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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Meeting 1/13/2015
7:00 PM– APD
Community Room

Mini Field Trip to the
APD Range—Train like
a Officer (see page 3)

2014 January						
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CPAAA Celebrates 20 years in Aurora by Dave Bohman

2014 was a great year for the CPAAA. The “Organization”, which is the oldest one of it’s kind in Illinois, spent the year doing many of the things it traditionally has done and a number of things to celebrate its 20 year anniversary.

For the first time ever, we had a float in the 4th of July Parade. The banners are stored in my garage, and we hope to be able to use them in future parades and events.

We held a 20th Anniversary Picnic on September 14 at the Kane County FOP Lodge in Sugar Grove. Our founders (Mac McQuinley, Mike Koster, and Linda Koster) joined us for this event and told a number of stories about the early days. Thanks to them, the APD attendees, and our members for helping to make the picnic a success.

The Mayor and City Council declared September 14—CPAAA Day. The proclamation was read at the picnic by Chief Thomas and again by Mayor Weisner at the City Council Meeting on December 23 where our organization was again recognized—a fitting conclusion to our 20th year.

I have received many positive comments from the APD and Government leaders about the impact that the organization has on the community. This is in large part, due to the willingness of you, the membership to help at APD and community events.

I wish to thank our Board of Directors, and all the membership for making this organization one of the most effective volunteer organizations in Aurora. Thanks also to the Aurora Police Department and the City of Aurora for all the support they have provided to the CPAAA. And last, but not least, thanks to Officer Grommes and Officer Townsend for working with us and consistently supporting us, particularly during this 20th anniversary milestone. Thank you for the support and all the great ideas you brought to us and to the APD on our behalf.

You Can Volunteer

Tree Take Down

On January 15, 2015 at 9:30 AM, volunteers are needed to help take down the Christmas Trees at the Police Department.

Training Wall

Contact Dave Bohman if you are interested in helping build the K-9 training wall. We will begin this project as soon as the weather breaks.

Cardboard Boat Planning

We will begin planning the fabrication of the APD entry in the United Way cardboard boat race in February. Please contact Dave Bohman to volunteer.

Don't forget to pay your dues for 2015!

Remember starting this month, all members will need to provide their own drink for the meetings and volunteers who bring treats for the meeting will only be providing treats.

Committee Reports

- ◆ The goal for next year is to get a schedule together for the monthly programs. We would like your input regarding what you would like to hear at our meeting and where you would like to go on field trips. If you would like to join the committee that plans the programs, or if you would like to provide input to the committee, please let Holly Carr know. Any and all suggestions are welcome and needed.



We love our Volunteers!



Christmas Tree Set up

Donna Beale
Sue Sheldon
Dave Bohman
Beth Carter
Chris DeBolt (APD)

the organization. Thank you to everyone who helped set up, take down and clean up! It always makes the process easier with so many people who help out.

Patricia Sheldon
Sue Sheldon
Tanya Lindberg
Sherry McKirgan
Brenda Roysdon
Holly Carr

Christmas Party

Thank you to all the members who provided raffle items for the Christmas Party. Our raffles were amazing this year and raised a lot of money for

Thank you so much to the Christmas Party committee. Without your help, the Christmas Party would not have been such a success.

November Employee of the Month

Officer Marco Gomez was awarded employee of the month for November 2014. Ofc. Gomez earned this recognition because of his knowledge of gangs in the area and his knowledge of the job. Ofc. Gomez witnessed a few subjects run when they saw him in his squad car, which led Ofc. Gomez to wonder why. After one subject ran and two others were apprehended, a stolen gun was found where the subject who ran was standing. The subject who ran was eventually apprehended and also gave a confession. Ofc. Gomez's actions lead to a gun being taken off the streets.

2014 Christmas Party

The 2014 Christmas Party was a huge success. It was one of the best years when it comes to member attendance. So many members pitched in to help with raffle prizes which made the raffles even more exciting. We had plenty of very generous donations as well! Everyone seemed to enjoy the games and the presentations. It is so nice to just get together and have a great time. Donna Beale won the BIG Raffle (a 40 Inch LED TV). Congratulations to Donna and thanks to the anonymous donor that contributed the TV.

Last year we decided that the money from the 50/50 raffle would go towards the Christmas Party. It paid off by allowing us to charge only \$5.00 a person for the event. The Christmas Party committee

would like to thank everyone who attended the Christmas Party for attending and having a great time. We can't wait to see what this year brings us!



January Meeting...

January's meeting will be a fun adventurous meeting. All members who have their dues paid in full will be able to participate in a simulator shooting exercise on the Range. If you have not paid your dues and wish to participate, please make sure you arrive a few minutes early to pay your dues. We have a limited amount of ammo so each persons allocation will depend on how many people wish to shoot. You will not be firing actual bullets. Please join us at the January meeting to hear our plans for 2015 and participate in the 1st ever training exercise of its kind offered to the Alumni.

Other Interesting Stuff...

2015 Dues (\$10) are due by the January meeting. Please pay Beth Carter at the January meeting. If you are unable to attend the January meeting please mail your dues to Beth Carter C/O Aurora Police Dept-1200 E. Indian Trail Rd. Aurora IL 60505

All dues paid after the February meeting will have an additional \$5.00 fee.

All employees of the APD received a sampler box of chocolates from the CPAAA as a holiday gift.

Congratulations to Dave Bohman, the CPAAA Alumni of the Year.

Condolences

If you or anyone in the Alumni has suffered an illness or loss someone in their life, please let Holly Carr know so we can

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