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**Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association**

November 2022 - South Chapter Newsletter

Kim Hummert, Newsletter Editor

## **NEXT MEETING - NOVEMBER 10, 2022**

Grace Union Church, 3900 Union Road, St. Louis, MO 63125

**Our CPAAA General Meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.**

**Refreshments & Social Time will start at 6:30 p.m.**

**We are looking forward to seeing everyone!**

Please join us as we recognize and honor the

**Officers of the Quarter for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2022**

They will be receiving a plaque and a monetary gift.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct (Affton Southwest)      4<sup>th</sup> Precinct (South County)**

**Officer Marcus Bechtold**

**Officer Nicholas Ems**

- **We will be electing our 2023 Officers & Board Members.**  
**Ballots will be handed out during the meeting. If you would like to run for a position, please contact Dale, Larry or Linda before Wednesday morning (11/9), so your name can be added to the ballot.**
- **We will be selling Christmas Party Tickets (see info in this newsletter)**
- **We will be collecting 2023 Membership Dues ~ \$15.00 / person**
- **Payment for Dues and Christmas Party can be made with one check.**

## **Hello Everyone,**

This December will mark my first year as your President. As we all know, CPAAA is totally a volunteer organization. This past year, we have seen the good hearts of caring members of our CPAAA family helping both 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Precincts of the St. Louis County Police Department.

Throughout this past year, we have had many opportunities to give of our time and our talents. I appreciate the fact that the CPAAA South Chapter has the best members, that have booked hundreds of hours of volunteerism. I also want to thank the Board Members and the Officers that helped me navigate my way throughout this year, especially coming out of all the Covid restrictions. None of this would be possible without people volunteering their time and making a commitment to such an organization as ours. I want to challenge our members to consider taking the next step that has made the South Chapter so successful. I will be discussing all the volunteer opportunities available at our next meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. I have invited the Citizens Police Academy graduates of 2022 to our meeting, so if you notice someone new at our general meeting, please introduce yourself and welcome them into our family.

*Dale Flanakin*

President of CPAAA South Chapter



## From the 3rd Precinct

Hello All,

The third quarter of 2022 found the officers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct busy as ever. Property crime continues to be our biggest issue. Catalytic converter thefts have seen another resurgence while business burglaries are also increasing in frequency, especially at Marijuana Dispensaries and Gun stores.

The stolen Kias and Hyundais seem to have no end in sight. Hyundai has furnished the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Precincts with a limited number of "Club" anti-theft devices, which are available free of charge, to owners of Hyundai vehicles manufactured between 2010 and 2021. Please utilize a secondary anti-theft device if you own one of these vehicles.

Officers participated in several community engagement events over the past few months. Most notably:

- 6th Annual Blake Snyder Memorial Golf Tournament
- Organized Retail Crime Special Enforcement
- Multiple National Night Out events
- Affton Days Parade
- Informational "FLOCK" Camera community meeting

Our 3rd Precinct School Resource Officers (SROs) and Neighborhood Police Officers (NPOs), along with representatives from our local school districts, attended a specialized training on preventing and responding to School Shooters. Training was presented by multiple Federal Agencies, including the DEA and Secret Service.

Most importantly (and I know it is 4<sup>th</sup> quarter news), we have officially broken ground on the new Affton Southwest Precinct building. A formal ceremony was held on October 19<sup>th</sup>, with an expected completion time frame of early 2024!

I hope all is well and I look forward to seeing all of you at the next general membership meeting.

Sergeant Eric Tripp  
and the Officers of the South County Precinct

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## From the 4th Precinct

Hello all,

Hopefully this update finds everybody well and fully prepared for the Holiday Season!!! With that in mind, I want to remind everyone of some safety tips for the Holidays. If you are like me, a lot of my shopping is done online with packages dropped off at my doorstep. Please keep in mind that the "Porch Pirates" will be in full swing. Make sure to grab your items off of the porch as quickly as possible and keep an eye out for your neighbors. If you or the neighbors will be gone for an extended period of time, it might be beneficial for you to pick up the packages for each other.

