

UPCOMING: SEPTEMBER 11 MEETING AT PPD

Our next meeting will be on September 11. This is our once-a-quarter discussion of current and new PPD policies where we have an opportunity to provide input that impacts the policies that are finally implemented. Please plan to join us at 6pm in the PPD training room

RECAP: AUGUST 14 TRAINING AT PPD

Sgt. Greg Epp gave a presentation on how and why “Table-top” exercises are used. Table-top exercises help first responders around the country plan for unexpected events and anticipate the “what ifs”.

Many of the guidelines and processes used in these exercises are developed and taught by FEMA. It is important to have a set of standard language and organizational structures that all first responders are familiar with. In the case of larger events, first responders may come from many different city, state and national agencies. As a result, people who have never worked together are thrown into a situation where they need to make sure they are all “speaking the same language” and do not waste precious time misunderstanding terminology or instructions.

The program was very helpful in understanding how agencies prepare for unexpected events. It was reassuring to know that the country’s first responders are always in the process of preparing for a surprise event that might affect our community.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- **September 11** Quarterly policy review at PPD
- **October 9** Quarterly COPPS meeting at The Gathering Place. Speaker Lora Thomas will share her experiences from her 26 years with Colorado State Patrol and 4 years as Douglas County Coroner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 19** We need a couple of volunteers to meet the newest Academy class and introduce them to COPPS. We have a short presentation that can be used to highlight our purpose and activities. It only takes 10-15 minutes at the beginning of their Thursday night class. If you’re available on September 19 to meet the new class, please contact Karen Angel at: treasurer@parkerparkerparker.org.

BOARD MEMBERS STILL NEEDED

Please don’t forget we still need to fill 3 of our board positions. If you are interested, or have any questions about the positions, please talk to one of the board members. Open positions are:

Vice President (term ends July 2026)

Director of Programs (term ends July 2025)

Director of Volunteers (term ends July 2026)

Don’t forget to check out our new website at <https://parkerparkerparker.org>.

BEHIND THE BADGE

SWEARING IN NEW K-9 OFFICERS

On August 28, several members of COPPS attended the swearing-in of our new K-9 officers Harry and Medo, along with Teddy, our new Therapy K-9. The Chief and many PPD officers were in attendance to witness the “Oath of Office” being administered to each K-9. COPPS presented each of them with a welcome package of treats and toys.



Top Left: K9 Medo and his Handler, Officer Smith

Top Right: K9 Harry and his Handler, Officer Cashman, along with Chief Tsurapas

Bottom: Therapy K9 Teddy

