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Guest Speaker

AACPA

October's Guest Speaker



Barbara Scharf-Zeldes
(Barbie)

Candidate for Judge of Probate Court 2

[Visit her web site for additional details](#)

www.VoteForBarbie.com

President's Monthly Report

Greetings,

This year is quickly coming to a close and another conference is creeping upon us. Thank goodness for an efficient 1st VP. I know I am always praising Laura "Kat" Tobias but she has always taken the bull by the horns and gets the job done. This year is no exception! Always doing her best for A A C P A is her goal. Again, "Kat" Thank you for your unselfish dedication to our association.

Don Carr is another person who strives for perfection and never lets us down. He has done the job of several people and continues to give of himself without any fanfare. These two individuals have given their all to keep A A C P A on its feet.

I ask all our members to step up to the plate again and share all your knowledge. Help us grow in spirit. It has been a difficult year with membership sagging and I know many of you have voiced your concern, but believe me we have tried over the years to make it more interesting for all. Lets work together so we can grow!!

Our Mid-Winter conference is around the corner and the training scheduled is exciting and new. We still need help with sponsors, vendors, volunteers, etc.... Please contact "Kat" with suggestions or where you want to contribute.

Please bring a guest to our next meeting, our Guest Speakers will be exciting in the coming months, so please try to attend. I want to thank, Officer Rick Villarreal (S A P D) and Rex his beautiful dog for their presentation at St. Mary's University. They did a wonderful job as well as informative!

Hope to see you all at the next A A C P A meeting.....

Sincerely,

*Gilbert C. De La Portilla
A A C P A / President*



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

St. Mary's University-AT & T Bldg., San Antonio, Texas
Start Time: 1155hours, 10 members present, 4 guest

Welcome

Introductions/Roll Call

Speaker: Ofc. Rick Villarreal, SAPD K-9 handler

Subject: SAPD's K-9 units, training, and narcotics demo K-9 search.

President's Report:

- T CPA President might come down to our meeting to go to Kerrville Nov. 14.
- Still looking for instructors if possible...Any ideas...? Please contact Laura Tobias at 210-381-7995
- Survivors Benefits and Identity Theft is a possible speaker
- Still need ideas for vendors and sponsors.

1st Vice President:

- Instructors for Mid Winter Conference, Jan. 14-17 are secured
- Ideas for conference Theme are "*Wild Wild West*" or "*Show Me Your Badge*"
- Needs help with vendors entertainment and notebooks
- Need a Committee working with Kerrville Visitor Center
- Thanks to Anna Cleave for set up Speaker for November

2nd Vice President:

- No Report

Treasurer:

- Income- \$135.00, Expenses - \$903.52 (summer conference, office expenses)
- Voted to pay bills of \$233.49

Secretary:

- Minutes from August's meeting on website, nothing else to report.

Civilian Report:

- No Report

Law Enforcement Report:

- No Report

Military Report:

- No Report

Old Business: None due to time.

New Business: None due to time.

Meeting Adjourned

1310 hours. ◀

Our secretary, Corporal Karen Tucker, and her teammates at the UTHSCSA Police Department also publish a monthly newsletter online at:

<http://www.uthscsa.edu/utpolice/Newsletters/NewsletterOct2006.pdf>

Lots of Great Crime Prevention News in their newsletter !! ◀

Business Travel Tips

09.20.06

By [Russell Morgan](#)

In this global and increasingly fast-paced business world, traveling for work is a way of life for many. Making the most out of your time on the road is often a top priority, but the trick is making sure this doesn't come at the expense of security. Checking your e-mail while waiting for your plane to board, fine-tuning a business proposal during the flight, and browsing online in a hotel café are popular ways to spend time during business travel—and crooks know this. Fortunately, there are tools you can use and steps you can take to help keep your information and hardware safe.

