



**Region One Flash –
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**Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association
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We mean 2011>>



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***The 2009 Convention which was to have been held in 2009 has been postponed until 2011.
See the recap of the October meeting for details.***

The November Region One meeting will be in Texas City at the Texas City Police Department, 1004 9th Avenue, North at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 8, 2008. From I-45 – Traveling South on I-45, take Exit 16, FM 1764 (Emmett F. Lowery Expressway), continue east bound on FM 1764 approximately 8.3 miles. There are 12 traffic lights from the I-45 exit to the Police Department. The 12th Light is at 10th Street North. Take a left and the Police Department is right there. From Highway 146 – Traveling South on Highway 146, take the FM 1764 exit. At the first traffic light on FM 1764 (Palmer) take a left, continue traveling East bound on FM 1764 (Palmer) approximately 2.9 miles until you get to 10th Street North. Take a left at 10th Street North and the Police Department is right there. The speaker will be Freddie Poor, a candidate for Sheriff, who, as we go to press is favored to win. Call Rita Nicolaidis at 409-771-0338 if you get lost. Come early for refreshments and fellowship.

Thanks to Thomas Bach, the president, and the members of the Montgomery County Sheriff CPAAA, there will be a December meeting in Conroe at the Montgomery Sheriff's office on December 13th.

Please make plans to attend as many Region One meetings as possible. Exciting things are happening in Region One and in Texas. Attendance at meetings and participation in activities is the lifeblood of any organization. Please make an extra effort.

Members in good standing. Alvin, Angleton, Brenham, Dickinson, Galveston, Galveston Sheriff, Harris County Constable Precinct 4, Houston, Humble, Kemah, Lake Jackson, League City, Liberty County, Montgomery County, Pasadena, Pearland, Richmond, Santa Fe, Sugar Land, Texas City and Webster. Your Association's dues are \$30.00 for 2008. You may pay at the November 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 – No Meeting. Hurricane
October 11 – Brenham
November 8 – Texas City
December 13 – Montgomery County Sheriff

It's time to start filling the slots for hosts in 2009, so get your selection in early in time to get the spot you want.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Webster's Pancake Breakfast scheduled for October 18th has been postponed and will be rescheduled probably in early 2009.

Send your upcoming events to Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com and they will be published.

Here and There.....

The **2010 Texas State Convention** will be in Bryan/College Station.

The **2009 National CPAAA Convention** will be in Anchorage, Alaska.

Treasurer's Report (submitted by Georgie Benavides):

Balance 9-30-08	\$1,736.16
No Receipts or Disbursements	
Balance 10-31-08	<u>\$1,736.16</u>
Scholarship Fund:	
Balance 9-30-08	\$2,391.37
No Receipts or Disbursements	
Balance 10-31-08	<u>\$2,391.37</u>

ALUMNI NEWS

Send news to robertduby@sbcglobal.net and to 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.

Since the convention has been postponed, we will resume presenting individual alumni association activities at the November meeting, time allowing. Please have yours ready and e-mail to Dottie at robertduby@sbcglobal.net and Charles at Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com

Brenham. The Brenham CPAAA members attended block parties on October 7 for National Nite Out with the officers. Our theme was Red, White and Blue and members dressed accordingly. On October 11th, we hosted the Region One meeting at Blinn College. Members have been busy selling tickets for our annual Sirloin Steak Drive Thru which is on November 3rd. Also on Halloween members dressed up and handed out candy at Max Donuts in Brenham. Hotdogs were served afterwards. The COPs helped at 2 Blinn College football games, A BHS football game and the Homecoming parade.
Reported by Chris Pieper

Lake Jackson. Lake Jackson hosted National Night Out Tuesday, October 7. LJPd furnished and served along with members of LJCPAAA 400 hot dogs, chips and drinks to citizens. A petting zoo, a clown, and the EMS and Fire Fighters were on hand to display their vehicles and answer questions. There was a very good turnout. Lake Jackson CPA membership voted on proposed by-laws at the October 9 general meeting. None of the proposals passed. The next CPA class 28 in the Spring is open for enrollment. Disabled Parking is usually done weekly. We have noticed a reduction in violations since we are more visible in Lake Jackson. The COP car also enhances our visibility. COPS are still patrolling on Friday and Saturday nights. COPS write warnings for vehicles blocking sidewalks and streets, and they also do disabled parking while on patrol. Child ID has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, for students at A. P. Beutel School in Lake Jackson. The next school will be T.W. Ogg on Tuesday, November 4. The Lake Jackson 2008 Festival of Lights will take place on

