

The PCPAAA Newsletter

January 2022



January Dates:

1/11 – Board Meeting, 7pm

1/17 – General Meeting, 7pm

Rogers Roll Call

Happy New Year to everyone!!! It is the time of the year where we set resolutions and forget it is 2022 and we still write 2021 on everything with a date. I hope everyone had a nice Christmas Holiday and have taken down all the Christmas decorations. My girls had a great Christmas and have enjoyed a break from school and dance. Santa brought them a tree swing this year and I could not be happier watching them out there spending time together. I always hoped my girls would have a close relationship and it definingly seems they do. They still have disagreements, which are fun to watch so I know the teenage years will be a challenge, but I will always remind them of the days on the tree swing.

I would like to again thank everyone who helped volunteer in December. Between the tree lighting, parade, gun raffle, Christmas banquet, retirements, promotions, role players for training, tree decorating in the upstairs break room, Citizens on Patrol etc. the PCPAAA had a lot going on. I look forward to 2022 and the return of the Pear Run, and many more volunteer opportunities!!!

CPA Class #53 begins in February, so be on the lookout for opportunities to join the membership committee and other committees that will be open this year. Also Advanced CPA Classes for the PCPAAA will happen again this year in June 2022, so be on the lookout for more information about those classes.

Lastly, I would like to thank the 2021 PCPAAA Board for all their hard work and commitment to the organization during the past year. I appreciate the ability to keep the organization growing during COVID. We will swear in the 2022 PCPAAA Board this month, and I know the progress and work will continue.

Stay Safe, Stay Vigilant



**DON'T FORGET —
PCPAAA MEMBERSHIP
DUES ARE DUE IN
JANUARY!**

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP = \$25
FAMILY/COUPLE = \$40
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP = \$250
FAMILY/COUPLE LIFETIME
MEMBERSHIP = \$400

DUES CAN BE PAID VIA MAIL OR DROP
OFF AT THE PPD/RECORDS
WINDOW. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE
ENVELOPED MARKED "PCPAAA".
ADDRESS: 2555 CULLEN PKWY,
PEARLAND, TX 77581.

***** THE BOARD VOTED TO INCREASE
THE DUES SO PLEASE PAY YOUR
DUES SOON IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID
THEM BEFORE THE PRICE GOES UP.**

FUN FACTS:

There actually aren't "57 varieties" of Heinz ketchup, and never were. Company founder H.J. Heinz thought his product should have a number, and he liked 57. Hint: Hit the glass bottle on the "57," not the bottom, to get the ketchup to flow.

The heart of the blue whale, the largest animal on earth, is five feet long and weighs 400 pounds. The whale in total weighs 40,000 pounds.

Gun Raffle Update:

The 2021 PCPAAA Gun Raffle is officially over but the ten very happy winners will tell their stories for years to come. And so shall we!

Those who bought tickets came from near and far. We saw repeat buyers and heard many wonderful stories about past memories and future dreams.

Thank you to all that volunteered, those who sold tickets, those who bought tickets, those who gave their expert advice, those that helped out when and where they could.

There were so many people that made this gun raffle successful!

We had fun building relationships, and all for a great cause.

Thank you, Pearland Police Department.

~Cheryl Sweeney
2021 Gun Raffle Chair



Bad Jokes



Why was the math teacher late to work? She took the rhombus.

I'm really excited for the next autopsy club. It's open Mike night!

Where do spiders seek health advice?
WebMD.

Volunteer Hours:

Crissie (Janet) Emmons is the person who keeps track of volunteer hours. You can either email her your "inside or outside or COPS" hours or enter them in the volunteer hour book in the CPA workroom. It is important to keep up with our volunteer hours because the City of Pearland does audit us on occasion. We also need to know how many hours our volunteers provide for record keeping.

Crissie's email is: janetcrissie@gmail.com.





Officer of the Month ~Gougenheim

This month’s acting sergeant is Alex Rudenko who is currently working D Squad’s 5:30 PM to 5:30 AM shift.

Alex was born in Kiev Ukraine on October 14th, 1985. His family moved to Houston in February of 1992. They moved to Pearland in 2000 where he graduated from Pearland High School in 2004. Alex started University of Houston and got his core classes completed. When he got hired by Pearland Police Department, he put college on hold while he went to the Alvin Community College Police Academy in August 2007 and graduated in December 2007.

Shortly after completing Pearland’s FTO program, he went to University of Houston Downtown and graduated in June 2010 with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and a minor in sociology.

He and Annette “Nettie” Hernandez have been together since July of 2011. They have a daughter Audrey who is 14 years old.

When he lived in Houston in the late 90’s there was an HPD officer who lived in the next apartment building over from theirs’s and talking with him got Alex interested in law enforcement. Those conversations got him interested in law enforcement and he followed through with it.

