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**Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association**  
**Region One**  
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The October meeting will be held in Brenham on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. at the new Brenham Police Department, 1800 Longwood. From Houston on U.S. 290 take the Hwy. 389/Blinn exit. On Hwy. 389 go left across the overpass and continue straight ahead. (out of town). The “On Deck” Restaurant is on the right and the new PD, a large brick building, is on the left. Come early for refreshments.

The November meeting will be in Texas City.

***We hope you have made your plans to celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, October 6, 2009.***

**Members in good standing.** Members who have paid 2009 dues are Angleton, Brenham, Dickinson, Galveston, Galveston Sheriff, Harris County Constable Precinct 4, Houston, Humble, Kemah, Lake Jackson, Liberty County, Montgomery County Sheriff, Pasadena, Pearland, Richmond, Santa Fe, Sugar Land, Texas City, Webster and Individuals Calvin Walker, LaVonne Walker and Jeanne Canales. Your Association’s dues are \$30.00 for 2009. You may pay at any Region One meeting or mail to Georgie Benavides, 522 Cole Ave. W., Webster, Texas 77598-4902. Individual memberships are available for \$10.00 a year. If you haven’t paid your 2009 dues, you will not be in good standing and will not be eligible to vote.

**Schedule for 2009:**

January 10 - Angleton

February 14 – Lake Jackson

March 14 - Houston

April 18 - Dickinson (Note change from 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)

May 9 – Santa Fe

June 13 - Pearland

July 18 – Galveston (Note change from 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday)

August 8 – Sugar Land

September 12 – Montgomery County

October 10 - Brenham

November 14 – Texas City

December 12 – Humble

**UPCOMING EVENTS Send your upcoming events to [Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com](mailto:Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com) and they will be published. Somebody out there must be doing something. Send it in!!!**

A **trip to Coughatta Casino** has been scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup>, returning October 13<sup>th</sup>, from Angleton. This is sponsored by the Angleton CPAAA and all proceeds benefit the Angleton Police Officers. For information or to sign up, contact **Dottie Duby** at [dottie.duby@yahoo.com](mailto:dottie.duby@yahoo.com). or call 979-292-4109.

**Treasurer's Report** (submitted by Georgie Benavides):

Balance 7-31-09	\$2,098.39
No Receipts	
Disbursements:	
Printing and Postage	<u>63.97</u>
Balance 8-31-09	<u>\$2,034.42</u>
Scholarship Fund:	
Balance 7-31-09	\$4,916.60
Receipts:	
Proceeds from Raffle	<u>2,621.00</u>
No Disbursements	
Balance 7-31-09	<u>\$7,537.60</u>

**September Meeting.** The September meeting was on September 12<sup>th</sup> sponsored by the Montgomery County Sheriff Alumni. Sergeant John Sanchez of the Montgomery County Crisis Negotiation Team spoke on the duties of the team and other activities that they are participating in. A very interesting and informative presentation. A proposed slate of officers and director for 2010 was selected. President, Carroll Bagley, Liberty County; Vice President, Calvin Walker, Dickinson; Secretary, Mildred Deal, Liberty County and Treasurer LaVonne Walker, Dickinson. Richard Melvin of Dickinson agreed to serve another term as director. Co-Convention Chair, David Miller of Pearland gave a status report on plans for the convention. A tip of the Region One cap to the folks in Montgomery County for the hospitality and refreshments.

**ALUMNI NEWS**

*Send news to [m-deal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m-deal@sbcglobal.net) and to [charl.bill@yahoo.com](mailto:charl.bill@yahoo.com) via e-mail. You can send your news in for publication even if you aren't able to attend the meeting and present it there. We would like to know what is going on in your alumni association, but if you don't send it in, we won't know.*

**Brenham.** During September, the COPs worked at several events including the Washington County Fair where they directed traffic at the main intersection. The CPAAA is getting ready for National Nite Out on October 6th. Brenham has chosen the theme "70's" and everyone is looking for their old bell bottoms and peace sign necklaces. It should be a lot of fun. The Grand Opening for the new Police Department is set for October 27th. So you will be getting a sneak preview at the October 10th meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone there. *Reported by Chris Pieper*

**Dickinson.** The Student Police Academy class graduated on August 12 at a dinner in their honor. Class XVIII started on July 9. Our \$1000 scholarship was awarded recently at the High School. About ten members attended the State Convention July 30, 31, and Aug 1 in San Marcos and made \$310 off a raffle basket. We have 121 members (89 which have paid 2009-2010 dues), 1 associate member, and 6 honorary members. Awards were presented to members who worked at the PD after Hurricane Ike. At the State Convention, Dickinson won Alumni of the Year and Officer of the Year was won by our own Liaison Officer Tony Valdez. We are a very proud CPA! *Reported by Marilyn Decker*

