

**17 August 2016 Meeting Minutes**  
**Universal City Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association**  
**Public Works Building**

**Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge was led by Gary Stein.

**Confirm Quorum (20 members needed)**

There were 30 UCCPAAA members and Sgt. Tina Vitacco in attendance.

**Approval of the July 2016 Meeting Minutes**

The July Meeting Minutes were sent out via e-mail by Laurie Hancock.

A motion to approve these minutes was made by Jerry Skrocki.

It was seconded by Peggy Wilkinson. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Approval of the July 2016 Financial Statement**

The July Financial Statement was sent out via e-mail by Paul Najarian.

A motion to approve this financial statement was made by Dan Hancock.

It was seconded by Tom Ingle. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Guest Speaker – Shannon Barkwell**

Shannon is a research associate for the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) and gave a presentation on a free TTI program, for schools, called Teens In The Driver's Seat (TDS). The program focuses on making teen driving a safe activity. TDS addresses the following issues involving teens:

Nighttime Driving

Speeding and street racing

Cell phone, radio and low seatbelt usage

Too many teen passengers

Impaired driving

TTI has discovered that responsible peer pressure provides good results. Cell phone use at TDS program schools has dropped by 30 percent and seat belt use has gone up by over 14 percent.

The TDS program is currently available to schools in Texas, California and Nebraska. TTI is working on making the program available to all states. The above state transportation departments and State Farm Insurance are partners in the project.

Shannon can be contacted at [s.barkwell@tti.tamu.edu](mailto:s.barkwell@tti.tamu.edu) or 210-321-1207 for more information.

## Old Business

### LoneStar Handgun Appreciation

The president reported that over \$2500 in net proceeds was made because of the raffle. He thanked LoneStar and Tom Ingle for all of the help provided.

## New Business

### National Night Out (NNO)

Carole Meyer provided some information regarding NNO. Twenty-one citizens have signed up their NNO party so far. They will receive their packets containing: door hangers (with information on NNO and the Kickoff), safety information to be shared with neighbors, and giveaways for the kids. She is writing an article for the Gateway. She has additional information on the Kickoff that will be discussed at the next meeting. Volunteer sign up lists for Children's Fingerprinting and Safety Patrol will be circulated.

She would like as much Alumni participation as possible at the Tuesday, September 20, City Council meeting. The meeting starts at 6:30. The mayor will read the NNO Proclamation at the beginning of the meeting.

### Lt. Mark Mason Retirement

Lt. Mason will retire effective August 31<sup>st</sup>. His last service day will be August 21. A "good job, good luck" card was passed around to be signed by the members.

### Police Report – Sgt. Tina Vitacco

Tina gave us an interesting and entertaining report. She provided some details on the following cases:

- Minor accident at Wal-mart

- Two incidents of shoplifting and/or stolen IDs at Wal-mart

- Aggravated robbery near Salinas Elementary that ended at Wal-mart.

- Eight cases of emergency detentions

- Cases involving evading arrest

- Burglary of unlocked vehicles – 900 block of Cibolo Trail

- Stolen tailgates from Jordan Ford

The PD has two job openings. They are: a new patrol position and a replacement for Lt. Mason.

Along with all the other toy giveaways for the NNO Kickoff, she showed us new goodies for the kids. They include fans, safety reflectors for backpacks and Leo the Lion stuffed animals.

She reminded us to not leave valuables in the car, and to always lock your car.

She showed us videos of UCPD high-speed car chases, accidents caught on UC police dashboard cameras, disturbances at Chester's, evasion of arrest (and eventual arrest). The videos were very entertaining at times, but they also showed us, first-hand, of what the police officers go through.

There was a question and answer session. The members thanked Tina.

### **Other New Business**

Bob Willhite reported on vandalism in his neighborhood.

Jerry Skrocki said that more participants are needed for the Veterans' Parade.

Also, a new coordinator for the event is needed for next year.

Dan Hancock told members that ID theft prevention pamphlets were available.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 21, at the Public Works Building.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:56 by Jerry Skrocki. It was seconded by Claude Kucinskis and passed unanimously.

Laurie Hancock, Secretary