



ANCHORAGE POLICE CITIZEN ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The APCAAA is a non-profit voluntary organization of interested Academy graduates who join to promote and improve community relations, provide continuing education, increase community involvement, and assist and support the Anchorage Police Department.

Newsletter # 4 April 2009

Page 1 of 8

EXECUTIVE BOARD

| | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Jim Katletka, President | jkaletka@apcaaaa.org |
| Brian Dean, 1 st VP | bdean@apcaaaa.org |
| Terry Adlawan 2 nd VP | tadlawan@apcaaaa.org |
| Carol McNeil, Secretary | cmcneil@apcaaaa.org |
| Jan Ruzicka, Treasurer | jruzicka@apcaaaa.org |
| Sussie Adlawan, Asst Treasurer | sadlawan@apcaaaa.org |
| Scott Sell, Past President | ssell@apcaaaa.org |
| Lt. Dave Koch, APD Liaison | dkoch@ci.anchorage.ak.us |

AND OTHERS

| | |
|---|--|
| Char McClelland, NCPAA Conference Coordinator | char@alaskadestinations.com |
| Linda Lillmars, Newsletter | lillyj7@alaska.net |

NOTE FROM CHIEF ROB HEUN

Chief Heun wrote an article for us entitled "Some Thoughts on Crime Rates and Rating Your Police".
Please check it out on page 4.

NOTE FROM PRESIDENT JIM KALETKA

It's hard to believe that it is April already. That means the National Conference is only a month away. We still have a ways to go on fund raising for the conference. Last month I asked for some volunteers to do follow up phone calls on the sponsorship letters that were sent out. A few of those present volunteered, which is great, but we still could use some more volunteers. Over 130 packets were sent out, and if we can get some more people for follow up, it would make it easier on the rest who volunteered. If you are interested, please contact me.

We also are still soliciting sponsors for the conference. I have sent out packets more than a couple of times. Please help! If you know of anyone, employer, friend, favorite restaurant, etc. that you feel might be able to be a sponsor sign them up. If you need another copy of the packet, let me know and I will send one to you. It is a tax deductible donation, as we are a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. If you are able to make a personal donation it will be accepted with many thanks. We all need to pitch in to help make this a successful conference.

In Memory Of Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

**3/20 Oakland California
(Started as traffic stop.)**

**Sgt Mark Dunakin
Sgt Daniel Sakai
Sgt Ervin Romans
Officer John Dege**

**4/ 4 Pittsburgh Pennsylvania
(Domestic violence call.)**

**Ofc Eric Kelly
Ofc Stephen Mayhle
Ofc Paul J Sciuлло**

and

all the officers who do not make it on CNN

"We Remember the Officers"

Written by Brad Miller

*We remember the officers, who changed our lives,
The men and woman who protected us day and night,
People who respect for their dedication to the cause,
For when faced with danger, they never even pause.*

*We remember the officers, who always stood true,
Whatever the color of uniform, brown gray or blue,
With pride and integrity they say "To serve and protect",
For the giving of their life, we offer our respect.*

*We remember the officers, who we never really knew,
Persons strong enough to answer the challenge are few,
With heavy hearts we mourn the officers in eternal rest,
There's more to these people than the badge on their chest.*

Found on the website: PolicePoems.com and published
with permission from
Senior Sergeant Terrance D. Martin (Retired)
Vermont State Police

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 16, 2009 6PM
Alaska Housing Finance Corp
4300 Boniface Parkway
CE Topic: None. Will work on Conference.



ANCHORAGE POLICE CITIZEN ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The APCAAA is a non-profit voluntary organization of interested Academy graduates who join to promote and improve community relations, provide continuing education, increase community involvement, and assist and support the Anchorage Police Department.

Highlights of April Meeting

(Complete and organized minutes will be on the website)

CE: Our City and Human Trafficking, APD's Lt Kathy Lacey and FBI Agent Jolene Goeden gave an eye opening look at prostitution and virtual slavery in our town. **Please read their article on page 5.** Compelling in their presentation is the dedication to helping these women, who are sometimes as young as 13, be safe. It certainly pointed out the fact prostitution is NOT a victimless crime. Getting and maintaining the trust of a prostitute is incredibly difficult. The pimps have instilled in them a fear of the police.

