



GADET CHRONICLE

2017 Awards Ceremony



On August 1st, we held our annual Awards Ceremony for 2017 at the brand new Chandler Public Safety Training Center. In fact, ours was the first event ever held in the auditorium. Once we all filled up on some appetizers, it was time for the reason we were all there. After Chief Duggan shared some opening remarks and his continued support for the Cadet program, it was time for awards.

Community Service Hours:
 100 Hours - Jacob Cogburn, Breanna Fox, Luis Palacio, Adriana Urena. 250 Hours - Wesley Barnes, Chris Hane, Chloe Mathisen, Samuel Mathisen, Sean Perham.

500 Hours - Samantha Knight, Dallas Siler, Nathan Zdilla.

Leadership Award - Chris Hane

Meritorious Service - Chloe Mathisen, Nathan Zdilla

Community Service Award - Nathan Zdilla

Cadet of the Year - Samantha Knight

Epic Fail - Samuel Mathisen

It was a great night for all the Cadets and their families who were in attendance. I for one am already looking forward to next year!!



RECRUITMENT

Recruitment for Police Cadets is always taking place. Anyone interested in becoming a Cadet should visit our website at cpdcadets.com and can contact the program Director, Officer Quinn.

DEFENSIVE TACTICS TRAINING

From July 23rd to August 27th, Ofc. Parr conducted a 6 week Defensive Tactics evolution for the Cadets at the Public Safety Training Center. They learned everything from Pressure Points to Striking to Handcuffing/Searching. This culminated in the “Red-Man” drill where the Cadets get to use all the training they learned to take on a violent assailant (don’t worry, it was just Ofc. Tibble and Ofc. Blake).



ALEA ACADEMY GRADUATION

Several Cadets had the opportunity to attend the Police Academy graduation for one of our former Cadets Joplin Tabanico. Ofc. Tabanico graduated from ALEA Class #513 with the Arizona State University Police Department. It’s important for the Cadets to see one of their peers achieve his dream and know that they all can do the same!



DPS OFFICER FUNERAL

On August 3rd, DPS Trooper Tyler Edenhofer was laid to rest after he was killed in the line of duty the previous week. A few of the Cadets had expressed interest in attending the funeral services but I was unable to take them since I am on the CPD Honor Guard and we had details to attend to for the service. At the end of the service, I was surprised to see these five Cadets who were able to secure their own rides in order to pay their respects to this fallen hero. They definitely made me proud that day!

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BASIC CADET CLASS

October 12-13 was the Basic Cadet Class we hosted for our newest probationary Cadets. Completion of this 2 days of training is needed in order to move forward toward being a Full Cadet and earning their uniform and future promotional opportunities.

The curriculum included:

- Radio Codes
- Drill and Ceremony
- Ride-Alongs
- Uniform Care
- Memo Writing
- Policy and Procedures

Training Sgt. Barnes facilitated the class along with several others. At the end of the 12+ hours of training, we were able to get rid of 10 yellow recruit shirts and issue them new blue Cadet shirts. Congratulations!!



BICYCLE TRAINING

September 15th, several Cadets spent the day in the heat learning how to ride police bicycles in order to become certified to ride at special events they work throughout the year in the city. Look for them at some of our larger details in the future!



OFC. SOMERVILLE'S RETIREMENT

September 27th was Ofc. Somerville's official retirement in the community room at the Main Station. Several of the Cadets were in attendance.



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CHANDLER POLICE CADETS - COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS



The Cadets have been very busy the past several months with Community Service events almost every week. They have participated in GAIN, Shred-a-Thon/Drug Take Back, Child Fingerprinting, Teddy Bear Drive, Pizza with the

Police just to name a few. In the near future, they have numerous other events they will be at including some high profile details like the City of Chandler Tumbleweed Tree Lighting and parade. Look for them out and around the city.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE COORDINATOR - OFFICER KEVIN QUINN

I am honored to be writing my first article for the Cadet Chronicle as the new Program Coordinator.

A little bit about me... I have been a Police Officer here in Chandler for over 23 years and have been assigned to Patrol, Crime Scene Officer, Dating/Domestic Violence Instructor and the last 15 as the School Resource Officer at Hamilton High School. I am an AZPOST Certified Instructor in High Risk Vehicle Stops, Defensive Tactics and Firearms.

The Explorer/Cadet Program has always been near and dear to my heart. I myself was an Explorer way back when I was 18 years old for the Scottsdale Police Department. I have volunteered with this program in one way or another for the majority of my career and now I am looking forward to this opportunity to lead this great organization.

When I was selected for this position back in April, I was told that one of my first duties would be to accompany the Cadets to Washington DC for Police Week. (It's a rough job but someone's got to do it...). Since that time, I have learned that this program has a lot of awesome young men and women who spend countless hours volunteering their time to the community and the police department.

They say that the only constant is change. There were a lot of concerns that I was going to make sweeping changes to the program once Ofc. Somerville retired and I took over. Honestly, that would be extremely stupid and reckless on my part to make changes for the sake of making them. For the past 3 months and the immediate future, I am still taking it all in and seeing where I can put my stamp on this amazing program. Will there be changes? I'm sure there will be. Just understand that whatever changes take place, it was be after a lot of thought and discussions with the associate advisors and no matter what it will be for the benefit of the program.

I want to take a quick moment to thank Ofc. Somerville for his years of dedicated service to not only the Cadet program but the Chandler Police Department and the citizens of this great community. I wish him nothing but the best for his future in retirement.

I am looking forward to the future with this program and all the great things that the Cadets do on a daily and weekly basis.

Time to get to work!

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