**Galveston.** The Galveston CPAAA held it's first Prize Bingo at the American Legion Hall on Sunday, Sept 6th. We generated \$940 from our bingo, raffles and the sale of our excellent Mexican Dinners. The response from the community was so great we were asked to hold another bingo, which will take place on November 8th. All our proceeds are for the Kevlar vest replacement fund for our wonderful Galveston Police Officers. The CPAAA is also participating in a benefit concert on Sept 26th, featuring the Electric Theater Band. Proceeds benefit the CPAAA and a local scholarship fund. The month of October sees our members participating in our first Warrants Phone Bank. Also, on October 1st, the Galveston Police Department will roll out it's new Community Oriented Policing policy (COP) under Chief Charles Wiley. The Galveston CPAAA will be playing a roll in this new community oriented operation by assisting the GPD in community events, community involvement and expanding public awareness of the CPAAA's roll within the GPD. The Galveston CPA in conjunction with the Dickinson CPA will be holding a field trip to the Galveston County Jail. All CPAAA members in Region I are invited to participate. Please contact Sgt J Courtney of the Galv GPD at 409-765-3608 or Ofc Tony Valdez, Dickinson GPD at 713-337-4700 to sign up or for further information. *Reported by Cindi Rose*

**Galveston Fund Raiser.** The Galveston Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association had its first Bingo Prize Fundraiser Sunday at American Legion Post 20, in Galveston. The response was phenomenal, according to Cindi Rose, CPAAA President. Sponsors included The Police News, Pappas Restaurants, El Jardin Mexican Grill, Tony Brothers Towing, Galveston Cinema, and many others. The association raised \$940, proceeds to benefit the Galveston Police Dept's "Kevlar" vest replacement fund, which is the body armor worn by the officers. Due to the overwhelming response, another Bingo Fundraiser is being planned for November, 2009.  
*Courtesy, The Police News*

**Houston.** Houston elected new officers for the coming year at its meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. New officers are President, Larry Stegent; First Vice President Patti Kanakis; Second Vice President Lillian Jolliffe; Secretary Elizabeth Johnston; Treasurer Angie Johnson; Parliamentarian Jim Verges; Directors Robert Fash, Connie Savage and Kenneth Crenshaw. Houston Volunteers have participated in many activities in recent months including a barbecue fundraiser for injured officer Lloyd "Beaver" Morrison and a Child Abduction Response Team training session. Upcoming events include the Greenspoint Law Enforcement Expo and a golf tournament for injured Officer Rick Salter. Class 40 graduated 25 of which 18 joined the Alumni Association. Class 41 started on September 17<sup>th</sup>.  
*Reported by Charles Billingsley*

**Lake Jackson.** On Saturday, September 19, fourteen additional members were certified to drive the COP car. Some of these members are in training for the COP program, and both COP members and Disabled Parking members must be certified to drive the COP car. Another Disabled Parking Training Class was held in September to certify more people for Disabled Parking. Each new class member was given hands on training with two trainers before becoming active members. Since December 1999, over 1,660 parking violations have been written by members of Disabled Parking. CPA Class 29 is being held with graduation in November. Citizens on Patrol personnel continue to patrol usually on Friday and Saturday nights. The new computer recently installed in the car is very helpful while on patrol. Child ID has become active since school has begun. Wednesday, September 22, 21 students at Stephen F. Austin school in Jones Creek had their ID put into the system. Students at Polk Elementary will have a chance to have their Child ID done on September 29. National Night Out will be held at McLean Park October 6. Members of CPAAA help serve hot dogs and cold drinks to the public. The COP car will be on display at the event. It is with much sadness that we report the death of one of our CPAAA members, Melisa Davila. Melisa was in training for the COP program and was employed at Dow. She will be missed by all.  
*Reported by Joyce Beeson*

**Theft warning.** Last week a resident had the catalytic converter from his vehicle stolen. The vehicle was parked in the driveway at the time. The pollution-reducing converters contain small amounts of the precious metals platinum and palladium, and they've joined copper wire and sewer grates on the long list of metal items targeted by thieves eager to cash in on climbing metal commodity prices. Converter thieves slip under vehicles with battery-powered saws, sometimes in daylight, and in a matter of minutes leave owners with high repair bills.  
*From a warning from the Houston Westbury Civic Club.*

### **NEW SIGN OF A STROKE**

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

**S** \*Ask the individual to SMILE.

**T** \*Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE, coherently. (i.e. Is it sunny out today?)

**R** \*Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call an emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

**New Sign of a Stroke** ----- Stick out Your Tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

**The new address of the state organization is Texas CPAAA, c/o Dorris Murdock, 1400 Bradford Trace Drive, Allen, Texas 75002. The old address may appear on some forms.**

**Boring but important!**

*The following items have been in the Flash almost every issue and the reason we keep repeating them is because they are important, so pay attention if they apply to or affect you.*

**Don't miss a communication!** *If you change your e-mail address and don't notify us causing delivery of the Flash to be denied, you are dropped from our e-mail list. Be sure to notify us at [Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com](mailto:Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com) immediately if your e-mail address changes or if you don't get a Flash each month..*

*When you sign in at a meeting, please print your name. There are always names on the sign in sheet that are unreadable and you don't get credit for attending.*

**WEB SITES AND ADDRESSES.**

The state convention web site is <http://tcpaaconvention.org>.

