



THE LAKELAND BEAT

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June 2013

LPDAAA Meetings

Our June meeting will be on June 11 in the upstairs meeting in the police station. Our speaker will be Jose Olivier. He is retired from the FBI, with a good background and experience with fraud. He is now with the National Insurance Crime Bureau and will explain what his agency does.

Last months meeting, Stefanie Thompson discussed Dementia and Alzheimers disease. Did you know that Alzheimers is the most common form of dementia... 50%-60% of all dementia. It was an informative meeting. If you didn't come, you missed it.

From the President

A Special Thanks to all who responded to our initial survey. We had approx. a 15% response. The negative responses will be addressed by your board to see what steps can be taken to improve. Those that are out of our control will be submitted to LPD

Our next major event is September 7 - Honoring Heroes. Please mark that date on your calendar as we generally need a lot of help to make it a success. Perhaps you know someone who would like to be a Table Sponsor? Stay tuned as things develop

Richard Derk

COMING EVENTS 2013

June 11, 2013

LCPA AAA General Meeting
2nd floor Conference Room, LPD

June 25, 2013

LCPA AAA Monthly Board Meeting

August 6th National Night Out

September 7th

Honoring Hero's Bar-B-Que
Lake Mirror Center

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Officer Carlos Cortes honored by Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

Officer Carlos Cortes was presented with the "MADD Hero Drugged Driving Enforcement Award" at the 13th Annual MADD Law Enforcement Symposium & Recognition Dinner. Officer Cortes was nominated for this award for helping the LPD/DUI Unit better protect citizens by setting procedures on how they package evidence, document certain types of cases, and prosecute "Drugged Drivers".

Cortes researched labs that would conduct tests for synthetic drugs, and located NMS labs. He then contacted NMS, met with LPD Property & Evidence personnel, confirmed a shipping route, and sent samples for testing. A procedure has been put in place and the DUI unit can better enforce this new trend of impaired driving.

Congratulations to Officer Cortez on a job well done!

Advisory:

LPD retains former Judge Monterey Campbell

Chief Lisa Womack, Lakeland Police Department, has announced that former Second District Court of Appeal Judge Monterey Campbell has been retained by the Lakeland Police Department and the City of Lakeland to consult with and assist the Department with all matters relating to the dissemination of Public Records pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 119 (i.e. the Florida Public Records Act.) Judge Campbell will assist the Department in assuring that all public records are released in a timely manner consistent with applicable laws while at the same time, assuring that legitimate police investigative matters are protected. The volume and scope of public records requests has grown tremendously over the past several years and Judge Campbell's wealth of experience will further enhance the Lakeland Police Department's efforts to improve and streamline the timely release of public records.

Chief Womack also indicated that Lakeland Police Department attorney, Roger Mallory, who previously was responsible for all legal issues within the LPD, including the release of public records, has been reassigned to other law enforcement-related duties within the LPD. Chief Womack stated: "This re-alignment in our public records process will further ensure that the LPD is providing information in a timely and efficient manner and in strict accordance with law. I am committed to ensuring that the citizens of Lakeland are well served. Judge Campbell is a highly respected judicial officer and his assistance will be invaluable in terms of assuring the public of complete and timely compliance with Florida Public Record laws."

In addition, Judge Campbell will be assessing public records processes of all other City of Lakeland Departments to ensure that public records are being released in a consistent manner on an organizational-wide basis.

City Manager Doug Thomas stated, "Chief Womack along with City Attorney Tim McCausland and myself are fully supportive of this approach to assure the community and other stakeholders of the City's commitment to ensure that the processing of public record requests and the dissemination of records is handled consistent with all applicable provisions of Florida Statutes. We believe former Judge Campbell's expertise will be of assistance not only to the LPD, but also to the entire municipal operation in our commitment to ensure that public records requests are processed in an expedient and transparent manner. This approach will assist not only the LPD, but also the entire City of Lakeland to reflect the priority of the City Administration to provide public access to records and information in a transparent fashion in accordance with all applicable provisions of Florida Statutes."

This information is available at www.lakelandgov.net/lpd and on Facebook. Media inquiries should be directed to 834-4314.

You Graduated!

Now Get Involved!

