



Blue Springs Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Update

New BSCPA Members:

- Grant Bowerman
- Randy Cooper
- Ron Fowler
- Rebekah Johnson
- Sgt. Allen Kintz
- Rusty Williams

(Added since our last newsletter)

TOTAL: 40 members

Mark Your Calendars for These Events:

- 1/1/10 Happy New Year!
- 1/5/10 5th Class Begins

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Thank you for reading the Alumni Update!

Final 2009 Edition

Amongst lots of snow and cold weather, this month brings to a close a year that showed much progress for the BSCPA Alumni Association. With four classes now complete and the 5th one beginning in a matter of weeks, there are now many people that have experienced an

inside look into the Blue Springs Police Department and the opportunity to interact with its valued police officers. All of you deserve credit for your efforts to stay involved in this community and doing what you can to keep it safe and make it a better place to live. Enjoy the New Year!

BSCPA Alumni Receive Awards

On Tuesday, December 8, 2009, the Blue Springs Police Department held their annual awards ceremony. Recognized that night were some from our own ranks of the BSCPA Alumni. A few of those that have gone on to participate in the Volunteers in Police

Service (VIPS) program, received awards for volunteering enough recorded hours helping the BSPD in many ways. In addition, Doc Golden who has offered his assistance to the Alumni Association, and is scheduled to attend the next BSCPA class, was awarded Volunteer of the Year for the second year in a row. Please congratulate them on a job well done in actively applying the mission of the BSCPA Alumni Association.



Santa Train



Paying little attention to the frigidly cold weather on Monday, December 14, 2009 a few brave BSCPA graduates volunteered their time to help when the Holiday Express Train came to Blue Springs with Santa on board. Temperatures of around 11 degrees are what Moe Johnson, Lee Miller, Julie Lux, Jennifer Lux, Fontella Jamison, Rusty Williams, and Tom Echerd endured to give their assistance, which was made easier by the support alumni Kent Edmondson offered through the warm building and chilli he made available to all volunteers. Thank you to all of them for showing true commitment and participating in this opportunity to show how valuable the BSCPA graduates can be in giving back to the community. Keep up the good work!

**Fundraiser &
Volunteer
Opportunities**

Alumni Meeting – Dec. 16, 2009 RECAP: The first official BSCPA Alumni Association business meeting was held on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at the Autumn Place Apartments on 1300 N.W. Candletree Drive, which is also the District 2 BSPD Substation. There was a great turn out with over half of the membership in attendance, some even becoming Association members that night. The main item on the agenda was the discussion and approval of the Alumni Association bylaw, which passed with unanimous approval. There were a couple of other things to highlight from that night:

- **Association Bylaws:** The bylaws did have a smooth passage but there were a couple of minor amendments to note. First was the specification in the section for the Treasurer that each check must have the signatures of at least two Board Directors. Treasurer Tom Echerd pointed out that our specific checks are not set up for more than one signature, and suggested that we edit that section to say that checks must have the approval of at least two Board Directors. The amendment was accepted and the wording changed accordingly. Also, the issue was mentioned as to how the Association dues are set, the bylaws reflect that association dues may be changed from time to time with a vote of the membership at a business meeting. That way there will need to be some justification as to a change in the fee amount. With those points of discussion Randy Cooper motioned to approve the bylaws, 2nd by Billy Washington, and unanimous approval by all of those in attendance that night.
- **Association T-Shirt:** We addressed the issue of additional apparel being provided to BSCPA Alumni. It was mentioned that we do have the ability to get shirts now from the same place that the original BSCPA shirts are produced. The cost would be around \$25 per shirt to order one. We are still searching for the possibility of finding a better price, and the potential option of additional apparel such as hats, sweatshirts, etc. We will keep you updated as we get more information.
- **Committees:** No that we have the structure of official bylaws, we now have the possibility of creating committees. There are two key areas that we have identified as needing assistance. The first is the need for a fundraising committee. This committee will work closely with Doc in identifying sources that money can be raised for the benefit of the Association and the Blue Springs Police Department. As they find potential opportunities, they will be aiding in researching and putting these plans into action. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please email president@bscpa.org, and we will get you the needed information.

Also, we have identified the need for a committee that will help plan for the Fall Fun Fest. Some of you may remember this year we had initially planned on participating in the parade, but because we did not have the resources to both be in the parade, and provide volunteers to help with crowd control, we were not able to participate. This committee will begin planning for our exposure during the Fall Fun Fest by planning our participation in the parade, the likelihood of having our own booth, and help coordinate who may be needed to help the police department with crowd control. As with most non-profit groups that participate, planning for this event should start early. Let me know if you would like to participate in this committee.

- **Association Dues:** As a result of an oversight, annual dues for the Alumni Association was not thoroughly addressed at the meeting. Because we are soon beginning a new year, it seems important that it be mentioned. Per the now official bylaws, the dues that have been received from the 4th Class – Delta Force will be counted toward their 2010 membership. Everyone else from the 1st-3rd classes, if they wish to continue their current membership in the Alumni Association will need to pay their annual dues beginning January 1, 2010. This will be the case for all future BSCPA classes as the program continues. Feel free to let me know if there are any questions.

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