However, the fact is: a person can come forward, say they are a prostitute and, they CANNOT be arrested unless solicited by an undercover officer. Prostitutes often times do not know this, which limits them from contacting police when there are problems. It was an excellent presentation. And, for those of you who belong to other organizations; Lt Lacey and Agent Goeden are willing to present their talk and power point to other interested groups.

Financial: Two main items. 1) We are still short for the Conference. 2) The big dedicated money for the "roller over" simulator has been spent . It is an Interesting story. Jan Ruzicka research and wrote about it. **Please read her story on page 6.**

Donation: THANK YOU TERRY FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION. Terry Gorlick has generously donated two Robert Lyn Nelson art prints to be used for a raffle. In 1979 Robert Lyn Nelson created the painting "Two Worlds" which depicted his vision of life above and below the ocean's surface. This landmark painting also started the Modern Marine Art Movement. The numbered prints Terry donated are: Dolphins Off Alau (1991) and Undersea Waltz (1991) . In 1991 the price of the prints were \$1500.00 each and had sold out. For more information check Robert Lyn Nelson's website: www.robertlynnelson.com

2009 CONFERENCE: Sussie and Char were unable to attend the meeting and there was no new information provided.

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities:

CLASS 09-1

Wednesday nights: Class 9-1 is in progress. Graduation will be **Wednesday April 29** at the ASD Headquarters, School Board Chambers, at Northern Lights and Boniface. (Old Safeway mall.)

APD Recruit Training (Role Playing)

- April 20 Recruit training** Chilkoot's (Fill the bar)
- April 21 Recruit Training** Day's Inn (More specific type role playing)
- April 27 Recruit Training** Chilkoot's (Fill the bar)
- April 28 Recruit Training** Day's Inn (More specific type role playing)
(Contact: Brian Dean bdean@apcaaa.org)

April 29 Graduation: Ursula Wing has done the receptions in the past. Contact her at raja@gci.net if you would like to physically help her and/or donate towards the cake, punch and flowers.

NCPAA Conference: May 6-9

Contact Sussie sadlawan@apcaaa.org, or Char char@alaskadestinations.com for any questions or information.

May 16 Torch Run

May Governor's Picnic

Contact: Terry Gorlick akpump@alaska.net

DUI WITNESS RIDE ALONGS: DUI Details are still being done on a limited basis. To participate, you need to contact Jim no later than Tuesday of the weekend you want to ride along as a witness. jkaletka@apcaaa.org

Call Backs: Program is being revamped. At this time no call back are being done.



ANCHORAGE POLICE CITIZEN ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The APCAAA is a non-profit voluntary organization of interested Academy graduates who join to promote and improve community relations, provide continuing education, increase community involvement, and assist and support the Anchorage Police Department.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

Coordinator and Volunteers for "Monthly Snack Tray Project" : No one is willing to take this on as a project. Brian suggested we might look at doing this once a quarter, twice a year or even just once a year. It has been a well received in the past. You are always welcome to do something on your own. If someone is willing or interested in coordinating something , email Brian: bdean@apcaaaa.org .

IMPORTANT IMPORTANT

VOLUNTEER HOURS (Log Them Please) At the NCPAA Conference in Baton Rouge we found out a volunteer hour, on average, nation wide was valued at \$18. plus change. It is important on many levels to keep track of the time you donate. PLEASE email Brian at bdean@apcaaaa.org with your hours and the "project".

ALUMNI CHALLENGE: We are behind on fundraising. I challenge every alumnus to donate \$50.00 towards the conference PLUS sign up for the conference. My thought is: what I got out of going through the academy is surely worth far more than fifty bucks, and this is a good way of paying it forward. Make a check out to: APCAAA , note as "donation for conference" and mail to:

**APCAAAA
PO Box 241573
Anchorage AK 99524**

I encourage EVERYONE to attend the conference. It will be fun. It will be enlightening. TY Linda Lillmars

Miscellaneous Stuff

Results of Fundraiser for Officer Dan Petersen

The fundraiser held March 27, for Officer Dan Petersen was a great success. They exceeded their goal and raised around \$27,000. 00. The extra money will go toward gas and insurance. Officer Fifer said they were inundated with offers from our group to volunteer, donate and attend the function. He expresses his thanks to Jim Kaletka for all his help, and to everyone who came through for Officer Petersen. People throughout the entire community and several organizations went all out for this cause. Officer Petersen and his family are overwhelmed and grateful.

