



Citizens

In Action!

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CITIZENS ON PATROL

The mission of La Porte Citizens Patrol Program is to enhance the individual and collective safety and general welfare of all people of the City of La Porte by assisting the La Porte Police Department in deterring crime in the city of La Porte. Providing high visibility patrol within the city, members of the Citizens On Patrol (C.O.P.) Program perform a minimum of eight hours patrol duty each month.

Following an eight-hour training course on February 18, twelve ACPA graduates became official members of the C.O.P. Team. On March 3 the program became fully operational when LPCPAAA President, Phillip Ferguson premiered the vehicle during the Project Graduation 5k Run. Cheryl Hiser-McCorry took control of the wheel during the LaPorte Livestock Show & Rodeo in Lomax to give everyone a feel of what the program is all about.

The goal of the program is to "Observe & Report" and that is just what teams did each week throughout the month of March. Teams took to the roads patrolling specific areas of La Porte under the guidelines of their training. Besides patrolling parks, teams enforce Handicap parking. "They really took care of business," commented Chief of Police Ken Adcox after receiving the first week of reports. Chief Adcox also attributed the team with potentially saving "a life or two" after one team was able to direct an officer to an alleged drunk driver. Way to go Team!!

To learn more about the C.O.P Program and how you might become a member, visit the LPCPAAA website at <http://www.lpcpaaa.org/>



2011 Crime Reduction

La Porte Police Department's 2011 crime statistics for the City showed an overall decrease of 7.6% in crime when compared to 2010. Initial figures collected from neighboring police agencies indicate the crime rate of La Porte remains one of the lowest when compared to neighboring cities.

The City of La Porte showed a decrease in the following categories: Robberies were down by 29%, Aggravated Assaults by 33%, Burglaries by 9%, Larceny-thefts by 8%, and Auto-thefts by 9%. The City did not experience any murders during 2010 or 2011.

La Porte Police Chief Ken Adcox credited the Department's many hard working men and women as well as the dedicated efforts of the Department's citizen volunteers and an active community in general. "Preventing and controlling crime is job-one for any police department. Every member of our organization is committed to our public safety mission and we are also very fortunate to have an involved community that is willing to do their part to keep our community safe. We welcome their involvement and are committed to working in partnership with our citizens", Adcox said.

Condensed from an article by:
Public Relations Officer
Sgt. John Krueger

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Region One Alumni Meeting

Graduates Honored

On March 6th, 2012 the La Porte Police Department proudly hosted a graduation ceremony for the most recent members of their Advanced Citizens Police Academy course. The Advanced Citizen Police Academy (ACPA) is a seven-week program designed to provide a working knowledge and background of the La Porte Police Department and foster a closer relationship between police officers and the community they serve. Each of the honored members for the March graduating class were former graduates of the department's primary Citizens Police Academy (CPA), who elected to enroll in the advanced course in order to seek further, in-depth, information on the operations of the La Porte Police Department.

As a highlight of the March 6th ceremony, each graduate received a certificate of completion.. The graduates also maintain eligibility to participate in the police department's citizen ride along program on a monthly basis.

To view a photo of the graduates along with their names, visit the LPCPAAA website at www.LPCPAAA.ORG. While you are there take a few minutes to check out the calendar of events, media releases and volunteer opportunities.

2012 CPA Training

Basic Training: April 3 Start & July 10 Graduation. Still time to join!

Advanced Training: TBD

Visit www.LPCPAAA.ORG (Volunteer Opportunities) for more information and a description of the Basic and Advances classes.

To register for the La Porte Citizen's Police Academy, please contact Officer Robyn Gallion at 281-842-3162 or log onto La Porte Police Department's website at www.ci.laporte.us/gov/police/support/default.asp.

CPAA members out did themselves again by providing a buffet of tasty breakfast items for attendees of the March Region One Alumni meeting sponsored by the LPCPAAA.

The presentation for the meeting was delivered by member Emily McDuffie. As the surviving spouse of officer Odell McDuffie who died in a car crash while on duty in 2010; Emily spoke directly about the need for the C.O.P.S. Program. The program provides resources to assist in the rebuilding of the lives of surviving families and affected co-workers of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. C.O.P.S. provides training to law enforcement agencies on survivor victimization issues and educate the public of the need to support the law enforcement profession and its survivors.

