



ANCHORAGE POLICE CITIZEN ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations and thank you to Jim Katletka, President and Jan Ruzicka, Treasurer. They were just reelected for another 2 year term. We appreciate the hard work and dedication you bring to these positions.

(Taken from a story in the ADN 11-18-08 by James Halpin)

Congratulations to Colonel Mike Bridges of the Alaska National Guard. Col. Bridges was given a US Department of State's Superior Honor Award which is normally only presented to members of the Foreign Affairs agencies. He volunteered as a business leader to bring together Iraqis and teaching them how to communicate with the different government levels without "AK-47s waving and their hands around each other's throat" the Guard said. Bridges' team was the first successful at seating judges and establishing a courthouse.

CITIZENS ACADEMY 9-1

APD Citizens Academy 9-1 commenced on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at the APD Training Center. You are welcome to come out and greet the participants, sit through a class you may have missed or would like to see again. And, of course, food and beverages are always welcome.

SELF DEFENSE SEMINAR FOR WOMEN:

Terry Adlawan is holding this class on Sat/Sun March 7 & 8 at a reduced cost for APCAAA women. For more info contact Sussie at sadlawan@apcaaaa.org

Note from the Chief Heun:

Do to the tight deadline I set myself I did not even bother asking the Chief for a comment. However, I have emailed him a request for the next addition which (fingers crossed) will come out the week after February General Meeting. Thanks.. Linda

Note from Alumni President Jim Kaletka:

With the National Conference fast approaching, we still need everyone's help with fundraising. We have sent out approximately 150 sponsor packets and we will need volunteers for follow up on them, and people to help solicit sponsorships from other people and businesses. There will be more info at Thursday's meeting. We are also putting together an "ala carte" registration for local members that can't make the whole conference. Early registration has been extended to March 1. You can register at apcaaaa.org.

IMPORTANT FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Thursday February 19, 2009
6PM
Alaska Housing Finance Corp
4300 Boniface Parkway

REMINDER: Please remember to register for the 2009 NCPAA CONFERENCE



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Congratulations

APD Recruit Academy 08-1

Charles Baker
Matthew Barth –Valedictorian
Bradley Breager
Steven Childers
Cory Crane
James Herbert
Michael Jones
Joshua Lamb
Jonathan Lee
John Long
Brandon Otts
Jennifer Pierce
Nathaneal Taylor



By Brian Dean (1st VP)

On October 23rd 13 new APD officers hit the streets. The graduation of recruit academy 08-1 was the culmination of 22 weeks of intensive training designed around basic Law Enforcement skills. These skills included defensive tactics, firearms training, DUI, radar, first aid, emergency vehicle operations, domestic violence and related state and local laws. Along with these skills the recruits participated in daily physical fitness training

That included push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups, running and numerous other callisthenic exercises. The skills were learned, practiced and evaluated through various scenarios many of which Citizen Academy Alumni participated in.

The rigors of the APD Academy were painfully obvious as the graduating class is much smaller than the number with which it began. As we look though at the quality of officers employed by APD we can be assured that the high standards set during the Academy are appropriate. We can also be confident that these new officers are well on their way to being fine representatives of Anchorage's police officers and individuals we can count on in our time of need.

Though their graduation signifies a tremendous accomplishment these 13 graduates are not though yet. They are now in the midst of 19 weeks of field training. The skills they learned in the academy will be tested, tried and honed in "real world" situations. This additional 19 weeks on the street under the observation and guidance from their field training officers will give them the additional experience and assurance needed to be effective as well as earning their place among and the respect and confidence of their fellow officers.

The Citizen Academy Alumni Association congratulates graduating APD recruit class 08-1. Having contributed close to 500 volunteer hours helping out class 08-1 with report writing, DUI lab, traffic scenarios, domestic violence scenarios and officer survival scenarios we have a vested interest in their success. Even more it is our desire for them not just to succeed but to excel!



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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Call Backs: 6pm Tuesdays and Thursdays
Meet in APD Headquarters Lobby.

Need “Monthly Snack Tray for APD Coordinator”

APCAAAA shows our appreciation to APD Officers and staff for their hard work via monthly food deliveries. Deliveries are made on the 15th of each month for all three shifts. Delivery times: before 6:30am, noon-2:30pm, 9-10:30pm.

If you can **chair** this committee, help with one of these deliveries, provide food or monetary donations to purchase food, please contact Gina Ashman at acinak02@yahoo.com

CONFERENCE OUTREACH

Carol McNeil is chairing a committee to contact other agencies, their CPA's and Alumni Associations to invite them to participate in the 2009 NCPAAA Conference we are hosting. The conference is not limited to agencies already aligned with our National Association and therefore we want to make sure everyone knows about it and is invited. The plan is to divide the country up then call or email the various agencies. This can be done by email or using the phones at APD. Please contact her to help out. cmcneil@apcaaaa.org IF you know a member of a law enforcement agency outside Anchorage, please consider personally calling and inviting them to our conference.