TERRY ADLAWAN's SELF DEFENSE SEMINAR FOR WOMEN:

Friday April 10 and Saturday April 11
7pm to 10 pm 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

Anchorage YMCA Lake Otis Parkway

Normal Cost: \$200.00

Reduced rate for APCAAA Women
New: \$ 85.00 Repeaters: \$60.00

To sign up call: Terry or Sussie at 344-3504

NEW

HAM RADIO CLASS

The Anchorage Amateur Radio Club, KL7AA will be holding a 4 week course (starting April 6) were you will learn everything you need to earn your entry level FCC Amateur Radio license.

Classes are free.
Morse Code is not required.
Pre-Registration is required.

**When: Monday and Wednesdays
(6pm to 9pm)**

**Where: APD Union Hall
500 W International Airport Road**

**More Info:
Email: instructor@kl7aa.net
Call: H. Hasper (907) 275-7474**



ANCHORAGE POLICE CITIZEN ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The APCAAA is a non-profit voluntary organization of interested Academy graduates who join to promote and improve community relations, provide continuing education, increase community involvement, and assist and support the Anchorage Police Department.

Page 4 of 8

Articles, Stories, Experiences

Some Thoughts on Crime Rates and Rating Your Police By Chief Rob Heun

Our Department, like any other police entity, strives to control crime, maintain order, provide services, and make citizens feel secure in their community. As you might guess, social and economic factors have enormous influence on the nature and levels of crime in the community. There is one way to measure crime rates, and as imperfect as it is, it is the only uniform methodology embraced nationally. It is called the FBI's Uniform Crime report.

The Uniform Crime Report (or UCR as it is called) establishes a hierarchal framework for collecting and analyzing crime statistics. Before looking at the specific crimes that are measured, we have to recognize that there are eleven factors that influence crime:

- size of the community, its population, and its population density
- how the population is composed (particularly in terms of age)
- stability of the population in regard to residence, mobility, and transience
- economic conditions, including job availability
- cultural conditions such as educational, recreational, and religious characteristics
- climate
- effective strength of law enforcement agencies
- what law enforcement emphasizes in its administrative and investigative roles
- the policies of the other components of the criminal justice system (prosecutorial, judicial, correctional, and probationary)
- citizen's attitudes toward crime
- how citizens report crime

Remember this: crime rates are determined primarily by citizen reporting rates. These vary from neighborhood to neighborhood, and city to city. And, unfortunately, crimes reported to police represent only a portion of the crimes committed.

If people live in a community where the police agency is responsive, they are more likely to report crimes than those who view the police as adversaries. A quality police department will receive more crime reports simply because citizens are more confident in the ability of the police to respond effectively. The result may be that a very good police department will show high crime rates.

The UCR program offers a national view of crime based on a codified reporting structure. There are two categories: Part I crimes are eight serious, frequently occurring crimes that make up the national crime index. They are classified according to a strict hierarchy in which only the most serious crime in a specific incident is counted. Part I crimes are murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Arson was added to the UCR Part I crimes in 1982 and is not included when the crime index is calculated. Part II crimes are the remainder of the crimes reported to the FBI and are less serious crimes and misdemeanors.

So with all the variables noted above when considering the UCR Part I crimes and reported crime rates, how the heck do you measure the quality of your police department? Here are some suggested questions posed by Dr. David Couper, a well respected member of the Police Executive Research Forum, that might be meaningful:

- Does the Chief and the Police Administration set the tone in the community for the discussion of all public safety and law enforcement issues?
- Does the Chief and the Police Administration articulate the policies of the agency clearly and understandably?
- Does the Police Department have a clear sense of its objectives?
- Are there written policies for all operational practices?
- Does the Police Department select the best qualified individuals to be police officers?



ANCHORAGE POLICE CITIZEN ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The APCAAA is a non-profit voluntary organization of interested Academy graduates who join to promote and improve community relations, provide continuing education, increase community involvement, and assist and support the Anchorage Police Department.

