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President's Message...



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Greetings CPAAA! Board elections are right around the corner!

The Aurora Police Department, all of our officers, and the City of Aurora depend on US for continual positive support and dedication. If you would like to take your membership to the next level, please consider joining this dynamic board!

If you are interested and want to learn more, please contact me directly at: president@cpaaa.net

CPAAA Board positions up for election include: 1st Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Communications Coordinator.

As a member of the CPAAA board, you'll help to shape and influence the organization alongside your fellow board members.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF
INTEREST:

**OUR NEXT
MEETING IS**

**TUESDAY
September 13, 2022
At: 7:00 pm**

**Kristen Ziman
Community Room**

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August Meeting Recap..

Our August meeting consisted of a surprise visit from Officer Townsend. Followed by a brief business meeting and then off to the APD Range for an exercise in Shoot/Don't Shoot. Participates got to experience scenarios where officers have to decide in a split second "Do I Shoot or Don't Shoot".

September Guest Speaker..

Our guest speaker will be Mike McTighe from C.O.P.S. (<https://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/>).

Brief overview of C.O.P.S. Each year, between 140 and 160 officers are killed in the line of duty and their families and co-workers are left to cope with the tragic loss. C.O.P.S. provides resources to help them rebuild their shattered lives.

C.O.P.S. was organized in 1984 with 110 individual members, programs for survivors include the National Police Survivors' Conference held each May during National Police Week, scholarships, peer-support at the national, state, and local levels, "C.O.P.S. Kids" counseling reimbursement program, the "C.O.P.S. Kids" Summer Camp, "C.O.P.S. Teens" Outward Bound Adventure for young adults, special retreats for spouses, parents, siblings, adult children, extended family, and co-workers, trial and parole support, and other assistance programs.

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*Share with your family and friends! All proceeds benefit the APD.
Thank you for your support!*



Thank You To Our Volunteers...

**National Night Out
8/2/2022**

Veronica	Adame
Gretchen	Ashley
Mary Ellen	Bender
Laurie	Cellini
Julie	Chandler
Rosa	Cruz
Rebecca	Reyes-Roman
Carolyn	Schur
Amanda	Sidhu
Ronny	Sidhu
Sharon	Slaughter
Renee	Williams
Brent	Wilson

**First Fridays | Stolp Block Party
8/5/2022**

Veronica	Adame
Mary Ellen	Bender
Mike	Buchenauer
Jay	Short
David	Suydam
Penny	Suydam

**RiverEdge | I Love the 90s
8/7/2022**

Veronica	Adame
Craig	Bonifas
Mike	Buchenauer
Laurie	Cellini
Amy	Dermott
Robert	Gil
Sharissa	McQueen
Dawn	Mowka
Sabrina	Peyton
Keith	Ritchel
Leticia	Ruiz
Gail	Strzelczyk
Renee	Williams

**APD SRT Training
8/9/2022**

Gretchen	Ashley
Amy	Dermott
Josephine	Gehler
Cheryl	Gerstrung (Creed)
Robert	Kowalski
Bruce	Langele
Sharissa	McQueen
Dawn	Pellegrini
Amanda	Sidhu
Roshell	Singleton
Sharon	Slaughter

**RiverEdge | Fitz & the Tantrums
8/12/2022**

Veronica	Adame
Deb	Bell
Stacy	Bellack
Mike	Buchenauer
Amy	Dermott
Lilian	Garesche
Sharissa	McQueen
Keith	Ritchel
Gail	Strzelczyk

**Cop on a Rooftop
8/19/2022**

Veronica	Adame
Deb	Bell
Mary Ellen	Bender
Mary-Alice	Bier
Laurie	Cellini
Julie	Chandler
Sharissa	McQueen
Sabrina	Peyton
Keith	Ritchel
David	Suydam

**RiverEdge | Get the Led Out
8/19/2022**

Veronica	Adame
Mike	Buchenauer
Janet	Dellorto
Lilian	Garesche
John	Jerrard
Sharissa	McQueen
Sabrina	Peyton
Carolyn	Schur
Jay	Short
Gail	Strzelczyk

**RiverEdge | Boz Scaggs
8/20/2022**

Mary Ellen	Bender
Mike	Buchenauer
Robert	Gil
Christopher	Lanoue
Sharissa	McQueen
Amanda	Sidhu
Gail	Strzelczyk
Dennis	Wowra

**RiverEdge | Tusk
8/26/2022**

Veronica	Adame
Deb	Bell
Mary Ellen	Bender
Mike	Buchenauer
Lilian	Garesche
Robert	Gil
John	Jerrard
Bruce	Langele
Sharissa	McQueen
Keith	Ritchel
Carolyn	Schur
Gail	Strzelczyk

**Alley Art Fest
8/27/2022**

Yesenia	Cervantes	Dawn	Mowka
Julie	Chandler	Delma	Navar
Josephine	Gehler	Carolyn	Schur
LaShon	Harden		



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity...

