

# CPAAA NEWS – FEBRUARY 2023



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**HAPPY 2023. WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK FUNDRAISER** on **December 1, 2022** was a record-breaking night with just over \$12,000 raised. We are thrilled with the response and thank you for attending and showing your support of LVMPD. It was great to see so many Officers in attendance.

Look for the new items in our store. Limited quantities.

CPA class 1-2023 and HCPA class 1-2023 both began in January.

In January you elected Cookie Penton, Janet Delaney and Laurie Buchman to the Board of Directors to serve for the next 3 years and Dave Peightal to serve 2 years. Congratulations.

Also in January, Mike Ward was selected as the 6<sup>th</sup> Dick Bennett Memorial Service Award recipient. Sheriff Kevin McMahill will present his award at the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

January was a special month for those members who graduated 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years ago. Each was presented with a tenure lapel pin to wear on their CPAAA shirt. Congratulations for continuing to support CPAAA and LVMPD.

We officially welcomed Captain Kurt McKenzie and Lt. Karl "Jimmy" Lorson as our LVMPD Advisors. Kerri D'Amico is their administrative assistant. Lt. Henricksen retired, Captain Rader has promoted to Deputy Chief and Angela was promoted. We appreciate their time with the Alumni Association.

The CPAAA will raffle off a 43" flat screen Samsung TV at our February meeting. Tickets will be sold that night for \$10 each. Sheriff McMahill will draw the winning ticket. Don't miss a chance to win.

**WE ARE: #VegasStrong #AmazingTogether**

**GUEST SPEAKERS SHARE THEIR LVMPD AND COMMUNITY WORK**

**November 17, 2022**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – ATTORNEY’S OFFICE; DISTRICT OF NV**

**MELANIE SMITH AND NADIA AHMED – CRIMINAL DIVISION**



**WE WERE GIVEN AN INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION BY THESE ASSISTANT US ATTORNEYS REGARDING THEIR SCOPE OF WORK ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS. THEIR SPECIALTY IS CRIMINAL AND THEY SHARED WHAT THAT COVERS AND HOW THEIR COOPERATION WITH LVMPD AND OTHER LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BRING ABOUT THE CHARGES AND PROSECUTIONS.**

**January 20, 2023**

**OFFICER KELLY J. CANNON – TRAFFIC MOTORCYCLE**



**OFFICER CANNON AND HER TEAM OF MOTOR TRAFFIC OFFICERS GAVE US A COMPREHENSIVE EXPLANATION OF ALL THE CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023 REGARDING THE LAWS THEY WORK UNDER AS MANDATED BY THE NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE. WHAT IS NOW CIVIL, CRIMINAL, UNIFORM FINES AND OTHER IMPORTANT LAWS THAT EFFECT ALL DRIVERS.**

**MEMBERS POSED MANY SCENARIOS AND QUESTIONS WHICH OFFICER CANNON GAVE DETAILED ANSWERS. WE ARE MUCH BETTER INFORMED AND THANK HER FOR UPDATING US.**

**DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE SUBJECT MATTER OF SOME OF THE GUEST PRESENTATIONS; IT IS THE CPA REQUIREMENT THAT ALL WHO APPLY MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE. WE FOLLOW THAT GUIDELINE AND ASK THAT GUESTS YOU INVITE TO CPAAA MEETINGS ARE 18 YEARS OR OLDER.**

## UPCOMING SPEAKERS:



**Sheriff Kevin McMahon will spend the evening as he presents the Dick Bennett Award; shares his vision for LVMPD; draws the winning raffle ticket for a 43' flat screen Samsung TV and a few other surprises.**

MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup>

US MARSHAL GARY SCHOFIELD





**IT WAS WONDERFUL TO HAVE SO MANY TRAINING OFFICERS FROM RBT ATTEND AND HELP WITH THE SET-UP; AUCTION WINNERS ID; AND CLEAN UP.**

