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President's Message...

Greetings CPAAA! Believe it or not SUMMER is upon us – it's a great time to recharge your "battery" and reconnect with your CPAAA and APD family through the MANY upcoming volunteer opportunities!

We are a community-oriented service organization. OUR core mission is... to support the APD by volunteerism, to offer a helping hand to our community to improve our quality of life, and to assist in projects that are meaningful, rewarding experiences for our community – this is the **heart and soul of our group!**

As we expand our volunteer opportunities, your CPAAA Board is looking for dynamic, energetic, and dedicated members to join our newly created Events Team. This progressive team will be an integral and essential part of the CPAAA!

As we break for summer, I wish everyone a safe, fun-filled, relaxing, and exciting couple of months ahead! Although we won't officially meet as a group again until August, I truly hope to see you over the summer months! We will stay connected with you via email and social media and as always, feel free to email any of your board members with questions on how to get involved over the summer.



May Guest Speaker...

Our guest speaker for May will be Investigator Chris Coronado of the Critical Intelligence Incident Center (CIIC) Unit. CIIC was a vision initiated by our former chief, Kristen Ziman. After giving a brief overview of the unit members are scheduled to get a tour of the CIIC Unit.

April Guest Speaker Recap...

Our guest speaker for April was FBI Agent Dave Bemer. Dave Bemer is an FBI Special Agent for the Criminal Gang Unit and former Aurora APD. Agent Bemer shared some of his experiences working to fight gangs and drugs in the Chicagoland area. Recent target areas are the drug Fentanyl and Human Trafficking.

Very interesting to hear the good work being done.

Agent Bemer presented a patch from his work with CPD to CPAAA. President Adame accepted on behalf of the membership.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF
INTEREST:

**OUR NEXT
MEETING IS**

**Wednesday
May 11, 2022
At: 7:00 pm**

**Kristen Ziman
Community Room**

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Follow us on social media...

We are so excited we now have a Twitter and Instagram account. Just another way in moving the CPAAA forward.



Aurora IL CPAAA @AuroraILCPAAA

Our contact and moderator for these accounts is Laurie Cellini.



Aurora IL CPAAA auroraillcpaaa

If you have any questions or problems please contact her via e-mail at: lmcfinance93@comcast.net

CPAAA Events Team....

We are still in need of members who would like to be a part of the CPAAA Events Team, you'll assist in:

- ◆ Help solicit volunteers
- ◆ Keep volunteers informed about event details
- ◆ Communicate with other events team members to ensure event coverage and readiness
- ◆ Be the team lead/point person of selected volunteer events

Please email volunteering@cpaaa.net if you are interested.

Feed My Starving Children....

We still have a few spots open for Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in Aurora on **May 18th**. This is an awesome opportunity to work along side some of our C.O.P officers, at FMSC, where we'll be packing meals that will be distributed to communities all over the world.

- ◆ **Date: May 18, 2022**
- ◆ Location: 555 Exchange Drive, Aurora, IL
- ◆ Arrival time: Meet at 6:45 pm in the parking lot, please be on time
- ◆ Here is the link to sign up. <https://www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=KL0274>
- ◆ If you are able to participate or have any questions email Veronica at: president@cpaaa.net

Upcoming Events/Volunteer Opportunities....



- ◆ 5/10 Police Week Memorial - Mooseheart
- ◆ 5/11 SRT Training
- ◆ 5/14 Police Week Memorial
- ◆ 5/18 Feed My Starving Children
- ◆ 5/22 Power Test
- ◆ 5/26 Decision Door
- ◆ **5/30 *Memorial Day Parade***
- ◆ 6/2 APD Recognition Ceremony
- ◆ 6/9 Summer Gala
- ◆ 6/15 Tentative—Coffee& Cones with a COP
- ◆ 7/19 APPO Golf Outing
- ◆ TBD RiverEdge

***Still open for additional volunteers**

Other Information...

Class Ambassadors (Non-board)

3/31/2022 Robert Pellegrini	Brenda Roydson
4/7/2022 Gail Strzelczyk	Rebecca Roman
4/14/2022 Mar-Alice Bier	Robert Gil
4/21/2022 Carolyn Schur	Mary-Ellen Bender
4/28/2022 Elana Newkirk	Janine Arriola
5/5/2022 Gail Strzelczyk	Sabrina Peyton

Traffic Stops 4/28

Amy	Dermott
Arely	Ocon
Gail	Strzelczyk
Laurie	Cellini
Sharissa	McQueen
Symone	Barnes
Terra	Barnes



Gail	Strzelczyk
Jose Jesus	Cervantes
Joseph	Eaton
Martha	Smith
Nancy	Weil
Nicholas	Schraufnagel
Paul	Svensen
Rebecca	Reyes-Roman
Robert	Gil
Rose	Hettinger
Roxanne	Klejna
Sharissa	McQueen
Terry	Griffin

APD Appreciation Day - Dessert Donations 5/6/2022

Gail	Strzelczyk
Jaclyn	Janor
Louise	VanAndel
Mary-Alice	Bier
Nancy	Weil
Sabrina	Peyton
Tracy	Ruff
Patricia	Demertath



CONDOLENCES/GET WELL—Our condolence to Frances Berg on the loss of her husband.

If you or anyone in the Alumni has suffered an illness or loss of someone in their life, please let Janice Lindley know so we can acknowledge them in our newsletter.

..The Citizen Police Academy Alumni of Aurora is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. Our mission is to promote and enhance the relationship between the community and the Aurora Police Department through continuing law enforcement education of our members and the community, supporting and promoting special projects that strengthen the services provided by the Aurora Police Department, and assisting the Aurora Police Department in specific projects.

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CPAAA Calendar

Dates are approximate and are subject to change as information becomes available

Event	Date (if known)	Comments	Sta- tus
2022	ALL FUTURE EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS (IF ANY)		
APD Employee of Year Ceremony		Members asked to assist at the event	
CPA Spring Practicals	Traffic Stops—4/28 Decision Door—5/26	Members help with traffic stop and other classes as needed. You can be as bad or good as you want to be.	
CPA Spring Graduation	6/2	Members help serve pizza at graduation & encourage graduates to join our organization	
NCPAA Conference	CANCELLED TILL 2023	CPAAA pays registration for two Board members, one at large member as well as two Officers	
Police Week			
Breakfast with Champions (formerly Cop on Top)		Members help officers collect donations for Special Olympics at various Dunkin Donut locations	
Police Week Memorial	5/10	Mooseheart—Members assist where needed at memorial service.	
SRT Training	5/11		
Feed My Starving Children	5/18		
Memorial Day Parade	5/30	Members help assist in traffic control	
CPAAA Fundraising BBQ			
Summer Gala	June 9	1 E. Benton Bottom Floor—start 6:00 pm	
4th of July Parade/Fireworks	July 4	Members assist in traffic control. If CPAAA has a float, members will ride or walk alongside.	
APPO Golf Outing		Members sell closest to the hole chances and assist with the outing, also teams of four will be formed	
RiverEdge	Various dates	Members assist RiverEdge Park employees with entrance gate staffing at various functions	
Annual Car Wash	August—TBD		
CPA Fall Practicals		Members help with traffic stop and other classes as needed. You can be as bad or good as you want to be.	
CPA Fall Graduation		Members help serve pizza at graduation and encourage graduates to join our organization	
Winter Lights Celebration	11/18		
General Member Meetings	WED MAY 11	August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8	
Annual Holiday Party		TBD	
APD Tree Setup & Takedown		APD Tree Setup December 4, 2022; APD Tree Take Down January 7, 2023	