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**SPECIAL
POINTS OF IN-
TEREST:**

- **Meeting**
1/12/2016
7:00 PM– APD
Community Room
- **DUES ARE DUE**

2016 January						
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A Message from President Denny Wowra

First, I'd like to thank David Bohman for the past four years of service as president. His time, talent and leadership helped build the Aurora CPAAA into one of the largest and most successful CPAAA groups in the US. I also want thank Officer Michael Townsend and the other COP Officers as well as the APD leadership for their commitment to the Aurora CPAAA.

My 2016 goals are simple. I will continue to build on David's legacy of success and you will see no big, sweeping changes. Our focus has been and is to serve the Aurora Police Department, its officers and ultimately the City of Aurora. We will assist the APD in developing and delivering projects that are meaningful and rewarding for our CPAAA members and our community.

I hope to increase the level of volunteerism and involvement by our members in all of our activities. This includes our monthly meetings, our fundraising activities and our special programs and events. I hope to provide stimulating police related programs and activities including; thought provoking guest speakers, fun and exciting hands-on programs and educational field trips when and where appropriate.

I'm looking forward to serving and working with each and every one of you in the coming year. I welcome your input and hope you will join me for a great year of CPAAA activities.

Denny Wowra
President, Citizen Police Academy Alumni of Aurora

2016 Dues

2016 Member Dues and Annual Waiver – It's that time again. It's time to pay your annual dues for 2016 and provide an updated signed waiver for your participation in our programs. Dues are \$10.00 payable at the January meeting. A late fee will be assessed after January 31st. Questions? Contact Beth Carter at 630-356-5007.

Chief Thomas Retires

Chief Greg Thomas retired from the APD in November. Chief Thomas was a strong supporter of the COP, the Academy, and of our organization. His door was always open to us and his solution oriented approach made it easy for us to define what the Alumni would do to support the APD and the Community. We wish Greg well in his future endeavors, and in his retirement, if he ever really retires.

Commander Joe Groom

It is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge the passing of Commander Joe Groom. Our first significant interaction with Commander Groom was during the opening of the current Police Headquarters building. Several years later he had responsibility for the COP unit and the Academy during which time he interacted extensively with our organization. He was a strong supporter of the Alumni and came to us with many opportunities to serve the Police and the community. His passing is a great loss to the Community, the Police Department and the CPAAA. Please keep Joe's wife, Sgt. Kim Groom and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Don't forget to pay your dues for 2016!

Congratulations Holly Carr

2015 CPAAA Volunteer of the Year

Class 41 starts on Feb 18

Volunteers needed to help with Class 41 — contact Sherry McKirgan

Committee Reports

CPAAA Executive Board Openings – As a result of the recent CPAAA election, we now have openings for both elected and non-elected members of the board and have identified a few additional positions that we would like to fill. If anyone is interested in becoming more involved in the CPAAA, please contact Denny Wowra at 630-362-0854 or email at wowra325@comcast.net



We love our Volunteers!



Christmas Party Committee

Holly Carr
 Dave Bohman
 Janice Lindley
 Tanya Lindberg
 Sherry McKirgan
 Brenda Roysdon
 Patricia Sheldon
 Denny Wowra
 Kim Jenkins (Guest and Trivia Game developer)

GREAT JOB

Distribution of Officer Gifts

Dave Bohman
 Kathy McCannon
 Sherry McKirgan
 Denny Wowra

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 the organization. Thank

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

November Employee of the Month

Officer Kurt Thomas was awarded employee of the month for November 2015. Ofc. Thomas earned this recognition because of a traffic stop that he conducted on November 3 and the actions he took as a result. Officer Thomas stopped a vehicle for speeding and, when he approached the vehicle, noticed a strong smell of cannabis. He called for backup and for a canine unit.

As a result of his actions, the “simple” traffic stop resulted in the seizure of drug paraphernalia and just under 2 pounds of cannabis. The driver was charged with felony possession with intent to deliver and the vehicle was seized.

Congratulations to Officer Thomas for this well deserved recognition!!!

2015 Christmas Party

Our annual Christmas party was held December 8th at North Island Center and catered by Reulands. It was a great success and everyone who attended had a great time. Along with our 50/50 raffle and other raffle items, this year we had a 40" Samsung TV as a door prize. Congratulations to all winners. Some of the highlights of the party were:

..A schoolhouse skit which was performed to announce the 2015 Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations to Holly Carr on receiving this award. It was well deserved.

.. A Trivia game developed by Kim Jenkins and Denny Wowra was fun and we had lots of winners!

Thank you to all who attended and helped make the party a great success and thanks to the Christmas Party Committee who did an outstanding job putting the event together.



January Meeting...

Our January program is a hands-on shooting opportunity at the APD. We're going to utilize the APD range and learn basic weapon skills, shooting fundamentals and then participate in a "Top Gun" shooting competition. All CPAAA members that have paid their 2016 dues are eligible to participate. Everyone will also have to sign a waiver for 2016 as well. See you there!

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 January 31 will have an additional \$5.00 fee.

LOGO Sweatshirts and T-shirts will be available at meetings or by contacting Brenda Roysdon.

Congratulations to Holly and Nate Carr—Emily Quinn Carr born 1/5 at 7:03PM.

Condolences

If you or anyone in the Alumni has suffered an illness or loss someone in their life, please let Janice Lindley know so we can acknowledge them in our newsletter.

The Citizen Police Academy Alumni of Aurora is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. Our mission is to promote and enhance the relationship between the community and the Aurora Police Department through continuing law enforcement education of our members and the community, supporting and promoting special projects that strengthen the services provided by the Aurora Police Department, and assisting the Aurora Police Department in specific projects.

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CPAAA 2016 Calendar

Event	Date (if known)	Comments	Status
APD Employee of Yr Ceremony		Members asked to provide baked goods and assist at the event	
CPA Spring Practical's		Members help with building searches and traffic stop classes. You can be as bad or good as you want to be.	
CPA Spring Graduation		Members help serve pizza at graduation and encourage graduates to join our organization	
NCPAA Conference	4/25-4/28	Midway Utah. CPAAA pays registration for 2 Bd members and 1 at large member as well as 2 Officers	
Police Week	5/15-5/21	Members help at Police Week events including Ceremony at APD on 5/16	
CPA Fundraising BBQ	May be spring or fall	Members organize, sell tickets and assist with the event	
Cop on Top		Members help officers collect donations for Special Olympics at Dunkin Donut locations	
4th of July Parade	7/4	We participated for our 20th Anniversary and again last year. Let us know if you would like to do it again	
APD Golf Outing		Members sell closest to the hole chances and assist with the outing	
Cardboard Boat Race	(August)	Members build a Cardboard Boat that is powered by APD officers in the Annual United Way Race	
Downtown Alive		Members assist RiverEdge Park employees with entrance gate staffing	
CPA Fall Practical's and Graduation		See Spring Practical's and Graduation	
APD recognition events		Members asked to provide baked goods and assist at the events	

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