DUI WITNESS RIDE ALONGS

DUI Details are still being done on a limited basis. To participate, you need to contact Jim no later than Tuesday of the weekend you want to ride along as a witness.
jkaletka@apcaaaa.org

MORE VOLUNTEER INFORMATION IN NEXT EDITION.

STORIES, EXPERIENCES ETC

Would the woman who told about her son's experience at the October or November meeting, please contact me. It was an excellent presentation and I would like to give everyone the opportunity to know the story.
Thx lillyj7@alaska.net

MESQUITE NEVADA CITIZENS PATROL

By Carol McNeil (Secretary)



This past month, Carol McNeil took a trip to Mesquite, Nevada. It was ironic that during her visit, there was a lengthy newspaper article about the Mesquite Citizen Patrol. Carol had already made arrangements to meet with Donald Woodmancy of the Mesquite Citizen Patrol and do a ride-along. During the ride-along, Carol said she was impressed with the amount of actual service work these people do. The citizen patrol has three marked black and white police volunteer cars. Citizen patrol volunteers wear a uniform consisting of black trousers and long sleeved gray shirts with identifying patch on the shoulder. There are approximately 13 volunteers who are regularly scheduled to do day shifts, along side the police. (The police department has about 25 officers, and one K9 unit.) One of their primary duties is to enforce handicapped parking, in this community of mostly retired people. Citizen



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patrol officers are authorized to ticket non-compliant vehicles illegally parked in the handicapped zones. They are also regularly used to direct traffic around accident scenes. Citizen patrol vehicles have dispatch radios, and volunteers communicate directly with dispatch and police on those same frequencies. Dispatchers relay calls directly to the individual citizen patrol volunteers so as to keep free, police officers for more serious calls. Citizen Patrol volunteers do not wear guns, nor do they carry handcuffs, or pepper spray. Woodmancy introduced Carol to two other volunteers. Like Woodmancy, one of the volunteers was a retired police officer. Those reserve officers, take on more responsible police actions such as vehicle searches, and assist with DV calls when requested by officers. The differences between our APCAAA and the Mesquite Citizen Patrol are striking. The Mesquite Citizen Patrol is less organizational, and more service oriented, and it has only been in existence for eight years, like ours. Citizen volunteers do not go through any type of academy training, they are simply mandated to go out in the field as a ride-along under the supervision of Woodmancy or another reserve officer, until they believe the volunteer can adequately and professionally handle calls. Woodmancy did say that there are some volunteers who will never qualify to be out on patrol, and there are a few others who would rather to office work. Woodmancy indicated that office work is not what the Citizen Patrol is about. Like APCAAA, the Mesquite Police Chief is very supportive in getting volunteers out in the community. Although Carol's original intention was to promote the 2009 Conference, Woodmancy's intention was to recruit Carol as a Mesquite Citizen Patrol volunteer - his last action was to give her the 12 page application!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What Happened to Honeman?"

By Paul Honeman, Lieutenant, Retired
Hello to all of the CPA Alumni who have committed to helping out 'our' police department. Some of you may already know - but I have left the APD to make my second attempt at running for Mayor of Anchorage.

I'm not using this article to campaign or politic - just as a way to provide you with an update. While I did not enter this decision lightly - I have never been more calm and confident with any major decision in my life. My family is supportive, my friends no less committed and I have a strong sense of desire to continue to serve Anchorage.

I just wanted to let you know that I have had to distance myself with the Alumni for this short period to avoid any assertions that the APD (as the city entity) is NOT supporting one Mayoral candidate over another. Chief Heun and I agreed that I will not use the department as a launching pad for my run at political office. This is the right decision - the moral, ethical and in some cases the legally correct one as well.

I have volunteered at the most recent Academy during report writing (a lot of fun) and will continue to appear during the Citizens Academy 09-1 as a co-coordinator.

Please, please do not think for a second that I have left the CPA or the Alumni Association. When my run at office is over - win or (cough, hack) lose - I will back with bells on.

In the mean time - I ask that each of you please help Jim, Susie Adlawan, Char, Mike Smulski and Larena Tapia in preparation of the National Citizens Police Academy Assoc. Annual Conference - which WE (APCAAAA) are hosting. Lot's of help is needed in the planning - and we could still use some sponsors, donations, fundraisers.

If you should desire to call me or e-mail - please visit my web site www.honemanformayor.com or my e-mail honemanformayor@gmail.com (I know - shameless plug!)

With all my best - Paul