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Can You Hear It? That Whisper From The South... Baton Rouge, Louisiana Is Calling Our Name: NCPAA 2011 Conference



by: **Richard Powers**
NCPAA President

Due to unforeseen difficulties, the National Citizens Police Academy Association (NCPAA) Board of Directors has granted the request by JEFFCO CA3 (Golden, Colorado) 2011 Conference Committee to accept

their motion for termination and cancellation as the 2011 NCPAA Host Conference Site.

All previous registered attendees having made reservations for the terminated Colorado site will have the option to request a full refund and to apply their payment to the Baton Rouge, LA. authorized 2011 NCPAA Conference Committee. A great partnership has again been established with the Gulf States RCPI organization to present all new and refreshing conference workshops and social networking opportunities.

As the 2011 National NCPAA Conference will be taking place in Baton Rouge, LA., in following the NCPAA Bylaws, below are the official functions and activities that will take place:

- *The only authorized NCPAA General Membership Meeting
- *The National Board of Directors Elections
- *All National Awards for CPA Coordinators and Alumni Organizations
- *National CPA Coordinators Certification Exam
- *National CPA Coordinator Update Course (NEW)



- *Sworn and Alumni Open Forum Planning Discussions for the Future
- *No NCPAA Board Member will be available nor NCPAA sponsored activities will take place in Golden, Colorado. No other modification of our acronym "NCPAA" is legally or ethically recognized.

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Graduated Citizens Academy Classes



Dickinson (Texas) Citizens Police Academy Class 20



Leon County (Florida) Sheriff's Office CA Class 22 and 23





Okay, now with that settled, what should you and I expect from this conference? Let me outline some of the ideas that have been developed from a few previous conference evaluations. If you thought the work-

shops were good the last couple of years, wait until to you see our new agenda...

CPA Coordinator National Certification

If you look forward to attaining your national accreditation as a CPA coordinator, a new updated format will be presented.

CPA Coordinator Update Course

ALL NEW: For those currently certified as CPA coordinators, every three years you will need to become re-certified. An update course focusing on specialized updated materials was researched and

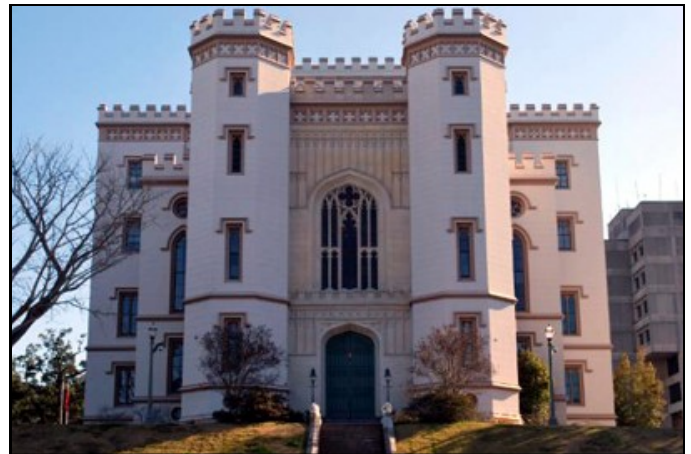


created into presentations for internal discussions. Some of the areas that will be highlighted for this class are:
*Liability issues faced by CPA Coordinators.

- *Total applicant selection criteria (gathered from several coordinators).
- *Budgeting issues from a personnel needs view.
- *Funding sources from out of the box thinking and partnerships.

Open Forum For All Attendees

For both Law Enforcement officers and all attending Alumni/Community Members, we will be carrying forward the highly rated Open Forum Session from the 2010 NCPAA Conference. In evaluating this (morning and afternoon session) spontaneous question and answer forum, it was evident that:
*No national or local issue was disregarded from open discussion.
*Open air questions were posed to your National Board of Directors.



- *With agreement by all, each participant voluntarily signed an e-mail list for future contact by all attendees. This list has been used by many since the conclusion of the past conference.
- *Provide new workshop offerings in areas requested by past attendees.

Main Goal- To Make The NCPAA Conference Affordable For Attendees

- *Early registration is set at \$185.00.
- *Successful negotiation of a free breakfast and lunch with every paid host site Holiday Inn Hotel room for each conference attendee. (See hotel information on back page).

For registration, please locate the hard copy application included in this newsletter for processing from your agency or personal payment.

All of us are looking forward to this 2011 NCPAA conference. Your Board of Directors and our GSRCP partners look forward to welcoming you in Baton Rouge. By the way, the Southern Style Seafood Boil being planned will go great with your poolside social networking.

In the Spotlight...

“In the spotlight” highlights the curriculums of CPA programs being conducted around the nation. It appears in each issue of the NCPAA newsletter to assist agencies interested in starting up a CPA program, as well as to help CPA coordinators enhance a program already in place.

Alumni associations may also find topics of interest for continuing education classes. Together, we can learn from one another and make a difference in our communities!

