



# Denton Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Newsletter



## Volunteer Hours

Goal: **4,000 Hrs**



**3310.75 Hrs**

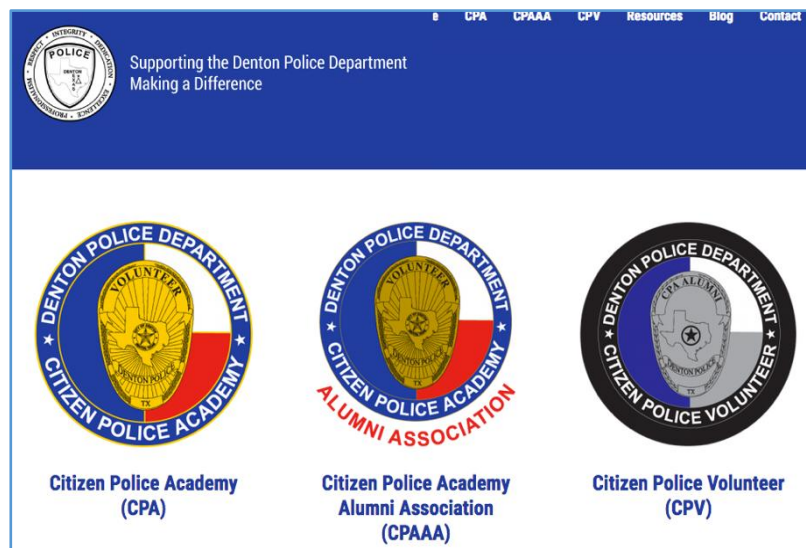
***Remember to log in your volunteer hours!***

[www.DentonCPAAA.org](http://www.DentonCPAAA.org)



Log in to Track it Forward on the new website. Log all your volunteer hours for the year. Our goal is to reach 4,000 hours, and as of 6/23/2017, we have logged **3310.75**. This is TERRIFIC!! We are on track to meet and exceed our goal for the year. A big thank you to all the volunteers! Some of us have not yet logged hours that we have volunteered. Please do so as soon as possible.

## Website



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## Events Report

### Presentation at General Meeting

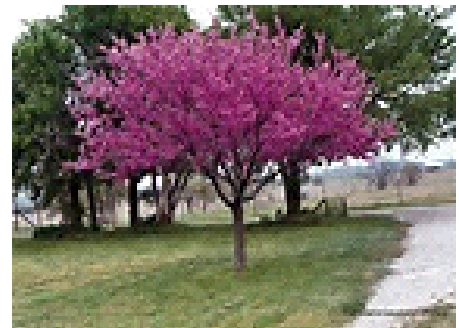
At the April General Meeting, we had a presentation by Cindy Ledosma, Stacy Estrada, and Shannon Brown. They are all members of the group that plan and present the Dallas 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. This is an annual tribute to fallen public safety officers. They told of all the numbers of volunteers that participate each year, and they explained how the event was planned and finally accomplished. Volunteers work for months before the actual event in September. It is an event that brings police officers, firefighters, EMS responders, and some actual first responders from 9/11, 2001, to pay tribute to fallen first responders and remind the world that they will never be forgotten. Every September 11, thousands gather at the Renaissance Tower in Dallas. Each participant wears the name and a picture of a counterpart that was killed on 9/11/01. They ascend 110 stories, then descend those same 110 stories, which is the number of stories climbed by the first responders on 9/11/01.



They asked us to pass on information to our officers, firefighters, etc. that might be interested in participating this year. They also let us know that any of us could become involved as a volunteer. Clarice Luce, who was responsible for providing this program, gave the presenters a Certificate of Appreciation.

### Redbud Festival

The CPAAA was represented at the Denton Redbud Festival, on April 22, by our booth, manned by several volunteers throughout the day. We sold quite a few Back the Blue t-shirts and hats. The unseasonal weather was not cooperative that Saturday. It was very windy, chilly, and that discouraged many people from coming to the Festival. The decision was made to close early. There is always next year!