Hello CPAAA Family, below you will find a list of upcoming volunteer opportunities. If you are able to help please email Laurie at: eventcoord@cpaaa.net Just let her know which one.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- 9/13: Spanish Traffic Stops (APD)
- 9/15: English Traffic Stops (APD)
- 9/17: Fiestas Patrias (RiverEdge)
- 9/18: Fiestas Patrias (RiverEdge)
- 9/24 RTA
- 10/1: Community Hero Day (Aurora Fire Museum)
- 10/8: Faith & Blue (APD)
- 10/18: Spanish Decision Door (APD)

Board Elections...

Don't forget, the following positions are up for nominations for 2023-2024. (January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2024)

- ◆ First Vice President, Communications Coordinator and Secretary

You must meet the criteria set forth by the bylaws in order to be eligible for nomination. For more information on eligibility requirements and a brief description of the position you can go to our website at: <http://www.cpaaa.net/cpaaa-bylaws/>



If you are interested in any position and you have not already done so please contact Veronica Adame via email at: president@cpaaa.net

RTA Outing Save the Date...

Save the date for September 24, 2022 from 8:00 am—4:00 pm as we join RTAurora.org (Rebuild Together Aurora) for a day of service on Aurora's far east side! Tasks will include outdoor repairs, light carpentry, painting, landscaping and other tasks to help a disabled senior in need. No experience is needed.

Rebuilding Together Aurora is a safe and healthy housing organization that provides homeowners in need with critical home repairs, home safety modifications, and energy efficiency upgrades. Rebuilding Together Aurora's work helps to preserve homes and rebuild communities by arming volunteers with hammers, paint brushes, and connecting them with qualified homeowners in need. So if you are able to volunteer please email Laurie at: eventcoord@cpaaa.net.

Annual Holiday Party...



That's right the time is approaching for our Annual Holiday Party. Details are still being worked out but we can tell you:

Venue is changing and the board and committee cant wait. So save the date: **Tuesday, December 13th.**

More details as they become available.

Other Information September Birthdays...



**Happy Birthday to
those who celebrated
or
celebrate their birth-
day in September...**

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|------------|------------|
| Peter | Aguilera |
| Alyssa Rae | Andrews |
| Vikram | Baid |
| Stacy | Bellack |
| Frances | Berg |
| Kevin | Bishop |
| Velia | Campos |
| Beth | Carter |
| Joseph | Fuentes |
| Suzette | Griffin |
| Stephen | Hanafin |
| Lashon | Harden |
| David | Hoefener |
| Laura | Juarez |
| Joseph | Mendoza |
| Rodrigo | Menendez |
| Robert | Pellegrini |
| Bonnie | Rieser |
| Brenda | Roysdon |
| Carlos | Villarreal |

CONDOLENCES/GET WELL—*Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends of any member who may be ill or has suffered a loss.* 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	Status
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.	DONE
CPA Spring Graduation	6/2	Members help serve pizza at graduation & encourage graduates to join our organization	DONE
NCPAA Conference	CANCELLED TILL 2023	CPAAA pays registration for two Board members, one at large member as well as two Officers	
Police Week			DONE
Breakfast with Champions (formerly Cop on Top)		Members help officers collect donations for Special Olympics at various Dunkin Donut locations	DONE
Police Week Memorial	5/10	Mooseheart—Members assist where needed at memorial service.	DONE
SRT Training	5/11 & 7/13		DONE
Feed My Starving Children	5/18		DONE
Memorial Day Parade	5/30	Members help assist in traffic control	DONE
CPAAA Fundraising BBQ	CANCELLED		
Summer Gala	June 9	1 E. Benton Bottom Floor—start 6:00 pm	DONE
4th of July Parade/Fireworks	July 4	Members assist in traffic control.	DONE
APPO Golf Outing	July 14	Members sell closest to the hole chances and assist with the outing, also teams of four will be formed	DONE
RiverEdge	Various dates	Members assist RiverEdge Park employees with entrance gate staffing at various functions	DONE
Annual Car Wash	CANCELLED		
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	Tuesday, September 13	October 11, November 8	
Annual Holiday Party	December 13th	TBD	
APD Tree Setup & Takedown		APD Tree Setup December 4, 2022; APD Tree Take Down January 7, 2023	