



Message From The President: *The LCPAAA Renaissance*



What makes an organization succeed, no matter what? Why do some organizations fold in the face of the slightest opposition? Why do some organizations make excuses for everything that goes wrong, while others simply go about trying to make things right? What can we do to develop the ability to forge forward through any and all obstacles that appear in our path?

More times than I can remember, I've watched some of our members backs to the wall pull off an amazing success that nobody would have believed possible.

Those members knew how to dig deep, how to not only keep going in the face of adversity but also go a little harder when things get tough.

Let's take a look at one aspect of how the way we think and act controls our ability to generate outstanding results.

We must believe that our future, for better or worse, lies largely within our control, and cultivate a belief that our ability to mold our destiny comes from our control of what we do right here and now. And remember that sometimes when things go wrong, if we take the blame, it will only help us gain.

Over the last 15 months our members have been very successful in revitalizing the LCPAAA. We have made huge membership gains, introduced our own website and have volunteered many hours to many community events alongside the LPD Community Services Unit.

We have established a name for our organization and I would like to ask all members to jump on board and be a part of the many successes to come.

Yours truly, Justin M. Troller, CPAAA President

MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Clarence Willard

Clarence moved to Lakeland from Delhi, Iowa in December 2005 and graduated from the LCPA class in 2006. He retired from the Boilermaker's Local 29. Clarence is a true sportsman who loves to fish, hunt, trap and skeet, baseball and tennis. He is involved with the AARP and the Baptist Men's Association. The reasons he to get involved in his more about what the could help. His favor- Police Academy was When asked what he'd LCPAAA, he immedi- wherever I'm needed". truly meant what he becoming very active tion. Clarence has assisted with many of our events, including assisting at our check-in table at the December meeting, the High Flying Holidays at the Lakeland Airport, and most recently the Crime Expo at the Kiwanis Pancake Festival.



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Thank you Clarence for all that you do!

Upcoming Events

March 13th: General Members Meeting LPD 2nd floor mtg room 7:00pm

March 17th: LPD Open House

March 27th: Board of Directors Meeting LPD 3rd floor mtg room 7:00pm

April 9th: General Members Meeting LPD 2nd floor mtg room 7:00pm

April 24th: Board of Directors Meeting LPD 3rd floor mtg room 7:00pm

****Check out the Event Calendar for more upcoming events!!****

GET YOUR OFFICIAL LCPAAA WINDBREAKER! These jackets are now available at Williams & Williams, Inc. located on East Main St. These windbreakers are made by Dunbrooke and are the same style as those used by the LPD. The jackets are navy blue with our logo embroidered. Total cost is **\$ 33.45/jacket**. Please note this item is taxable since they will be ordered by individual members. **OFFICIAL LCPAAA PHOTO ID BADGE MUST BE SHOWN AT TIME OF ORDER!!**

Officer Profile: Ryan Back & K9 Neo



Officer Back was raised in Zephyrhills and moved to Lakeland in 1998. He graduated from the Police Academy at Hernando/Pasco Community College in 1993 and began working for the Zephyrhills Police Department. In 1998, Officer Back transferred to the Lakeland Police Department after a close friend, Phil Ryan, also a LPD Officer, spoke highly of the department. Officer Back originally did not consider a career in law enforcement but eventually realized that he wanted a career that was not your typical job. He wanted a career where everyday was different and wanted to inspire and help others within the community. After transferring to the LPD, Officer Back wanted to be part of the prestigious K-9 Unit. His love for animals and his drive for excellence were a perfect fit for the LPD K-9 Unit. His partner Neo, a German Shepard from the Czech Republic, was born in February 2001 and was imported to the Metro Dade K-9 Services in Homestead, Florida. Neo was purchased by the LPD on June 23, 2003 for \$7,500.00. Neo's initial reaction to Officer Back's home was a smooth transition although it did take Neo some time to get familiar with the family pets that were already in the home. Officer Back and Neo had to train for 800 hours before being able to start patrolling the streets. Of the 800 hours, 400 hours was patrol school, which included tracking, apprehension, building searches and handler protection. The other 400 hours was narcotics school, which certified Neo in odor recognition of marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines, and heroine. In 2004, Officer Back and Neo were the top Novice Team in the K-9 State Field Trials. Throughout Neo's career he has apprehended a number of suspects and has endured some injuries. One such injury occurred when he was chasing a subject that tried to run over another officer. Neo chased the suspect into a watery ditch and in the process tore his interior cruciate ligament in his back left leg. Neo also suffers from a degenerative spine and this is the injury that will force Neo to retire. Officer Back currently received a new dog and is in the process of training him. When Neo retires he will live with the Back family. When Officer Back and Neo are not working the streets of Lakeland, they like

