

CPAAA NEWS - MARCH 2018



FROM THE PRESIDENT: LaurieBuchman.LVMPD.CPAAA@gmail.com

Your CPAAA Board of Directors is working on 3 new projects to help grow our membership and add additional revenue to the funding of Metro training programs.

The first ever membership drive is underway to reach out to former CPA graduates from Classes 2014 - present. We are asking for their support by becoming CPAAA members and helping to further our mission.

With the new Las Vegas Lights FC American Soccer Team now playing at Cashman Field, we have been selected as a charitable organization to participate in their \$5 Kick Back Program. For each ticket bought online with the *SPECIAL OFFER CODE*: **CPAAA** submitted, our association will be given \$5. This is a tremendous opportunity for you to help get the word out and we receive a direct benefit for all 2018 home games.

Our 3rd project will hopefully begin this fall. We have applied to become a charitable organization in the MondaysDark fundraising program in conjunction with Las Vegas entertainers helping us by providing a venue and terrific show. More details as they become available.

At our January 18th meeting you voted for 3 Board of Directors. Welcome back Jerome Pinckney and Gerrie Holmes. We welcome new member Brad Brady. See next page.

We extend our sincere thanks to former Board of Directors members Marvin Minushkin and Bob Penton for the many years of dedication as vital voices in growing the CPAAA.

In February, Assistant Sheriff Charles Hank spent the evening updating us on all things LVMPD. As part of his visit, the first ever "Dick Bennett Service Award" was presented to Mickey Moore. As President, I gave the "State of the Association" report to share our accomplishments and plans.

I am honored to serve as your President and want to meet and get to know you at our events.

MEET THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS



Elected

January 18, 2018

My name is Gerrie Holmes. I have lived in Las Vegas nearly my whole life. In my first career I was a Personnel Director (that's what we called it back then) for a corporation that owned casinos. I worked at LVMPD from 1999 through 2015 and was also a volunteer at this time as Treasurer for the CPAAA since 2004. Since retiring, I volunteer at the LVMPD Academy on Cheyenne in addition to the CPAAA and am a docent at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park. I am married and have 3 sons, 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grand daughters. My husband, Larry and I enjoy traveling in our new motor home and are looking forward to our river cruise this summer from Amsterdam to Budapest.



Brad K. Brady - Academic Counselor, College of Southern Nevada. Master Degree in Physical Education & Guidance & Counseling, Eastern Michigan University. 28th year in Higher Education and public service. Flint Michigan is my home town. Lecturer & Counselor at the University of Michigan for 14 years. Proud to be a Flintstone (Flint Michigan guy all the way).



Jerome Pinckney

I am an identical twin to brother Eddie. We grew up in the Tri State area of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. I joined the Navy and served 6 years, started my education and went to Rutgers. I worked for a division of IBM, sold insurance and moved here in August 1993. Worked with MGM Security and as an EMT before returning to the insurance industry until retirement. I was a Big Brother Big Sister board member and worked with a young man from age 7 until he turned 18. I was also a member of Civitan International working with mentally & physically challenged children. I graduated the CPA in class 3-1999 and became a CPAAA member, ran for the BOD and serve as trips/events planner.



**GUEST SPEAKER ON
MARCH 15TH 7:00 PM
RETIRED SHERIFF
DOUG GILLESPIE
at the ACADEMY
9880 W. Cheyenne**

NOTE* CHANGE OF
LOCATION**

**Our members requested a
return to the Academy so let's
show our appreciation to Metro
for this opportunity**

CPAAA 2018 Meeting Schedule: March 15 – April 19 – May 17 – June 21 – July 19 –
August No Meeting - September 20 – October 18 – November 15 – December TBA

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Las Vegas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

OUR FIRST FUNDRAISER OF 2018

**THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF THE NEW
LAS VEGAS LIGHTS FC PRO SOCCER TEAM
WE MAY EARN \$5.00 FOR EACH TICKET SOLD
THAT CONTAINS OUR SPECIAL OFFER CODE:
CPAAA**

WHEN ORDERING TICKETS ONLINE.

**\$5 KICK BACK PROGRAM FOR CHARITABLE
ORGANIZATIONS**

HOME GAMES THROUGHOUT THIS SEASON:

- **March 24:** vs. Reno 1868 FC @ [Cashman Field](#)
- **March 31:** vs. Swope Park Rangers @ [Cashman Field](#)
- **April 14:** vs. Sacramento Republic FC @ [Cashman Field](#)
- **April 27:** vs. San Antonio FC @ [Cashman Field](#)
- **May 5:** vs. Tulsa Roughnecks FC @ [Cashman Field](#)
- **May 19:** vs. Real Monarchs SLC @ [Cashman Field](#)
- **June 2:** vs. Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC @ [Cashman Field](#)
- **June 16:** vs. Seattle Sounders FC 2 @ [Cashman Field](#)
- **July 7:** vs. Saint Louis FC @ [Cashman Field](#)
- **Aug. 4:** vs. Rio Grande Valley FC Toros @ [Cashman Field](#)
- **Aug. 18:** vs. Phoenix Rising FC @ [Cashman Field](#)
- **Aug. 25:** vs. Fresno FC @ [Cashman Field](#)
- **Sept. 8:** vs. LA Galaxy II @ [Cashman Field](#)
- **Sept. 16:** vs. Portland Timbers 2 @ [Cashman Field](#)
- **Sept 26:** vs. Orange County SC @ [Cashman Field](#)
- **Sept. 29:** vs. OKC Energy FC @ [Cashman Field](#)
- **Oct. 10:** vs. Phoenix Rising FC @ [Cashman Field](#)



CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION THANKS
THE LAS VEGAS LIGHTS FC
AMERICAN SOCCER TEAM

ELYNNE GREENE

By Vickie Waitman



Elynne Greene was our January speaker. She is the manager of Victim Services and Human Trafficking at the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. She has been in the field of victim services since 1974 and currently serves on the Governor's Coalition for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children. Elynne is involved in several other victims' organizations as well as being on the TIP (Trauma Intervention Program) board. The CPAAA knows her best as the recipient of our donated cell phones. Her organization reprograms them to give to seniors and victims of abuse so that they have a way to call for help if needed.

She pointed out that Nevada is the #1 state in training all DMV employees to look for signs of human trafficking. As she said...most people at one time or another go to the DMV. Elynne discussed the facts that not only women are victims. Also, that trafficking is not exclusively sex crimes, but can be related to exploitation of people working in bad situations where they are not paid a fair wage or are forced to work unreasonable hours for little pay.

She mentioned the sad fact that it is hard to get money and support for people in these situations because they are looked at as "throw away people". Her call to us was to help dispel the myths, to look on them as victims, and to be proactive by encouraging groups we are involved with to host a presentation on Human Trafficking.

Assistant Sheriff Charles Hank III

By Vickie Waitman



Our guest speaker February 15th was Assistant Sheriff Charles Hank. He has served 28 years with LVMPD. Chairing the Use of Force Board and being in charge of the Detention and Professional Standards service which is responsible for cameras worn by police were among the positions he has held.

He informed us that LVMPD has hired 600 new officers, as well as pursuing a continued hiring campaign. We were told that a new substation is planned for Aria which will help with the Strip, as well as one at Far Hills west of the 215 in the Summerlin.

He noted a reduction in violent crimes compared to last year, not counting October 1. There are now watch commanders on duty 24/7, and a secondary commander to make sure all areas are covered. Each area command has targeted a “hot spot” where most crime happens. That way manpower is concentrated where more vigilance is needed. This is important because according to their studies, 70% of homicides occur in “hot spots”.

There are a couple of new policing tools now available to LVMPD. The first is NIVANCE which can read the “fingerprint” a shell casing has. This way, it is possible to determine the gun used, just by examining the casing. This information is stored and can be used in future investigations to track guns used in crimes. The second is “Shot Spotter” which knows the sound of a gunshot and can determine from where the sound came.

We were also pleased that Assistant Sheriff Hank could present the first Dick Bennett award to Mickey Moore for his tireless contributions to LVMPD CPAAA.



Presentation to the first recipient of the Dick Bennett Memorial Award

By Assistant Sheriff Charles Hank III to Mickey Moore

February 15, 2018



TRIP TO COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE

JANUARY 26, 2018



Our gracious host was Felicia Borla, D-ABMDI, (American Board of Medico Legal Death Investigators). Her thorough introductory presentation included :

- The Coroner's Office is among the last in service to the dead if the cause and manner of death was not natural.
- Whereas 84% of deaths are natural only the Coroner/Medical Examiner can sign for the 11% accidental, 3.5 % suicides, 1% homicides and 1% undetermined deaths.
- The Las Vegas Coroner's Office is one of the top 5 busiest in the country encompassing 3 million people in 8,060 square miles.
- They also provide numerous educational public safety programs and participate with other First Responders in a Mass Fatality Program where they practice game plans in mock mass fatality events such as a viral scare in a mall or an active shooter.
- Believing no one should die discarded and forgotten, our Coroner's Office were the original creators, in 2014, of what grew to become NamUS, the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System. It is a DOJ database that matches up Jane/John Does with families looking for missing persons.
- The Nevada Donors Network rents a specialized room that has its own air system for sterility.

Our Coroner's Office consists mostly of women. In the course of their duties they interact with 14 different agencies. A Death Investigator interviews relevant persons on the who, what, when and why. They deal with the physical evidence of a crime scene - what they can see. The crime scene is under the authority of the appropriate agency but the body itself is the purview of the Coroner. The Medical Examiner testifies as to the medical exams while the Death Investigator testifies about the crime scene.

The Tour

- A mortuary van backs into the Coroner's garage and the garage door descends completely for privacy.