**COLLECTIVELY THEY COMMENTED: "WE ARE SO GREATFUL FOR ALL THE CPAAA'S HARD WORK TO FUNDRAISE FOR UNBUDGETED TRAINING MATERIALS. GLAD WE COULD BE THERE FOR YOU AS YOU ARE ALWAYS THERE TO GRANT OUR REQUESTS"**



**It was a beautiful Friday November 18, 2022 evening for us to tour RESORTS WORLD. Field Trip Coordinator Monica Casillas commented, "We stepped out onto the deck to observe the view and holiday decorations at sunset. It was beautiful. The RW tour was outstanding. Attending -German Martin, Leticia Olague, Jeffrey Berry, Marta Acevedo, Kimberly Hanson, Stephanie Roose, Donna Klein, Wanda and Bruce Block.**



**20 YEAR MEMBER  
GERRIE HOLMES SHOWS  
HER LAPEL PIN SHE  
RECEIVED AT THE JANUARY  
MEETING.**



## **MEET OUR NEW CAPTAIN**

### **Kurt Patrick McKenzie**

**As Captain of the Organizational Development Bureau, Kurt McKenzie has twenty-two years of experience in Law Enforcement. Kurt began his career as a Patrol Officer and he has worked his way up to become a leader in community policing, civil unrest, police accountability and reform. He leads a vast bureau responsible for all training of new officers, annual training and in-service recertification.**



Previously, Kurt served as Lieutenant over the Critical Incident Review Team (CIRT), responsible for the administrative investigation of all officer-involved shootings and police incidents resulting in significant injury or death. Kurt oversaw a team of detectives that made recommendations to change policies, procedures, and tactics as a result of these investigations. Additionally, he served as the tactical commander for the Homeland Security Saturation Team (HSST) as well as the back-up SWAT tactical commander. There he oversaw the training and implementation for mobile field force, dignitary protection and site protection for critical infrastructure while in command over high-risk incidents.

Throughout his career Kurt McKenzie has continued to develop the necessary skills for leadership, training, and teambuilding. Kurt continues to encourage and recruit African Americans to explore careers in law enforcement and is committed to developing future leaders in the agency.

Kurt received his bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of New York College at Oswego. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, where he volunteers in internationally mandated programs which continue to contribute to community uplift and the empowerment of the black community. Kurt is also leading the charge on building bridges between the black communities and law enforcement in his work with the Las Vegas Black Police Association. His work with the Uplift Foundation providing scholarships, mentoring, outreach, and wellness has positively impacted the lives of youth and adults in Southern Nevada.

Kurt was born in Brooklyn, NY and has lived in Las Vegas since 2000. Kurt and his wife of twenty-one years, Connie, have two children: Xavier, a rising senior at Morehouse College (Atlanta) majoring in Communications and Zaria, a rising sophomore at Johnson C. Smith University (Charlotte) majoring in Biology. Together, with their rescue dog, Curly, they enjoy puzzles, outdoor adventures to National Parks and traveling as often as possible.

## **MEET OUR NEW LT. - KARL "JIMMY" LORSON**



As Lieutenant of the Section Three Training Bureau, Jimmy Lorson has twenty-five years of experience in Law Enforcement. Jimmy began his career as an LVMPD Corrections Officer, and soon after, a Patrol Officer. Jimmy went to the Robbery/Homicide Section as a Robbery Detective in 2006. In 2015, he went to the Southeast Area Command as a Patrol Detective. In 2018, Jimmy promoted to the rank of sergeant, also in the Southeast Area Command. It was there that Jimmy was selected to be the Flex Enforcement sergeant with a focus on proactive policing. In 2021, Jimmy went to the South-Central Area Command as a Patrol Detective Sergeant. Soon after, Jimmy promoted to the rank of Lieutenant within the Spring Valley Area Command where he worked until taking over as the Lieutenant of Section Three Training. Within the Section Three Training Bureau, Jimmy oversees the Advanced Officer Skills Training (AOST), Reality Based Training (RBT), Multi-Assault Counter Terrorism Action Capabilities (MACTAC), and Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC). Each of these units are responsible for training over 2,000 students a year in their various disciplines.

