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THIS WEEK

The January 16, 2023 club meeting was called to order by Jenny Clement-Shaw. Gordon Shaw led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.



Sgt. Matt Dimmitt

Sergeant Matt Dimmitt with the Lawton Police Department was the guest speaker. He has been on the LPD force for 17 years. He's spent the past five years in the Community Oriented Police (COP) Division. Dimmitt says the division, created by LPD in 1980, allows officers time to meet with families to talk about issues they're facing, organize events and conduct programs to "help build bridges between the community and the police department." He said the best program to help increase communication and cooperation with community members is the Citizens Police Academy (CPA).

The next CPA begins in February and runs through April 13. Meetings are held Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Great Plains Technology Center. Dimmitt said the program goes through

AMTRYKE PRESENTATION



Kathleen Martin and Jimmy Roggenbuck helped three-year-old Omari Dodson get rolling on his new AmTryke.

every facet of the police department. That includes patrol, criminal investigation, K9 and tactical divisions. Participants also meet with Comanche County District Court Judge Scott Meaders and the Juvenile Bureau to learn about the judicial process when cases are presented to the court.

The CPA will later explore crime scene investigations, interrogations, animal control, lake patrol, dive team, narcotics and Sentinels. Participants will also be able to use the shooting simulator and visit the shooting range.

Dimmitt said another highlight of the CPA is the dispatch center. He said dispatchers take over 140,000 calls each year. He attributes the rise in calls to cell phones and the amount of people who call in to report incidents. More recently, the LPD hostage negotiation and Emergency Response Team have been a focus, due to mass shootings and riots across the country.

Applications are being accepted for the next CPA. Contact Sgt. Dimmitt at (580) 351-7081.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Social committee has chosen Thursday, February 16 for the next evening social. It will be held at Salas Urban Cantina. More details to come.
- Prebuild site and date to be announced soon for next District 5A ramp project.
- National Big Hat raffle tickets available. \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Several vacation destinations available for the winner. See Zeldon Rice to purchase.

BIG HAT ARRIVAL



Chapter Big Hat Club President Zeldon Rice presented Kathleen Martin with her official Big Hat.

50/50

Dan Kite drew the Six of Hearts. The pot is at \$252.

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Monte Brown had the winning ticket and his copy of AMBUNK.