C.O.P.S. relies on the generosity of the private sector and the law enforcement community to continue to provide the healing programs and emotional support needed by survivors devastated by the sudden, often violent death of their law enforcement officer.

Emily ended her presentation by sharing a summary of the importance of supporting The 100 Club. The club provides assistance to dependents of certified peace officers and firefighters who are killed in the line of duty while protecting our lives and property. In addition, they provide law enforcement agencies with life protecting equipment that cannot be secured through budgeted funds. The club also provides law enforcement with educational opportunities.

We are grateful to Emily for taking the time to share her story and our thoughts and prayers go out to her and all survivors of fallen officers.

To learn more about C.O.P.S. and 100 Club or for donations, visit:
<http://www.greaterhoustoncops.org/index.htm> <http://www.the100club.org/join.html>

LPCPAAA Website *Live*

We are pleased to announce the LPCPAAA user-friendly website <http://www.lpcpaaa.org/> is up and running. Thanks to our talented webmaster, Sandi Paulus, the site allows us to collectively provide information about volunteer opportunities and our organization.

As we continue to grow, visitors will see new components activated to encourage visitors to become a volunteer and member of the LPCPAAA.

It is our hope that the website will enhance and reflect the attitude of our organization. We want the website to be all about the Volunteers and LPCPAAA so feel free to offer suggestions for improvement.

Website Committee: Sandi Paulus (Webmaster), Cheryl Hiser-McCorry, and Deb Hathorn. These ladies welcome any photos you may have of past events or graduating classes. Feel free to email them to EditorLPCPA@att.net or leave a copy in the Volunteer Office.

Making A Difference



Garage Sale Scheduled

The La Porte Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (LPCPAAA), LPPD, Municipal Police Officer's Association, Municipal Court, and Independent School District fundraising projects for Blue Santa are well underway.

Why not join us by volunteering to help make this year even better than the last.

Our largest fundraiser of year is the **Annual Blue Santa Garage Sale** scheduled for **Saturday, April 21, 2012.**

It takes an army of volunteers to help collect, set up, sell and clean up after the sale. We are in serious need of volunteers in all capacities to help make this a success. Children that might not otherwise experience the joys of Christmas are counting on us.

Currently, we are desperately in need of items and furniture that are in good to new condition. If you are willing to donate any items of this nature, please contact Phillip Ferguson at Phillip.Ferguson@att.net We can also arrange for pickup if needed.

Cash donations are accepted as well.

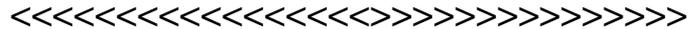
The La Porte Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (LPCPAAA), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, is committed to serving law enforcement and the general public.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Year to date (Jan. - Mar.)

Including Explorer Hours

1849.25



"Fido" Dog House Donations

2011 1173.15

YTD 2012 478.90

Donations are collected monthly from statically placed donation boxes at various business across town. Donations benefit the LP Animal Control Center and help with the care and adoption of rescued animals.

If you know of a business that would be willing to permit a box at their establishment, please contact Rusty at RustyPaulus@yahoo.com



La Porte Police Department Explorers Program



The LP Police "Explorers" Program is for youth ages 14 to 20. The primary mission of the Explorer program is to educate teens who are interested in pursuing Law Enforcement as a career. Participants receive training in a vast array of topics such as:

- The History of Policing
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Traffic Enforcement Procedures
- S.W.A.T. (Special Weapons and Tactics) Activities
- Criminal Investigation Techniques
- Firearms Safety

Following completion of their initial training, Explorers may also participate in the Patrol Ride-Along Program. The Police Department encourages interested youth to contact Officer Roger Gonzalez at 281-842-3183 for more information.



Volunteers

Making A Difference!

A huge "Thank You" to the following trainers who have continuously and professionally shared their knowledge and skills to support the CPA students and LPCPAAA.

Sgt. Doug Ditrich
Officer Matt Novosad
Officer Kyle Jones
Officer Jesse Arenivas
Officer Brian Larkey
Lt. Matt Daeumer
Judge Denise Mitrano
Detective Carl Rise
Clarence Anderson
Carol Scot

We just wanted to say how very much we appreciate your tireless zest and continued support of the CPAAA. Each of you is invaluable to our success!

Chief Adcox
Officer Robyn Gallion
Officer Roger Gonzalez
Officer Yvonne Stanley

It is truly an honor to know there are people like all of you that we can count on.