Throughout his career Jimmy Lorson has continued to develop the necessary skills for leadership, training, and teambuilding. Jimmy strives to give back to his fellow officers by mentoring them to sought after positions in their careers. Jimmy takes these mentorships seriously, as the best reward for him is observing one of his mentored officers achieve the professional success they desire.

Jimmy received his associate degree in Criminal Justice from Columbia Southern University. He is currently working on his bachelor's degree in Criminal Science, also with Columbia Southern University.

Jimmy was born in Massillon, OH and has lived in Las Vegas since 1985. Jimmy and his wife of twenty-four years, Nova, have two sons: Kade, a new Police Officer with the LVMPD, and Reyden, an aspiring Police Officer with the LVMPD. Whether it be camping, or the beach, Jimmy and Nova love the outdoors and attempt to enjoy it when time permits.





## **MEET DAVE PEIGHTAL A NEW BOARD DIRECTOR**

**I grew up in North Dakota and enlisted in the Air Force, then I was transplanted by the Air Force in 1985 and have been a resident of Las Vegas ever since. I attended UNLV and received a degree in Business Management. I worked for the State of Nevada in the Compliance Enforcement Division early on in my career, then I was the General Manager of Bobcat of Las Vegas for over 10 years. I am currently the Director of Operations at DOLCRX a Functional Medicine Pharmacy (the only one with our credentials in the state) which specializes in chronic medical conditions that include blood pressure, diabetes, weight loss (to name a few) we manage patients the holistic way.**

**I have worked and volunteered with The Las Vegas Rescue Mission in the past, along with volunteering at the Las Vegas Blind Center. I like to be involved in my community and have a community for everyone to enjoy.**

**In my spare time love working with my hands and understanding the mechanics on how things work, in addition I enjoy home remodeling projects. I also enjoy trying new things, such as hang gliding, which was my last new experience. I graduated the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association in 2014 and have been a member ever since. I am honored to be a new member of the Board of Directors.**

**DON'T FORGET TO  
BUY YOUR RAFFLE  
TICKETS AT OUR  
MEETINGS FOR THE  
50/50 DRAWING  
YOU COULD BE THE  
WINNER!!!**



**THE CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD** has openings for new members. Julie A. Kraig, Executive Director of the CRB says, “we are encouraging Hispanic, Asia and Muslim candidates to apply. Looking forward to working with you as I continue my goal of diversifying our Board.”

Here is the website for an application:

<https://citizenreviewboard.com/Forms/Application/Form.aspx>

\*In order to serve on the CRB, applicants must have already attended the **CPA, HCPA** or agree to enroll in and attend the academy upon appointment.

You can reach me at: [julie.kraig@clarkcountynv.gov](mailto:julie.kraig@clarkcountynv.gov)

**THE STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION  
ADDRESS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE  
FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> MEETING.**

[CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

PUT THIS IN YOUR FB SEARCH:

**LAS VEGAS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**GET THE LATEST INFORMATION & PHOTOS**



**PATCHES STILL  
AVAILABLE**

**\$10**

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT  
FOR SEVERAL NEW ITEMS  
IN OUR STORE.**

**REMEMBER THE FALLEN**

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT YOUR OLD CELL PHONES AND CHARGERS  
THEY ARE CLEANED AND PROGRAMMED TO DIAL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.  
GIVEN TO THE LVMPD DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BUREAU  
THANKS FOR HELPING



Having a great time building  
all the baskets for the 2022  
Christmas Party:

Laurie, Donna, Sharon, Gerrie  
& Elane

Not pictured: Cookie & Janet

Miriam also built baskets  
with Donna.

## PLANNED FOR 2023

### FIELD TRIPS:

Don't miss out on these exciting opportunities.....