Some of Alex’s hobbies are his pets, scuba diving, sky diving, hiking, biking (bicycle and motorcycle) and camping out.

Alex’s future plans and wishes are to promote up through the PPD ranks. He wishes there will be a mounted patrol unit for the city to better cover special events and increase rapport with the citizens. He wants to spend more time with his family and enjoy life because tomorrow is never guaranteed. Finally, he wants to learn how to fly helicopters.

The impact moment came several years ago going to his first child death. The child drowned in a swimming pool and to this day Alex can see the child’s face along with his name and the vision of EMS performing CPR on the young boy. A good impact moment is soon to occur when Alex is promoted to Sergeant rather than acting sergeant which will begin the furtherance of his law enforcement career.



Next meeting will be January 8, 2022

The January 8 Region 1 Meeting will be held at the Angleton Recreation Center, 1601 N Valderas Street, Angleton, TX. See January newsletter for map. The Rec Center is located right behind the Angleton Police Department.

We are limited to 50 people, **so please RSVP to:** joycechols24@gmail.com
Angleton Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will provide breakfast and beverages.

Guest Speaker: Sergeant Stephen Woodard from Brazoria County DPS.





Catalytic Converter Theft ~Bilyeu

One of the popular crimes is to steal people's catalytic converter. We've heard about it in the Pearland area. This is a special exhaust system that reduces harmful emissions. It contains metals that are more valuable than gold. These devices are extremely expensive to replace. They tend to be quick and easy to remove (2-3 minutes).

As of May 2021, rhodium was valued at \$27,900 per ounce, palladium at \$2,896 per ounce and platinum at \$1,227 per ounce. A metal recycler might pay up to \$800 for a hybrid car's catalytic converter, says Jones. Typically, recyclers pay \$50 to \$250 per catalytic converter, according to NICB.

Targeted Vehicles:

- 1- Most popular vehicles are Ford F-150, Toyota Tundra's, Toyota Prius Hybrid and Honda (Accord, Element, Jazz are a couple). Thieves crawl under vehicles and cut 1-2" on either side of the converter to remove it.
- 2- Most truck catalytic converters run directly underneath the chassis where it's easily accessible
- 3- Low-emission vehicles
- 4- Top selling hybrids
- 5- Truck and SUVs with a higher ground clearance - allows for easy access to the converter

Vehicles NOT targeted:

- 1- Electric vehicles – no catalytic converts
- 2- Cars, vans, SUVs, and trucks that have their catalytic converters directly in front of the engine, part of the exhaust manifold. To take those out, you'd have to pop the hood to reach them. These "under the hood" converters are harder to steal so, for the most part, you don't have to worry about those being stolen (google search like, "1999 Honda Civic Catalytic converter location" to find out your vehicle converter location).

Things you can do:

- 1- Engrave the VIN onto the converters – at least it can be identified later
- 2- Spray paint with a high temperature spray paint in a bright color to deter selling them to after market places – why bother when they see that
- 3- Have steel rods welded over the catalytic converter or a catalytic protection plate – slows them down or they move on when they see this
- 4- Install anti-theft device on your vehicle - Have your alarm system calibrated so that it goes off when it detects any vibrations (your insurance may give you an additional discount for installed one!)
- 5- Park in a well-lit area...OK....it doesn't always work but it might help
- 6- Some owners deterred theft from happening by welded on a piece of rebar on their catalytic converter
- 7- If you plan on using any other metal besides rebar steel, know that different metals react differently to heat. Catalytic converters can reach temperatures of up to 1,600 degrees F so plan your metal choice accordingly.
- 8- If you're not handy but still want a cage, call your local dealership or surrounding muffler shops. A muffler shop or the dealership can install a cage on for you for a cheaper price than replacement.
- 9- Have a dashcam installed that records motion detection (set to standby or parking mode), whether it's movement in front of the camera or physically rocking your car. This does not protect from a theft, but it might catch a license plate and face of the person stealing your converter.
- 10- If you, do it yourself, disconnect the battery before attempting then connect it back up afterwards.



Catalytic Converter with cable installed

~ *Continuation*: How will you know if yours has been removed?

Your vehicle will make a really loud noise (like your muffler is disconnected), check to see if your catalytic converter has been removed if you hear that sound. Your vehicle may also be less responsive when accelerating. Call a tow truck driver to take it away. It can be very hazardous to drive in this condition.

No prevention method is 100 percent foolproof but they're better than doing nothing. I have heard stories from people saying that the police basically only take a report. Some have said there was clear video and fingerprints, but law enforcement did little. More than likely these are high population locations (Houston) where this is happening at a very high rate to keep up with and staffing limits investigations. Some people have had their catalytic converters stolen up to four times! Insurance only covers it if you have comprehensive coverage and there is still a deductible so you will be out some money regardless of having insurance. A little prevention might be in order.