spending time with Officer Back's wife of 6 years, Kristina and his two children, 5 year old son Bryson and 3 year old daughter Lindsey. Officer Back coaches Bryson's tee-ball team and soccer team and looks forward to one day coaching Lindsey in whatever extra curricular activity she chooses. Officer Back also likes to salt-water fish when he has the time. Throughout Officer Back's career he has received several distinguished performance awards and hopes to one day be promoted within the LPD.

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY'S TO CPAAA ALUMNI MEMBERS



- 4/02 Tim Musgrave**
- 4/03 Ronda Zucco**
- 4/12 Michael Fellingner**
- 4/25 Carol Hunt**
- 4/27 Dave Munson**

*CPAAA ball caps still available for \$ 11.00.
Please see Dave Munson at the next general membership meeting.
Get yours while they last!!*

CPAAA News

- **THE CPAAA HAS A NEW & IMPROVED WEBSITE!!** Make sure to check out the site!! <http://www.lcpaaaonline.com>
- If you would like a new photo ID name tag, please see Dave Munson after the next general membership meeting.
- The official LCPAAA polo shirts for men and women are available for the new price of only \$ 20.00!! Please see Dave Munson for more information.
- **THE CPAAA also has a Community Service Unit hotline!!** Members can call and get the latest information on upcoming events. Check it out by calling (863) 834-LOCK.

Community News



The new PAL Bus



Sgt. Roberts
delivers speech
on PAL program.

A dedication ceremony for the new PAL bus was held on February 15, 2007 at the Simpson Park Recreation Center. The PAL program in Lakeland is highly successful and is designed to mentor young adults through activities involving academics and sports. The new bus is decorated with images of PAL members participating in the organization's various youth programs. Combined donations from the CPAAA, Neighborhood Association Coalition and the Clara Warsaw Fund totaled approximately \$6000.



The 2006 LPD Annual Awards Ceremony was conducted on February 15, 2007. The introduction was given by Lt. John Thomason and the keynote address was presented by Mr. Ken Suarez of Fox 13 News. Those awards presented included the Medal of Valor, Life Saving Medal, and Meritorious Service Awards. Officer, Detective and Civilian of the Year Awards were presented to Officer Dale Deas, Detective Richard Rose, Jr., and Keith Bennett. Refreshments were served by the LCPIAAA at the conclusion of the ceremony.



Medal of Valor was presented to Sgt. Birdwell
& Officer Bosque



Carol Hunt, Micky Edgar, Tina Davis, Faye Beyer, Fern Maturo
and Sharon Munson serve refreshments after the ceremony.