The Fort Myers Police Department Citizens Police Academy

by: Shannon Northorp
Fort Myers Police Department

The Fort Myers (Florida) Police Department Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is offered free of charge to the citizens of Southwest Florida, 18 years of age and older. Applicants that live and/or work within the City of Fort Myers receive priority over applicants that do not. The CPA provides citizens with a better understanding of police functions and a greater insight to police practices and services. Citizen involvement is vital in ensuring that we meet our goal in becoming one of the top 100 safest cities in Florida.



Participants meet one night a week from 6pm-9pm for 10 weeks. Additionally, Saturday elective classes are offered for a complete hands-on experience! All the instructors are sworn personnel and civilian employees who are very knowledgeable in the topic of discussion.

During the 10 weeks participants learn about: History of the department, Receive a tour of the Police Department by the Explorers and Kids are Our

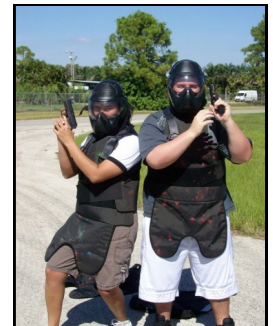


Primary Source (KOPS), Professional Standards Bureau, COMPSTAT, Crime Prevention, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), Use of Force, Officer Safety (have the opportunity to search “perpetrator” for weapons), Crime Scene (have the opportunity to process evidence for prints), Criminal Investigation, Communications/Dispatch (have the opportunity to listen to previous 911 calls), Critical Incident Negotiation Team (have the opportunity to negotiate with a “hostage”), Narcotics, Search and Seizure, K-9 Unit (have the opportunity to get bit with the sleeve on), Traffic Unit (have the opportunity to “submit” to a sobriety test), School Resource Officers and Grampa Cops, Juvenile Arrest and Monitoring (JAM) Unit, Gang Unit, Code Enforcement, Community Of-

fender Probation and Education (COPE) Unit, Community Policing, Community Relations/Media (have the opportunity to be interviewed by the media in reference to a “crime scene”), Volunteer Opportunities at the Department, Police Chaplain Services and Victim Advocacy.



Additionally, the Saturday electives consist of: Marine Unit (have the opportunity to go out on the Marine Patrol boat), Driving 101 (have the opportunity to drive a police car), SWAT and Simmunitions (have the opportunity to shoot non-lethal weapons and Simmunitions) and Firearm Training Simulator (FATS) (have the opportunity to go through the FATS training).



At the conclusion of the 10 weeks, participants that attended a minimum of 21 hours of class time

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Alumni Corner

“Alumni Corner” highlights the activities and programs of Citizens Police Academy Alumni Associations from around the world. If your alumni has an event, program or information that you would like to share — please forward your information to the NCPAA Newsletter Publisher.

Remember, knowledge is power. And together, the NCPAA is all powerful!

Central Ohio Cops and Kids Day

by: Carol Hribar
NCPAA Board Director

The Westerville (Ohio) Division of Police and Westerville Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association held the Central Ohio Cops and Kids Day event on Sunday September 12, 2010. The estimated attendance was 4000 people. We had 30 agencies represented at Hoff Woods Park which consisted of uniform patrol cars, DARE vehicles, the SWAT team, horses, K-9 dogs, the Bomb Squad, Homeland



Security and 2 helicopters (Med Flight and Highway Patrol).

The first 1500 children who came through the main entrance received a lunch bag (Cops and Kids Day logo on it) filled with coupons and tickets for the day’s events. Everything that day was free for the children because of our community’s gracious donations.

There were toys, hot dog meals (which included a hot dog, bag of chips, cookie, fruit snack and can of

soda) which were all donated by our large grocery stores.

Some of the activities for the day were having cotton candy served, tattoos, face painting, digital



fingerprinting, SWAT dress up pictures, a dunk tank (dunk –a-cop) and we had voting to choose everyone’s favorite police cruiser and DARE vehicle. There were also huge blow up toys that the children could jump and play on.

Westerville has been hosting this event since 2001 when asked by Whitehall Ohio if we would like to take over this event. We had approximately 100 volunteers that day helping to make it a great success. The event could not have been a success without the support of our community and our volunteers. Thanks to all of you!

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take part in a graduation ceremony. The graduation ceremony consists of: the presenting of the colors; singing of the National Anthem; Keynote Speaker; Slideshow presentation of pictures that were taken throughout the academy; and the presentation of the certificates. Chief Douglas E. Baker takes pride in providing the graduates with a formal ceremony in which he can personally recognize each participant with a certificate of completion and thanking them for their interest and involvement with the department.

Graduates are encouraged to continue their involvement by volunteering with the department and/or applying for an exciting career opportunity. Many of our graduates are taking part in our brand new **Volunteers In Police Services (VIPS)** program. This is a great way to keep them active and involved not only with the department but within the community as well.

NCPAA Awards Guidelines

The National Citizens Police Academy Association (NCPAA) has had the distinct privilege and honor of recognizing many members, law enforcement agencies and CPA alumni associations through its awards program. This program was adopted in 1998 in order to create a process by which NCPAA members could be officially recognized for outstanding programs, performance and or exemplary service.

