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President's Message

by: **Tino Vasquez**
NCPAA President

I would like to take this opportunity to send my thoughts and prayers to all that were affected by the training accident that occurred in Punta Gorda, FL during a “shoot/don’t shoot” scenario this past summer. A civilian attending their Citizens Academy was fatally shot during this exercise. Safety is a priority with our Citizen Academies and to hear of this accident was heartbreaking. This was a tragic accident for all involved. Safety issues for Citizens Police Academies will be one of the important topics of discussion at our annual conference in 2017.

Community Relations:

Every time we look at a media source, the anti-police rhetoric continues. The latest anti-police protest was started by a NFL player who will not stand during the National Anthem. This National Anthem protest is spreading throughout the NFL and even to some high schools. In many of these NFL player’s interviews, they have made negative comments about police officers, including calling them murderers. It was clear when I listened to some of these interviews, that false statements are being made about law enforcement and the related shootings that have occurred across the country. I believe these false statements and beliefs are made from lack of knowledge and understanding of our profession.

Many statements have been made, on both sides of the protest, but the end goal by all is to see improved communication and understanding between the communities and the law enforcement agencies. This is where our Citizens Police Academies play an important role. I have stated many times and truly believe we have no greater tool in Law Enforcement in bridging the gap between law enforcement and the communities than our Citizens Police Academies. It is through the

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Congratulations Michigan State Police On Your First Citizens Academy!



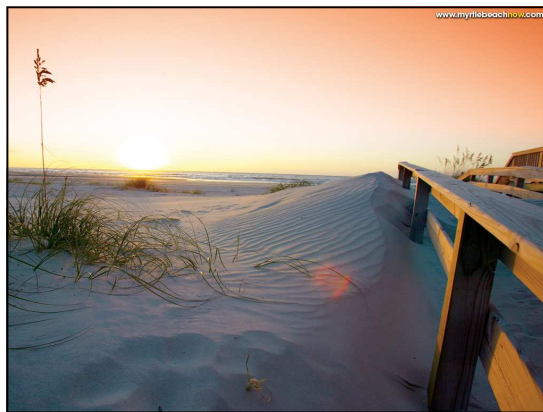
by: **Sgt. Keith Disselkoen,**
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The Michigan State Police (MSP) is pleased to announce that 31 Michiganders recently graduated from its inaugural Citizens' Academy, which was hosted at the Tri-City Post in Freeland. In a new initiative this year, each of MSP's 30 posts will host a Citizens' Academy to give residents a first-hand look at a trooper's duties and the opportunity to meet the people who put on the MSP uniform every day.

During the eight-week course, topics of instruction include an orientation to the MSP, patrol and dispatch procedures, introduction to first aid, understanding use of force, personal safety, traffic safety, the legal system, criminal investigations and drug awareness.

The MSP is the first state police agency in the nation to offer this opportunity at each of its posts. For more information or to learn how to participate, contact your local Michigan State Police post.

Mark Your
Calendars-
Myrtle Beach
A Coastal
Paradise to
Visit in
2017!



Congratulations Northern Illinois University Police Department On Your First Citizens Academy!

by: **Wey-ni Langdon**
Community Relations and Crime Prevention
Northern Illinois University

awareness for the participants of the police's role in their communities. The participants received information and strategies that will help them work

The Northern Illinois University Citizens Police Academy is part of the Northern Illinois University Police Department's expansion of their community based efforts under the leadership of Chief Thomas Phillips.



The 11 week program was started to open the lines of communication between the community and the police department. The objective of the program is to produce informed citizens. Participants received an overall understanding of the operation of the department. The class sessions help create a greater

with other citizens in their areas in reference to police matters. They were able to learn how to effectively work in partnership with the police to make their neighborhoods safer.

The class started on Jan. 27 and graduated on April 13, 2016.

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CPAs that we can teach our communities the "what, why and how's" of our job and also learn the needs of the communities we serve.

Conference update:

The NCPAA is continuing to plan our annual conference which will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on April 24-27, 2017. We are excited to be hosting at this beautiful location and are in the process of choosing interesting topics and instructors for our conference classes. We hope you are making plans to attend next year. There will be plenty of information coming out as we continue the planning process.

We are also consistently evaluating sites for future conferences. If you are interested in hosting a NCPAA Conference, please contact us. Keep checking our website for updated information.



In the Spotlight...

“In the spotlight” highlights the curriculums of CPA programs being conducted around the nation. It appears in each issue of the NCPAA newsletter to assist agencies interested in starting up a CPA program, as well as to help CPA coordinators enhance a program already in place.