Page 5 of 8

- Does the Police Department provide high quality training for its officers?
- Does the Police Department reinforce the minimum requirement for a good police officer (effectiveness, integrity, civility and courtesy, health and physical fitness?)
- Does the Police Department guide, train, and supervise police officers in the restraint of the use of force?
- Is the police agency willing to investigate and discipline officers engaging in misconduct?
- Do police officers respect individual rights?
- Does the Police Department address crime and order problems by using all community resources?
- Does the Police Department cooperate and coordinate with neighboring law enforcement agencies and with other agencies in the criminal justice system?
- Does the police agency communicate well with the public?
- How does the Police Department approach the media?

Ultimately, the building blocks for a good Police Department are good leadership, sound organization, and well-conceived policies. These characteristics are the means by which a good department achieves the triple obligation of controlling crime, maintaining order, and providing service.

ALASKA INNOCENCE LOST TASK FORCE **By Agent Jolene Goldene**

The Anchorage Police Department Vice Unit and the FBI have joined together to develop the Alaska Innocence Lost Task force (ILTF). ILTF is an FBI sponsored task force and there are twenty-six task forces across the United States. The task force is focused on two initiatives. First, to identify and rescue children involved in prostitution. Second, the task forces are investigation focused and seek to identify and prosecute pimps and individuals responsible for the sexual exploitation of children through prostitution.

Anchorage has a significant problem with runaway children. The number of children involved in prostitution is directly related to the runaway problem. However, determining the actual number of children exploited through prostitution is difficult. These kids are often "throw-away" kids and not reported to law enforcement as missing or runaway. Anchorage runaway statistics support this claim because the more a child runs away; the less likely the parent is to report the child as missing. It isn't that the child stops running away, it is simply that the parents do not want to deal with the police anymore so they stop reporting it. Many of the adult women interviewed by the APD Vice Unit, who reported starting in prostitution as a minor, reported they had some form of fraudulent identification card and presented this to police when they were arrested or stopped as a minor. Subsequently, law enforcement did not know the female they were dealing with was a minor. Prostitution has also moved underground making it more difficult to quantify the number of child victims. In the past, the prostitution problem was easily measured by the number of women/girls a person saw walking in high prostitution areas. In Anchorage, the number of streetwalkers has drastically decreased and workers and/or their pimps now post on a number of internet websites to advertise and sell sex.

In July 2005, the FBI and APD Vice Unit began investigating a sex trafficking case targeting Don Webster. A three year joint investigation resulted in Webster's indictment and conviction of twenty-eight sex trafficking (minors and adults) and drug trafficking counts. Webster was sentenced on August 15, 2008, to thirty years in prison. This was the first sex trafficking case tried in Alaska.

Law enforcement has changed the way these cases are worked. It is essential to work with social service providers in the community to address the needs of the victims. Many of the women and girls have significant substance abuse issues and histories of some type of sexual exploitation or abuse. Victims are often in need of very basic things – clothing, food, medical, dental and housing as well as substance abuse and mental health treatment. The pimps prey on women and girls that are vulnerable or destitute. They exploit the vulnerabilities, insecurities and basic needs of these girls. The pimps create situations in which the girls become completely dependent on them. Pimps are often very physically and sexually abusive towards the women and girls creating an extreme of culture of fear. They rule by fear and this can make it very difficult for victims to reach out to law enforcement and trust them. Victim safety is foremost in these cases and a top priority for law enforcement.



ANCHORAGE POLICE CITIZEN ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The APCAAA is a non-profit voluntary organization of interested Academy graduates who join to promote and improve community relations, provide continuing education, increase community involvement, and assist and support the Anchorage Police Department.

Page 6 of 8

What Exactly Is A Rollover Simulator

By Jan Ruzicka, Treasurer (Class 08-2)

As I mentioned at our last meeting, I sent the final check for the rollover simulator. The unit is on its way! Now, some of you may be wondering what in the heck is a rollover simulator; what's it used for; who's going to use it; what did it cost; and where did the money come from. All good questions, but I'll start with the money angle since my interests tend to center around the check book.

