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President's Monthly Report

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Greetings,

Here's wishing that all our members are in good health as well as their families.

In this newsletter you will be reading the report from our 1st VP Laura "Kat" Tobias regarding TCPA's successful summer conference. I spoke to Jon Matherne, TCPA's President, who stated how "Kat" brought so much professionalism in representing AACPA and her duties as the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. KUDOS to "Kat". Jon also stated that he nominated her as Civilian at Large for TCPA.

I invited JON to visit our region for our October meeting and he will verify the date later this month with me.

I wish to "Thank" our members for attending our July meeting @ La Fonda. I feel that we succeeded in gathering information for our mid-winter conference. I hope all will continue to help with new ideas and contacts.

I realize that membership is always fluctuating; I would like to get more input from our members on how to increase our attendance and to make it more inviting for others to attend.

I ask all to pray for our troops and our law enforcement personnel who are on the front lines everyday to make our nation and cities safe for us.

Sincerely, Gilbert C. De La Portilla
President / AACPA

NEXT MEETING & LOCATION

TUESDAY
August 15, 2006
11:30 A.M.



Grady's Bar-B-Q

4109 Fredericksburg Rd.
Balcones Heights, Texas
(210) 732-3636

For map and menu and lunch specials visit their website: <http://www.gradysbbq.com>

Guest Speaker:

Richard Villarreal
San Antonio Police Department
K-9 Unit

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



The 100 Club Gala - 2006

Crowne Plaza Hotel

111 East Pecan, San Antonio, Texas

August 23, 2006, 6 p.m. - 10 pm

Cocktails 6-7 p.m.

Dinner & Dancing 7 - 10 p.m.

**AACPA is considering the purchase of a table for 10 people (Cost \$1250).
This will be presented to the membership for a vote at the August 15th AACPA meeting.**

(All proceeds benefit the families of professional Peace Officers and Firefighters killed in the line of duty within Bexar County)

Alamo Area Crime Prevention Association**Minutes, General Membership Meeting on July 19, 2006**

La Fonda, 350 Northaven, San Antonio, Texas

Start Time: 1145 hours, 11 members present, 1 guest

Welcome

Introductions/Roll Call

President's Report:

- Thank you note read from NW Neighborhood Crime Watch
- Training ideas needed for Mid-Winter Conference 2007
- Instructors also need to have good knowledge and a good presentation
- Some ideas:
 - Bike class
 - Crime scenes
 - Shattered Dreams
 - Leadership
 - Need ideas on civilian training
 - Corrections
 - Critical Incidents-what happens afterwards
- Any ideas...? ? ? Please contact Lora Tobias at: 210-381-7995
- Need up to 10 vendors, suggestions? They can pay for 1, 2, or all 3 days.
- We need sponsorships!

Barbara Lowe, Uvalde PD receives Public Safety Award for Shattered Dreams. GREAT JOB Barbara!

Meeting Adjourned

1251 hours.

Police Catch Bridal Bandit in the Act

Posted By: [Mandi Bishop](#), 7/20/2006 9:10:57 PM

Many things can go wrong on your wedding day. The photographer is late. You have a bad hair day. You never expect to be robbed!

Police say they caught a local thief targeting brides. News 4 WOAI Trouble Shooter Brian Collister is breaking the story of the alleged "Bridal Bandit."

"When I came to the conclusion that it only could have happened at the wedding, I was just in disbelief," said recent bride Karen George. She didn't just get married on her wedding day, she also got robbed.

She's in disbelief because, during her ceremony, someone snuck into the bride's dressing room and stole her credit cards and cash.

"This was an uninvited guest that had invaded our special day, in a church, a place of worship," George explained.

It turns out, this uninvited guest has been showing up at a lot of weddings around San Antonio. No one put it all together until a dedicated detective figured it out. She came across this bridal bandit while investigating a report of a stolen credit card being used at a local restaurant.

Live Oak detective Anita Seamans told us, "When I found that the credit card was stolen at the church that I worship at, it hit close to home. As I do with all my cases, I prayed over it and did my best."

Detective Seamans spoke to her pastor, who told her the credit card was stolen during a wedding. So, the detective set up a hidden camera at the next wedding.

"It didn't take long. About 3 1/2 minutes into the ceremony, me and another female officer observed a female walk into the room and go to each of the purses," recalled Detective Seamans. She could not believe what she was seeing on tape, which she cannot release until the Bridal Bandit goes to court.

"I was standing there watching it happen on videotape and still kept repeating out loud, 'I cannot believe she is doing this. I cannot believe she is doing this.' I could not believe that anyone would steal from God's house and during the most joyful day in someone's life, which is their wedding."

It was Stephanie Bonette's wedding.

