

# Fairfield Township Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

## Meeting Minutes for July 5, 2011

Present: Pam Weisbrod, Andrea King, Charlene Pignone, Bonnie Evans, Lindy Stasen, Linda Merrill, Jim Pignone, Jeff Perrigo, Connie Johnson, Donna Baynes, Anita Snyder, Carol Franz, Susie Flinchum, Margaret Meyer, Betty Gross, Bernice Oxier, Dude Evans, Margie Glover, Amanda LeFevre, Brian Gish, Glenn Hubbard, Roger Alcorn, Dawn Alcorn, Frank Montgomery, Margaret Wilsman, Darlene Moss, Matt Becknell, Jim Byrd, Jerome Kearns, Greg Hicks (Colerain CPAA), Debbie Fales (Colerain CPAA), Peggy Smith (Colerain CPAA), Kerry Saylor, Craig Goley, Kevin Seymour, Mike Oler, Terry Scharnhorst, Mary Alcorn

Meeting Location: Fairfield Township Police Station, 6:30pm

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**Pledge of Allegiance** was honored.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Current Balance - \$5874.77

#### Expenditures since June meeting:

Tent Replacement from CF	\$159.35
Dog park tree planting items	\$14.65
Google website fee	\$10.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Church of God Donation/CF	\$200.00
FFTWP Fire Explorers Donations/CF	\$100.00
Sams Club items for Welcome mtg	\$23.86
Galls - (10) safety vests	\$233.73

**Welcome New CPAA Graduates:** We had 11 new graduates attend the meeting.

**Guest Speakers:** Ron Porter, Executive Director Butler County Transportation Improvement District, spoke on the new superstreet project that is taking place on By-Pass 4. Ron explained how projects like this are developed and planned for 20 years of growth and 20 years of expansion. For the growth and expansion of By-Pass 4, it was determined the conventional intersection design would no longer work. Superstreets are used in other states such as North Carolina and Michigan. This will be the first superstreet developed in Ohio and according to Ron, this is a big deal for the state.

Five lanes are being developed to improve the mainline and to help move the heavy traffic. You will no longer be able travel straight through if you go east or west. For traveling east or west, you will be using the median U-turn. Ron showed members an animation of how the superstreet will work. Overhead signs will be installed informing travelers which lanes they need to use in order to use the U-turn medians. A new traffic signal structures will be used. Cameras will be installed at the intersections allowing the traffic engineers to see what is happening in order to manage the signals and to give them the ability to change the signals as needed.

Ron pointed out with the superstreet design that there are 27 conflict points which makes it safer than a regular interchange, which has 32 conflicts. ODOT will do an ad campaign, plus post information on the Butler County website to get people familiar with the new design. Ron emphasized that there will be learning curve with using the superstreet design.

- Superstreet information:  
<http://www.bceo.org/departments/engineering/Traffic-SuperstreetIntersection.pdf>
- Superstreet Video:  
<http://www.bceo.org/videos/superstreet.html>

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**Colerain Township CPAA:** Debbie Fales, Greg Hicks and Peggy Smith were present at the meeting. Debbie spoke about Bunco night their Organization holds for raising money. In one Bunco night, they can raise approx. \$1600. For the July 4<sup>th</sup> event, they brought in approx. \$2000. Their Organization will be present at the Taste of Colerain held August 12 - 14<sup>th</sup> where they will be selling water, ice tea and lemonade at their booth. Colerain CPAA was involved with their community's one day shredding event. Greg pointed out that the wind jackets and safety vest their CPAA members uses are signed in and out for detail assignments.

### Old Business

CPAA Website: The new Organization site is up and operational - [www.fftwpcpaa.org](http://www.fftwpcpaa.org). Be sure to bookmark the site for easy reference in your browser. The website will have a calendar for tracking events, information about detail assignments, meeting minutes and so forth. The cost is \$10 a year for Google to host the site. No member's personal information will be posted on the site. It will strictly be information about the CPAA.

Township Dog Park: The trees have been planted. Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the planting.

Summerbration: Seven volunteers helped with the detail. No incidents were reported.

Vacation Home Checks: There are six homes to be checked. If you are interested in doing the checks but did not get the training, a date will be announced for when the training will be available. Discussion focused on how to handle notifying volunteers for doing the home checks. With the new CPAA website, the calendar was discussed for signing up on days/times that volunteers are available. If you are new to doing home checks, you can ask to come along with two other members who do them regularly.

Storage Space: No discussion.

Project R.A.W.C: If you are interested in doing a ride along with an officer, contact Commander Oler. Suggestion made to use the discussion board/blog on CPAA website for posting ride along experiences.

### New Business

Station Update from Commander Oler:

- ❖ Commander read the thank you card from the Weisbrod family on the passing of CPAA member John Weisbrod.
- ❖ Next CPAA class will begin in September. Ten applications have been received without advertising the class. Keep spreading the word about the CPA. If you know someone who would be interested in doing the CPA, have them contact Commander Oler directly.

CCW Class: If you are interested in doing the CCW class, contact Office Dave Pratt directly at [dpratt@fairfieldtwp.org](mailto:dpratt@fairfieldtwp.org)

Upcoming Events:

- Safety Fair at Bridgewater Falls– looking into having CPAA booth with possibly selling something to make money. Volunteers will be needed from 11am – 3pm. Members are to think about ideas the CPAA can do for this event which will be discussed at the August meeting.

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### Upcoming Events (continued):

- Traffic Monitoring- Detail involves using the handheld radar to monitor and take notes of speeders in predetermined areas. The COP car will be used. Training is required for this detail. If interested, contact Commander Oler at [moler@fairfieldtwp.org](mailto:moler@fairfieldtwp.org).
- Funeral detail for Monroe Firefighter Kenny Ellis which took place July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Township Fire Department spaghetti dinner looking to hold it in the fall.

Future Meetings/Outings: The DEA agent's presentation may be postponed until September. Working out the details for DEA presentation and FBI presentation. Mike to schedule trip to jail.

Fundraising Committee: Update from Glenn. He is organizing a "Penny a Pin" bowling fundraiser at the Fairfield Bowling Lanes. Members will have people sponsor them for a penny a pin or they can donate a certain amount of money instead. Glenn will get a list of potential dates for when the event can be held. He also mentioned that we can setup tables and bring in food but we have to buy drinks.

Peggy called different places for holding a dance. Suggestions on when to have the dance were around Halloween, Valentine or St Patrick's Day. Members liked the idea of a Valentine / St Patrick dance around Feb/ March time frame. Amanda suggested a DJ for the dance and knows someone that we can use. Terry Scharnhorst suggested contacting Butler Tech for holding the dance. Other suggestion was Walden Ponds.

Open Forum: Terry Scharnhorst will look into getting speakers installed in the Community Room at the station for guest speakers to use.

Motion made by Lindy, second by Glenn to adjourn meeting.

### **Action Items from Meeting:**

**Kerry** to investigate how posting/discussions on new CPAA website can be setup for members to use.

**Glenn** will get potential dates for bowling event for next meeting.

**Mike** to schedule tour of jail.

**ALL members** are to think about fundraising ideas for the Safety Fair event at Bridgewater Falls which will be discussed at the August meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, August 2nd 6:30pm at the station