Alumni Members in Action



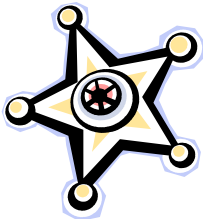
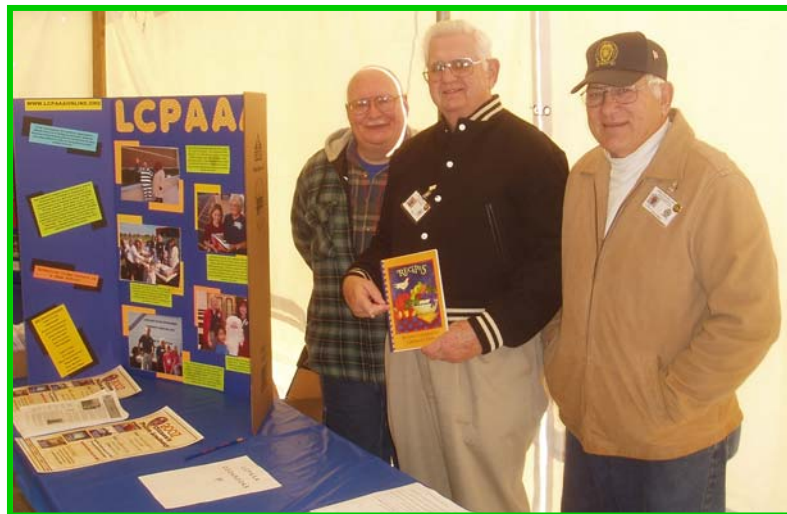
Officer Ted Sealey with K-9 Officer Bodo

Crime Expo at the Kiwanis Pancake Festival

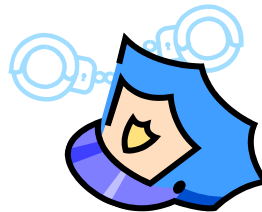
The annual Kiwanis Pancake Festival was held on February 17, 2007. Despite the cool temperatures, more than a dozen CPAAA volunteers were in attendance to assist with assembling and distributing DNA kits to parents with small children. The CPAAA had a table set up in the Crime Expo tent with literature on the CPA program and a display board which outlined many of our activities. The LPD Crime Expo also featured the SWAT Team, tank, LPD helicopter, and, of course, Officer Ted Sealey and Bodo.



Mike Fellingner, Bob Chandler and Clarence Willard did a really super job promoting our LCPAAA at the Crime Expo



The LPD helicopter was on site for inspection too.



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CPAAA MEMBER SKILLS INVENTORY & INTEREST SURVEY

****Please take a few minutes to fill out and return to the Crime Prevention Chairman,
Charlie Burdette, at our next general membership meeting.****

NAME: _____ **CLASS #** ____ **PHONE#** _____

I. Skills that may benefit the CPAAA/LPD

(A.) Trade or professional skills (e.g. Teacher, locksmith, accountant, guidance counselor, auto mechanic, nurse, welder, HVAC specialist, etc.)

(B.) Specialized training or certifications (e.g. Pilot, life guard, karate instructor, SCUBA diver, truck driver, heavy equipment operator, etc.)

(C.) Computer skills (e.g. Hardware technician, spreadsheets, database, webmaster, word processing, internet research, etc.)

(D.) Hobbies, special interests, volunteer experiences (e.g. Hiking, hunting, Meals on Wheels, VISTE, Habitat for Humanity, art, home repair, etc.)

II. LPD sections or areas of interest where I think I'd like to volunteer

III. Training I'd like to receive through CPAAA/LPD

IV. My ideas for making CPAAA a more effective organization in supporting the LPD

V. Other comments or constructive criticism of CPAAA/LPD

VI. Please list days/times you are generally available to assist with CPAAA/LPD activities.

VII. Please list any special accommodations, physical restrictions or health issues that the Department would need to be aware of if your skills could be utilized. (e.g. visual impairment, mobility restriction, serious allergies, wheelchair access, etc.)



Lakeland Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

Event Calendar

March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Daylight Savings Time Begins 	12	Gen'l Members Meeting 7:00pm @ LPD meeting room	14	15	16	St. Patrick's Day LPD Open House VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	CPAAA Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm LPD 3rd floor	28	29	30	31
					Deadline for newsletter articles	

April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Palm Sunday 	Passover begins	Passover 	4	5	Good Friday 	7
Easter Sunday 	9	Gen'l Members Meeting 7:00pm @ LPD meeting room	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Earth Day 	23	CPAAA Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm LPD 3rd floor	25	26	27	28
29	30				Deadline for newsletter articles	