"This is not supposed to happen at my wedding," Stephanie told us. "This is not what your wedding is supposed to be like." The bridal bandit stole her credit cards. Stephanie did not know until after the ceremony, when she was approached by the detective.

Stephanie remembered, "She comes up to me very calmly and pats me on the shoulder and says, 'There's been a robbery.' I said, 'What?!' I think my jaw dropped."

Police say the bridal bandit is a woman named Robin Neafie, 30. Neafie is charged with stealing credit cards, but that's not all. Police later searched Neafie's apartment and found 18 credit cards, and receipts tying to purchases bought with those cards. Those items include Coach purses, an Ipod, palm pilots, a digital camera, SD cards for the digital camera, and DVD movies.

They also found wedding announcements with notes and directions written on them. Some of those date back to 2002.

Stephanie gave us her thoughts on the alleged suspect.

"I think she is the most horrible and vile person on the face of the earth. This is the most special day in someone's life, and she is just coming in and destroying it."

Police tell us Neafie is out of business. She is out on bond, but was unreachable for comment. If you've been hit by a bridal bandit call Live Oak Police at 210-653-0033.



CONSUMER ALERT

EMT Alert Card Is A Scam

My office has received a report of consumers being contacted by a Phoenix-based company called "EMT Alert Inc." The caller says he is calling on behalf of and working with the City of San Antonio Fire Department. The caller says that the City of San Antonio is now requiring everyone to purchase an "EMT Alert Card," and that the \$300 card would guarantee fire and ambulance service. Supposedly, the card lets emergency workers know what types of medical emergencies they should be aware of at the consumer's address. The caller then wants the consumer's bank account information "to process the card."

A person who needs emergency help can simply call 911. My office has confirmed that the City of San Antonio does not recognize, let alone require, an EMT Alert card. This is a scam. It is all the more brazen when you consider that the consumer would not realize it was a scam until he or she tried to use the card in an emergency. Since emergencies are rare, most buyers would never find out the card was worthless.

If you receive a call from EMT Alert, be forewarned that the caller may have your name and address. This doesn't mean anything. Do not give the caller any additional information about yourself, especially not financial information like your bank account number.

Don't buy anything. Just hang up.



Greg Abbott
Attorney General of Texas

TCPA Summer Conference Report

By Laura "KAT"-AACPA-1st VP

Upon my arrival on Sunday-July 16th, I attended the board meeting for TCPA in absence of our President, Gilbert C. DeLaPortilla.

The meeting was called to order by TCPA President, Jon Matherne, followed by the Pledge, Invocation, and Officer reports. Old business consisted Conference Agenda Overview, YO Ranch Resort Contracts and preparation for Mid-Winter, By-Law Committee, and Complaint from NTCPA (Executive Recess). New Business was introduced with a North Texas Brady Campaign request, Scholarship request and one Award; Louise Bocock Scholarship and the Glen Connors Award. The Brady Campaign was decided that each individual member of TCPA could stop by the vendor table if they wanted to support the campaign. Zachary Turman was the recipient of the Louise Bocock Scholarship and Jim Baylor was awarded the Glen Connors Award. Also, for reference there is no pro rating of members and no dual membership. (See TCPA By-Laws)

A package was given to each regional president and/or representative in regards to life membership reports, treasurer's report, and scholarship/award request. A copy will be available at the next meeting for those who would like to review them.

I reported to the board the following:

- 37 members for Alamo Area
- We have also completed TCLEOSE training for our members with a class in blood borne pathogens in May along with future classes in CPR, Basic First Aid, and Bike Patrol maintenance, and TABC. We are also looking at future training to incorporate more Universities.
- We would also like to honor one of our members, Barbara Lowe, for the extraordinary job in being awarded Public Servant Award for the year in regards to the Shattered Dreams program.
- On Tuesday-July 18th our members will be meeting strictly to brainstorm and begin preparations for mid-winter in Kerrville, TX.

I was invited by the President of TCPA to sit in on a meeting on Monday-July 17th at 1:00 p.m. in regards to the Police Chief's Association. This meeting was to introduce the possibility of partnering with the Police Chiefs Association and Arizona Crime Prevention Association. This will reflect having a relationship between the associations.

On Tuesday-July 18th, I was honored to Chair the Nominations Committee. The offices vacant were; Secretary, Membership, 3rd Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and President.

