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**MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 25th**

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Peace Officer Appreciation

Written by Tom Wetzel,
a northeast Ohio suburban police lieutenant, SWAT
officer, trainer, and certified law
enforcement executive

During the month of May, police officers will step off Peace Officers Memorial Day Parades throughout the country in honor of our fellow brothers and sisters in blue who lost their lives in the line of duty. It is an important event recognizing the grave sacrifices these officers made while "protecting and serving" our nation.

Everyday throughout America, our nation's peace officers will find themselves in situations that are anything but peaceful. And sadly, some will lose their lives. These annual parades and memorial services are fine tributes to those sacrifices.

But I suspect that for many Americans, they may have a myopic view of what police officers actually do on a regular basis and not recognize how complex and far reaching their actions really are. Beyond catching bad guys and writing those darn traffic tickets, many may overlook just how involved the "serve" portion in the "protect and serve" motto really is.

Besides investigating crimes or responding to emergency calls, police officers provide a tremendous level of service to our citizenry and so often will go "above and beyond" the call of duty.

It is not unusual to see officers pulled up behind disabled vehicles along our roadsides. Providing them some flares and checking on their status would be enough, but plenty will help make arrangements for tow trucks and stand by particularly during night hours

to make sure they get safely on their way.

Homeless men and women may occasionally find that not only could they be offered a ride to a shelter or bus stop but even find themselves a few dollars heavier through the generosity of a kind hearted police officer.

On those cold nights when we accidentally lock the doors of our cars while the keys are still inside, it may be an officer with a lockout tool who gets us back behind the wheel.

Officers not only reunite lost children or some of our elderly with their families but they routinely help bring smiles to the faces of many upon finding lost dogs and other family pets. Their contacts with animals are not just limited to family reunions but can also involve evictions as it is your friendly local officer who gets called to get the squirrels or birds out of our homes.

Children hold a special place in the hearts of police officers and when it comes to their safety and welfare, officers will take active roles in serving our little ones. We see them in schools warning kids about drugs while teaching DARE programs or setting up make believe roads and intersections while directing Safety Towns on playgrounds. They will warn kids about the dangers of gangs while also offering outlets for young boys and girls through police athletic leagues. They will talk about Internet safety, avoiding guns and the dangers of alcohol abuse all with the goal of keeping them safe.

The list could go on and on but what should be clear is how interwoven the service related activities of police personnel are within the fabric of our culture. They are so common that most people do not even notice.

**May 10th—May 16th is
National Police Week**



*Remember to
thank an officer*

***Our next meeting will be hosted by the
Cedar Hill Citizen Police Academy
Alumni Association
Cedar Hill Government Center
285 Uptown Blvd., Cedar Hill, Tx 75104***



CPAANT wishes to extend an invitation to all area alumni members and police liaisons to attend our meetings. The Executive Board Meeting will begin at 9:00 am with the General Membership Meeting scheduled to start at 10:00 am.

Visit www.cpaant.org for further information

Member Cities

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| Arlington | Flower Mound |
| Carrollton | Fort Worth |
| Cedar Hill | Haltom City |
| Coppell | Irving |
| Decatur | Lewisville |
| DeSoto | Mansfield |
| Eules | Weatherford |

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS
ARE INVITED TO JOIN**

Annual dues are \$25.00.
Make your check payable to CPAANT.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

**April Meeting
Photo Memories**



ARE YOU PREPARED FOR OUR TEXAS STORMS

You can improve the odds of your home surviving high winds by taking these precautions:

Decide in advance where you will take shelter (a local community shelter, perhaps, or your own underground storm cellar or head to the centermost part of your home — away from windows

Become familiar with your community's severe weather warning system and make certain every adult and teenager in your family knows what to do when a tornado "watch" or "warning" sounds.

Identify escape routes from your home and neighborhood and designate an emergency meeting place for your family to reunite

Put together an emergency kit that includes a three-day supply of drinking water and food you don't have to refrigerate or cook; first aid supplies; a portable NOAA weather radio; a wrench and other basic tools; a flashlight; work gloves; emergency cooking equipment; portable lanterns; fresh batteries for each piece of equipment; clothing; blankets; baby items; prescription medications; extra car and house keys; extra eyeglasses; credit cards and cash; important documents, including insurance policies.

Move anything in your yard that can become flying debris inside your house or garage before a storm strikes.

Don't open your windows

WHAT'S UP WITH OUR MEMBERS

DECATUR

Thank you for the wonderful hospitality at the April meeting. Their second CPA class will be graduating in May.

LEWISVILLE

Lewisville invites any police department to their annual softball tournament scheduled for June 20th. See Karen for details.

CEDAR HILL

Their Carnation Sale was a success in March. They will be recognizing their Dispatch on April 16th.

DESOTO

They are about to start cleaning their city with a new graffiti removal program. A new COP class will be getting underway.

SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR FUNDRAISING, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND ADVERTISE YOUR ALUMNI'S UPCOMING EVENTS.
Please submit your event or announcement to susan.ernst@cpaant.org so they will be included in an upcoming newsletter.