Saturday, November 22, 2008 at the Civic Center in Downtown Lake Jackson. A Gobbler Cook-Off, a Beauty Pageant, Little Princess Pageant, Pet Parade, and Food and Craft Booths are among the attractions. Then the Parade of Lights at 7pm that evening will end the activities. Check the city website that has all the information: www.ci.lake-jackson.tx.us FEMA has opened a Disaster Recovery Center at the Lake Jackson Civic Center (333 Hwy 332 East). This is where citizens can go to ask questions of FEMA personnel about their claims. We are pleased that FEMA has chosen to open this center for the convenience of people living here in southern and western Brazoria County. The City of Lake Jackson and Lake Jackson PD did an excellent job of keeping the city safe during and after Hurricane Ike. Mayor Sipple and other city personnel kept the citizens advised with telephone updates. Telephone service and potable water were available to most citizens after the hurricane struck. Electricity was restored with 1,400 workers brought into the area by Center Point that were housed in the Lake Jackson Recreation and Civic centers and Catholic Church. The Civic Center was also set up with their own caterer to feed all 1,400. There were cranes and large trucks that cleaned up the fallen trees, branches and other debris. Lake Jackson has recovered well.

Reported by Joyce Beeson

August Meeting. The August meeting was held in Sugar Land on August 9th. Andrea Schmauss of MADD spoke on their involvement with the Houston Police Department in getting drunk drivers off of the road. She presented an award to the Montgomery County Sheriff CPAAA for their commitment to the MADD program. The main speaker was Officer D. Brinkley who gave an interesting and enlightening talk on the FBI Academy and his attendance there. Co-Chair Dave Miller of Pearland spoke about the 2009 convention in Galveston which has since been postponed. Thanks to Sugar Land for the excellent refreshments and hospitality.



October Meeting. The meeting was held in Brenham at Blinn College on October 11th. There was excellent program presented by Tina Taylor, a flight nurse for PHI Life Flight Ambulance Helicopters and A. J. Toscano, a flight technician with PHI. After a film about PHI Life Flight, we went outside to the football field to observe one of the helicopters landing and to inspect it up close. PHI has received the Federal Aviation Administration's "High Flyer" Award, the National Ocean Industry Association's "Safety in Seas" Award, the Flight Safety Foundation's "President's Citation for Safety Leadership" Award, the FAA's

"Spirit of Safety Award" and countless other awards honoring their commitment to safety.

A lengthy discussion was held about the status of the 2009 convention in Galveston with the general consensus being that it could not be held in 2009. Moody Gardens has agreed to extend the contract to as late as 2011, but will not let Region One out of it's commitment. It was discussed that Bryan/College Station might want to move theirs up to 2009 and Region One could do it in 2010. A motion was made to postpone until 2011 and was approved. **Co-Chair Dave Miller emphasized that work would continue immediately on preparing for the convention and that volunteers are needed to sign up and sponsors are needed. It is critical and will be here before you know it.**

It was noted that a nominating committee to propose a slate of officers for 2009 was not appointed at the August meeting and with no September meeting, we did not have one. The members present, acting as an informal nominating committee, were of the general consensus that the officers presently in office be asked to accept the nomination for another term in 2009. All of the present officers are eligible under the term limits as set out in our bylaws. The directorship up for election is director number two presently held by Delores Gant. Additional nominations could be made from the floor in November and the election held then.

Thanks to Brenham for an excellent program, excellent refreshments and hospitality. They always put on a good show!

If you have stories to tell about Hurricane Ike, either individual, alumni association or area, other Region One members would like to hear them. Submit Ike stories to Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com and they will be published in the Flash.

I.C.E. (In case of emergency)

We all carry our cell phones with names & numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our cell phone but wouldn't know who to call. Hence the 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign. The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency). Show the party as ICE with the name of the person following. The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always cell phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE.' Also, if a first responder, paramedic, police, fire or emergency room staff see ICE in your cell directory, they will not release your name to the public until your ICE contacts have been notified. It is a good way to ensure that your loved ones do not hear about your accident or death on TV or radio. For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc. A great idea that will make a difference! Let's spread the concept of ICE by storing an ICE number in our Mobile phones today!