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**Region One** is a link on the Texas CPAAA state web site.

The web site for the National CPAA is [www.nationalcpaa.org](http://www.nationalcpaa.org). Dues are \$25.00 per year.

The Web Master's e-mail is [Leo@TexasCPAAA.org](mailto:Leo@TexasCPAAA.org).

The address for the 2011 Convention is Convention 2011, P.O. Drawer V, Dickinson, Texas 77539-2022. The co-chairs for the convention (for which we are eternally thankful and grateful) are Charles Suderman, Dickinson, [csud2@comcast.net](mailto:csud2@comcast.net) and David Miller, Pearland, [sdmillers@yahoo.com](mailto:sdmillers@yahoo.com).

***IF YOU HAVE A FUNCTION COMING UP, OR HAVE SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO REGION ONE MEMBERS, SUBMIT IT AND IT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FLASH. SEND TO [CHARL.BILL@YAHOO.COM](mailto:CHARL.BILL@YAHOO.COM).***

If you are unable to open the Flash or have trouble doing so, it is posted immediately on the Region One web site and can be printed from there.

**That wasn't so bad, was it?**

The FBI had an opening for an assassin. After all the background checks, interviews and testing were done, there were 3 finalists; Two men and a woman.

For the final test, the FBI agents took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun. 'We must know that you will follow your instructions no matter what the circumstances. Inside the room you will find your wife sitting in a chair.....Kill her!!'

The man said, 'You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife.' The agent said, 'Then you're not the right man for this job. Take your wife and go home.'

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about 5 minutes. The man came out with tears in his eyes, 'I tried, but I can't kill my wife.' The agent said, 'You don't have what it takes. Take your wife and go home.'

Finally, it was the woman's turn. She was given the same instructions, to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman, wiping the sweat from her brow. 'This gun is loaded with blanks!!!' she said. 'I had to beat him to death with the chair.'

*Contributed by Laura Lindsey, Santa Fe CPAAA*

***There is a letter attached that is to be used to solicit sponsorships for the 2011 Convention. It's time to start getting those sponsors!! A lot of companies make their budget far in advance and they must be solicited in time to include the sponsorship in their 2011 budget.***

***Sign up to be a 2011 Convention Volunteer.***

**HONOR ROLL OF 2011 GALVESTON CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS**

Although the Convention has been postponed until 2011, we will still take names of volunteers. We realize that circumstances may change and no one will be faulted if they cannot volunteer even though they signed up. So don't let that hold you back. **Sign up now so when we get there we can get off to a running start.** It will be here before you know it. Following is a list of the committees and those signed up which makes up the honor roll. You can see that some of the committees don't have any volunteers. If your name is not listed, you can change that by sending an e-mail to Charles Billingsley (volunteer coordinator) at Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com. If you don't have access to e-mail, you can call Charles Billingsley at 713-729-1546. Please copy e-mails to Dave Miller at [sdmillers@yahoo.com](mailto:sdmillers@yahoo.com).

**Registration and Bags**

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**Guest Speakers**

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**Open and Closing Ceremonies and Speakers**

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**Sponsors**

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## TCPAAA Annual Training-Region One

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Greetings,

The Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association **Region One** is hosting the TCPAAA and Law Enforcement Annual Training in August of 2011 in Galveston, Texas. TCPAAA is made up of all Citizens Police Academy Alumni Associations throughout the entire State Of Texas. **Region One** consists of over 20+ CPA's located on the upper Texas Coast from the Sabine River to approximately Victoria, Texas. There are over **150** chapters with well over **12000** members, state wide, that work through the year for local policing agencies and work with the officers, their families, and their communities.

Once a year, we come together as a group to share ideas, train on new procedures, and network for three days in order to better serve the communities in which we live. In 2011, we will be meeting in Galveston at Moody Gardens. We are expecting 400-500+ members and officers to attend. As you can imagine, this is not an inexpensive endeavor. We are asking our corporate friends and individuals to help us to defray the cost of this project.

Your generosity will allow us to bring in top quality speakers and guest trainers to help to make the annual training a great success. The theme of the Convention 2011 is Drug Awareness. We will be focusing on training our member CPA's on methods and programs that they can take back to their communities and implement to help reduce the drug problems throughout the State. There will also be classes to certify the Sworn Police Officers in procedures to organize and start more CPA group.

Our donation levels are as follows:

- Chief \$20,000.00 +
- Captain \$10,000.00 to 20,000.00
- Lieutenant \$5,000.00 to 10,000.00
- Detective \$2,500.00 to 5,000.00
- Sergeant \$1,000.00 to 2,500.00
- Patrolman up to \$1,000.00

Any and all donations are welcomed and greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to: [TCPAAA Convention 2011-Region One](#) and mailed to P.O. Drawer V, Dickinson, Texas 77539-2022. TCPAAA Region 1 is a 501 (c) 3 non profit organization. Your help will be appreciated very much. God bless!

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