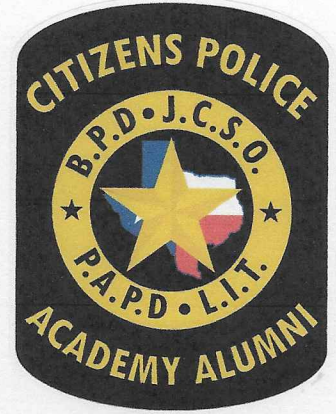


CITIZEN'S DISPATCH

GOLDEN TRIANGLE TRI AGENCY CPAAA

THIS MONTHS GUEST SPEAKER

This months guest speaker is
**PORT ARTHUR
POLICE CHIEF
PATRICK MELVIN**



SEE YOU THERE !

**NEXT MEETING
JANUARY 17 TH
7:00 PM**

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POINTS OF INTEREST

CAR SHOW FLYER
UPCOMING EVENTS
PAPD NEW CHIEF

ITS ALMOST STATE FAIR TIME

**CONGRATULATIONS !!!!
CHIEF PATRICK MELVIN
PORT ARTHUR POLICE DEPT .**

Port Arthur is a city in [Jefferson County](#) within the [Beaumont–Port Arthur Metropolitan Statistical Area](#) of the U.S. state of [Texas](#). A small portion extends into [Orange County](#). It is ninety-one miles east of [Houston](#). The population was 53,818 at the [2010 census](#).

Early attempts at settlements in the area had all failed. However, in 1895 [Arthur Stilwell](#) founded Port Arthur, and the town quickly grew. Port Arthur was incorporated as a city in 1898 and soon developed into a seaport. It eventually became the center of a large oil refinery network.^[3] The [Rainbow Bridge](#) across the [Neches River](#) connects Port Arthur to [Bridge City](#).

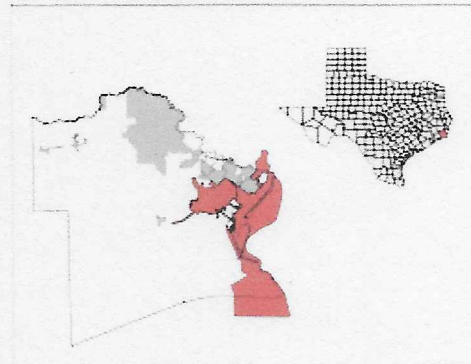
Port Arthur, Texas

City



Port Arthur

Nickname(s): PA, PAT



Location of Port Arthur, Texas - U.S. Census Map

History

Aurora was an early settlement attempt near the mouth of Taylor Bayou on Sabine Lake, about 14 miles (23 km) long and 7 miles (11 km) wide. It is a saltwater estuary formed by the confluence of the [Neches](#) and [Sabine](#) rivers. Through its tidal outlet 5 miles (8 km) long, [Sabine Pass](#), Sabine Lake drains some 50,000 square miles (100,000 km²) of Texas and Louisiana into the [Gulf of Mexico](#).

The town was conceived in 1837, and in 1840 promoters led by Almanzon Huston were offering town lots for sale. Some were sold, but Huston's project failed to attract many settlers. The area next was known as Sparks, after John Sparks, who moved his family to the shores of Sabine Lake near the site of Aurora. The Eastern Texas Railroad, completed between Sabine Pass and [Beaumont, Texas](#), passed four miles west of Sparks. However, the [American Civil War](#) soon began, and rail lines were removed. In 1886, a destructive hurricane hit the coast, causing the remaining residents to dismantle their homes and move to Beaumont. By 1895, Aurora had become a ghost town.^[4]



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Mr. Roy McGrath
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Dear Mr. McGrath,

The LIT Foundation Board of Directors thanks you for your recent scholarship contribution.

Because of the generosity of donors like you, Lamar Institute of Technology has distributed \$447,315.45 in scholarships to 433 students in the Fall 2016 semester.

We recognize that you had a student graduate on December 15, 2016. The Foundation Board of Directors greatly appreciates your support of LIT students.

Bravo!

Daryl Gilbert, Sr.
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19th Annual NCPAA Conference

April 24-27, 2017

Myrtle Beach South Carolina

Join us for the 19th Annual National Citizens Police Academy (NCPAA) Conference in Myrtle Beach and meet men and women who come together to network, encourage and educate each other in the field of law enforcement. Conference attendees include sworn officers and civilians from all over the United States and beyond our borders. You will gain knowledge and information, utilize tools provided by Speakers/Instructor and network and expand contacts you can use.

