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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR STATE BOARD

As we begin the year 2007 it seems that each one of our CPA Organizations has been very busy .

NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 6TH IN BUFFALO

Across the state we have found out:

Dickinson funded their Blue Santa program in partnership with their VFW and on Dec. 9 the Alumni is hosted their Office/Alumni Christmas party/dinner.

Down in Webster, they donated \$500 to needy families in Webster for kid's Christmas gifts as well as \$2000 for additional gym equipment for their officers.

A busy time of the year for Houston CPAAA. Nov 30 and Dec 1-2 found their members co-sponsoring the annual Comida (Food) Drive conducted at 19 Houston Fiesta stores. This resulted in the collection of over \$49,000 cash as well as many boxes of non-perishable foods. Funds were used to purchase food. Alumni members then assisted in boxing the food and the distribution. Group holiday party Dec 7 was at the ARAMCO Services Building. A potluck dinner was enjoyed by members who brought unwrapped gifts for the Houston Police Department Blue Santa program. Fondren Division was the recipient, represented by two officers and a lieutenant. Their chief, Harold Hurtt recovering from major surgery was represented by two executive assistant chiefs, two assistant chiefs and Officer Lance Ediger, liaison officer.

Lake Jackson CPAAA Christmas candy sales netted \$264. Project Identification is complete for this year. They will be trying to schedule assisted living care centers after the first of the year. CPA Class 25 graduated at the Civic Center, and LJCPAAA prepared the dinner (these folks can cook). LJPD Officer Jeremy Burch was honored as Officer of the Year, and Laura Brandes was Volunteer of the Year. LJCPAAA participated in the Blue Santa Program at the PD. Disabled Parking Program continues. Christmas Party was held at President Burke's home on December 15th.

Wichita Falls Citizens Police Academy Assoc is had a Pot Luck supper at their Police Training Facility on Thursday 14 Dec 06. They are having a great year and are currently raising money to help the Dept purchase another Drug dog.

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Richmond CPAA along with the Richmond PD helped sponsor "Santa Behind the Badge." The CPAA sponsored a dinner for the needy in their community. Besides the dinner the Richmond PD provided toys for the needy children with Santa (played by one of the members) and food bags were provided also. It was a big event as this is the only Christmas those children have. They enjoyed both the dinner and the gifts and Richmond is very happy that thru the fund raiser (golf tournament raiser (golf tournament) they are able to do this along with other projects for their community and their Police Department

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Pflugerville was active in the Blue Santa program with collection, sorting, wrapping and delivery. Their COP Christmas dinner December 8 and the 9th Pflugerville had a Christmas parade in which a number of COPs were used for crowd control, traffic control and were also in the parade in their vehicles. Blue Santa deliveries were on the 16th. This was the last of scheduled events for the COPs. Happy Holidays and Froliches Weinachten from Pflugerville

Deer Park CPAAA adopted a needy family. They donated \$150 in a gift card to Wal-Mart and collected toys and clothes for the children. One of their members delivered some toys dressed as Santa on his motorcycle. Their annual Christmas party was held on the 18th at Monument Inn with door prizes and lots of fun. Some of the members sold cookbooks for the holidays. The police officers, dispatchers, and jailers, who worked on Christmas day got a nice surprise. Along with their smoked turkey and side dishes, each one received a cup filled with candy canes, kisses and a packet of cocoa.

Galveston County CPAAA and Galveston County Sheriffs Association provided Christmas to the needy families in their area thru Deputy Clause Program, and delivered over 1,500 gifts and 150 bicycles with helmets beginning Dec 17th. West County Chapter provided a Fruit Basket along with holiday treats to the North County Building on December 23rd. There were deliveries to San Leon and Bacliff on the 17th, Dickinson and Santa Fe the 18th, and UTMB and Ronald McDonald House the 19th.. Sgt. O'Brian DSA Chair and Chip Goodman was Deputy Clause. Many volunteers participated. A significant cash donation that helped with purchases was made by BP in Texas City.

Bastrop CPAAA is a busy group during December beginning with the annual Christmas Dinner for the department on Dec 12th. They then monitor and patrol the Christmas Parade on Dec 9th. River of Lights beginning Dec 15 where they sell hot chocolate and glow sticks. The Christmas Candlelight Stroll takes place the 23rd. Taking care of needy families in the Bastrop area is one of the main items on the agenda for December. This busy group does double time during December all month.

Garden Ridge is another busy Group. They moved their PD to it's new home. Everyone is invited to see this facility in January at the Region Meeting on January 20th. Garden Ridge held it's first appreciation dinner this month, and invited the police department and their families, plus all the sponsors who have helped them financially. Each sponsor was presented with a plaque to say thank you for the support. The past retired Chief was also presented with a plaque for his support of the CPA and COP programs. Gifts were exchanged by everyone.

The Burleson CPAAA will be helped with the City's Christmas parade and fire works display on Dec 9th. They had their Christmas party on Dec 16th.

YOU ALL REALLY DO GOOD WORK AROUND OUR GREAT STATE