I would like to thank the Nomination Committee: Past President - Don Williams, Past President - Mark Poindexter, Texas Gulf Coast - Nancy Whiting, Texas Chisholm Trail - Bill Hudgins, South Texas - Jose Milian, North Texas - Dickie Thomas, Central Texas - John Dees, and Alamo Area - Laura "KAT" Tobias

*The nomination committee recommended to the general membership members the following members after the interviews on Tuesday;

Secretary -	Lita Snellgrove	
Membership -	No applicants	
3 rd V.P.-	No applicants	
2 nd V.P.-	Dennis Porter	
President -	Jon Matherne	
Membership -	Martha Mabry	(Nomination came off the floor)
3 rd V.P. -	April Layton	(Nomination came off the floor)

Please welcome your new TCPA board!

President	Jon Matherne	
1 st VP	Nancy Gresham	
2 nd VP	Dennis Porter	
3 rd VP	April Layton	
Secretary	Lita Snellgrove	
Membership	Martha Mabry	
Sgt. at Arms	Scott Rhodes	(Appointed by President)
Civilian at Large	Laura "KAT" Tobias	(Appointed by President)



Past President-Mark Poindexter, Central Texas-John Dees, McGruff (background), Texas Chisholm Trail-Bill Hudgins, Texas Gulf Coast-Nancy Whiting, Past President-Don Williams, South Texas-Jose Milian, and representing Alamo Area-Laura "KAT" Tobias (Chair), and North Texas-Dickie Thomas (not pictured)



April Layton (3rd V.P.), Lita Snellgrove (Secretary), Jon Matherne (President), Martha Mabry (Membership), and Dennis Porter (2nd V.P.)



2006 Texas Crime Prevention Association Summer Conference Wrap-Up

The TCPA summer conference in Dallas was a success! Many awards were given, there are several new CCPS members and the new state board was sworn in and is in place. A slide show containing pictures from the Presidents Reception, General Membership Meeting and the Awards Ceremony are available for viewing on our website. (Requires Power Point viewing capability). Enter: <http://aacpa.net/showtcpa.pps> Enjoy!

Our award winners for 2005-2006 are:

Glen Connors Award

- Jim Baylor, Rice University Police Department

Presidential Award

- Vicki Stonaker, Dallas PD

Louise Bocoock Scholarship

- Zack Termin, Rockwall High School

Outstanding Crime Prevention Specialist Overall

- Mike Clowdus, Pflugerville PD

Outstanding Crime Prevention Manager

- Bill Sink, Watauga PD

Above and Beyond Award

- Allison Letnes, Fort Worth PD

Outstanding Crime Prevention Specialist Small Agency

- Lita Snellgrove, University Park PD

Outstanding Crime Prevention Specialist Medium Agency

- Greg New, Grand Prairie PD

Outstanding Crime Prevention Specialist Large Agency

- Shirlee Brown, Fort Worth PD

Outstanding Crime Prevention Agency

- Chuck Upton, Whitney Police Department

Outstanding Crime Prevention Specialized Agency

- Reggie Jackson, Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital

Outstanding Crime Prevention Citizen

- Warner Filley, Fort Worth PD

The TCPA state board members are:

President – Jon Matherne, Pearland PD

1st VP – Nancy Gresham, AGO

2nd VP – Dennis Porter, Grand Prairie PD

3rd VP – April Marie Layton, ATPA-RATT in Arlington

Membership – Martha Mabry, Fort Worth PD

Secretary – Lita Snellgrove, University Park PD

Civilian at Large – Laura “KAT” Tobias, Women’s Self Defense in San Antonio

Sergeant at Arms – Scott Rhodes, Grapevine PD

Summer Conference Vendors:

3rd Eye Surveillance Systems
Texas Correctional Industries
Southern Poverty Law Center
Mountain State University
Advantage Source
Concerns of Police Survivors
Law Enforcement Affairs
National Crime Watch Institute
Crime Web Network
National Crime Prevention Council
ATPA-Reduce Auto Theft in Texas

Worldwide Locking Systems
GST Public Safety
National Sheriff's Association
John Reid & Associates, Inc.
Taylor Brothers Door Lock
Crime Watch USA, Inc.
N Texas Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
National Drug and Safety League
Law Publications
Boomerrangit, Inc.
USA On Watch – Neighborhood Watch

Summer Conference Recruiters:

Baylor Public Safety
Irving PD
Garland PD
University of Texas at Arlington PD
City of Farmers Branch
Arlington PD
DFW Airport Public Safety
Allen PD
Plano PD
Collin County SO
Farmington New Mexico PD
Dallas PD
Texas DPS

Special thanks go to the people that made the conference so wonderful, especially Vickie Stonaker and the members of NTCPA. Also, thanks to Chris Stokes with Forest Hill Police Department for his Explorers who worked hard to keep up with the fast-paced conference activities. Big thanks to the vendors who supported TCPA at the conference and last but not least, the agencies that came in and set up recruiting tables. Thank you to everyone who participated and we look forward to a great time in Kerrville!

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