When you attend the 2017 NCPAA Conference, part of your registration fee pays for your annual membership in NCPAA. As a member, you become part of an international association that provides the best thinking, ideas, experiences and information of law enforcement officers and CPA alumni members.

Conference Topics

(subject to change)

- *CPA Coordinators Certification Class
- *Certified CPA Coordinators Update Re-Certification Class
- * Starting and Maintaining an Alumni Association
 - *Maintaining a successful CPA
- *Recognizing Signs of Violent Extremism
 - *Coastal/Beach Patrol
 - *Forensic Hypnosis

Lodging Information

Crown Reef Resort
2913 South Ocean Boulevard
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Please call the reservations department for rates at 843*626*8077 or 843*282*4161
Must ask for group name: National Citizens Police Academy
Reservation deadline is April 10, 2017

Register Early!

Registration Deadlines:
Prior to January 15, 2016- \$199.00
January 16- February 2017- \$250
March- April 24, 2017- \$300

Check our website for an up-to-date-listing of classes being offered <http://ncpaa.us>

Graduated Citizens Academy Classes (continued)



**Bellefontaine (OH)
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Class 4**

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE ! I hope this is a special and blessed year for each one of you .As an organization we have some challenges and great opportunities to help serve our local community and Law Enforcement Agencies in 2017 .

The mission of The Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is and always has been to serve in support of local law enforcement . Now more than ever we need to do just that ! CPAAA supports and serves Beaumont Police , Jefferson County Sheriffs Dept ,Port Arthur Police as well as Nederland Police , Groves Police and Port Neches Police . This year we hope to bring Texas Highway Patrol into the program also . The new year is a great time for our association to actively support our cause and mission .

It seems the national media has made it their mission to demonize all police departments and by association all police officers . The men and women that put on the badge and the uniform deserve our respect. You can start by simply telling any officer you see in uniform “ Thank You “ , let them know that there are still people out there who appreciate what they do . Buy them a cup of coffee , tell them thanks for being out there . Having attended the Citizens Police Academy you are in a unique position to know and understand just how difficult their job has become . The action of an officer in some other part of the country whether right or wrong in no way diminishes the respect for our local police officers and the job they do everyday .Organizations like ours have to stand up and be counted and Now Is The Time .

Its never too early to start thinking about The South Texas State fair . Its right around the corner . This years fair runs from March 30th to April 9 th . We will have a sign up sheet available for anyone that wants to sign up early . Also coming up on March 11th 2107 from 8am to 3 pm is the BPD Bringing Back the Memories Car Show Benefit . The location of the event has changed . This is a Cops N Kids fund raising event and we will need volunteers . We will have a sign up sheet at the meeting as well . This event was moved from last fall due to the weather . Kind of like any time I set up a CPAAA shoot .

I will be setting up a spring shoot for early April , weather permitting of course .

We also will be doing Cooking for Cops in early Feb , most likely the week of the 6th .We will get back with the details , its probably going to be a breakfast event .

This months guest speaker is Chief Patrick Melvin of Port Arthur PD . Chief Melvin attended the CPA class graduation last fall and liked what he saw . This is a perfect opportunity for us to meet him and hear his vision for the future of the PAPD . . We have a new sheriff as well and we will be inviting her to come and speak to us ... Both of them have pledged to support community involvement and both have seen what Chief Singletary has accomplished with BPD . .

This is going to be a great start to the New Year . Be sure to be there !

Roy Mc Grath President CPAAA



**Bringing Back the Memories
Car Show Benefit
Saturday, March 11
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Beaumont Police Station
and City Hall Parking Lot
255 College @ Main Street
Beaumont, TX**

**Take a free
tour of the
BPD Police
Museum!**

Come see some great cars with Beaumont Police Officers!

No entry fee for spectators.

Games and amusements for the kids!

All proceeds benefit the BPD Cops & Kids Program.

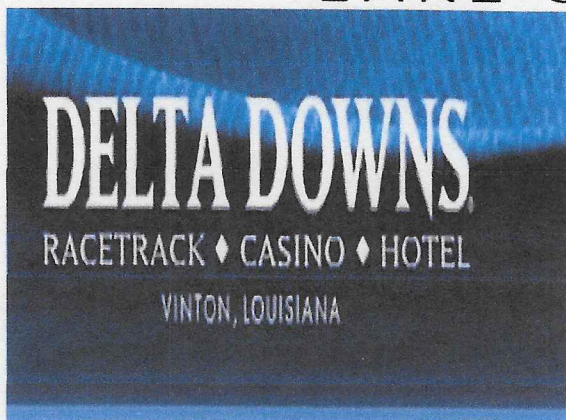


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