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There will be no July meeting due to the convention. See you there! The August meeting will be in Sugar Land on August 9th. Please plan to attend.

Please make plans to attend as many Region One meetings as possible. Exciting things can happen in Region One and in Texas if we all participate. Attendance at meetings and participation in activities is the lifeblood of any organization. Please make an extra effort. This is particularly important in view of the sponsorship of the 2009 convention by Region One.

It's not too late!! The 2008 TCPAAA State Convention is on July 9-12, 2008 in Wichita Falls. The convention web site, www.TCPAAconvention.org, has the registration form including the hotel info. Make your plans, register now and make your hotel reservations. Some of the entertainment will be furnished by the Bellamy Brothers.

2008 Airborne Law Enforcement Association Conference Last chance to volunteer if you are interested.

The Houston Police Department will host the 2008 Airborne Law Enforcement Association Conference at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, July 14th – July 19th. Officer Robert Saenz, H.P.D. Helicopter Patrol Division and volunteer coordinator for the conference has requested volunteers to function as Classroom and Hall Monitors in the restricted areas of the convention where the training seminars will be held. We need to recruit Alumni members who can commit at least one 8-hour day. This will be a very educational and beneficial experience. **The Houston Alumni are inviting any member of a Region One Association that desires to do so to participate in this informative and interesting event. Volunteers are needed for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, July 16th, 17th and 18th. You must commit to at least one 8 hour day. If you are interested, contact Charles Billingsley at Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com or phone 713-729-1546.**

Members in good standing. Angleton, Brenham, Dickinson, Galveston, Galveston Sheriff, Houston, Harris County Sheriff Precinct 4, Humble, Kemah, Lake Jackson, League City, Liberty County, Montgomery County, Pasadena, Pearland, Santa Fe, Sugar Land, Texas City, Webster and Larry Stegent, Individual (Harris County Constable). Your Association's dues are \$30.00 for 2008. You may pay at the August 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 2008 dues, you will not be in good standing and will not be eligible to vote.

Schedule for 2008:

January 12 - Webster

February 16 – Lake Jackson (**Note change from Second Saturday**)

March 8 - Angleton

April 12 - Dickinson

May 10 - Pearland

June 14 - Pearland

July 12 – No Meeting. Convention.

August 9 – Sugar Land

September 13 – Montgomery County Sheriff

October 11 – Brenham

November 8 – Texas City

December 13 –

Angleton. Our monthly meeting was Monday June 9th. The new officers were sworn in at the meeting. On May 31, we had a booth at the Hurricane Preparedness Seminar in Lake Jackson. We had the FEMA trailer the CPA purchased for the PD on display. It has been refitted to be used as a command center in emergencies. June 9 - 13 we had a Junior CPA class. There were 19 young people who attended. They all had a good time and learned a lot. There will be a mini-hurricane preparedness seminar held on June 24 at 6:30 pm at the Angleton Rec Center. We have one applicant approved for a scholarship to the Alvin Police Academy. She is currently working in dispatch at the Angleton Police Department. Another Coshatta trip is planned for August 10th. This will be an over night trip. The cost is \$55.00 per person based on double occupancy or \$65.00 for a single. Anyone interested see Dottie Duby.

Reported by Norma DeWeese

Brenham. The Brenham CPAAA began the month with a Summer Picnic. On June 7th, members and officers met at Holt Park for fellowship and a wonderful meal. Our Liaison, Tommie Nettle, cooked burgers and hotdogs and members provided the trimmings. After the meal, folks headed to the volley ball nets and played a few games. Everyone that attended had a great time and had plenty to eat! Our June general meeting was held on June 9th and Dr. Don Voelter, Chancellor of Blinn College, was our speaker. He gave us the history of Blinn College and answered questions. COPs helped at the Juneteenth parade with traffic control. On June 3rd there was an apartment fire in town and the COPs again helped with traffic control. Several members attended a training session for "Project Lifesaver" and we will be hearing more on this. It is once again time for the Guns and Hoses Blood Drive. Please mark your calendars and come by on July 26th from 9-2 at the Firemans Training Center.

