



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Meeting 3/13/2016  
7:00 PM
- APD Community  
Room
- 2016 DUES ARE  
PAST DUE



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## A Message from President Denny Wowra

Our CPAAA year continues to be very successful, educational and full of great opportunities for our members. Attendance is up and our members are having a great time. Last month's meeting featured a presentation and discussion with the new APD Chief of Police, Kristin Ziman. Our March meeting is a scheduled field trip to the Aurora Animal Control facility (additional details on page 3) to learn how the APD interfaces with this important city department. April is another field trip that I'm sure you won't want to miss. Join me and your fellow CPAAA members for these two great meetings. Just a quick reminder, you need to pay 2016 dues and sign the 2016 waiver to participate. See you on the 8th!



## February Meeting Recap

Our February meeting featured a presentation and Q&A with our new Police Chief, Kristin Ziman. She shared her goals and visions for the Aurora Police Department with the CPAAA members. She explained that these are very challenging times for police officers seen every night on the local and national news. Her goal is to improve community relations and explained that she will use all of her 289 sworn officers as advocates for good policing and community relations. She has challenged her officers to be more visible and accessible in the neighborhoods. This includes walking a beat and talking to the folks. She also wants to find other ways to connect to this city's residents including using social media to reach everyone. She added that her personal goal is to be reachable and accessible with her officers and citizens. We asked Chief Ziman how she would like to use the CPAAA. She explained that the CPAAA is a valuable resource and she has had a long favorable relationship with the CPAAA. She sees the CPAAA as an extension of the APD. One idea is with special neighborhood events like Special Olympics or Scouting events. We can engage the local citizens along with our officers and double our effectiveness. We asked her how she was going to address the increasing gang issues in Aurora. She explained that addressing gang issues, reducing homicides and the overall crime rate in Aurora were her priorities. Neighborhood policing and increased visibility will go a long way. We wish her success and offer her our complete support.

## You Can Volunteer

### Traffic Stops

Traffic Stops practicals will be held on 4/14.

### Employee of Yr Ceremony (3/16)

Several volunteers are needed to hand out programs and serve treats and drinks.

### Other Opportunities

Other opportunities to volunteer during the year are identified in the calendar on page 5.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sherry McKirgan

## APD Employee of the Year Ceremony

The APD Employee of the Year Ceremony will be held on March 16 at 5:30 PM in the APD Community Rm. The honoree will be chosen from the Employees of the Month listed below:

<b>January</b>	<b>Officer Matthew Fichtel, Officer Jeremyah Kelley</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Officer Marco Gomez, Officer Gregory Spayth</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Sergeant Brian Pierce, Officer John Stull</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Officer David Bemer, Officer Jason Woolsey</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Officer Ryan Feeney, Officer Derrick Hight</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Officer Dean Tucker</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Officer Michael Townsend</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Officer Ronald McNeff</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>Officer Jeremyah Kelley</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Officer Jeffrey Talley</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Officer Kurt Thomas</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Investigator Leonard Casamassimo, Investigator Maxwell Worcester Investigator Thomas Maguire, Investigator Darrell Moore, Investigator Guillermo Trujillo</b>

**CPAAA Members are invited to attend this Ceremony!!!!**

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

**Class 41 started on Feb 18!**

**Don't forget to bring your own drink to the Meetings.**

## January Employees of the Month

Congratulations to Investigator Jeffrey Koenings, Officer Steven Pacenti and Officer Justin Shepherd on being named January Employees of the Month.

Investigator Koenings and Officers Pacenti and Shepherd are recognized for their efforts in identifying and arresting a suspect in a series of armed robberies of convenience stores and gas stations in the area. Investigator Koenings worked the robbery cases and developed a possible suspect with the assistance of COP officers. After being alerted by Naperville police that another robbery had occurred in Naperville, Officers Pacenti and Shepherd surveilled the home of the suspect and stopped the suspects vehicle for a traffic violation. At that time they observed items including a bag of cash in the front seat. They secured the driver and found items from the Naperville robbery. The suspect was turned over to Naperville Police for interviews on the robbery and several others.

The employees of the month are recognized for their combined efforts at taking a career criminal off the street and for their working together and with other Divisions and other agencies.

# CPAAA Members Approved to join Police Credit Union Members

Last year, we applied to become members of the Aurora Policemen Credit Union. The Board of Directors of the Credit Union and State of Illinois approved our request and we announced this approval last fall. In case you missed the announcement, we are repeating it again at this time. Stop by the Credit Union for more information.



## We love our Volunteers!



### APD Promotion Ceremony

- Donna Beale
- Kevin Bishop
- Jill Hahn
- Paul Mandrik
- Sherry McKirgan
- Rich Muszynski
- Saul Olivas
- Sue Sheldon
- Terry Tiz

### Academy Class 1

- Tanya Lindberg
- Jason Scofield
- Ramona Wood
- Theresa Vonhoff

Thank you to Sue Sheldon, Patty Ann Velez , Penny Wolf and Brenda Roysdon for providing treats at the February meeting.

### Academy Class 2

- Dave Bohman
- Jill Hahn
- Sue Sheldon
- Penny Wolf
- Ramona Wood
- Theresa Vonhoff

## March Meeting...

In March, the CPAAA will have a short meeting in the community room at 7PM and then travel to Aurora Animal Control—600 S River St for a tour of the facility. We will also learn about the services offered at the facility. and adoption opportunities available. If you are unable to attend the business meeting, you can meet the group at animal control.

## Other Interesting Stuff...

If you have not done so, please contact Brenda Roysdon to make arrangements to pick up your CPAAA polo. We have Sweaters, T-Shirts and Hats for sale. Please let Brenda know if you would like to buy one of these items. She will have all of them at the monthly meetings.

### Condolences

**Our condolences to Joe and Sue Fuentes at the passing of his father Jose Fuentes.**

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

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# CPAAA 2016 Calendar

Event	Date (if known)	Comments	Status
APD Employee of Yr Ceremony	March 16	Members asked to assist at the event	
CPA Spring Practical's	3/3 & 4/14	Members help with building search 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	
Cop on Top	5/20	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	Summer	Members assist RiverEdge Park employees with entrance gate staffing	
CPA Fundraising BBQ	9/13	Members organize, sell tickets and assist with the event	
CPA Fall Practical's and Graduation	TBD	See Spring Practical's and Graduation	
APD recognition events		Members asked to provide baked goods and assist at the events	

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