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May 2023 - South Chapter Newsletter

Kim Hummert, Newsletter Editor

Dear CPAAA Members,

Summer is fast approaching, and you know what that means...a lot of volunteer opportunities awaits you. Have you ever taken the time to reflect on what it takes to run an organization like CPAAA? It takes time and money. For a minute, let's talk about the Police Officers who we see at our General Meeting and Board Meetings. The Officers that we see at our meetings are either coming off a 12-hour shift or they are just starting their 12-hour shift. They understand and appreciate each and every member of our CPAAA family. They know we have their backs when it comes to supporting the work that they do. With that said, now it is our turn to show our appreciation to the Officers and community organizations that also know the need to support the community at large. We have our annual BBQ Fundraiser in conjunction with Christ Memorial Church on Lindbergh coming up on July 15th. We will need volunteers to help the church's Men's Club to pull off such a great event. There will be a sign-up sheet at the May 11th meeting. We will need volunteers for all the different shifts. Some of our members work all three shifts! It is a great time to get to know our CPAAA family and serve the public to support our mission. We are also looking for a group of people to co-chair a fundraising event to help raise money for some large project that is coming up in the future.

For the people who have not paid their dues for the fiscal year of 2023, I'm going to give you one more chance. If you would like to continue to receive the newsletter and all the great benefits of being a member of CPAAA, you must pay the dues in person at the May 11th meeting. People who have not paid their dues, will be removed from the roster and forfeit any privileges associated with being a CPAAA Member. Looking forward to seeing you on May 11th.

Dale Flanakin, President of CPAAA South Chapter

PRESIDENT'S SPOTLIGHT



I would like to take this opportunity to Spotlight two members of our CPAAA family for their ongoing effort to support our mission. These two members are very special people going out of their way to help a cause that they believe in. They have mentored young people as they start their journey in life and I can personally say I consider them as mentors to me as I navigate the responsibilities of my position within this organization. Along with the help from the Men's Club of Christ Memorial Church, I want to recognize Al & Elf Faulstich for their ongoing support and encouragement to everyone they meet. Thank you Al & Elf!

NEXT MEETING - MAY 11, 2023

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.**

Please join us as we recognize and honor the
Officers of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter of 2023
They will be receiving a plaque and a monetary gift.

3rd Precinct (Affton Southwest)

Detective Dominic Vitale

4th Precinct (South County)

Officer Matthew Goro



From the 3rd Precinct

Hello All,

Let's start with the great news! Have you driven by our new Precinct construction site recently? Walls have started being built already, and we have been told as of April 1, 2023, they are 25% complete with the project. Captain Means continues to work hard at finalizing details of the Precinct with visits and meetings with the architect company leading the project. January 9, 2024 is the potential move-in date ...we can't wait. I have attached some updated photos of the construction.

School Resource Officers and Beat Officers have been working diligently providing extra patrols at our schools due to the most recent school shooting that affected our country in Nashville, TN. Please know that our Department, with our region partners, have been training active shooter response since approximately 2010, working with the schools, hospitals and fire departments. Since the shooting in Nashville, we have received two threats at schools via messages written in bathrooms. Due to excellent investigation skills, along with the help of the school administration, an arrest was made of a juvenile on the most recent threat. It's important we take these threats seriously to keep our kids and schools safe.

In March of 2023, our precinct was down in Part 1 crimes, which are both violent crimes and serious property crimes. Stolen vehicles continue to be an issue. Almost half of the stolen vehicles were unlocked and/or the keys were inside the vehicle and/or the ignition was on. Please continue to lock your doors of your vehicles, and make sure you do not leave your keys inside. One third of the stolen vehicles were either a Hyundai or Kia, so please stop by our station if you drive one of these vehicles so you can grab a free locking mechanism. Larcenies/shoplifting crimes are up slightly from last month. The most common stolen merchandise is alcohol, but other stolen items continue to be clothing, makeup, and personal care items. Suspects from our Ulta Beauty near 55 and Lindbergh are connected to a group stealing over \$350,000 in theft from Ulta Beauty stores nationwide. The same suspects are stealing from stores in Kansas City, Jefferson City, and St. Louis City over just a 3-day period. Officers will continue to search for these suspects, and patrol their businesses, to try to catch them in the act of the larceny.

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,

I hope everyone has had a good year thus far and is ready to enjoy the warmer months we have coming up; I know I am! Speaking of warmer months, I cannot believe we are already in the month of May!

The summer months are known to be a bit more busy. Our call volume typically jumps due to more folks being outside, enjoying the fun and exciting events that go with summer - holiday celebrations and graduations, sporting events and concerts, pool parties and BBQs.

So far this year our crime is continuing to trend downward in most categories. Car thefts are down, along with larcenies from inside of vehicles. More residents are remembering to lock their vehicle doors and are securing their vehicles with anti-theft devices, along with parking inside garages when available. It's making a difference.

The 3rd and 4th Precinct NPO Officers, along with Department Commanders, State and Local Elected Officials and Business Owners have been holding collaborative meetings to address the juvenile crime issues. Having these discussions resulted in revised procedures within the Juvenile Court System, which will likely reduce the number of repeat juvenile offenders we had previously been dealing with.

The 4th Precinct NPO Officers and Commanders, along with our Community Outreach Officers held "Coffee with a Cop" at Chick-fil-A. We were able to meet and chat with our local residents and hear their concerns. Officer Kappler and Officer Vineyard even worked the drive-thru, which went surprisingly well!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the May Meeting! If you see any suspicious activity, please let us know about it - 636-529-8210.
P.S. Don't forget Vacation Check requests can now be submitted online. We encourage all citizens to complete the form online or call the Precinct directly to participate in the program while they are out of town.
<https://www.stlouiscountypolice.com/resources-services/vacation-inspections/>

Officer Daniel Rehagen
and the Officers of the South County Precinct



"COFFEE WITH A COP"

Officer Kappler and
Officer Vineyard
working the drive-thru
at the South County
Chick-fil-A.

Service with a SMILE!

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.



SAVE THE DATE!

CPAAA BBQ at Christ Memorial
5252 South Lindbergh

Saturday July 15, 2023



We will need volunteers for various shifts.

We also need Baked Goods for our Bake Sale!

Signups and more information will be available at the upcoming General Meeting.



2023 CPAAA MEMBERSHIP DUES LAST CALL!

Our Annual Dues are \$15.00

Thank you to those who have paid their 2023 dues. We still have a few members who have not paid.

If you would like to stay an active member, please make your payment at our next meeting.

Please make check payable to CPAAA and bring to our May 11th General Meeting

If any of your info (address, phone, or email) has changed, please let us know at the meeting.

Thank You!

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!



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! Welcome Back Karen!



A huge THANK YOU from the 4th Precinct for the purchase of a new microwave for their Precinct on behalf of CPAAA.

They are very appreciative as their old one had bitten the dust!