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February Meeting Recap...

In February we had the opportunity to use the same simulator that APD officers use to train on. The Alumni was able to see first-hand how fast a police officer may have to react in all types of scenarios. Those who used the simulator, approached a scene, interacted with it by speaking as an officer, held a gun and shot that gun if needed. Of course, no real bullets were used, these special guns transmit information about the shooting to the simulator's computer. If you are compelled to shoot someone in the scenario, and you hit that person, that person would go down if it was a fatal shot. After the scenario, you are able to see where exactly you shot, whether or not you hit the person. This exercise opened the eyes of participants to the difficulty and stress involved in the situations that officers face. Denise Crosby and Erica Wurst from a local newspaper were invited to try the simulator out as well. You can find the articles on the APD Facebook page, online with the Beacon News or the Chicago Tribune if you did not see them initially in the paper.

We also had Aurora Sgt Larry Suttle, who owns a company that does conceal carry training, talk to the class briefly about concealed carry. If you did not get to speak with him or want more information, we plan to have him join us at a later date to talk about the laws, the concealed carry class and provide the opportunity for members to take the class.

March Meeting...

In March, the CPAAA will welcome APD Officer Paul Lindley. Paul is assigned to a task force with Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the Department of Homeland Security. Paul will speak about his job, immigration law and real experiences.

Employees of the Year

Officer William Melendez, Officer Christopher Grandchamp, Officer Peter Briddell and Investigator Patrick Camardo were all chosen as Co-Employees of the Year for their actions in resolving a brutal domestic violence incident. Throughout 2014, employees are honored and chosen as Employee(s) of the Month. It is from this list of employee(s) of the month that the Employee(s) of the Year are chosen. Please congratulate these officers for their accomplishments and recognition.

Committee Reports...

Thank you to everyone who attended our Program Committee meeting and those who sent emails with your ideas! If you signed up for the Fundraising Committee, please watch your emails for an upcoming meeting. Get your ideas ready!



We love our Volunteers!



Employee of the Year Ceremony

Donna Beale
Holly Carr
Laurel Gilbert
Margaret Heinz
Bruce Kleinfeldt
Sherry McKirgan
Barb Neckolaishen

Patricia Sheldon
Jim Sherwood
Chuck Stack
Jeannie Straus
Denny Wowra

Thank you to Sue Sheldon and Kevin Bishop for providing treats at the February Meeting.

Remember: all members will need to provide their own drink for the meetings and volunteers who bring treats for the meetings will only be providing the treats.

You Can Volunteer...

This month we don't have any additional Volunteer Opportunities. We have already filled

the spots for the Class 39 Building Searches.

Upcoming events are on page 4 of this newsletter.

December Employees of the Month

A big congratulations is in order for the January Co-Employees of the month Officer Matthew Fitchel and Officer Jeremyah Kelley. On December 11, 2014, officers were dispatched to a building fire. Ofc. Fitchel and Ofc. Kelley arrived at the scene. On their way there, they were told that people were still in the building. Ofc. Fitchel and Ofc. Kelley went into the burning building and gained access to one of the apartments they believed someone was still in. Ofc. Fitchel and Ofc. Kelley found one gentlemen in his apartment and carried him to safety. The gentleman was checked out by the paramedics and he was going to be fine. Ofc. Fitchel and Ofc. Kelley risked their lives to save another life. Please join us in congratulating these two brave officers for their actions and for being recognized as employees of the month.

CPAAA Spotlight...

Many people may know Denny Wowra. Denny is a board member of the CPAAA. Denny is also the Alumni's Secretary. Among other duties, Denny takes the minutes at both the board meeting as well as the general monthly meetings. Denny is also a volunteer at our fundraisers and practical's, and attends several side meetings to plan programs and parties for the CPAAA.

Not only does Denny volunteer a lot of time with the CPAAA, he also volunteers with the Boy Scouts of America. **On February 20th 2015, former seven-time volunteer Council Commissioner Denny Wowra was named 2014 Eagle Class Honoree during the annual ceremony for Eagle Scouts.** Denny has been an active Scouter for over 37 years. Denny

has held many positions within Boy Scouts, he was a Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Cubmaster, Committee Chair and Scoutmaster. Denny has also served on five Wood Badge Staffs, two National Staffs, two National Jamboree Staffs and one World Jamboree Staff. Denny is also a BSA Certified Camp Director and Chaplin. Denny has earned many Scouting awards over his many years of involvement with BSA. A few of those awards are; the Silver Beaver Award, the District Award of Merit, the Lutheran Lamb Religious Award, the Saint Francis Religious Award and is a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow. Denny earned the Distinguished Commissioner Award in 2006 and as the Council Commissioner in 2012.

Denny also spends a portion of his time as a customer experience representative at the Aurora Paramount Arts Center. Please join us in congratulating Denny on his Eagle Class honor.



Apparel for sale...

We have Sweaters, T-Shirts and Hats for sale. Please let Tanya Lindburg know if you would like to buy one of these items. She will have all of them at the monthly meetings.

Other Interesting Stuff...

- ◆ The CPAAA spotlight will not be available each month. We try to make everyone aware of active Alumni Members who are honored outside of the group. These members also do a lot of work within the Community as well, which is why we are acknowledging them.
- ◆ Please bring in your old ID Badge so Beth can exchange it for an updated one. If you still need a picture taken, please see Dave Bohman.

Thinking of You

Janice Lindley recently underwent surgery.

Hal Beebee is having significant medical issues.

Please keep both Janice and Hal in your thoughts.

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 acknowledge them in our newsletter.

CPAAA 2015 Calendar

Event	Date (if known)	Comments	Status
APD Employee of Yr Ceremony	2/25	Members asked to provide baked goods and assist at the event	Complete
CPA Spring Practical's	3/12 and 4/23	Members help with building searches and traffic stops classes. You can be as bad or good as you want to be.	
CPA Spring Graduation	4/30	Members help serve pizza at graduation and encourage graduates to join our organization	
Police Week	5/10-5/16	Members help at Police Week events including Ceremony at APD on 5/16	
NCPAA Conference	5/11-5/14	Lexington KY. CPAAA pays registration for 2 Bd members and 1 at large member as well as 2 Officers	
CPA Fundraising BBQ	May be spring or fall	Members organize, sell tickets and assist with the event	
Cop on Top	TBD (May)	Members help officers collect donations for Special Olympics at Dunkin Donut locations	
4th of July Parade	7/4	We participated for our 20th Anniversary Let us know if you would like to do it again	
APD Golf Outing	7/9	Members sell closest to the hole chances and assist with the outing	
Cardboard Boat Race	TBD (August)	Members build a Cardboard Boat that is powered by APD officers in the Annual United Way Race	
Downtown Alive	TBD	Members assist RiverEdge Park employees with entrance gate staffing	
CPA Fall Practical's and Graduation	TBD	See Spring Practicals and Graduation	
APD recognition events	TBD	Members asked to provide baked goods and assist at the events	

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