LCPAAA



WE APPRECIATE OUR 9-1-1 DISPATCHERS' National Public Safety Telecommunications Week (April 14 - 20th) honors the work of 9-1-1 Dispatchers Emergency Communications Specialists, more commonly known as 9-1-1 dispatchers, are often the unsung... heroes working in the background when a crisis occurs. 9-1-1 operators are the true "first responders" to any citizen in an emergency situation. Long before police, fire, or EMS arrive on scene, a 9-1-1 operator has comforted the victim at the height of a crisis, ensured proper resources are immediately enroute to the victim, and in many cases provided pre-arrival instructions to either ensure the safety of the caller or provide comfort to those facing unimaginable horror. For many, the job is a calling. They do it because they know their job truly makes a difference. To all of the men and women on the team, we say thank you for your service and dedication. LPD COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS: Deborah Leonard, Betty Aikens, Sandra Murphy, Shana Smith-Knobloch, Gwendolyn Cooper, Cindy Pardo-Mortillaro, Joycelyn Baichulall, Selah Bell, Michelle Hurley, Debbie Jacques, Denise Willis, Julie Rollins, Monica Peagler, Tanya Sullivan, David Allen, Lori Rueda, Gina Wallace, Tina Ewell, Angela Simonides, Julie Russell, Michelle Crockett, Angela Zorn, Jessica Johnson, Ruth Hendrickson, Amanda Patterson, Susan Staton, Addie Shipmon, Jessica Henry, Shana Lucas, Candice Rice, Jennifer Green, Julie Brown, Kathy Cornelius, Saretha Mathers, Nicole Jordan, Jamie Bair, Christine Miranda, Amy Stevens, Valarie Rowe and Manager Bill LePere!

WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DO!



Why National Night Out is Celebrated

National Night Out is celebrated to enhance community-police awareness and to improve participation in local anti-crime activities.

National Night Out aims at the below mentioned goals.

- Crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support and enhance participation in local anti-crime efforts
- Strengthen police-community partnerships
- To let the criminals know the fact that neighborhoods are active and ready to fight back
- Intensifies neighborhood spirit

How National Night Out is Celebrated

Initially communities held lights-on vigils as part of National Night Out celebrations. Nowadays National Night Out celebrations include various events and activities such as, cookouts, visits from local police and sheriff departments, block parties, parades, exhibits, flashlight walks, rallies, meetings, contests and youth programs. The National Night Out 2010 was a grand event with more than 37 million people from over 15,000 communities being a part of it.

WHAT IS YOUR COMMUNITY/NEIGHBORHOOD DOING? Are you working with Neighborhood watch to develop a program?

LCPAAA IS all about

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Dear Community Member,

As Police Chief for the Lakeland Police Department, I am pleased to announce that the CALEA assessors visited Lakeland Police Department during the week of April 8–11, 2013. While we will not know the final outcome of their visit until this summer, we do know that they were very pleased during their visit and are prepared to recommend the department for accreditation. This is exciting news as we move on to other projects

In reviewing our activities, one can see that the department does not just concentrate on enforcement of problems, but also education and prevention programs to address the issues that contribute to criminal activity in our city. We are committed to the residents of this city and to implementing best practices in the delivery of service to you.

Sincerely,
 Lisa Womack,
 Chief of Police

LPD Rolls Out New DUI Enforcement Vehicle



The new 2013 Ford Explorer-Police Interceptor is equipped with a brand new Intoxilyzer 8000 inside the vehicle which provides a decrease in total investigation time due to being able to conduct the entire investigation at the scene including the breath test.

With the extra space in this vehicle, we have also equipped it with the basic traffic equipment needed in order to conduct serious traffic crash investigations at the scene, which in return will allow us to release the patrol units to their normal duties, such as, answering calls for service and crime prevention.

The main purpose of this vehicle is to be able to decrease the investigation time by approximately 45 minutes which will allow more enforcement time. With more enforcement time, we can also be more proactive and effective with our deterrence of impaired drivers. By doing so, we hope to not only see a decrease in impaired drivers but also with crashes involving impaired drivers.

This Ford Explorer is the first of its kind to be equipped for these purposes in this region, and possibly the state. This Ford Explorer is the first one to be placed in service by the Lakeland Police Department and has also been equipped with the newest camera system, the newest ION LED emergency lights, and a laser printer, in addition to the equipment already stated above.

The setup and customization of this vehicle was collaboration between the LPD DUI unit, Keith Bennett-LPD Fleet Manager, and Richard Weissinger from Bartow Ford.

The new vehicle was issued on Thursday, May 9, 2013 and on that same night the first 2 DUI arrests were made. The vehicle was in full service starting Friday, May 17, 2013.





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"Effective Crime Control is a Team Effort."

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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LPD

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Board Meeting
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LPD

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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 Heroes 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

