

# THE LAKELAND BEAT

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## August 2013

## From the President:

### COMING EVENTS 2013

**July 30**  
LCPAAA  
Monthly Board Meeting

**August 6th**  
National Night Out

**August 13**  
LCPAAA  
Monthly Meeting

**August 27**  
LCPAAA  
Monthly Board Meeting

**September 7th**  
Honoring Hero's Bar-B-Que  
Lake Mirror Center

As we begin another month, September 7th is just around the corner. With everyone's hard work we can make the "Honoring Heroes" function a success and a positive event. A special thanks to Steve Jones as it looks like we will have more table sponsors this year. Last year was the initial year for accepting credit cards for silent auction items and we will be able to offer that convenience this year too.

It is also not too early to think of Board of Directors positions. If interested, a brief Bio would be helpful for the Nominating committee. Hope to see you at the next meeting on August 13th

### Something New...

the first edition of the community newsletter of the Lakeland Police Department.

This will be a bi-monthly newsletter, which will highlight our accomplishments in the past few months and give information on upcoming events.

The purpose of this newsletter is to share our stories with you and to encourage our residents to help us in building a stronger relationship and safer community for everyone.

**What are you** doing on the First Friday of the month? For August, that will be August 2nd.

It's a great time to see thing Lakeland offers, including the LPDA. You can help by coming and talking to someone at the police area to see what you can do to help.

The First Friday Program is held along Kentucky Avenue in the Munn Park area. Hours are from 6-9:00 pm. Drop in to help and have a good time.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Richard Derk    | President      |
| Michael Matlick | Vice President |
| Kim Golotko     | Secretary      |
| Jane Hunter     | Treasurer      |
| Mickie Brown    | Director       |
| Arnie Johnson   | Director       |
| Shirley Mobley  | Director       |

### COMMITTEES

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Mike Matlick      | Fundraising      |
| Linda Bowlin      | Membership       |
| Irene Nolan       | Hospitality      |
| Charles Burdette  | Crime Prevention |
| Kristy Osterholtz | Sunshine         |
| Steve Jones       | Scholarships     |
| Dick Fearnow      | Guest Speakers   |
| Gary Brown        | Photographer     |
| Robin Tillet      | Photographer     |
| Marie Willard     | Newsletter       |

**LPD LIASON 834-6900**  
Captain Rick Taylor  
Lieutenant Steve Walker



The Next **Citizens Police Academy** classes begin on August 15. Class time is from 6:30 to 9:00 pm If you know anyone interested in attending, please let them know the details.

This 14 week event is both an opportunity to volunteer but also provides some members for the LCPAAA.

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.

**LCPAAA MEETING**—August Speaker will be Chief Lisa Womack. Although her workload, public meetings and police investigations keep her busy, she is planning to come to this meeting to discuss issues with us. Be sure to attend.

### BOLO

LPD Station **OPEN HOUSE**..

Scheduled for October 19, is "Just Keep Moving", emphasizing physical fitness. This is a time for us to volunteer so keep the date open on your calendar

Beware August  
Heat!



## Statement from Chief Lisa Womack:



Given recent media stories about the Lakeland Police Department, I want to assure the citizens of the City of Lakeland that we take every allegation seriously and we are committed to your safety and the quality of life in Lakeland. We have a thorough process for investigating complaints of misconduct and we will investigate these and any other allegations we receive, swiftly and completely. This department does not condone the alleged actions as have been reported in recent days and any officer proven to be involved in this type behavior will be dealt with accordingly, including possible termination.

Full disclosure of findings will be made upon completion of our administrative investigation. The Lakeland Police Department is a professional police department with quality officers dedicated to keeping our community safe.

## CALEA Onsite Assessment Report:

The Lakeland Police Department has received a copy of the report filed by the Assessors following the onsite in April. The report received is the Assessors findings from the onsite. It will now be forwarded... to the full CALEA Commission for review. Chief Womack said "I am pleased with the report and findings and believe it reflects all the hard work during the last year and a half working up to this point." She went on to say, "The men and women of this department are dedicated to their jobs and are committed to delivering quality service to our community. Being awarded our accreditation will be the payoff they deserve for all of their hard work." The Commission will review the report and a hearing will be held at an upcoming conference. At the conclusion of their review and the hearing, the Commission will make the final determination as to the status of the Lakeland Police Department's quest for accreditation.

To view the 27 page report: <http://bit.ly/12H2RzI>



This annual event is this month...August 6. Have you been working in your neighborhood to insure a successful event? What event(s) are planned?

Whatever your community is doing, please share with LCPAAA members and the Lakeland Beat.

We would love to hear what you are doing. Bring pictures so the results of your work can be shared.