### CPA Graduation

The spring class of the CPA graduated on April 24. The CPAAA was there to congratulate the approximately 26 graduates and recruit new members for the CPAAA. We provided snacks, sweets, and drinks for the new graduates. Thank you, Bonnie and Vern for the cake with the CPA insignia. A new CPA class will begin in September.

## Denton Arts & Jazz Festival



The Denton Arts and Jazz Festival was held April 28-30 at Quakertown Park. As usual, it was a smashing success. The CPAAA booth was very busy. We sold over \$1000 of Back the Blue t-shirts and hats over the three days, and we sold out of our license plate frames! We gave away water to those thirsty souls who stopped

at our booth. Parents were found who belonged to a few children who were lost near our booth. There were lots and lots of small handouts for kids and a few interested adults. The volunteers were numerous, and we were never understaffed.

Thanks to all our volunteers for making this another successful JazzFest for the CPAAA. Thanks also goes out to the Police Officers who patrolled the grounds, keeping everyone safe and discouraging any mischief.

## Denton Police Department Awards & Appreciation Banquet

The 100 Club Awards Banquet was held at the Student Union at UNT this year. The room and décor were beautiful, and the food was spectacular. It was a truly lovely affair. The CPAAA was represented by sixteen of our members.



This banquet is made possible by donors who give \$100 or more. The room was full to overflowing with guests. There was also a silent auction, which allows the 100 Club to receive more funds. The donations that are made during the year go to our Denton Police officers who find themselves in need of assistance. Many find that need when injured on the job.



One of our very own members, Wayne Grissom, was named Denton Police Department Volunteer of the Year. Yay, Wayne! We are proud of you and the time you give to help in any and every way at the Police Department. Thank you, Chief Howell, all the other officers represented that evening, and all the officers who could not attend. We appreciate you.

Thank you, Jayne Howell!!!

## Faith Based Crime Prevention Conference

The Faith Based Conference had very good attendance this year. It was held at The Mill, a satellite building of Denton Bible Church on May 20. There were approximately 135 attendees from many different churches and faith organizations. The conference focused on safeguarding our places of worship. The CPAAA volunteers registered attendees, sold t-shirts and hats, and helped out where needed. Several speakers described the strategies used by their churches, to safeguard, not only the sanctuaries, but the entire church grounds. They answered questions and gave examples. The information shared was valuable, and it was well received.

Thank you to Cartwright's for providing hot breakfast for all attending.

## June General Meeting at R.T.'s

We had very good attendance at our June General Meeting. We ate and enjoyed each other's company instead of conducting a business meeting. The CPAAA voted to have a business meeting every other month, and a social meeting in between. Our next social meeting will be in August, and we are open for suggestions. We would like to support our local businesses when possible.



**WANT TO HELP WITH THE SKY TOWER??**

Contact Officer Bryan Cose

[Bryan.Cose@cityofdenton.com](mailto:Bryan.Cose@cityofdenton.com)

## BACK THE BLUE

Sales are still going strong for our t-shirts, caps, and jackets. You may purchase them at any of our events or the Police Training Center.

T-shirts: SS, LS, and Youth  
Hats



## Upcoming Events

**(Check the Calendar for more info and to sign up to volunteer)**

September

- Public Safety Day (Fire Dept)
- Arts, Antiques, and Autos

October

- CPAAA Banquet
- Fall Range Day

November – December

- Holiday Tree Lighting

December

- City Council Meeting declaring Officer Appreciation Day
- Officer Appreciation Day

## Board Of Directors 2017

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A big “Thank You” to Betty Peters for taking on the VP of Membership office!

## Contact Information

If you would like to share some information in the newsletter, please send it to Melissa Grissom [grissomel@yahoo.com](mailto:grissomel@yahoo.com) by September 25th for inclusion in the next newsletter, October 2017.