The decedent, in a zippered body bag made of glossy, tarp-like material, is slid onto a flat rolling gurney called an "autopsy table". Morgue walls with slide out drawers containing prone decedents are only in the movies.

-The decedent's name, arrival time, height, weight, age, race, fingerprints and other identifiers are taken and noted on a large whiteboard in an adjacent room.

-Next is the Main Autopsy room where the autopsy is done. All measurements are completed and blood and tissue samples taken. Along the walls are long stainless steel sinks and faucets with hand-held water sprayers, hanging scales, and numerous cabinets and drawers. There are several large, red, wheeled, double deck tool boxes with numerous drawers for medical instruments, large saws, knives, grips, tongs, photographic equipment, computer monitors, and specimen jars. The standard autopsy takes 45 minutes but it could take 5-6 hours for a multiple gunshot wound autopsy.

-There is a Special Events room that affords the utmost accountability as well as absolute privacy from the media for celebrities and high profile decedents. Doing only one deceased at a time, a detective and the Medical Examiner together open a locked body bag that an X-Ray machine can see through. Evidence is gathered, sealed and locked in another receptacle by a crime scene tech. A detective in a waiting room is witnessing and sometimes other agencies are involved.

- Already autopsied, the deceased is then rolled to Cooler 1. In their zippered body bag they wait next to other decedents on their autopsy tables for the mortuary van to pick them up.

Our Coroner's Office is not only among the top 5 busiest of the nation, they are among the top 5 finest as evidenced by their exemplary service to the families of TEN-1 and others.

By Dottie Buch

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS:

**Lois the Comfort Dog
and her handler**

**Detective Dean O'Kelley
- COLD CASES**

CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI

A Year In Review

This past year went by so fast. I have had fun delving into the various bureaus and departments of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department while checking out the different items our Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association has supported through requests of monetary donations. I also had one on one interaction; "a day in the life"; with different officers and was able to feature those interesting hours spent with them.

2017 brought changes to our organization and community. My involvement with CPAAA changed from being a Board of Directors voting member to taking a leadership role as President on July 31st. I stepped forward in this capacity following the sudden loss of our longtime leader, Dick Bennett. It has been an exciting and challenging time for me.

While continuing to write this monthly column; I spent hours and weeks reading through the historical documents of the CPAAA. My goal was to continue on the established path while exploring how we could bring more members from CPA class to the Alumni Association, have more member involvement, expand our outreach in communicating to our membership, update our bylaws and more fundraising avenues to keep up with the requests for funding from Metro. The 9 voting member Board with Lt. Reggie Rader advising us is talented and truly dedicated to keeping the LVMPD CPAAA on its award winning track. Their support of me is the support of the Alumni Association and ultimately the support for Metro.

1 October has affected our valley and will continue to do so. The CPAAA was there to help throughout these past months. We take great pride in knowing how many of our purchases were directly related to the training of officers, first responders, community partners and critical infrastructure for "active shooter/assailant", "barricaded gunman" and "acts of terror" scenarios with the MACTAC Team. Our most recent MACTAC request was fulfilled this year. Airsoft rifles, helmets, pistols, magazines and



Lt. Reggie Rader & Laurie Buchman

groin protection purchased in early spring were used for large scale incident practice exercises. Every Law Enforcement Agency and Fire Department in the Las Vegas Valley participated. We know how critical that was on 1 October.

I reported on the Golden Eagle Casino we helped to fund materials for. It is a training area built for and by RBT (Reality Based Training) used in training specifically related to a casino floor occurrence. This was impressive, especially when I was on the casino floor chatting with a citizen who turned out to be an active shooter. Quickly and safely I was ushered to a control room to view the next 15 minutes of intense encounters and shots fired that

"went down" as officers entered from every access point.

CPAAA purchased Guidons for the Police Academy. It is an 8 foot staff with flags at the top. I saw what a great source of pride and respect each unit assigned a Guidon displayed. Tradition and symbolism that builds character projects from every academy candidate knowing the Guidon honors a Fallen Metro Officer.

I spent a day with Animal Cruelty. Let's just say that I saw how our purchase of a Canon camera is used in documenting and building a case for the things people do to our population of dogs, cats, horses and other species along with ducks, geese and cock fighting. Shake your head and try not to believe what you see in the pictures and video shared with me that day was all I could do. Then I have to remember that some people make money from these actions; some are mentally ill hoarders and some are downright mean. I met the veterinarians who tend to the injuries and in the worst case, a necropsy.

We hit a major milestone in November 2017. The Citizens Police Academy had its 2500th student graduate. The CPAAA Board attended and honored her with an award to commemorate this event. 81 classes, starting in 1991, have gone through the 12 week program.

With the success of our December 2017 Christmas Holiday Fundraising Event - securing over \$6400, there is now a chance to support more requests. I cannot wait to see what we buy and where I venture to report on next.

Until next month,
Laurie Buchman
Class 3/2013