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**SPECIAL POINTS  
OF INTEREST:**

- Meeting 2/09/2016  
7:00 PM
- APD Community Room
- 2016 DUES ARE DUE



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# AlumNews

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## A Message from President Denny Wowra

2016 is off to a great start. We had over 50 CPAAA members attend the January meeting and participate in our annual APD Shooting Event. Our Top Shot is Maria Campos. Congratulations! Our February program will feature the new Chief of Police Kristen Ziman as she shares her vision for the APD and the CPAAA. We'll also have a meet and greet after her talk. You won't want to miss it. Remember to pay your 2016 Membership dues and we need an updated waiver from all members. We have a great year planned. See you there!



## Our New Police Chief Chief Kristen Ziman

Chief Ziman was appointed on January 12, 2016.

Aurora Police Chief Kristen Ziman was born and raised on the west side of Aurora. She is a graduate of West Aurora High School and started as a Police Cadet at the Aurora Police Department in 1991. She joined the Aurora Police force in 1994 as a sworn officer and worked in patrol, field training, community policing and investigations as a domestic violence detective before being promoted to sergeant in 2003. She was promoted to lieutenant in 2008 and to commander in 2010 and was named Police Chief in 2016.

Kristen earned her Associates Degree from Waubensee Community College in 1994. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from Aurora University and a Master's Degree from Boston University. She is a graduate of the FBI National Academy #249. She completed the Kellogg Women's Senior Leadership Program at Northwestern University, Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP).

She is currently attending the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California pursuing a second Master's Degree in Homeland Security and Defense.

Her passion is writing and she has been a columnist for the Chicago Tribune Beacon News since 2008. She also blogs about police-related topics and her blog has been featured by the Illinois Association of Chief's of Police (IACP) and among the top police blogs.

Chief Ziman lives in Aurora with her family.

**Don't forget to  
pay your dues for  
2016!**

**Class 41 starts on  
Feb 18**

**Volunteers  
needed to help  
with Class 41  
practical's —  
contact  
Sherry McKirgan**

**Don't forget to  
bring your own  
drink to the  
meetings**

## **APD PROMOTIONS**

*Deputy Chief Keefe D. Jackson*  
(February 2, 2016)

*Commander Michael T. Doerzaph*  
*Commander Keith M. Cross*  
*Lieutenant Daniel R. Eppard*  
*Lieutenant Rickey L. Ahlgren*  
*Sergeant Theodore R. Grommes*  
*Sergeant Gregory T. Spayth*  
*Sergeant Joseph E. Howe*  
(Effective February 6, 2016)

*Lieutenant Jefferey T. Wiencek*  
*Sergeant Todd J. Edwards*  
(Effective March 26, 2016)

### **Promotions that occurred in 2015:**

*Lieutenant Joseph J. Weber*  
*Sergeant Kyle M. Scifert*  
(Effective June 27, 2015)

*Lieutenant Mark D. Weeks*  
*Sergeant Donald L. Corp*

## **December Employee of the Month**

Congratulations Officer Steve Lueders on being named December Employee of the Month.

At around 12 noon, on November 18, Lueders came across the three juveniles with whom he had prior contacts, at Smith and Liberty Streets. When he approached them and asked why they weren't in school, the 16 and 17 year old girls and a 17 year old boy, immediately began to act nervous and gave answers that did not add up. Officer Lueders arrested the juveniles for truancy, and when he searched them, he found about \$2000 in cash, as well as jewelry and electronics in their possession.

At around 2 p.m. the same day, police received calls from residents on Front and Mountain Streets saying their homes had been burglarized. Believing that the property taken off the juveniles he had arrested earlier were proceeds from unreported burglaries, Officer Lueders enlisted the help of other officers who showed pictures of the items to the burglary victims who immediately identified the property as being theirs. All three of the juveniles were each charged with two counts of residential burglary.

"Thanks to Officer Lueders' aggressive patrol, recall of the people with whom he has dealt in the past, and his keen sense of knowing when situations are not adding up, two burglaries were solved and the proceeds recovered," said Chief of Police Greg Thomas. "His actions come down to good, old-fashioned police work and illustrate the importance of patrol officers and their front-line roles in community safety."

# January Meeting Recap...

January's CPAAA meeting started out with a bang. APD hosted the second annual TOP SHOT shooting competition. Shooters were able to test their skills from the 7 yard line. Marksmanship award go to **MARIA CAMPOS**. Way to go



## We Love our Volunteers!

### Undecorating of APD Christmas Tree

- Donna Beale
- Dave Bohman
- Beth Carter
- Bud Hightower
- Sherry McKirgan
- Paul Mandrik

Thank you to Sherry McKirgan for providing treats at the January meeting.

### You Can Volunteer...

Volunteers needed for the upcoming CPA class practical's.

## A Note From A Dear Friend (edited)

Dear Beth (Carter),

Even though mom can no longer attend the CPAAA alumni meetings and events she still enjoys and wants to be a member.

Her eye sight is getting worse and I read the CPAAA newsletter to her when it comes in the mail. She recognizes many of the names of the members and her old friends.

I want to thank you for including her and for making sure she receives the monthly newsletters.

Thank you,  
Debbie Conlee (daughter of Pat Meyer)

# February Meeting...

For our February Meeting we will have the honor of having Chief Kristen Ziman as our guest speaker. She will give us her vision of the future of APD and a CPAAA. See you there!

## Other Interesting Stuff...

**2016 Dues** (\$10) are due now. If you are unable to attend the 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.

**Waiver** If you haven't already done so, we need an updated waiver from all members. See Sherry McKirgan  
**LOGO Sweatshirts and T-shirts** will be available at meetings or by contacting Brenda Roysdon.

### 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**

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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	3/3 & 4/14	Members help with building searches and traffic stop classes. You can be as bad or good as you want to be.	
CPA Spring Graduation	4/21	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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