In Honor of National Volunteer Week 2012

We would like to spotlight all the 2012 Active LPCPA Volunteers who have given generously of their time, talents, and support to benefit the Citizens Police Academy, LPCPAAA and LPPD.

*You do your very best and deserve our special praise.
You truly make a difference that brightens our days.
Thanks from us all, for the work you do.
We are very grateful for folks like you!*

2012 Active Volunteers*

Abe Rosa
Bob Rivesman
Chris Copley
Deb Hathorn
Dottie Kaminski
Emily McDuffie
Felicitas Hernandez
Gwen Tilley
Janet Jacobs
Jo Munke
John Dupuris
Karen Rigby
Kevin Dorsey
Lyla DeSouza
Maggie Stout
Norma Elliott
Paula Wohnoutka
Ramses Macias
Richard Tilley
Robert Burkey
Ron Perry
Shanda Lewallen
Vicky Copley
Virginia Hollis
Warren Portenier

Billy Boehlke
Cheryl Hiser-McCorry
David Janda
Donnice Thompson
Doug "Hippy" Hathorn
Emma Zech
Fred "Rusty" Paulus
James Kelly
Jeanne Zemanek
Joe Hernandez
Judy Covin
Ken Rose
Liz Lainhart
Maggie Rosa
Michel Bechtel
Paula Rizzuto
Philip Ferguson
Richard Manning
Rick Guzman
Ron Honea
Sandi Paulus
Theresa Witucki
Viki Ferguson
Wanda Cummings

*Thanks for Making a Difference
in our community!*

* Highlighted Volunteers are Nominees for the Volunteer of the 1st Quarter.

CPA Volunteers in Action!



CRIME SCENE

WELCOME

Region One
Alumni

LIBERTY COUNTY
UNIT 68

Who's Who

Highlighting LPCPAAA Members



President, Phillip Ferguson

Phillip Ferguson currently serves as the 2012 President of the La Porte Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. His goal is to bring together graduates of the La Porte Citizen Police Academy to enhance the relations between the community and the La Porte Police Department.

Phillip is a strong believer in serving his community. Prior to joining the Citizen's Police Academy he was a member of the La Porte Volunteer Fire Department for several years. After a conflict in work schedules prohibited him from contributing as much as he liked, he sought out other areas to serve. Feeling that the Citizen Police Academy offered a beneficial way to serve the community, he registered for a 2010 class. Upon graduating, Phillip reflects, "I immediately felt like what I was doing (volunteering) was making a difference."

On May 18, 2010, Phillip was elected as President of the LPCPAAA and continues to lead a large team of volunteers. His passion to serve lead him to become the president of the La Porte Lions Club in 2011.

Phillip attended La Porte High School, works in LP area and is an active member of the Pasadena First Baptist Church. He has been happily married to the love of his life, Viki, for 18 years and is the proud father of one daughter, Kimberly.



2012 LPCPAAA Board Members

President:	Phillip Ferguson
1 st Vice President:	Viki Ferguson
2 nd Vice President:	Chris Copley
Treasurer:	Bob Rivesman
Secretary:	Cheryl Hiser-McCorry



WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Check out our website at: <http://www.lpcpaaa.org/>
Volunteers are needed now for upcoming events. So check out the list and send us an email!

C.O.P. TEAM MEETING

Special meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 5 at 5:30PM prior to start of LPCPAAA meeting.

NEXT LPCPAAA MEETING

When: First Thursday of each month.
April 5, 2012 @6:30PM
May 3, 2012 @6:30PM
Where: LPPD at Spencer Hwy. and N. 23rd St.

Feel free to drop by and listen in on any meeting. We would love to hear what you think of our organization.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC

The LPPD cordially invites LPCPAAA members and Volunteers to attend the 2012 Volunteer Appreciation Picnic.

When: Saturday, April 14 11AM-3PM
Where: Seabreeze Park, 1320 Bayshore Dr.

Are you a CPA Graduate in need of a Volunteer Badge? Contact Officer Rick Hilton @ 281.842.3120

The LPCPAAA helps enhance a variety of community programs through education, networking and sharing of information relative to what other law enforcement agencies, associations and volunteer groups are doing throughout the city and state.

Make A Difference
VOLUNTEER in La Porte!

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If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life. ~Author Unknown