Initiating Recommendation for Awards:

Any NCPAA member may recommend another member or group for consideration of an award. The recommendation must be in writing and cite accomplishments, statements, and any other information that will assist in reviewing the recommendation. The individual or group recommended for the award must be, or have been an active member of the NCPAA for the fiscal year that is the basis for the award recommendation. All recommendations must be addressed to the conference host city for that year. The actual mailing information will be posted in the NCPAA newsletter and on our Web site.



Consideration Period:

Presentation of awards will take place at the annual conference. In order to process and prepare them in a timely manner prior to the conference, the yearly consideration period will be from April 1st of the previous year to March 31st of the conference year.

Recommendation Review:

Two copies of each award recommendation must be forwarded to the conference host city for that fiscal year. No videotapes, please! The actual mailing information will be posted in the NCPAA newsletter and on our Web site. During a regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the conference host city awards

committee, committee members will review all recommendations by examining the recommendation, accomplishments, statements and all other related information that was submitted. The committee will make a recommendation based upon their review as to the merits of the individual, agency or organization and a concurrence or non-concurrence with the recommendation. The awards committee will then vote to accept the final recommendation of the individual, agency or alumni association most worthy of receiving the award, based on the recommendation and paperwork submitted.

On rare occasions, these awards may be given to multiple individuals and/or groups based upon the merits of the recommendation presented to the committee. However, these awards are not to be given, just to be given. If there are no nominations or the nominations do not live up to the expectations of the committee, then no awards will be presented in that year.

The review and consideration given to each award recommendation by the conference host city's awards committee is a painstaking process. There have been some questions raised in the past by members who submitted recommendations that were not selected for official presentation/recognition by the association. This is not because the individual, agency or association in question did not perform in an exemplary manner or is not deserving of recognition but, typically, it is because another individual, agency or organization exceeded the criteria required for that particular award category. Each year, there are numerous examples of individuals, agencies and associations conducting themselves in an outstanding manner in promoting the CPA concept and volunteerism on almost a daily basis. The National Citizens Police Academy Association's Awards program was initiated specifically for recognizing those individuals, law enforcement agencies and CPA alumni associations that perform in a truly outstanding manner.

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NCPAA Award Categories:

CPA Coordinator of the Year

Awarded to an NCPAA member who has individually made a truly outstanding contribution and/or achievement contributing to the efficiency, effectiveness and/or overall success of a Citizen Police Academy program by consistently performing their duties with outstanding skill, productivity, judgment and responsibility on a regular basis.

Agency of the Year

Awarded to an NCPAA member's police department or public safety agency for outstanding efforts in conducting a Citizen Police Academy program and promoting the CPA concept. Citizens Police Academy programs being conducted around the nation are one of the most powerful tools in educating, informing, and involving those the police department serves. The focus and aim of the citizen police academy must allow citizens to become familiar with the day to day operations of the police department, and enable participants to gain a better understanding of the policies and procedures of the agency, the law, local ordinances, and charter which govern and mandate the operations of the police department, engaging them in hands-on activities that allow participants to gain a working knowledge of actual policing tactics and risks.

CPA Alumni Member of the Year

Awarded to an NCPAA member who has individually made a truly outstanding contribution and/or achievement contributing to the efficiency, effectiveness and/or overall success of a Citizen Police Academy alumni association by consistently performing their duties with outstanding skill, productivity, judgment and responsibility on a regular basis.

CPA Alumni Association of the Year

Awarded to an NCPAA member's alumni association for outstanding efforts in a variety of activities and/or events that assist and benefit the police department and community as a whole. With rising concern about violence, drugs and crime, it is important to note that citizen partnerships with the police are increasingly being viewed as the most effective way to safeguard lives, neighborhoods and cities. Alumni associations ensure that the partnerships that

Florida Citizens Police Academy Association Conference Coming!

The Florida Citizens Police Academy Association (FCPAA) is pleased to present the Sixth Annual CPA and Police Volunteer Training Conference on February 23-25, 2011. If you are a CPA Coordinator, Volunteer Program Coordinator, CPA Association Member or Police Volunteer with an interest in improving your program, then this conference is for you.



The FCPAA is dedicated to providing an affordable training opportunity within the State of Florida for those individuals responsible for police-community partnerships. In addition to excellent training topics, this conference serves as a great opportunity for attendees to network with other individuals with a common interest in advancing police – community partnerships. We are packing a vast amount of information into three short days.

This event will be hosted by the Citrus County Sheriff's Office and held at The Plantation Golf Resort & Spa in Crystal River. Please see the FCPAA website at <http://fcpaa.org/> for more information.

develop between the police department and citizens during the Citizen Police Academy program continue long after graduation day.

Nominate your deserving person or organization for their excellence and commitment. Please submit on one page, the name of the person or organization, their title and the reason that they should be selected. Due date is April 3, 2011. Please send nomination form enclosed in this newsletter to either:

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of Louisiana**

**For more information on the upcoming training
conference, please visit the NCPAA website at
<http://www.nationalcpaa.org/>**

Get Published!

The NCPAA Newsletter Committee welcomes all articles and information relative to CPA and/or alumni programs being conducted around the nation.

The NCPAA Newsletter is published in March, June, September and December. Publication of submitted materials are subject to review and space availability. Article deadline is the tenth day of the month prior to the month of publication.

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