Reported by Chris Pieper

Galveston. We started class #28 on April 23 with 23 interested people. Chief Kenny Mack has resigned, a new permanent Chief has not been hired. For now, we have Interim Chief of Police Phillip Morris. We have been asked to help and update the combined fingerprinting files from the City's Police Department, and the Galveston County fingerprints and we also helped with the Police Memorial Ceremonies held at the Joe Max Taylor Criminal Justice Center on May 14, 2008. 8 of our Police Officers got on top of the Shipley's Donut Shop and raised money for the Special Olympics. They were trying to raise \$200.00 each, but just during the morning rush hour - 7:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m. they collected \$3,200.00. - they were not going to come down till they each had \$200.00 each, but thanks to the people's generosity, they went beyond that. The Galveston Municipal Police Association has invited our group to their Annual crawfish and Bar-B-Q on May 23 and those from the group will also help in the serving. Galveston Citizen Police Academy will graduate Class #28 on July 16, 2008 - Galveston now has a new Police Chief, who comes on Board on July 7, 2008. We are planning a September Garage Sale.

Reported by Amelia Collins

Harris County Sheriff Precinct 4. The Harris Co. Pct. 4 CPAAA is involved in the following activities during the year: Search and Assist; Court Liaison and Warrant Support (contacting defendants by telephone to remind them of various court related matters); alcohol awareness training for minors arrested in possession of alcohol; holiday snack preparation for the officers in our four substations who must work on Thanksgiving and Christmas; bandit sign removal; lost child service at annual county picnic; man a booth at Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Reported by Fred Simpson

Sugar Land. The C.A.S.T. members will be assisting at the Red, White, and Blue Fest on July 4th. The C.A.S.T. have been given the go ahead to give out warning tickets to violators who park in handicapped parking spaces. The city council passed an ordinance. CAST has been issuing Warning tickets for handicap violations for over a year. The recent change is that we will also be issuing actual citations as well as warnings. The trading card committee is working very hard on the Trading Card Program Fundraiser. They had an adopt a cop or group sponsorship and all have now been sponsored. We are also hosting the Region One meeting Saturday, August 9th, 2008 at 10 A.M. at the Sugar Land PD Training Room.

Reported by Jeanne Canales and Deb Smith

As we go to press, everyone is celebrating our country's beginning on July 4th. Say a prayer for our fighting men around the world who are serving so we can remain free.

FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

I watched the flag pass by one day, it fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it, and then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform, so young, so tall, so proud,
With hair cut square and eyes alert, he'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought how many men like him had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil how many mothers' tears?
How many pilots' planes shot down? how many died at sea
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves? No, freedom isn't free.
I heard the sound of Taps one night, when everything was still,
I listened to the bugler play and felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times that Taps had meant "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children, of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands with interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington . No, freedom isn't free.

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.

State merchandise is now on sale at the Region One meetings. See Tom Lane for shirts, patches, etc.

If anyone has any ideas for obtaining funds for the **scholarship fund**, please contact one of the officers or directors.

TCPAAA DUES. If you are not going to attend the 2008 convention in Wichita Falls, your annual state membership dues (\$10) are now due. Membership application forms can be found on the state web site. Send to Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, 815-A Brazos #208, Austin, TX 78701-9996.

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Region One Officers and Directors always welcome suggestions about how to make the Region One meetings better and more interesting. Call any of them with your suggestions.

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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The web site for the National CPAA is www.nationalcpaa.org

The Web Master's e-mail is Leo@TexasCPAAA.org

The address for the 2009 Convention is Convention 2009, P.O. Drawer V, Dickinson, Texas 77539-2022.

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.

That wasn't so bad, was it?