Contributed by Marcy Williams, Houston CPAAA

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 names. 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.

Registration and Bags

Calvin Walker, Dickinson, 281-339-1107, cowboy@hal-pc.org
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Carolyn Suderman, Dickinson, 281-337-3456, csud1@comcast.net
Fred Watt, Jr., Pearland, 713-436-7699, fred.watt@cityofhouston.net

Room Monitors and Prizes

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Norma DeWeese, Angleton, 979-848-0871, normadeweese@sbcglobal.net

Class Speakers and Topics

Tammy Harper, Galveston, 713-724-3250, tharper@yahoo.com
Carol Cowan, Galveston, 409-692-7744

Audio and Video

Meals and Ticket Takers

Guest Speakers

Ben Hernandez, Dickinson and TCPAAA, 281-837-3368

Open and Closing Ceremonies and Speakers

Sponsors

Officer Certification (TCLEOSE)

Thomas Bach, Montgomery County Sheriff, 936-443-6535, tommyray1935@yahoo.com
Rita Crosby, Montgomery County Sheriff, 936-264-2338

Decorations (Meals, Opening and Closing Ceremonies)

THE PASSING OF COMMON SENSE

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Mr. Common Sense. Mr. Sense had been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such value lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm and that life isn't always fair. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge).

His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Mr. Sense declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student; but, could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, she spilled a bit in her lap, and was awarded a huge financial settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by two stepbrothers; My Rights and Ima Whiner.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on; if not, join the majority and do nothing.

Author Unknown

I LOVE YOU

One day a woman's husband died, and on that clear, cold morning, in the warmth of their bedroom, the wife was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't anymore. No more hugs, no more special moments to celebrate together, no more phone calls just to chat, no more "just one minute." Sometimes, what we care about the most gets all used up and goes away, never to return before we can say good-bye, say "I love you." So while we have it, its best we love it, care for it, fix it when it's broken and heal it when it's sick. This is true for marriage, and old cars and children with bad report cards, and dogs with bad hips, and aging parents and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it. Some things we keep -- like a best friend who moved away or a classmate we grew up with. There are just some things that make us happy, no matter what. Life is important, like people we know who are special, and so, We keep them close! I received this from someone who thought I was a 'keeper'! Then I sent it to the people I think of in the same way. Now it's your turn to send this to all those people who are "keepers" in your life if you feel that way. Suppose one morning you never wake up, do all your friends know you love them? I was thinking....I could die today, tomorrow or next week, and I wondered if I had any wounds needing to be healed, friendships that needed rekindling, or three words needing to be said. Let every one of your friends know you love them. Even if you think they don't love you back, you would be amazed at what those three little words and a smile can do.

Author Unknown

We like to make the newsletter interesting and sometimes challenging as well as informative as evidenced by the two articles above. If you don't think these type of things should be in the newsletter and take offense at them, please let me know.

Charles

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.

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

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 immediately if your e-mail address changes or if you don't get a Flash each month..*

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>.

The Texas CPAAA state web site is <http://TexasCPAAA.org>. Dues are \$10.00 per year.

The web site for the National CPAA is www.nationalcpaa.org. Dues are \$25.00 per year.

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. The co-chairs for the convention (for which we are eternally thankful and grateful) are Charles Suderman, Dickinson, csud2@comcast.net and David Miller, Pearland, 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.

That wasn't so bad, was it?

CC: Snail mail: (If you are receiving this by snail mail and have an e-mail address, **please send it to us at Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com**. You could get it in color! We are converting as much as possible to electronic mail to save on postage and assure rapid notifications).

Tom Lane – Houston

Rita Crosby – Montgomery County Sheriff

Evelyn Phillips – Liberty

Carolyn Culpepper - Richmond

Ralph Balzano – Kemah

Rosamond Landry – Houston

Debi Hyde - Alvin

Lynn Bryant – League City

Charles Wilson - Pasadena

Robert Bertrand – Matagorda County

Craig Lauck – Galveston

Billy Boelke – Santa Fe

We don't like short newsletters. This one could have been a couple of pages longer if everyone would send in their news or anything else that Region One readers would be interested in. We need news! We also like comments about what you like or don't like about the Flash. Send items for publication and comments to

Charl.Bill@Yahoo.com.

