



**May 15, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Universal City Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association  
UC Public Works Building**

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**Board members**

Present: President Harry Finke was unable to attend due to being out of town, Vice-President Dan Meyer, Treasurer Brenda Hester and Secretary Lori Crouch

**Quorum Call (20 members needed for quorum)**

There were 27 members and 2 associate members. Det. Anthony Travis was in attendance.

**Call Meeting to Order and Silence Phones**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by the Vice-President.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

**Review and approve / disapprove the April Meeting Minutes**

The April meeting minutes were sent out by e-mail by Lori Crouch. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made and seconded. There was no discussion. It passed unanimously.

**Review and approve / disapprove the April Financial Statement**

The April Financial Statement was sent out by e-mail by Lori Crouch. A motion to approve the financial statement was made and seconded. There was no discussion. It passed unanimously.

**Introduction of UC Police Officers**

No new officers were introduced tonight.

**Speaker**

Bill Fitzpatrick introduced our speaker this month, Vernon Carr with Always Safe. His partner Daryl Murray was also in attendance. Always Safe is a Texas License to Carry Certification Instruction Company and is Veteran owned.

Mr. Carr defined the difference between a home burglary and a home invasion. A home invasion occurs when the resident is in the home and usually involves a violent crime. He stated that there are 1.03 million home invasions per year and mostly occur between 10am and 3pm.

Fortifying your home to become a hard target can be done with the following key steps:

- 1) Keep house well-lit at night
- 2) When away use TV or radio
- 3) Fortify front and back doors
- 4) Install storm doors
- 5) Check windows and limit opening
- 6) Don't stash key outside

- 7) Trim shrubs
- 8) Organize with neighbors
- 9) Install video doorbell or camera outside doors

It is very important to have a plan for your family or roommates in the event of a home invasion.

- 1) Set 911 on speed dial on your phone
- 2) Study home invasions in the news/online-plan for potential scenarios
- 3) Designate & fortify a safe room with a window
- 4) Install alarm system
- 5) Stash and secure weapons for quick access
- 6) Train to be proficient with weapons
- 7) Have a panic button in safe room
- 8) Practice situational awareness

You must be mentally prepared if a home invasion occurs. There are 4 levels of awareness; unaware, aware, alert and alarm. The best way to win a confrontation is to avoid a confrontation. There are 4 reactions to a home invasion threat which are posture, freeze, flight and fight. If you choose to fight, never give up and don't fight fair.

Call 911 at the first indication of a home invasion. Provide your name, address, state where you are in the home, how many people are in the home and state if you are armed. Do not hang up on 911, the call is being recorded. Do not attempt to clear the house and do not meet the police with your weapon in your hand.

There will be an aftermath if you injure the home invader. There will be a criminal investigation of the home invader and they will investigate you if you say the wrong thing. Know when to stop talking and ask for legal council. There could possibly be a lawsuit filed by the family of the home invader stating mental anguish from the invasion and from using force or deadly force.

The rule for safe weapon storage is to keep secure from those you know and from those you don't know. Prevent access by children. Your firearm should be ready to use. You might not have time to load it. You can use a gun metal safe with combination or a biometric safe that uses your fingerprint to open.

The NRA is one organization to use for training and Girl and a Gun which is a woman only shooting league. Competitive shooting clubs, commercial training facilities and books and videos can be used also. He suggested a book The Cornered Cat which is a guide to concealed carry. You can also go to the shooting range for practice.

## **Old Business**

### **UCCPAAA Items for Sale – Mary Flack**

Mary has old stock of polo shirts for \$20, \$10 for t-shirts and \$5 for hats. The logo price went up to \$10 and the name is now \$7. She already submitted order and will need 6 to place a new order.

### **Business Members**

#### **National Police Week**

The banner is hung up across Pat Booker, the thank you cards were given to the Officers and the ribbons are on the trees.

#### **Gun Raffle**

Tom Ingle stated that they have \$1400 for 2 weekends. Mrs. Smoot and Angelica helped on Saturday. They can always use more volunteers. They sold 302 tickets at the pancake breakfast.

#### **Need Volunteers for Court Liaison**

Arnie still needs more volunteers for court liaison.

#### **Other Old Business**

There was no other old business.

## **New Business**

### **Other New Business**

#### **Citizens Police Academy – Graduation**

The graduation for the CPA class of 2019 will be at Chester's at 6:30, some need to arrive at 6 to save tables. (Chester's has been changed to Noy's as of May 18, 2019.)

#### **Changes in Address and/or Phone Numbers**

The Vice-President informed members that they need to notify the Secretary of any changes to their address or phone numbers.

#### **Other New Business**

There was no other new business.

### **Police Report**

Detective Anthony Travis thanked the members for attending the new CPA class. Det. Travis was in class for Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), so he did not have any police information to share. The CIT trains Officers to deal with people with mental health issues. He mentioned a case that a woman took her life and she showed signs, but nobody did anything. He suggested for citizens to call 911 if they know someone who is showing these issues

### **Next Meeting**

The meeting will be at UC Public Works on June 19, 2019.

### **Adjournment**

At 7:30 PM, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Lori Crouch, Secretary