



Lakeland Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

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Third Quarter 2016

COMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

31st LCPAAA Class Begins in August

Sept 9th , Honoring Hero's Dinner

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LCPAAA annual Honoring Heroes Dinner will be held on September 9th, at a new location, First Presbyterian Church, 175 Lake Hollingsworth, Lakeland, Fl. 33801. Several of our members will be visiting local businesses for donations, for the silent auction. In years past, LCPAAA has auctioned lunch with LPD Chief, Lakeland Mayor, pedicures, manicures, fruit baskets, golf certificates, tennis certificates, dinner certificates and an array of other items all attendees will enjoy. All funds collected from the auction go to the K-9 Unit and our LCPAAA scholarship fund at Polk State College.

Volunteers are needed now and the night of the event.

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or come to our July 12th meeting.

Citizens Police Academy

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 class. Classes will begin on Thursday, August 11, 2016 and conclude on November 17, 2016 at a graduation ceremony.

The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is designed for selected community-oriented citizens. The CPA includes detailed information on police topics such as uniformed patrol, special investigations (i.e., vice and narcotics), crime scene investigation, SWAT, K9 and many other areas of interest. Also included in the curriculum is a tour of the police station and communications center. A firearms familiarization course is also covered one Saturday where participants will be given a chance to test their skills at the firing range.

This in-depth academy runs for sixteen (16) consecutive weeks with classes meeting every Thursday night from 6:30PM - 9:30PM. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. You do not have to reside within the city of Lakeland to be accepted.

Although graduates of the CPA are not prepared for street duties, they do have a better understanding of the Lakeland Police Department and a greater awareness and appreciation of the challenges and decisions faced by Lakeland police officers each day.

The Lakeland Police Department is committed to fostering positive Citizen-Police interaction and cooperation. One effective way to achieve this goal is through citizen education into the philosophy of community-oriented policing.

LPD Appreciation BBQ

In keeping with the annual National Police Week, Lakeland's CPAAA prepared their annual appreciation event for Lakeland's community "protectors". In 1962 Peace Officer's Memorial Day was signed on May 15 by President John F. Kennedy. National Police Week is the week in which May 15 falls. On Tuesday, May 24, the Appreciation BBQ for Officers and Staff was held behind the Station.

Volunteers began the "set-up" process at 2:30 p.m. At 4:00 p.m., Officers and Staff were served Ricky Shirah's pulled pork, hamburgers, chips, drinks and cake. The hamburgers included regular burgers and Jack's special blends and flavorful mixes.

Officers and staff received expressions of thanks and appreciation as they were served. The Lakeland area enjoys the service of and protection by the very best police department.



Lakeland Police Department's Fallen Heroes Memorial

The early morning sun rays welcomed the Lakeland Police Department 5K Run organizers, runners and participants on Saturday, May 21, along with spectators. While the nearly 1,000 runners and participants gathered, they moved into place with purpose and an air of solemnity. Each runner represented an officer who was killed in the line of duty. The Lakeland Community demonstrated their love and appreciation for LPD by amassing a most impressive show of runners in the fund-raising event for Lakeland Police Department's Fallen Heroes Memorial. The Fallen Heroes Memorial Inaugural 5K Run sets a prestigious record marker for the community and LPD.

At 7:00 a.m., Lakeland Police Department's Honor Guard began the event with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief Larry Giddens welcomed everyone; he restated the purpose and the importance of the Fallen Heroes Memorial and its completion. Lakeland's Fallen Heroes are Thomas Alonzo Nicholson (1932), William T. Barnett (1932), Eugene E. DeBerry (1985), Carl H. Cushman (1988), and Arnulfo Crispin (2011).

Rob, the event commentator (emcee), called for a moment of silence. With a collective body of more than 1,000 people, silence would seem impossible; however, an almost silent hush prevailed.

The LPD Honor Guard's shotgun blast signaled the runners to begin their commitment to the one for whom they ran. At the same time the blast resounded the purpose and urgency of the day.

The 5K runners were organized by group with runners at the beginning, a second grouping was composed of power walkers, speed walkers and slower runners; the third group included some who were less physically able, but determined to give their best in their honoring-the-fallen.

From ancient times, runners served cultural purposes; LPD 5K runners represented dual messages. One message was to honor "The Fallen" by participating in the fund raising for the Fallen Heroes Memorial and a second message loudly proclaimed the community's support and appreciation for LPD.

National PAL Mentoring Day

On May 2, 2015 Police Athletic League of the Lakeland Police Department held their annual National PAL Mentoring Day. The community celebration at Tigertown Complex started at 10:00 A.M. and ended at 2:00 P.M. The numerous activities included the LFD Fire Engine, LPD Displays and Activities, Live Bands, Horse Rides, Rock Climbing Wall, Basketball Shootout, and Mighty Marching Lions. Members of Citizens Police Academy of LPD volunteered to work and assist in the various activities.

PAL's programs provide recreational, educational and social activities that develop good health habits, good sportsmanship and high civic standard in the youth of the community. The event is an important way for parents to connect with the community, business partners, and sponsors in one location for the youth to show-case their talents.



Lakeland PAL Car Wash

On Friday, June 17, 2016, the Police Athletic League held a successful day with their Car Wash Fundraiser event. The efforts of the youth went above their set goals. They will be able to provide assistance with the travel costs for their Washington DC trip. The youth went above and beyond their goal! This teaches them that hard work and teamwork really pay off. They had fun and a great time as they worked.





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"Effective Crime Control is a Team Effort."

Who Is The New Blonde At LPD?

If you attended the June monthly meeting of LCPAAA you would have met DYNA the new LPD "Blonde", Dyna came to LPD from the Association for the Blind. Dyna is training to be a explosive specialist, with the K-9 Unit. LPD is most appreciative for this wonderful gift of Dyna.

Dyna's handler spent some time with us letting us know the rigorous road Dyna has ahead of her. Dyna has at least 17 different bomb or explosive odors to learn before she can become a member of the K-9 Unit. Not only her ability to sniff out the bombs she has to prove her ability to concentrate and be a reliable team member. Dyna is already loved by her handlers' family so we hope she makes the grade.

I took some pictures of our new "blonde".

