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HONORING HEROES

Once again it is time to start getting ready for the Honoring Heroes BBQ Dinner and Silent Auction. This event has been hosted by the Lakeland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (LCPAAA) since 2008. The event, which is open to the public, is going to be held on September 9, 2011 at the Lake Mirror Center. This occasion serves as a time when citizens can show their appreciation for all of our heroes in public safety. The event also serves as the primary fundraiser for LCPAAA. In the past, all net proceeds from the event have been donated to the K9 unit

And the LCPAAA scholarship fund. In 2010 the LCPAAA was able to donate \$9,500.00 to the Lakeland Police Department. The funds donated were used towards the purchase of two new K-9's for the department.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

JUNE 12, 2011
LCPAAA General Membership Meeting
2nd floor at 7:00pm

JUNE 28, 2011
LCPAAA Board of Directors Meeting
3rd floor at 7:00pm

JULY 12, 2011
LCPAAA General Membership Meeting
2nd floor at 7:00pm

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CHIEF'S CHATS—SESSIONS WITH CITIZENS

On Monday, June 6th Lakeland Police Chief Lisa Womack kicked off Chief's Chats, an open forum offering citizens the opportunity to discuss topics of interest in the community. During the session Chief Womack stressed the importance of community policing and shared the department's major points of focus; reducing the number of violent crimes (especially among youthful offenders) and property crimes. She also gave everyone in attendance a "homework assignment". She asked that citizens flag down any LPD officer they see in their neighborhood or community area, provided they aren't responding to an emergency call, and introduce themselves.



Future sessions are slated for the first Monday each month from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Community Room. Due to the upcoming Fourth of July holiday, the next meeting will not be held until August 1, 2011.

Hope to see you there!

LOOK WHAT'S INSIDE

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National Night Out is a unique crime and prevention event that takes place every year on the first Tuesday in August. This year, National Night Out will take place on **Tuesday, August 2, 2011**. All neighborhood organizations and neighborhood watch groups are encouraged to participate. Previous **National Night Out** events have involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, neighborhood organizations, neighborhood crime watch groups, and local officials from all over the City of Lakeland. The events are designed to:

1. Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
2. Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs
3. Strengthen neighborhood spirit
4. Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with traditional displays of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, City of Lakeland neighborhoods have participated in a variety of events over the years that have included block parties, cook outs, visits from local police, fire department and City officials, flashlight walks, contests, and youth programs. Participating in **National Night Out** is an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program that promotes neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our efforts in maintaining a safe community.

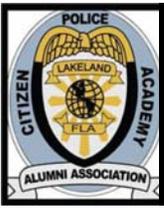
Please check back as a complete list of activities will be provided as organizations plan their events.

If your neighborhood organization or neighborhood watch group would like assistance in planning your **National Night Out** event, contact the Community Services Unit at (863) 834-6912.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORT STATISTICS

The Lakeland Police Department releases preliminary year to date (YTD) UCR figures each month that are subject to ongoing audits throughout the year. These figures may change, but they do provide a glimpse into current crime trends.

| 2011 UCR STATISTICS | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Crime Category | February | | Year to Date | |
| | 2011 | 2010 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Homicide | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Sex Offenses | 7 | 3 | 13 | 6 |
| Robbery | 18 | 7 | 26 | 18 |
| Aggravated Assault | 20 | 10 | 32 | 24 |
| Violent Crime Total | 45 | 21 | 72 | 50 |
| Burglary | 61 | 68 | 164 | 150 |
| Larceny | 234 | 254 | 520 | 537 |
| Auto Theft | 6 | 11 | 28 | 21 |
| Property Crime Total | 301 | 333 | 712 | 708 |
| UCR Totals | 346 | 354 | 784 | 758 |



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"Effective Crime Control is a Team Effort."

Newsletter News

If anyone has something they would like in the newsletter, such as a topic you'd like more information on, upcoming events, announcements, or pictures, etc.. Please forward that information to me via e-mail at EnKHess@aol.com or via phone at 863-640-3187. I look forward to hearing from each of you.

Thank you,

Kristin



June's Birthdays

- 6/7 Bessie Todd
- 6/15 Stan Martin
- 6/23 Kim Golotko
- 6/26 Arnie Johnson
- 6/27 Janice Williamson