



Citizen Academy Alumni News

Laguna Beach Police Department



Edition #24

Laura Farinella, Chief of Police

Sept 2017

24th Citizen Academy Class Graduates!

Citizen Academy Class #24 began on February 2, 2017 and graduated on April 27, 2017. The graduation ceremony was held at Tivoli Too and 16 new members were added to the growing list of Citizen Academy Alumni. Graduation Certificates of Completion were handed out by Police Chief Laura Farinella and Captain Jeff Calvert. In the early stages of the class, **David Arnold** was chosen as class president, while **Ali Hakimi** was chosen as vice-president and **Margret Valdes** as class photographer. Congrats to Class #24! Awesome job!



Top Row (L-R): Corporal James Gramer, David Arnold, Katie Arnold, Cathy Bosko, Diana Aston, and Phil Martinez.

Middle Row (L-R): Fred Sharman, Ceil Sharman, Ann Larson, Charity Morsey, and Ali Hakimi.

Front Row (L-R): Kenneth Cornelison, Daryle Lynn Cornelison, Andy Coyle, Tiffany Mitcham, Margret Valdes, COP Mona Roberts, K-9 Corporal Zach Fillers and K-9 Ranger.

SPECIAL THANKS:

A big thank you to Alumni members **Colette Hory**, **Christy Farris**, **Corporal Jason Farris**, **Detective David Gensemer** and **LBPD Police Explorers** for participating in car stop night. Always a good time!

Many thanks also to alumni members **Rob Zur Schmiede**, **Eric Jensen**, **Jo Jensen**, and **Beth Johnsen** who shared their words of support on the first night.

Another thank you to **Hesh Lensky** as well for playing an excellent part in our Good Witness exercise.

UPCOMING CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT:

Class #25 will start on September 8th and graduate on December 8th. Applications are being accepted, please contact:

PSO Ross Fallah
(949)497-0701 ext. 202
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Alumni are invited to visit on the first night of the upcoming Academy Class to meet and encourage the new class. If interested, please contact any staff member.

CLASS SPONSORS

Sponsors are continually being sought for the Citizen Academy. Funds obtained from class sponsors go towards miscellaneous costs of the academy, such as class materials and graduation plaques. Sponsors will be named on a sponsor page contained in the academy notebooks, as well as in the next *Citizen Academy Alumni* newsletter. Sponsors may be organizations or individuals, categorized as *Gold*, *Silver*, and *Bronze*.

A *Gold* sponsor is \$200 or more. A *Silver* sponsor is \$100. A *Bronze* sponsor is any amount under \$100. All sponsors will receive an official Laguna Beach PD Citizen's Academy key fob (keychain). If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for Class #25, please forward a check to BLANKKKKKKKKKK made payable to the "City of Laguna Beach" and write "Citizen Academy" in the memo area. Funds received from sponsors are greatly appreciated and are put to good use.

CLASS INSTRUCTORS

- * Captain Jason Kravetz* Lieutenant Tim Kleiser
- * Sgt. Eric Lee * Fire Chief Jeff LaTendresse
- * Cpl. Jason Farris * Cpl. Andy Peck
- * Sgt. Beckie White *Cpl. Ryan Hotchkiss *Cpl. James Gramer
- * Cpl. Dave Gensemer * K-9 Corporal Zach Fillers
- * Motor Ofcr. Thom Spratt
- * Civilian Supervisor Jim Beres* CSO Nikie Hernandez
- * PSO Ross Fallah *

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

Are you interested in learning how to be more prepared for a disaster? Consider applying for the next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class facilitated by the Laguna Beach Police Department. For more information go to:

<http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/police/emergprep/cert.htm>

The next CERT class is slated to commence in September 2017. For more information or to submit an application visit <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net/cityhall/police/emergprep/cert.htm> or contact Emergency Operations Coordinator Jordan Villwock at (949)-497-0389 or email jvillwock@lagunabeachcity.net.

Jeff Calvert Promoted to Captain



On April 24th 2017, Lieutenant Jeff Calvert was promoted to the rank of Captain. Captain Calvert has been with the Laguna Beach Police Department for twenty years. Prior to working at the Laguna Beach Police Department, he worked for the Los Angeles and Orange County Sheriff Departments. Captain Calvert Has a Bachelor's of Arts Degree from Chapman University, a Master's degree in Executive Leadership from USC, and is a graduate of class #266 of the FBI National Academy.

City Adds a Second Community Outreach Officer to the Ranks with Measure LL



In May of 2017, Officer Zach Martinez was assigned to be the second Community Outreach Officer with the City of Laguna Beach. Officer Martinez will be working with our current Community Outreach Officer, Corporal Jason Farris, to better provide services and resources to the local homeless and business owners.

Officer Martinez began his law enforcement career in 1993 with the Los Angeles Police Department. Officer Martinez has been with the Laguna Beach since 2001 and has held the position of Police Corporal, Juvenile Detective, and Fraud Detective.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The department is currently accepting applications for full-time lateral and entry-level **Police Officer**, as well as part-time **Reserve Officer**. For more information, contact Personnel at (949)497-0312 or via <http://www.lagunabeachcity.net> under the City Hall tab.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of the Citizen's Academy are eligible to participate in the Citizen's On Patrol Program. To be considered as a volunteer for this community-minded volunteer service group, contact Ross Fallah at (949) 464-6624 or at rfallah@lagunabeachcity.net

