

## League City Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

November 2016

October Volunteer Hours 82.5 = \$2,071.58

## **First Responders Appreciation Picnic**



Yard Greeting Donated by League City Yard Greetings

The LCCPAAA hosted the third annual First Responders Appreciation picnic for all League City first responders and their families. The event was sponsored by HEB, Associated Credit Union of Texas and A Better Bounce. LCCPAAA served hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings to our officers, firefighters, paramedics, and their families. We enjoyed beautiful Fall weather, camaraderie, good food, a bounce castle and games. HEB mascot Buddy even made an appearance. Door prizes were given away during the event. All the door prizes were donated by local businesses.





The kiddos enjoying the bouncy castle donated by A Better Bounce





Door Prizes donated by local business for the first responders and their familes

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## November 2016 Officer of the Month Sergeant Daniel Mercurio

I grew up in rural New Hampshire and I started my Law Enforcement career in Fremont NH. In 2004 as a part-time patrolman, while attending North Eastern University in Boston Ma. When I graduated college with my bachelor's degree in criminal justice I was hired by my home town Police Department of Kingston NH in 2006. I then attended and graduated from the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Academy class # 142 in the winter of 2007. Later I had occasion to meet and began to date a beautiful Texan by the name of Amy. We soon were married in Texas and I convinced her to move to New Hampshire with me. In 2010 I realized that Texas was much more pleasant than New Hampshire especially in the winter months. I applied with and was later hired by the League City Police Department in July of that year.



In my tenure at the League City Police Department I have worked in the Patrol division and later the Special Operation division. There I worked as a Traffic Enforcement Officer, a member of the CRASH team, and a Marine Enforcement Officer. During that time I was also accepted as a member of Hostage Negotiator team which is a part of this departments CART team. In July of this year I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and am currently assigned as the C Platoon West side supervisor.

While on my way to work on August 17, 2016 in my marked patrol unit I was traveling west bound on E FM 518 approaching the intersection of FM 2094. While stopping for the traffic light I observed a white passenger car traveling at a high rate of speed in the right lane, which is a right turn only lane for FM 2094. The vehicle then cut quickly into the left turn lane at the front of the traffic line.



Sgt Mercurio with LCCPAAA President Walt Lovercheck

When the light turned green and we made the left turn onto E FM 518 I noticed that the white vehicle with Louisiana registration had its hazard lights on. As we crossed 270 I noted the white vehicle began to weave in and out of traffic at a high rate of speed. At the time it was raining lightly and the roads were wet making these high speed sudden lane changes dangerous and reckless.

Thinking that the driver might be having some sort of emergency I activated my emergency lights and the vehicle pulled suddenly into 1530 E Main St. the parking lot of the closed Valero Gas Station. As the vehicle came to a rest and I began to contact dispatch about the traffic stop, the driver's door opened suddenly and the female driver emerged holding a young girl in her arms. The girl appeared to be limp in her mother's arms. The mother stated she was trying to find the hospital. The mother advised me that her 6-year-old daughter had a seizer, fell and bumped her head. I contacted dispatch and requested EMS to the scene. While waiting for EMS we placed the girl on the ground and I began to check her for life signs. I could hear a heartbeat when I placed my head to her chest and she appeared to be breathing very lightly. I then observed a small skinned area that appeared fresh on the child's forehead.

A short time later Officer Thomas arrived with an AED, we placed the pads on the girl and as the device was analyzing EMS arrived on scene also. EMS took the girl into the ambulance and I took the mother aside to talk her about what happened. She identified herself and her daughter. She told me that she worked at a store in Galveston and that she arrived at work at 0830. She said that her baby sitter called her about one half hour before I encountered her on her work phone and told her that her daughter had a seizure, fell, hit her head and then began to vomit.

She said that the sitter would not call 911 for her daughter because she had gotten better. She said that she then left work in Galveston and drove to get her daughter in Houston. She told me of a cross street location for her sitter but that she did not know the address or the phone number or the last name of the sitter. She said that when she left the sitters house her daughter was breathing but unconscious. She said that she was frantically trying to find the hospital but because she is from Louisiana she did not know where one was. EMS advised that they were leaving to go to the hospital and took the mother with her.

Because it was believed that the injury had occurred in Houston I requested dispatch to notify HPD of the incident. I then contacted on call CID and later the on-call Capt. and the Public Information Officer. I sent Officer Whitehead to the hospital to hold the scene until HPD arrived. Later when I informed by Det. Yates that the injury most likely occurred at the South Shore Lakes apartments in our city so I sent Officer Montz to apartment in question to hold the scene and locate any potential witnesses. Detective Yates continued the investigation the next day and later arrested Evan David Nolan for child abuse before he could flee the jurisdiction.

For his service, Sgt. Mercurio was presented a plaque and a gift at the Alumni general meeting on Thursday, November 10th. To learn more about the League City Citizens Police Academy and the Alumni Association visit us at Iccpaaa.org or on Facebook. November's program cosponsored by Awards of Distinction and Kemah Boardwalk.



