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Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

May 2023 - South Chapter Newsletter

Kim Hummert, Newsletter Editor

Dear CAAAA Members,

This coming Thursday we will be holding our Officer of The Year program for 2022. This had been placed on hold due to Covid for almost three years. We will have our regular General Meeting then the celebration will follow. This year I must tip my hat to the men and women of the nominating committee for doing an outstanding job, especially, Chairperson Mark Seigel, Nancy Gerik, and Dennis & Susan Doerge. They single handedly secured over \$2500.00 of merchandise and gift cards. The CAAAA organization will add an additional \$500.00 in cash totaling \$3000.00. This will then be divided between the two Officers. Do you want to know who won? Please attend and help me show our appreciation to the men and women of the 3rd and 4th Precinct. If that is not enough incentive, there will be cake reception for the party! See you all on Thursday!

Dale Flanakin, President of CAAAA South Chapter

NEXT MEETING - AUGUST 10, 2023

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

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

Social Time will start at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us as we recognize and honor the

Officers of the Quarter for the 3rd Quarter of 2023

They will be receiving a plaque and a monetary gift.

3rd Precinct (Affton Southwest) 4th Precinct (South County)

Alejandro Infante-Valdez

Joshua Cook

OFFICER OF THE YEAR Celebration will follow our General Meeting

Winners from each Precinct will be announced

Please show your appreciation to our

St. Louis County Officers by attending!



Save The Date

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Cash Bar & Dinner

Andre's South ~ 4254 Telegraph Road

Please note this is a new venue!

Tickets prices to be determined at a later date.



From the 3rd Precinct

Hello from the Affton Southwest Precinct,

We hope everyone is staying safe and enjoying the wonderful summer season.

The calendar just turned over to August, which means schools are about to go back into session. I want to discuss a few driving safety tips, including sharing the roadway with busses/pedestrians and driving in school zones. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping our children safe.

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children across our country who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old. They are walking and either get struck by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus.

If you're driving behind a bus, please allow a larger following distance than if you were driving behind a car. This will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing if a bus is making a stop. The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus. Please remember, it is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children. If the STOP arm is extended—traffic must stop.

Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas. In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection. Please be alert because children are often unpredictable.

As always, we strongly encourage any interested residents to partner with us and attend our Neighborhood Watch Meetings. Please contact the Neighborhood Policing Office when your neighborhood or subdivision is hosting a meeting so an officer can attend and answer your questions.

Stay safe and please contact us if you need anything!

Lieutenant Shawn McGuire
and the Officers of the Affton Southwest Precinct



From the 4th Precinct

Hello All,

Hope everyone's summer is going well! We have been busy here in the 4th Precinct. Summertime is our busy time, not just for calls for service, but for community events and fundraisers as well.

I would first like to give a big "THANK YOU" to all the CPAAA members who volunteered and donated to the 3rd and 4th Precinct BBQ's. All the Officer's, Detectives and Supervisors enjoyed the food and wanted me to pass on their sincere appreciation for putting this on!

I would like to extend another "THANK YOU" to the CPAAA volunteers for assisting our Welfare Association with the Annual Golf Tournament, which was held at St. Albans County Club. The tournament raised approximately \$50,000 which will be used to assist Department employees in need. All the months of hard work and planning came together for one fun day of golf benefiting a fantastic organization!

The JB Blast event was held on July 21st, after having to be called off due to thunderstorms on the original date. CPAAA volunteers were there and staffing the V.I.P section! Again, "THANK YOU" for giving your time to help with this event.

A little Precinct news ... We have our School Resource Officers helping Patrol Officers while the schools are on summer break. The additional manpower for the summer really helps keep response times down and allows for more proactive policing.

I have some good news to report that crime is down thirteen percent year to date. A lot of the trends we have been seeing, like Kia and Hyundai vehicle thefts, have really tapered off. Gas station purse snatchings have also been on the decline.

We have been receiving a lot of citizen concerns about speeding vehicles and reckless driving. We have been stepping up our traffic enforcement efforts to address these issues and hopefully reduce the number of accidents and road rage incidents occurring on our roads.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next General Membership Meeting and as always, if we can assist you in any way, please let us know. 636-529-8210.

Office Daniel Rehagen
and the Officers of the South County Precinct

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

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

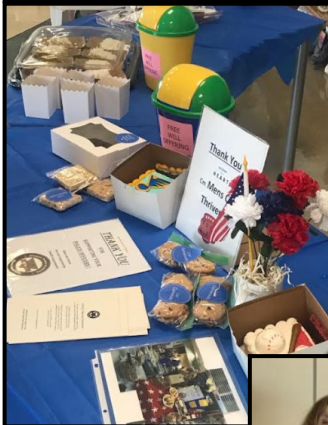
CPAAA BBQ at Christ Memorial

Thank You to all of our VOLUNTEERS who helped make our annual BBQ a success.

Special Thank You to the MEN'S CLUB at Christ Memorial for their outstanding BBQ skills and to our BAKERS for their wonderful treats...

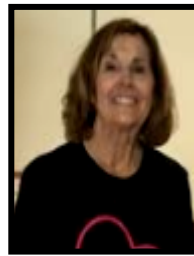


We couldn't have done it without you!



We had a surprise donation of two mini cars that were added to the bake sale!

\$1600.00 was raised at the BBQ and **\$318.00** was raised at the bake sale and mini car raffle!



Member **Spotlight**

LINDA GARTNER

I joined CPAAA in May, 2016. I was at dinner with friends, including a police officer and he had just come from the Annual Hole in One Golf Tournament, with CPAAA. I inquired about how I could join and contacted Karen Hernandez who got me started.

I work for Morris & Dickson, a pharmaceutical wholesale supplier to hospitals and pharmacies. I've been with the company for 27 years.

I have volunteered at elementary grade schools, food pantries and church events. For CPAAA, I was the Refreshment coordinator for 7 years, Volunteer Coordinator/Cheer during Karen's leave of absence and a Board Member.

I've gained pride and knowledge. Now I understand through meeting the officers at CPAAA meetings, public events, training classes and group discussions. Our volunteering helping charities such as Special Olympics, BBQ at Christ Memorial, Officer of Year Award. I've had the most fun in volunteering and meeting new people along with genuine concern for the community and residents. K-9 Training, Cop On the Top, Graduation, Golf Tournament, "show & tell" helicopter, finger printing, and Robot...just to name a few!

Visit Our Website

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!

We ♥ Volunteers

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

Karen Hernandez ~ 314-925-8866

Karen will return phone calls and emails in the order which she received them.

Many thanks to **Karen Hernandez** for returning as our Volunteer Coordinator. She previously served in this position for 15 years!