The simulator cost \$30,000 plus about \$2,700 for shipping. Wow! How could we pay for that? We didn't! Officers Rob Lund and Gary Winborg raised the money to purchase the simulator. They are both School Resource Officers. Officer Lund (also the current president of Alaska DARE Officers Assn.) is stationed at Eagle River HS and Officer Winborg is at West HS. When I started asking questions as to how this all came about, this what Officer Lund said:

"(We) have been doing a presentation in the elementary schools over the last year that demonstrates the importance of seatbelt use on a much smaller scale. We have been using a 'car' that I made which hold two hard boiled eggs, one seat belted and one not. We give the kids a 15-20 minute talk about seatbelt issues and then have the demonstration with the car. It is rolled down an 8' ramp and then collides with another small car to simulate the accident. Of course the egg that is not seat belted goes for quite a ride and bounces off the other car and across the floor. The kids really seem to enjoy the presentation so we started looking for ways to present the message to older kids (middle and high school age). The simulator seemed to fit the bill." Officer Lund went on to say, "The simulator is a unit that will graphically display the effects on a human body in a simulated 35 mph rollover. It will be mainly used at schools as a training aid and will hopefully be used at the state fair and any other public or private demonstration where it is requested. We have tentatively been authorized to use the unit not only in the MOA, but even out in the Valley and possibly south toward Kenai."

The web site says, "The 'dummies' in the simulator that are not restrained by a seatbelt are thrown from the simulator in a terrifying real enactment of the deadly results of seatbelt negligence." Sounds like this demonstration will certainly open the eyes of middle and high school kids!

Are you as impressed as I am? These two fine officers are yet another example of the quality of people found throughout our police department. They saw a need to educate the children of this community on the importance of seatbelt safety and raised the funds necessary to implement a plan to reach out to *all* school age children. The rollover simulator and the message it graphically presents will save lives. Thank you, Officers Lund and Winborg! Thank you also to those who donated the funds to make this possible: State Farm, Alaska Regional Hospital, Sogard Realty, Alaska Injury Prevention, and Alaska Academy of Trial Lawyers.

If you would like to see a picture of the rollover simulator and read more about it, here's the web site:
<http://www.frankpetersonlmc.com/RolloverSimulator.html>



ANCHORAGE POLICE CITIZEN ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The APCAAA is a non-profit voluntary organization of interested Academy graduates who join to promote and improve community relations, provide continuing education, increase community involvement, and assist and support the Anchorage Police Department.

Page 7 of 8

TRAINING SCENARIOS

By Susan Peck (Class O6-2)

As a graduate of APCA 06-02 I have had the privilege of participating in several training scenarios with the Police Recruits. Report writing, always our first interaction with any Academy of police recruits can be a little dry, depending on your scenario, but it's fun and rewarding because you get to meet the recruits and be their first 'citizen' interaction, and give them helpful feedback right away. (This is usually when I give them a 60 second blurb about the Neighborhood Crime Watch program, too, since they don't hear about that at all during Academy).

I've also done the DUI scenarios, both as a drinker (insert embarrassing story here), and as a non-drinking chaperon. I have twice done DV scenarios, hostage negotiator scenarios (once as a hostage, once as a hostage taker!), and the ever popular Officer Survival Training scenarios, held at local bars and hotels. These are the final scenarios we get to do with the soon-to-be officers, right before they graduate. They can be entertaining, educational and often intense, but always worth one's time. APD's training staff genuinely appreciate ALL the volunteering we Alumni do with the recruits... I truly believe THEY believe it helps the recruits become better officers, having had all the practice on us before even entering the FTO stage of their training. Recently a few of us Alumni (Larry, John, Angel, Sandra and myself) volunteered for a day of 'first responder' scenarios. For past Academies, they used dummies for this training. This time, led by Off. Seth McMillan, they had us live dummies field dressed with fake wounds and blood and gore, ranging from broken bones (Sandra had a gunshot wound in her leg that had fractured a bone), to gunshot wounds - Angel's hand had been blown off by a shotgun - to a severe neck wound and gut shot (that was John, complete with fake belly wound with guts hanging out!) and me, my arm shot with a through-and-through, making me the "the walking wounded".... mobile but in shock.

Larry's scenario was held elsewhere but the rest of us were staged in a back warehouse portion of the training center. The scenario was a disgruntled ex-employee had returned to the store he was fired from and went on a rampage. The recruits had to come in and extract us while also administering first-aid. They sent the recruits in 7 or 8 at a time, with two instructors delivering guidance and commands as they worked their way back to where we were.