1. Use Security Software

While this may seem like common sense to most, installing security software is often overlooked, yet is a necessary step to protect the data on your equipment. While most wireless networks have some level of security, the more protection you have on your device, the better. Even a basic password can help protect your information if your device is lost or stolen. For more advanced solutions, consider multi-layered security. Antivirus and antispyware software combined with firewalls will decrease the likelihood that a hacker or identity thief will be able to access your information. You should also update your Web browsers and other software frequently.

2. Keep it Simple

Take only what you need on your next trip. When setting up your mobile office, determine the hardware, software and programs you need before you leave. Cater your hardware and software programs to your own personal needs and work patterns, while also ensuring that a minimal amount of information can fall into the wrong hands. Make sure you know the latest security rules. I always carry my laptop with me, but if faced with a situation where I couldn't carry my device on to the plane, I'm not sure I'd take it with me at all. Since you can't lock checked bags, I'd be reluctant to check a device as valuable to me as my laptop with my luggage. Instead, I'd make sure my destination location or hotel provides a business center that would allow me to stay in touch while I'm away. I've also got a smaller pull-out section of my briefcase in which I keep my computer, so that in the event that I'm on a commuter flight with limited storage, I can leave my briefcase plane-side while still carrying on a smaller case with my laptop.

3. Protect Yourself

Back up your data. In case your laptop or smart phone is stolen or misplaced, put essential files on a flash drive or CD before you leave. Another option is to use paper to save important information. Printing out your list of important contacts is a great way to back up your electronic device.

To foil nosy neighbors, use a privacy screen filter, such as those made by 3M, which make it impossible to view a laptop screen from an angle. [< Continued on page 5 >](#)

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4. Hotspots Can Put You in the Hot Seat

Wireless hotspots are not as secure as you may think. Software programs called packet sniffers can allow people to look at wireless transactions in the vicinity and capture the information being transmitted between the laptop and wireless access point.

These programs are typically used to capture passwords, credit card numbers and bank account information, and hackers can find and download them for free on the Internet. While checking e-mails in the airport hotspot may not be that risky, remember to wait until you're in a more secure place to enter financial information.

Using a virtual private network (VPN) to connect to your office can make using public hotspots safer because your information is encrypted as it travels. This makes the information appear as gibberish to anyone trying to intercept it. A VPN provides additional data protection on common Internet-based transactions through virtually any terminal or network. If your company does not offer a VPN for employees working away from the office, there are services you can subscribe to for a minimal monthly fee, and some providers even offer daily or weekly packages for infrequent travelers.

5. Hotel Access

If someone else makes your travel arrangements for you, make sure that complimentary in-room access and/or 24-hour business center access is one of the criteria for where you stay. I make my own travel plans, and the online travel service that I use does a good job of telling me whether the hotels I'm considering offer business services and/or in-room access, and if there is a fee. Interestingly enough, I've found when I travel that mid- to lower-priced hotels do a much better job of offering complimentary in-room high speed access than higher-end properties.

6. Cell Phone Data Networks

A cell phone data network service is becoming a more common option to hotspot technology as a way of getting online when away from your office. These networks provide broader coverage than hotspots and allow you to conduct business anywhere you're able to get a good cell signal. I still find them a bit on the pricey side given how much I travel, and I don't use the service from home because I live in an area that gets very poor cell phone reception. However, if you do get a good cell signal at home, you will enjoy increased convenience and higher financial benefits by having home and travel services on one cellular device, which often costs much less than a home landline combined with additional travel services.

7. Beware of Public Computers

Just as you need to protect your privacy on your own hardware, take extra precautions if you use a public computer. Remove all traces of your work by deleting any documents you have viewed, clear the browser cache and the history file, and empty the computer's recycling bin before you walk away. There is also a risk that a password-capturing program may have been loaded onto the computer. Using password manager software, such as RoboForm, will protect your user names and passwords for about \$30. A mobile version can be stored on a flash drive for easy portability. < Continued on page 6 >

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8. Common Sense is Priceless

In addition to the variety of security-enhancing tools you can employ to keep your information safe, common sense is an important attribute not to be overlooked. This can go a long way in protecting your privacy. Be aware of your surroundings and tone down your volume when you're discussing business—or personal—matters on your mobile phone. Additionally, it's wise to take simple measures to protect your hardware, such as using a cable lock to secure your laptop in your hotel room, and be sure to lock your computer bag in the trunk rather than leaving it inside the car. Taping your business card to the laptop helps ensure your computer can be easily returned to you in the case that it is lost, not stolen.

