

## June 12 meeting: COPPS MEETING AT PPD

Please plan to join PPD Leadership for our quarterly policy review/comment meeting. You'll have the opportunity to participate in the development of new policies and improvements to existing policies. We will meet at PPD at 6pm. Hope to see you here

## RECAP: May 8 COPPS Training Meeting

If you couldn't make it, you missed a great training with CSI Scott Miller Vargas and Officer Josh Cunningham.

CSI Vargas demonstrated the TruNarc handheld narcotics analyzer. It can identify more than 530 controlled substances. (Fortunately, the samples tested in our training were identified as harmless salt and sugar!) He also showed us the FARO camera system. It takes crystal-clear 3D images of crime scenes and we were able to experience a "drive" through a past auto accident scene.

Officer Cunningham showed off several of the department's drones. Each serves a unique function, including one specializing in indoor flight, and one that can be thrown into a situation.. Officer Cunningham shared some drone surveillance footage, showing real life crime fighting on the part of our PPD and their electronic "assistants".

Both presentations were fascinating. We're so thankful for our police and their hi-tech tools that help them do their jobs more safely.



## ELECTIONS July 10

*Elections for open positions will be held at the July 10 meeting. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A BOARD POSITION OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE LET ONE OF THE CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS KNOW PRIOR TO THE JULY 10 MEETING. Contact any of us at:*

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# ***BEHIND THE BADGE:***

## **Officer Matt Staker**



Officer Matt Staker has been with the Parker Police Department since June of 2023. He relocated to Colorado from Ohio just a few days before his first day on the job.

His favorite part of the job is meeting new people in the community and working alongside the amazing officers and civilian employees. Coming from a different area of the country, it has been interesting to learn a different “culture” of living. Officer Staker is disappointed that folks here in Colorado don’t love college football like they do in Ohio!

Matt and his fiancé love to spend their free time outdoors. The very reason they moved to Colorado was to experience a life where they could be active every month of the year. They are self-proclaimed “sunshine seekers” and spend a lot of time paddle boarding at Soda Lake or the Aurora reservoir. They also do a weekly hike and want to tackle some fourteeners this year. Matt and his fiancé also started snowboarding for the first time this year, and they spend as much time as possible “up the hill.” Finally, Officer Staker is extremely committed to his fitness and has a really great gym community at V23 located in DTC.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

- **June 12** PPD Policy Review at PPD
- **July 10** Internal COPPS Program and elections (location and speaker TBA).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **June 1** Meet our current Academy class at the driving course
- **June 5** Coffee with a Cop
- **June 13** Last class for Academy
- **June 14-16** Parker Days

## **ACADEMY GRADUATION**

On June 1st the Citizen's Academy class will be doing the wild and crazy driving course. COPPS will provide a light breakfast and need a few volunteers to help set up and mingle with the grads (please arrive by 8:30 am). If you can help, let Richard know: [Richard deJongh<rkdcomp77@gmail.com](mailto:Richard.deJongh@rkdcomp77@gmail.com).

The driving course is located next to Railbender Skate Park near the fire department training facility. If you come to give a hand you will have the opportunity to get behind the wheel and see how many cones you can knock down!

## **COFFEE WITH A COP**

The Coffee with a Cop will be at Discovery Park on June 5th from 9:00 to 11:00. This will be a ROOT BEER float event and the kids love it.

We need volunteers to help setup, make the floats and pack things up. Use this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C49A4AD2EA3FA7-49887856-summer>

## **PPD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR PARKER DAYS**

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Parker Police Department's 911 Public Education booth at this year's Parker Days festival! Similar to last year, volunteers will be asked to talk with guests, hand out prizes and share important safety information with the thousands of attendees at this annual event. All volunteers will be paired with a Parker PD Dispatcher.

We have 3-hour volunteer "slots" on each day, so it's not a huge commitment.

Please use this link to sign up for a volunteer slot.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C49A4AD2EA3FA7-49845193-parker>