

THE LAKELAND BEAT

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Volunteers Get Ready

HONORING HEROES BBQ and Silent Auction

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Auction closes at 8:00 pm

Lake Mirror Complex

Volunteers will be needed for the night of the event, as well as the months leading up to the big day. We still need members to secure donations, sell tickets and help with advertising. All funds raised from this event will go toward the Lakeland Police Department and their needs along with our LCPAAA Scholarship Fund.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the silent auction, please call 834-6392 or email robin.tillett@lakelandgov.net.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 10th:

LCPAAA General Membership Mtg
LPD 2nd floor @ 7pm

May 31st:

LCPAAA Board of Directors Mtg LPD
3rd floor @ 7pm

June 14th:

LCPAAA General Membership Mtg
LPD 2nd floor @ 7pm

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2011 Citizens Police Academy

Now Accepting Applications!
Classes begin on August 18

Graduation will be November 17.

Thursday evenings from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM
at the police station

Class size is limited

LOOK WHAT'S INSIDE

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Have You Met the Two New Officers Yet?

The City of Lakeland Police Department recently welcomed two new K9 dogs into the Department. The new recruits will be replacing two K9 dogs that are retiring from service. K9 Echo is a 14-month old German Shepherd that is replacing K9 Beno a Belgium Malinois and K9 Bruno is a two-year old German Shepherd that is replacing K9 Bono. Both K9 Beno and K9 Bono are being replaced because of their age. Working police dogs are ready for street duty at two years of age and they work for six to eight years before they retire.

K9 Echo is from the Czech Republic and K9 Bruno is from Hungary. Most police dogs are specially bred from working lineage where they are taught bite work and obedience at an early age. K9 handler and Lakeland Police Officer Jeff Barrett said, "These two new K9's were raised in Europe and their training started when they were eight weeks old." He added, "When we get them they are considered green dogs and we put them through very rigorous training for almost five months before they are ready for the street." In fact, a police dog will have over 800 hours of training before their first official day on the job.

A new K9 dog on average costs anywhere from \$6,500-\$9,500 based on the training the dogs have had at the time of purchase. The funding for these two new dogs came from the generous donations of the Citizens Police Academy. Barrett said, "The Citizens Police Academy and its alumni group have been tremendously helpful in assisting the purchase of Echo and Bruno through the many fundraisers that they put on. These fundraisers bring in the monies needed so we can get the type of quality dog that we need for our operation to be a success."

Both K9 Echo and K9 Bruno have started training with their handlers. A typical day for one of the dogs starts out with drug search exercises so they can get their detective work out of the way first. Then the dogs move onto fun stuff that helps with their agility such as jumping hurdles and climbing ladders. The dogs also participate in basic human search training where they pick-up a human scent and track the scent to a location.

Barrett said, "Normally it takes five months for us to get a dog ready to go on the street. This includes two months of drug training and about 10 weeks of patrol dog training where they learn how to apprehend a person." It takes a great deal of hard work and effort to get these dogs so they can perform when called upon. Right now Barrett said that the K9 handlers that have been assigned the new dogs are spending 100% of their time getting them ready for the street. He said, "If a hot call comes out, we will respond with our old dogs but our primary job is to train the new dogs and get them ready for street duty." Barrett added, "Our retired dogs become pets at home; our best friends stay with us until the end of their days."

A big part of getting a new dog ready for street duty involves socialization. K9 handlers use every opportunity to have their animals be a part of the community, especially children. Barrett said, "We want the dogs to be at ease around children so we take time to have kids interact with the dogs because it is very important that the dogs feel comfortable around humans and other animals."



Echo

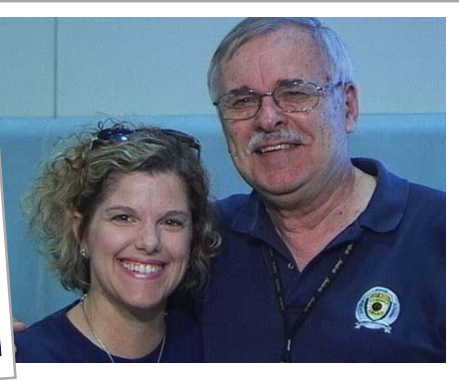


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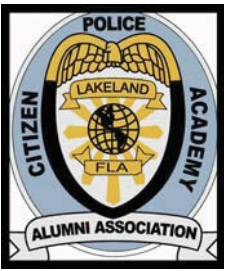
Saturday, March 19, 2011
Lakeland Police Station

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Our Volunteers ROCK!



Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association
P.O. Box 1904
Lakeland, FL 33802

“Effective Crime Control is a Team Effort.”

Lakeland's Finest Recognized at Annual Awards Ceremony

LakelandPD celebrated the exceptional service of our members in 2010 during their recent annual awards presentation. Recognized for their actions included members receiving Meritorious Service Awards as well as naming the Officer of the Year, Detective of the Year, and Civilian of the Year.

Officer of the Year

Officer Adam Williams

Detective of the Year

Detective Russell Hurley

Civilian of the Year

Crime Scene Technician Renee Arlt

Meritorious Service Awards

Officer Adam Williams

Officer John Thompson

Captain Victor White

Detective Russell Hurley

Crime Scene Technician Renee Arlt

Officer Phil Smith



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| 5/08 | Susan T. Brafford |
| 5/10 | Pat Blalock |
| 5/18 | Joann Glenn |
| 5/19 | Mary Landgraf |
| 5/22 | Sandra Kotansky |
| 5/24 | Daniel Bates |
| 5/25 | Sara Howard-Padgett |
| 5/28 | Paula Fellingner |
| 5/31 | Charles Burdette |

*Our congratulations to
the award winners.*