

LA PORTE CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION February 2018 News

Hello Alumni and new graduates! Beginning this month, Chief Adcox will have a spot in our newsletter! Here's his first one.



Chief's Corner

Hello everyone!

It's so exciting to be starting another year. Our new CPAAA President has really hit the ground running. Sara and I met last week and she shared her vision for the CPAAA and it was very clear that she is totally committed to the success of our Association and Department. Hold on tight though because Sara has some BIG plans. We are all looking forward to working with you Sara!

Our new President also has some BIG shoes to fill. I want to take the time to offer my sincere thanks to our past president, Brenda Prichard, for her leadership and hard work over the past several years. While serving as president, Brenda was a true trailblazer, always leading from the front. She was personally engaged in virtually all of the Association's activities. No matter what the event, you could be confident that Brenda would be there, setting an example for our other volunteers to follow. This is why I was so pleased to hear that Brenda will be remaining on the Association's leadership team and the Volunteer Coordinator. This new post will allow Brenda to keep cracking her whip, making sure our volunteers have more than enough to do.

As for the Police Department as a whole, we closed out yet another outstanding year, highlighted by a 7% reduction in overall crime and securing La Porte's continued status as one of the safest cities in the State. Thank you all for the important role you played as both a police volunteer and a responsible La Porte citizen to help make this happen. Our community still experienced several challenges relating to crime though, including an increase in both Robberies and Assaults, so we can't rest on our laurels and have to keep working as hard as we can.

One of our big innovations for this year will include the opening of our first Police Neighborhood Center, which will be located at 3101 S. Broadway. The Center will be open during normal business hours and will help to increase police presence along our South Broadway corridor, while helping to improve relations and build partnerships with the law-abiding citizens living in this area of the City. Officer Anthony Bish will be assigned to

office out of this new facility, but we are going to rely heavily on our volunteers to work side-by-side with Anthony and help make this important initiative a success.

So, we had a great 2017 and, working together, our 2018 is shaping up to be even better. Thank you all again for all that you do. Each of you are a blessing to our community and we are so proud to have you as part of our police family.

God Bless you all,

Chief Ken Adcox



Pot Luck Dinner | Friday, February 9 | 6:30 pm

DON'T FORGET! We'll meet in the PD Lunch Room. Please bring your favorite snack or finger food, your favorite board game, and get to know your fellow CPA'ers. I'm hoping this will be the beginning of something we do on a regular basis.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mardi Gras on Main - February 17 - 4:00-9:00pm

The CPAAA will have a table/booth at Mardi Gras on Main this year. We'll hand out beads, information on CPA and other goodies to folks who stop by.



New Police Storefront Opening Up! February 1st

Southside Police Neighborhood Center

- Volunteers wanted!
- The LPPD is opening a storefront at 3101 S. Broadway, in the Delta Court Apartments. Officer Bish will be there during the week. If you would like to volunteer and spend some time in the storefront with Officer Bish, please let our **Volunteer Coordinator, Brenda Pritchard** know [brenda-ann@hotmail.com]. Chief Adcox has asked for CPAAA volunteers who might want to occasionally help out.
- **Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony - February 17 - 11:00-2:00**
- Chief has also requested the CPAAA's attendance at the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Southside Neighborhood Center. Please try to be there if at all possible and help get this off to a great start!

Rotary Club Donation!

- If you know anybody in the Rotary Club please tell them “thank you” for their generous donation to the LPCPAAA. We received a check for \$1,000. These funds will be used to reward our police officers and help in the community when a need arises.

Volunteer Hours

- Just a friendly reminder to always turn in your volunteer hours.
- Email: hathorndelaportetx.gov

And finally, please know I’m available to you whenever you need me. My cell number is 281-683-0703. You can email me at my personal address: mommaue@gmail.com.

Looking forward to serving with you this year!
SARA