ITSPA can help you find a local service provider who understands all of the various mobility options, knows your business and can help get you on the road while still connecting to the office. Contact ITSPA at findapartner@itspa.net to locate a qualified solution provider in your area and learn more about efficient, cost-effective business travel planning.

About ITSPA

The Information Technology Solution Providers Alliance (ITSPA) is a national, nonprofit organization of technology experts headquartered in Portland, Ore. ITSPA was founded by Russell Morgan in May 2003 and has a membership of more than 300 technology consultants around the country. Members work together to provide a neutral resource dedicated to educating small and medium-sized businesses on the benefits of technology and ways to stay safe and productive. ◀

New Web Page Added to the AACPA Web Site

AACPA has added a new web page to its site, titled “**Caught On Video**”. The new page starts off with 4 videos. One video is from the Selma PD Officer's on board camera, titled “**selmacop1.wmv**”. This video shows the shootout with an individual during a routine traffic stop on IH-35. Another video is a police car hit while the Officer is performing a traffic stop. The third video catches a pick-pocket team in action. The fourth video is from The Myth Busters cable television program. The Myth Buster's program takes on the new “Finger Print Lock”. The lock manufacture claims that their lock has never been defeated. Check out the video to find out the truth.



Do you have a video clip that you want to share with our members?

Send your video to Don Carr at pstsapd@hotmail.com We will add it to the current videos on the web site. ◀

Irving Police are hosting a Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFMH) Train the Trainer course

Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is a, state-of-the-art, crime prevention program designed to reduce crime, drugs, and gangs on apartment properties. This program was successfully developed at the Mesa Arizona Police Department in 1992. The International Crime Free Multi-Housing Program have spread to nearly 2,000 cities in 44 U.S. states, 5 Canadian Provinces, Mexico, England, Finland, Japan, Russia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Afghanistan, and Puerto Rico. Australia has expressed interest in adopting the program.

The program consists of three phases that must be completed under the supervision of the local police department. Property managers can become individually certified after completing training in each phase and the property becomes certified upon successful completion of all three phases.

The anticipated benefits are reduced police calls for service, a more stable resident base, and reduced exposure to civil liability.

Course Information:

Date: October 25th through 27th

Location: Irving Police Academy 2603 Esters Rd, Irving, TX

Cost: Free

Student is responsible for per diem, lodging, and travel expenses. Contact Officer Beau Jones if you are in need of lodging accommodations. This course is part classroom and part field work. If you have questions contact Officer Jones.



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"The only thing necessary for evil to triumph, is for good men and women to do nothing." ◀



Jessica Lunsford

With your help we can pass Jessica's Law which includes:

- Mandatory 25 year to life sentences for a first-time violent sexual offense against a child under the age of 14
- Lifetime GPS monitoring for child sex offenders
- Death penalty sentence for a second sexually violent offense against a child under the age of 14
- Doubling the statute of limitations on sex crimes against children from 10 to 20 years
- Tougher penalties for those who harbor a sex offender who is in violation of registration requirements

Support continues to grow for our newly announced plan to adopt Jessica's Law, named after Florida murder victim Jessica Lunsford. A previously convicted sex offender kidnapped, raped and buried 9-year-old Jessica only 150 yards from her home. Last week, I stood with Mark Lunsford, Jessica's father, to introduce our plan to pass Jessica's Law in Texas as the centerpiece of Texas Children First, which aims to protect and promote a safe and healthy environment for Texas children.

Then just recently, six separate organizations representing more than **30,000 law enforcement officers have responded with full support for Jessica's Law.** These are the brave men and women on the front lines keeping our communities safe, and they know the very real threat of sexual predators.

