



Alumni News

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Police Academy Alumni Association (FCCPAAA)



Message from the President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support and prayers through the past few weeks. The tragic loss of two of our officers has been a painful blow to the department and the community.

On behalf of the FCCPAAA, flowers and personal letters of condolence were sent to both the Garbarino and Armel families, to Colonel Rohrer, and to the command staff of the Sully District Station. The Board of Directors will continue to keep you informed of any future opportunities to support the Garbarino and Armel families and the Department.

As we struggle to come to terms with these senseless acts of violence, please continue to keep the Garbarino and Armel families in your prayers.

Respectfully,

William Ridgeway

New Beginnings

by Esther Ventus

It was a pleasure to see all of you at our first full FCCPAAA meeting in February! I hope that you are as excited as I am to get this organization up and running!

As you know, our Board of Directors was elected that day, and I would like to take a moment to acknowledge each of them:

President – William Ridgeway

Vice President – Esther Ventus

Secretary – Ashley Barker

Treasurer - Tracey Ryan

Assistant Treasurer – Kenneth Clare

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- Have you ordered your **2006 Challenge Coins** yet? Challenge coins date back to World War I when members of the Army Special Forces carried a coin specifically for their unit. Carrying the coin at all times and presenting it when "challenged" to prove affiliation with that unit resulted in several consequences if you could not produce a coin. [Proceeds from the sale of these \\$5 coins go directly to the CPA and the Auxiliary Police program.](#)

Don't be caught without your coin!

Contact 2nd Lieutenant Ed O'Carroll for more information
703- 280-0701.



"Anger is never a solution. It will not ease our pain. Anger will not change the world. It will not protect us. And anger will never bring hope. And anger does not honor Detective Vicky Armel or Master Police Officer Michael Garbarino."
-Colonel David Rohrer

Contact FCCPAAA

Do you have questions or suggestions for the **FCCPAAA Board of Directors**? We'd love to hear from you!

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COMING SOON!

Board Members Attend 2006 National Citizens Police Academy Association Conference

By Tracey Ryan

Second Lieutenant Ed O'Carroll, APO William Ridgeway and I recently traveled to South Bend, Indiana to attend the 2006 National Citizens Police Academy Association (NCPAA) Conference.

The NCPAA is a National organization of individuals involved in local citizens police academies around the country. We met fellow coordinators and alumni presidents from as far away as Alaska and Texas.

We learned about other CPA programs, as well as their alumni associations. Stay tuned for more news on this in our next newsletter.

New beginnings, cont.

At-Large Member – Bill Barber

At-Large Member – Fran Hart

At-Large Member – 2nd Lieutenant Ed O'Carroll

At-Large Member – Bill Teng

The Board of Directors has been quite busy over the past few months, and you will soon be hearing about several exciting initiatives that we are currently working on. In addition, we hope to have the FCCPAAA website up and running soon. We will keep you all posted on these and many more exciting new developments!

If you signed up to sit on a committee on your membership form, you will be hearing from your committee chair very soon. If you did *not* sign up for a committee, but you would like to, please contact Tracey Ryan at tracey.ryan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to congratulate the recent graduates of the 9th session of the Fairfax County Police Department Citizens Police Academy! Graduation was held on May 6, and a great time was had by all. The class also gave a *very* generous donation to the CPA in the amount of \$375. On behalf of the Department and the FCCPAAA Board of Directors, I would like to thank them for this wonderful gift!! I am also pleased to welcome all of the new grads to the FCCPAAA, and look forward to working with all of you in the future!

Upcoming Events

***SAVE THE DATE** for the next FCCPAAA annual meeting on **October 21, 2006!**

***10th Session of the Citizens Police Academy** begins on Thursday, June 1, 2006. Graduation will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2006.