Ways to donate to the PCPAAA



#1: Amazon



Ways to donate to the PCPAAA organization through AmazonSmile is a way Amazon customers can support your favorite charity every time you shop on Amazon at no additional cost.

How to use AmazonSmile on a web browser:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
3. Select our charity – “*Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association*”
4. Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for your chosen charity.

Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com.

How to use AmazonSmile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app
2. Navigate to the main menu (=)
3. Tap on Settings and then select “AmazonSmile”
1. Select our charity – “*Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association*” and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app
4. Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for the charity you have selected.

#2: Kroger

1. Create a digital account

A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.

2. Link your Card to an organization

Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Kroger Community Rewards selection on your digital account.

- Sign into your digital account.
- Search for your organization name – you will find the CPA under: “Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association”

3. Your organization earns:

Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.



Dog Bill of Rights

A new state law set to go into effect January 18 — dubbed the "Dog Bill of Rights" — gives **pup owners** new rules when it comes to tying up their dogs outside.

a dog owner may not leave a dog outside and unattended by use of a restraint unless the owner provides the dog access to:

- Adequate shelter
- An area that allows the dog to avoid standing water and exposure to excessive animal waste
- Shade from direct sunlight
- Potable water

An owner may not restrain a dog outside and unattended by use of a restraint that:

- Is a chain
- Has weights attached
- Is shorter in length than the greater of (a) five times the length of the dog, or (b) 10 feet
- Is attached to a collar or harness not properly fitted

Civilian of the Month ~Gougenheim



This month's civilian support person for Pearland's Police Department is Tamika Prince who is currently working in CID as a Crime Analyst. The information provided by Tamika in the forms of colorful charts and maps, are put to good use by the officers in DDACTS and others in helping clear the streets of Pearland of criminals.

Tamika was born in Houston Texas on December 16th, 1980 and raised in Missouri City Texas. She graduated from Willowridge High School 1999. She graduated from Prairie View A & M in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Marketing. She also graduated with a master's degree in Criminal Justice from Tarleton State in 2013.

Tamika has a daughter Laylah who is 7 years old and is especially proud of her.

Tamika served in the U. S. Navy and was commissioned as a Navy Officer in 2003. She served onboard the USS Trenton, an amphibious transport dock and the USS Enterprise, the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier as a surface warfare officer. While in the Navy she completed 3 Deployments. One deployment was to South America and two to the Middle East. Port visits included Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea, France, Honduras, Cartagena, Columbia, Rhodes, Greece, and Dubai. When she left the Navy in December of 2007 in Norfolk Virginia, she had the rank of Lieutenant (junior grade). That is the equivalent of a first lieutenant in the Army.

What led Tamika to the Pearland Police Department was when on her first ship she was given the job as a collateral duty intelligence officer, which involved researching threats at upcoming ports of call for the command. She enjoyed the research and intelligence aspects of the job and pursued it after the Navy.

Tamika's future plans are continuing to help our officers by continuing to refine the data the officers have available in finding when and where the criminals may be on Pearland's streets. She also plans to raise a kind and productive daughter. She also plans on retiring while in good health and everything still works. She plans on traveling the world and watching True Crime TV shows.

Her impact moment occurred at the young age of ten when her bicycle was stolen at a friend's house. It upset her so very much that her and her friend walked around the entire neighborhood. They questioned people until they found out who had the bike. That was when she knew she was passionate about justice and fairness.



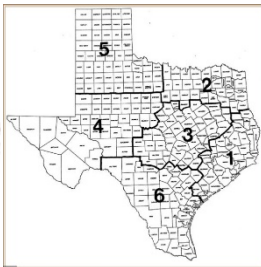
Because you can't have enough puppy pictures

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2022	2022
	January 8 -- Angleton
	February 12 -- Galveston
	March 12 -- Deer Park
	April 9 -- La Porte
	May 14 -- Montgomery County Sheriff
	June 11 -- Convention conflict
	Convention June 12-16, 2022
	July 9 -- Pasadena
	August 13 -- Tri-Agency (Beaumont)
	September 10 -- Harris County Sheriff
	October 8 -- League City
	November 12 -- Texas City

Region One

Meetings: Meeting dates and locations

Below

For more information about Region One go to: texascpaaa.org

Fellowship for the meeting is from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM. As it has been the practice in the past for this time, the hosting city provides breakfast items and drinks, (juice, coffee, water, etc.).

At 11 AM, the Board/Directors, will begin and conduct the business meeting up to the adjournment time.

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