Bryan Police Department 50th CPA Class!

by: **Sergeant Ryan Bona**
Bryan Police Department

The Bryan (TX) Police Department completed its 50th Citizens Police Academy on April 26, 2016. Twenty-four students graduated from this milestone class. Participants enjoyed a ten week program which allowed a “behind the scenes” look into how the police department functions. Instructors from each division within the department provided information about their unit. Students were given classroom presentations, live demonstrations and hands on training. Some of the classes were:

Narcotics- up close look at samples of drugs and paraphernalia, K-9 –live presentation including article search and K-9 suspect apprehension, Traffic- hands on RADAR use and mock traffic stops, DWI –

drunk driving simulator and golf cart obstacle course with “drunk goggles”, Use of Force- demonstration on self-defense techniques with student actors, Less Lethal Force – demonstration of pepper spray, TASER, Pepperball and bean bag rounds, Tactical response – display of tactical response team equipment, Building Search – live scenarios with students searching as officers with Simunitions, Shooting Simulator – shoot don’t/shoot scenarios with electronic shooting simulator, Shooting range – live demonstrations and student trigger time, Driving track – high speed and precision demonstrations with students as passengers, Community Relations – classroom presentation for what BPD does in the community, Crime Scene- mock crime scene with students as investigators



We also had two local media representatives as students who gave awesome media coverage during the class.

The Bryan Police Department hosts three CPA classes a year; a spring CPA, a summer Junior CPA for high school students and a fall Spanish CPA for non-English speaking residents.

The classes would not be a success without the dedication and hard work of our Bryan CPA Alumni Association! The alumni ensured food was provided at all classes and helped with class activities. All participants were also given a BCPAAA lanyard and coaster provided by the alumni. Thanks BCPAAA!

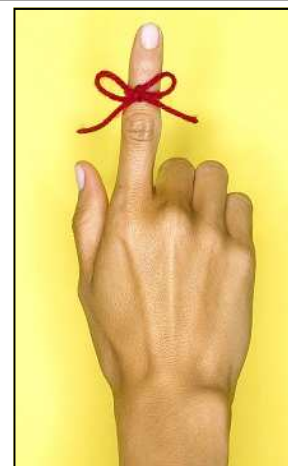
Last Newsletter!

In case you forgot, we want to remind you that the NCPAA annual dues are \$35.00 and are due if you did not attend the 2016 conference or have already renewed. We hope you will join the NCPAA this year.

This will be the last newsletter for non-members.

Don't lose out on not receiving newsletters and other great information regarding Citizens Academies and Alumni.

Join today!



Alumni Corner

“Alumni Corner” highlights the activities and programs of Citizens Police Academy Alumni Associations from around the world. If your alumni has an event, program or information that you would like to share — please forward your information to the NCPAA Newsletter Publisher.

Remember, knowledge is power. And together, the NCPAA is all powerful!

Crusin’ The Heartland

by: **Cathy Wyatt**
2nd Vice President Elizabethtown CPAAA

The Elizabethtown Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association participated in the Annual Event called "Crusin the Heartland" on July 30th of 2016. Our organization had a total of 20 members who volunteered their time on a Hot Saturday morning and afternoon. Our main focus was to help the Elizabethtown Police Department under the guidance of Officer Virgil Willoughby.



At this event we were responsible for distributing item such as fans on a stick, coin purses, miniature flashlights, etc all with the DARE logo or the Elizabethtown Police Departments Logo on the items. Our goal was to talk about the next Citizens Police Academy class which will be Fall 2016. At the present time there are 43 citizens who have signed up for this class. Guess the word is out!

Yonkers Police Alumni Brighten Children’s Day

by: **Karen O’Laughlin**
Yonkers CPAA

The Yonkers (NY) Police Academy Alumni had the pleasure of visiting with one our homes for severely handicapped children at the Elizabeth Seton Home

The photo shows one of the children modeling our donated hats and shirts. We provided paper airplanes as well. It takes a truly special person to work there.



Coffee With A Cop

by: **Lieutenant George Lichman**
Rocky River Police Department

In June, Rocky River Ohio residents had the opportunity to share an early cup of coffee, confections and conversation with city police officer Lieutenant George Lichman. This was

the first “Coffee with a Cop” event put on by the Rocky River Citizen Police Alumni Association and made possible by a generous member donation. The program hopes to bring together officers and members of the community together in a casual environment to talk about issues and learn more about each other. Approximately twelve residents made their way to Panera’s in Rocky River to do just that.



Graduated Citizens Academy Classes

**Marana (AZ)
Police Department
Class 16-1**



**Lexington
(KY) Police
Department
Class 55**

**West Jordan
(UT) Class
Spring 2016**



Graduated Citizens Academy Classes (continued)



**Bellefontaine (OH)
Police Department
Class 4**

**Mundelein (IL)
Police Department
Spring Latino
Class**



**Maury County (TN)
Sheriff's Department
Class 12**



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Look!! Last Newsletter For Non-Members!

Membership fees for the fiscal year 2016-2017 are now due.

If you did not attend the 2016 NCPAA conference or have not **already** renewed your membership, please return the enclosed form along with a \$35.00 check to:
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Please encourage others to join the NCPAA, a membership form is included in this newsletter for their convenience.

Established in 1998, the NCPAA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the professional development of information, instruction, guidance and assistance to Public Safety Agencies and Citizens involved or interested in the Citizens Police Academy concept.

Get Published!

The NCPAA Newsletter welcomes all articles and information relative to Citizens Police Academy and/or alumni programs being conducted around the nation.

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