You can just imagine all the screaming and yelling we did, imploring them to come help us, but they had to be cautious because they did not know where "the shooter" was, or how many there were, and I suspect they could barely hear themselves think over all the noise we were making. While some recruits saw to John and Angels' "wounds", the others would try to talk Sandra and I to come out from where we were, further back in the warehouse. To come to us would have put them at risk. Our part was to resist their efforts to talk us out, with Sandra unable to walk, and me with a shot-up arm.

Each group handled the scenario differently and I feel certain they all learned a lot. We had a GREAT time, and I have to say this is my new favorite scenario. The most exciting moment came when we were told that, while Off. McMillan had told SOME of the staff in the building we were holding these scenarios, he did not tell EVERYONE, and when all the screaming and yelling started we had officers running down the halls towards us with guns drawn... fortunately, however we all lived to tell the tale and to volunteer another day.



ANCHORAGE POLICE CITIZEN ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The APCAAA is a non-profit voluntary organization of interested Academy graduates who join to promote and improve community relations, provide continuing education, increase community involvement, and assist and support the Anchorage Police Department.

Page 8 of 8

National Conference Memories By Kristi Kuhlman-Fisher (Class 05-1)

It is time again for the wonderful event of the National Conference! As alumni of the Anchorage Police Citizens' Academy, we have the honor of hosting this conference. As most of you know, I graduated from the academy in 2005 and attended the conference in South Bend, Indiana, in May of 2006. Not only did it change my personal life (it's where I met my now-husband), but it opened my eyes to other areas where we can volunteer our services and gave those in attendance a gigantic boost in energy to move forward and improve our organizations. The classes that were offered were very similar in topic to those that we offer in our academy but those classes gave an insight to the way other police organizations operate and were a great opportunity to get up close and personal with different officers and officials that the "civilian" population doesn't normally get to socialize with. There were three classes in particular that have stayed with me for the last three years. They are the K-9 dogs, the bomb squad, and the DUI goggles that we got to wear while driving a golf cart. Not only were the classes informative, but they were so much fun! The dogs are extremely smart and friendly. Their training regimen is extensive and to watch them in action, actually sniffing out drugs, was very impressive. The bomb squad gave us hands-on experience with homemade pipe bombs and volunteers from the class were offered the opportunity to be shocked with a taser. The DUI class was also a hands-on experience. Some of you may have worn with the DUI goggles in our academy, but to actually attempt driving while wearing them is an experience in itself.

The sense of family and support that flows through the people involved in the national alumnus is something that I have not felt in any other volunteer program that I have been involved in. I made some lifelong friends during that short timeframe and I know that if I ever needed anything, they would all be there for me. The individuals involved in this group are so diverse and so amazing. I feel completely blessed to be able to be a part of this association. In fact, my husband and I just got back from South Bend, Indiana, where he was sent for work and I tagged along for fun. It was so wonderful to see the friends again that I made at the conference three years ago. I spent a day at the South Bend Police Department, got a tour of the VIPs office (and their patrol cars), and was privy to a shooting that had just occurred while I was at the police department.

All in all, the money that I spent for the conference was well worth it. This association has enriched my life and given me a sense of worldwide family that I never thought possible. I highly recommend that anyone and everyone attend the conference this May. It will change your outlook on community service, community oneness, and community spirit.

BODY SEARCH By Linda Lillmars (Class 08-2)

Recently Ofc. Amanda Fisher from the training center put out a request for females to volunteer for "body" searches, as the recruits needed additional experience. My decision to volunteer and go out of my comfort zone was because from our classes and life experience I know how crucial this step is for law enforcement individuals to keep them safe on the street. Five volunteered, including this "fluffy" one.

Each person was involved in a different scenario. For the recruit to earn a complete at each scenario they had to know the elements of the crime, do everything that was required for that circumstance, and do a proper body search. On my body I had to hide a (big) hand gun and a small knife. Everyone found the hand gun, only one of the recruits found the knife. Thought I would maybe be embarrassed, however the recruits discomfort, in most cases, was so obvious, all I could to was feel for them as they worked at doing it right; plus Officer Musgrave was such a gentleman and so professional it was easy to stay focused on the training and his teaching and reinforcing with each of the recruits what they need to know, and how to do it properly and professionally. I learned a great deal. The recruits learned a whole lot more. It was actual one of the most intense, and fun scenario volunteering I have done; and, I can dine out on this for the next two years.