**CPAANT GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President, Geri Sorg. The meeting was hosted by the Decatur Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association.

Following the pledge of alliance each attendee introducing themselves with the cities of Fort Worth, Arlington, Mansfield, Euless, Lewisville, DeSoto, Carrollton, Irving, Cedar Hill, Weatherford, Flower Mound, and Haltom City represented at the meeting. This month's total membership in attendance was 34 with twelve agency reps present.

Jane C., President of the DCPAAA introduced Mayor Joe Lambert who gave the blessing and welcomed the CPAANT members. We were also welcomed by Decatur's Chief of Police, Rex Hoskins, who said their second citizen police academy class will be graduating in May. Brett Shannon, City Manager, thanked all for coming on behalf of the city and invited us to Decatur Main Street Gardens for lunch. Jane Handley, Main Street and Visitor Center Manager for Decatur gave a brief history of the visitor center building we were meeting at.

The minutes for the March 2009 meeting were approved as written. A motion was made to accept the March 2009 minutes as written by Mansfield and seconded by DeSoto. The March 2009 treasurer's report was approved with a motion to accept by Carrollton and a second by Flower Mound.

James L. announced the state conference will be held in San Marcus on July 30, 31, and August 1st. Accommodations are available at the Embassy Suite for \$119.00 per night. There will be a welcome BBQ provided by the San Marcus Police Department Association. It was asked what information or work sessions would be available. Previous attendees said some of the work sessions held in the past included "how to start a CPAAA", "prison tattoos", "police dogs", and "501(c)(3)". More information and registration forms are available at the state web site and CPAANT has a link to it.

With the Chief's Round Table coming up in October, Geri needs all reps to send her or Louise R. the proper spelling of their chief's name, address, and/or reps name if the chief is sending one in their place. Invitations will be going out in May.

For new business Wes W. will need to renew our web hosting site agreement. He said there will be an increase in fees with the current hosting service so he will research other sites for pricing. A motion was made by Irving and seconded by Mansfield to approve funds up to \$115.00 to acquire the web hosting services for the coming year.

Alumni discussion included the following announcements:

DeSoto announced their COP class will be starting. Their graffiti removal program has been approved and the city has purchased the equipment. The Dallas Morning News will be publishing an article on the program.

Flower Mound had over 2800 volunteer hours in 2008 with over 800 hours in the first quarter of 2009. They are assisting in a "Trail Marking Project" where GPS points will be put on trail markers so citizens can call in locations if help is needed while on the trails. They are preparing for an annual softball tournament fundraiser in September which brought in \$8000 last year. Two of their volunteers have graduated from training for home security checks. New brochures of the FMCPAAA were handed out.

Fort Worth is working with their new chief. CERT training continues.

Irving has been working on setting up a memorial to officer. A new CPA class graduated a few weeks ago.

Cedar Hill made \$391.11 from their Carnation Sale at three restaurants. Goodies will be delivered to dispatch on the 16th for National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

Haltom City's chief resigned to go to Columbia, MO. All CPA is on hold.

Arlington had a 10 year service party for their chief who has worked in the public service field for 25 years. The police memorial will be dedicated during Police Week. They had twelve graduates of CERT, Dep. Chief Dale Fisher retired after 32 years, they are starting to work front desk, their 45th CPA class is graduating, and they held their ACPAAA social last week.

Lewisville had 3800 volunteer hours in 2008. Their 7th annual Softball Tournament will be held on June 20th and would like to invite other police departments.

Weatherford is getting ready to start their next CPA class, had the "Ride for the Heroes" bike race, and celebrated 23rd year of volunteering award by the city.

Carrollton's 42nd CPA class will graduate in May. Easter Luncheon is being served to the officers today, and the graffiti program is now up and going.

Mansfield is having their 12th CPA class.

Decatur will be providing lunch to their CPA class when they go to the firing range.

Euless held the Police Award Banquet last night. Their 27th CPA class is graduating. There has been 1400 volunteer hours to date assisting with criminal courts, warrant round-up, paper shredding, plant watering, and NCIC data entry.

Next month's meeting at Cedar Hill will be in the new city government building. Plans are for a tour of the police department. The address will be posted on the CPAANT web site.

With a motion made by Mansfield and second by Fort Worth the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ernst
CPAANT Secretary



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MAY

- May 2 - CPAANT Meeting-Cedar Hill
- May 10 - Mother's Day
- May 9 to 15 - National Police Week
- May 25 - Memorial Day



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JUNE

- June 6 - CPAANT Meeting-Eules
- June 14 - Flag Day
- June 21 - Father's Day
- June 21 - First Day of Summer



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JULY

- July 4 - Fourth of July
- July 11 - CPAANT Meeting - Flower Mound
- July 30 to Aug 1 - State Convention - San Marcus



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AUGUST

- No Meeting Scheduled - See you in September
- August 1- State Convention - San Marcus
- August 4 - National Night Out



BE SAFE

STAY COOL

HAVE YOU HEARD

Life isn't about how many breathes you take but about the moments that take your breathe away.
Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

One thing you can give and still keep.....is your word
Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.

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