For those that will be out shopping in the business districts, keep the following information in mind. Do not leave any packages, electronics, wallets, purses, GUNS in your vehicles unattended. Parking lots are target zones for thieves. Don't make yourself an easy victim. Make sure your head and eyes are up when walking in parking lots. There are people that are, unfortunately, looking for easy targets to rob or carjack. If you see someone suspicious, do not hesitate to walk back inside the building and even call 9-1-1 if they are acting suspiciously, i.e. looking in vehicles, wandering about the lot, etc.

As far as Department news...due to manpower shortages there will be some restructuring within the Division of Patrol. Officers will be moving to 12-hour shifts and some positions are changing. One of those positions is my current position as the Neighborhood Policing Office Supervisor. That role will now be shifted to a Lieutenant position. The new Lieutenant will be Aaron Roediger. Some of you might remember him from his days as an Affton NPO. Lieutenant Roediger is a fantastic officer and has a great personality...you will love him. I will be moving to a position in the Bureau of Professional Responsibility at Headquarters. I just want you all to know how much I enjoyed my time with you. Your support of our Department is so greatly appreciated. Hope to see you soon and Happy Holidays.

Sergeant Zac Sigler  
and the Officers of the South County Precinct

National Coffee with a Cop Day at Chick-fil-A in South County





## CPAAA MERCHANDISE



If you would like to order CPAAA Merchandise, we have a new local vendor, **Dot the I Embroidery**.

Please visit our website for more information.

[www.cpaaasouth.com](http://www.cpaaasouth.com)

(click on MORE and select MERCHANDISE) to download order form and instructions.

## 2023 CPAAA MEMBERSHIP DUES

We will be collecting 2023 Membership Dues at the November 10<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. If you cannot make the upcoming meeting, your Card will be mailed to you after the Holidays.

**Annual Dues are \$15.00**

**Deadline to pay dues is January 31, 2023.**

**Please make check payable to CPAAA**

Mail to: CPAAA Membership Chair  
Linda Gartner  
3236 Fairway Circle  
Arnold, MO 63010

If any of your info (address, phone, or email) has changed, include that info with your check.

*Thank You!*



## Christmas Party

December 1, 2022

Cash Bar 6:30 p.m. ♦ Dinner 7:00 p.m.

**\$12.00** per person (Includes Dinner)

Genesis Banquet Center ~ 2651 Telegraph Road

Purchase Tickets at the November 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
OR  
Send Check To:  
Christmas Party Tickets  
9122 Heritage Drive, Apt. A • St. Louis, MO 63123  
**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: CPAAA**

- ♦ We will have your tickets ready for you at the November meeting.
- ♦ If you cannot attend the meeting, tickets will be mailed to you.

**Deadline for tickets is Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR!**

2023 Officers & Board Members  
will be installed at the beginning of the evening.

Questions? Call Barbara Puckett at 618-214-2981 for more info.

*Visit Our Website*

[www.cpaaasouth.com](http://www.cpaaasouth.com)

Our website gives you up-to-date information regarding the dates of our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. As we are apprised of events and the need for volunteers, we will send an e-blast as well as post the information on the website. You can also see newsletters, minutes, photos & other CPAAA information. Also, be sure to check out each Precinct's Facebook page!

Thank you, Jim Fesler, for taking care of our CPAAA website!

*Coming Soon!*

A committee headed by Jean Larkin is working on a new CPAAA tri-fold for 2023. The new brochure will list

our new Officers and Directors, Upcoming Meetings, Events, Committees, Contacts and Coordinators, along with various volunteer opportunities.

*Thank you to ALL who are helping with this project!*

*We ♥ Volunteers*

If you are volunteering to work at an event, please contact our volunteer coordinator.

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Linda will return texts and emails in the order which she received them.