

# League City Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

February 2016

January Volunteer Hours 207 = \$4,667.85

### **Alumni Meeting Guest Speaker**



Sergeant Dan Mercurio was the guest speaker at the February 2016 meeting. Sgt. Mercurio is one of the Sergeants for the Patrol Division at League City Police department. SGT Mercurio gave a presentation on the duties of a patrol officer.

## **Upcoming LCCPAAA Fundraiser**

The LCCPAAA will be partnering with the Arms Room for a Gun Raffle Fundraiser in the spring. We are excited about the raffle and cannot wait to share the details. More information will be the March Newsletter.

#### **Rest in Peace Mr. Ralph Garcia**



LCCPAAA member Mr. Ralph Garcia passed away on February 3, 2016 at the age of 85. Mr. Ralph graduated from class 22 and was an active member in the LCCPAAA. He always had a smile on his face. He loved his community. Ralph was an educator at heart. He was kind and soft spoken person that never met a stranger. He always had time to

answer a question or solve a problem, no matter how small.

He will be missed greatly by everyone who knew him. LCCPAAA would like to extend our deepest condolences to Mr. Ralph Garcia family and friends. To read Mr. Ralph's full life story please see the following link..<u>In Memory of Ralph</u> Garcia

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#### **February 2016 Officer of the Month**

#### **Detective Austin Frakes**



Detective Austin Frake(left) with Alumni Member Kimberly Hall (right)

Detective Frakes began work at LCPD as a Patrol Officer in December of 2010, where he worked as a Patrolman for the next five years. In early 2015 he was selected for Criminal Investigation Division (CID), where he currently works Crimes Against Persons. This particular case was a Possession of Child Pornography case originally where a 19 year old male suspect had been dating a 16 year old female. When they broke up, the suspect threatened to release nude photos of the Victim online. Utilizing our excellent Evidence Division at LCPD, Detective Frakes was able to review all of the deleted data off of the suspect's phone. The suspect had quite a few photos of the Victim, as well as photos of himself doing inappropriate things that Detective Frakes was able to prove were sent to the Victim. After reviewing the case with the Galveston County District Attorney's office as well as the father of the Victim, it was agreed that a felony charge was too much for what is a widespread issue in schools, and a Misdemeanor charge of Display Harmful Material to a Minor was instead filed against the Suspect. He was arrested shortly afterward. Unfortunately,

The Victim's grandfather came into the CID lobby upset and wanting to speak to the Detective on the case. Detective Frakes calmly and effectively diffused his anger. The gentleman eventually left the office with handshakes and hugs to Detective Frakes thanking him for all his help. The Victim's grandfather subsequently contacted Chief Kramm to compliment Detective Frakes saying that he was a "bull dog that would not back down". He said Detective Frakes set-up on the suspect multiple times and in multiple locations and would not back down until he got him. He said "Detective Frakes does not know reverse, only forward". He is very appreciative of all of the effort that Detective Frakes put into

For his service and dedication to the City of League City Detective Frakes will be presented a plaque and a gift at the Alumni general meeting on Thursday, February 11th. To learn more about the League City Citizens Police Academy and the Alumni Association visit us at lccpaaa.org or on Facebook. February's program cosponsored by Awards of Distinction and Kemah Boardwalk.

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