\*FBI \*SWAT \*NELLIS AF BASE and more

email **MONICA CASILLAS** @ [monicacasillas55@gmail.com](mailto:monicacasillas55@gmail.com)

### OUR 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE HELD AT ACADEMY:

February 16 – March 16 – April 20 – May – No Meeting  
June 15 – July 20 -- August 17 – September 21 – October 19 – November 16  
**DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**SAVE THE DATE – 2023 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY  
FUNDRAISER/POTLUCK/AUCTION EVENT**



**BRING YOUR SPARE CHANGE TO OUR  
MEETINGS & DROP IT IN OUR COLLECTION JAR. All Proceeds  
Will Be Donated to THE VOLUNTEERS in Appreciation for their  
continuous help each FUNRAISER POTLUCK PARTY**

# GOOD AND WELFARE

DO YOU KNOW OF A MEMBER WHO IS ILL OR HAD SURGERY?

MAYBE A CARD WOULD CHEER THEM UP.

THE CPAAA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.



CONTACT JANET DELANEY at [Janetd@lvcoxmail.com](mailto:Janetd@lvcoxmail.com)



**TURNING OVER THE BATON TO  
OUR NEW LT. KARL "JIMMY"  
LORSON.**

**THANK YOU TO LT. ANDY  
HENRICKSEN FOR THE GUIDANCE  
AS OUR ADVISOR FOR 5 YEARS.**

**WE WISH YOU A HAPPY  
RETIREMENT AND COME VISIT US.**

## NEWEST STORE ITEM

**CAR  
MAGNET**



**\$5.00**

**HANDCUFF  
CERAMIC MUG**

**\$15**



**Grotto  
Ceramic Mug**

**\$17**



**BOTTLE  
OPENER**

**\$10**

**ALL OF OUR CPAAA  
SHIRTS ARE RESTOCKED  
GET YOUR SIZE AT THE  
MEETING**

**SEW ON  
PATCH**

**\$10**



**THESE PATCHES MAY NOT BE SEWN ONTO JACKETS OR OUTER GARMENTS THAT MAY GIVE AN IMPRESSION THAT YOU ARE AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE.**

**PIERCED  
EARRINGS**

**\$10**



**PENDANT**

**\$5**



# CPAAA Store Price List

Polo Shirts (All Sizes): Men's \$20, Ladies \$23

Sweatshirts (All Sizes): \$25.00

T-Shirts - CPAAA (All Sizes) – \$15.00 / Silk Screen (All Sizes) \$12.00

T-Shirts – SWAT: L~XL: \$12.00 / 2X~3X: \$17.00

Tank Tops (Silk Screen- All Sizes): 10.00

Ball Caps – CPAAA / Swat: \$15.00

Pins - CPAAA: Lg: \$11.00 / Sm: \$5.00      Blue Line Flag Pin: \$6.00

Earrings: \$10.00 **\*\*\*NEW ITEM\*\*\***

Pendants: \$5.00 **\*\*\*NEW ITEM\*\*\***      Tote Bag: \$16.00

Bottle Opener/Challenge Coin: \$10.00 **\*\*\*NEW ITEM\*\*\***

Drinkware: **\*\*\*NEW ITEMS\*\*\*** Handcuff Mug: \$15.00      Ceramic Mug: \$17.00

CPAAA Lanyard: \$4.00      Coaster: \$5.00

Patches - LVMPD: \$10.00      CPAAA Logo Patch or Car Magnet: \$5.00 **\*\*\*NEW ITEMS\*\*\***

Mouse Pad: \$5.00      Logo Decal: \$1.00      Blue Line Mask: \$8.00

Christmas Ornaments: Blingy Pewter Bell \$8.00 / Green Christmas Bulb \$6.00

STORE IS  
OPEN  
FROM 6:15 –  
7:00 AT  
EACH  
MEETING

**CPAAA ACCEPTS PAYMENTS BY VISA, MASTERCARD AND DISCOVER  
FOR CPAAA STORE PURCHASES**

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT  
TO: CPAAA**