I'm asking you to join me today and stand against these sexual predators who continually target the children of our state. We are working to enact "Jessica's Law" here in Texas, which will mandate 25 years to life for a **FIRST TIME** conviction of sexual assault on a child under the age of 14, **AND THE DEATH PENALTY FOR TWO-TIME OFFENDERS.**

Here is what Texas largest law enforcement group says about our proposal to enact Jessica's Law here in Texas...

"Texas law enforcement officers are proud to support Lt. Gov. Dewhurst's efforts to protect Texas children from sexual predators. This issue is real simple. There are only two sides to consider. You are either on the side of protecting Texas innocents or you are on the side of sexual predators."

Charley Wilkison, Political and Legislative Director
 Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas (CLEAT)

I am honored to have the support of these law enforcement officials in this effort. Now I need you to stand with us also! By the way, if you would like to see video coverage of the press conference with Mark Lunsford, please visit our homepage at <http://www.dewhurst.org/>. Thank you for your joining with us to pass "Jessica's Law."

Sincerely,

David Dewhurst
 Lieutenant Governor

P.S. This is such an important cause. Would you please share this information with your friends and urge them to join you in helping to pass "Jessica's Law?" ◀

NEWS RELEASE**Comal County Sheriff's Office****Sept 28, 2006**

Event: VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Etch Clinic, to be held Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006.

The Comal County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Sheriff's Combined Auto theft Task Force (SCATT), has scheduled a free window etch clinic, from 1P to 4P, on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2006. The clinic will be held in the parking lot of the American Bank of Texas, 20480 Hwy 46, in Bulverde, TX (across from the HEB).

"The service is free of charge, takes about seven minutes, and you are on your way", says Cpl. Tim Kolbe, of the Comal County Sheriff's Office. "If your vehicle does not have the VIN number etched on its windows, this is an excellent opportunity to have it done." During the etching process, a stencil is made of the VIN number and placed on the windows of your vehicle. An acid is applied over the stencil, which permanently etches your vehicle's VIN number in the window. The etched number is approximately 1/4" high, positioned in the lower corner of the window. The number is not obtrusive, but visible to thieves, and law enforcement officers. Glass from stolen, chopped vehicles ends up in the auto salvage pipeline, providing an income for thieves.

Having your vehicle etched not only is a good deterrent for auto theft, but could also count as an insurance discount. Some insurance companies will give their customers anywhere from 5-15% discounts, on comprehensive coverage, because they opt for the window etching.

While you wait, you can sign up for the free Help End Auto Theft, or HEAT program, and be doubly protected from auto theft. "The best theft protection is a layered defense, and we plan to have literature available to address those topics", Kolbe stated. The HEAT program allows law enforcement to stop vehicles on the roadways between 1AM to 5AM, when joyriding in stolen vehicles is at its peak times. Participants will receive stickers for their vehicle, applied as they wait.

CCSO is a member of SCATT, and contributes one investigator to the task force. Come see a seized vehicle, used as our crime prevention vehicle. The CCSO uses several such vehicles, saving tax monies by deferring purchases of new equipment for specific purposes.

The top five most stolen vehicles in Texas are the Chevrolet and Ford pickup truck, Honda Accord, Dodge pickup, and GMC pickup. June and July experience the highest rates of thefts, and we are adjacent to the fourth highest county in the state for vehicle thefts. Bexar County holds that dubious distinction, preceded only by Dallas, Tarrant, and Harris counties. Those 15 to 24 years of age, account for the majority of the age groups who steal vehicles.

For more information about the event, contact:
Cpl. Tim Kolbe at the Comal County Sheriff's Office,
at 830-620-3400. ◀

NEXT MEETING LOCATION

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

11:30 A.M.

Tom's Ribs

**2535 North West Loop 410 at Vance Jackson
San Antonio Texas
(210) 344-RIBS (7427)**

**Lunch special: Chopped BBQ Sandwich
Fries**

\$5.29 Tea included

other lunch specials available

Visit their web site at: <http://www.tomsribs.com/contactus.html>

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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