year.

Please check out and "Like" the HCPAAA Facebook page  
[https:// www.facebook.com/ hcpaaa.tx](https://www.facebook.com/hcpaaa.tx)



If you have organizational related photos and stories you want considered for posting, please email them to [hcpaaa.tx@gmail.com](mailto:hcpaaa.tx@gmail.com)

See you on Facebook!

## Letter to the Editor

### In response to the June Issue:

This is an amazing email so jam-packed with information. The Department is also thankful for HCPAAA's support of renaming 1200 Travis after Officer Thomas. We are very grateful for HCPAAA's support of HPD in general!!!

### Regina Woolfolk

*Deputy Director Public Affairs*  
Houston Police Department

### Editors' note:

Thank you for your kind comments. HCPAAA enjoys the relationship we maintain with Public Affairs. Here's to future successes together.

### Mike Weingart

*Co-Editor*  
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## Scam Alert

You will get a phone call from someone using the name of someone in the warrants division. They will tell you that you have outstanding warrants. To clear these warrants, you must go and buy a prepaid card and call them back at a given number and they will clear your warrants. This is not the way HCSO's warrants division works. You have just given the money to a



con-man. Do not pay anything to anyone that contacts you by phone.



# 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. 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.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

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Witness Signature

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Signature

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Witness Name (printed)

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Social Security: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Company

Driver's License: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_