## LPD Officers Participate in the Florida Police and Fire Games

Lakeland Police Department officers participated in the annual Florida Police and Fire Games during the week of June 16 – 21, 2013. This year the games were held in Fort Lauderdale, where officers from agencies across the state participated.

### LPD officers took home the following awards:

#### Officer Jack Callahan

- Gold - 200 meter Dash
- Silver - 100 meter Dash
- Silver - Power Lifting
- Bronze - Bench Press

#### Officer Preston Chatmon

- Silver - Power Lifting

#### Sergeant Mike Lewis

- Silver - Mountain Bike

#### Officer Jason Gates

- Silver - Toughest Cop
- Bronze - 5K Run

#### Officer John McLaughlin

- Gold - 1000 meter Cycling

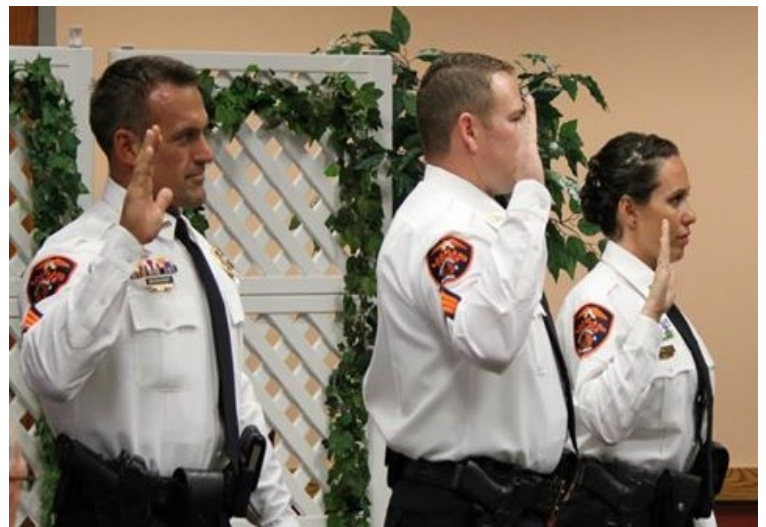
#### Lieutenant Ruben Garcia

- Gold - Skeet-Doubles (Shooting)
- Silver - Skeet (Shooting)
- Silver - Riot Skeet (Shooting)
- Bronze - Trap (Shooting)
- Bronze - Riot Trap (Shooting)
- Bronze - Sporting Clays (Shooting)
- Silver - Sporting Flurry (Shooting)



## Great job by these officers!

On June 7, 2013, Lakeland Police held a **promotion ceremony**. During the promotion ceremony, Sergeant Billie Shanley was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, Officer Sean Finney was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and Detective Bob Bernhardt was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Congratulations to these employees on their promotion!



## New Recruits: Meet our new recruits

On Monday, June 3, 2013, Lakeland Police welcomed 8 new officers and 1 new Public Safety Aide to the department. The new recruits are going through the department mini-academy and then will enter into their Field Training phase. To read about our newest officers, following this link: <http://www.lakelandgov.net/lpd/AboutUs/MeettheNewRecruits.aspx>



**Front Row: Allison Mawhinney, Michelle Schlaack, William Petitt, Maikel Zaldivar**  
**Back Row: James Lewis, Jr., Kyle O'Berry, Krystal Branch, Paul Dunn, Brooke Pumphrey (PSA)**

## From Recruits to Officers

### LPD Welcomes New Officers and Public Safety Aide

On Friday, July 12 2013, eight officers were sworn in as members of the Lakeland Police Department. This completed their six-weeks in the Mini Academy, and now they are ready to begin the next phase of their training as Lakeland Police officers. The officers will begin the 16 week Field Training phase and will be learning more about the department and community they have been sworn to serve. In addition to the eight police officers, Lakeland Police welcomed one Public Safety Aide as part of LPD. Police Chief Lisa Womack welcomed the new employees during the ceremony and told them "I look forward to the great work you will do for our community, and I know you will be an asset to the department.

Congratulations to the newest Lakeland Police Department employees!





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**"Effective Crime Control is a Team Effort."**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 11, 2013

LCPAAA General Meeting  
2nd floor Conference Room,  
LPD

June 25, 2013

LCPAAA Monthly  
Board Meeting  
3rd floor Conference Room,  
LPD

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### 28th Annual Citizens Police Academy

Classes every Thursday at 6:30 pm at LPD  
from August 15th thru November 14th

Help serve refreshments at break

### Honoring Hero's Bar-B-Que

September 7th

Fundraising, Servers, Decorating, Set-up and/or  
Clean-up, selling tickets before and at the door  
and other opportunities.

Check with Michael Matlick at 863-934-0710  
if you have questions or are interested in volunteering!

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION*

