

# THE VOLUNTEER

Brunswick Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Newsletter

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## Brunswick Division of Police

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**  
at  
**Medina City Hall**  
**April 26th**  
&  
**Brunswick United Methodist Church**  
**May 23rd**

**CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY**  
**April 19 - May 31**  
**6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

**PROJECT LIFESAVER TRAINING**  
**May 15th-May 17th**

## One on One with Lt. Brian J. Ohlin



*Recently, you were promoted to lieutenant. What has the transition been like? How are your responsibilities different from those you had as a sergeant?*

The transition has been smooth. I served as the Acting Lieutenant for 4+ months and had a good taste of what the job entailed. As chief DeForest's second in command, the job is primarily administrative in nature. On a daily basis I handle officer scheduling and payroll information. In addition, I oversee the Division training program and have oversight of all aspects of Division operations. I have eight sergeants that assist in these tasks with six assigned to patrol, one in the Detective Bureau, and one in the Traffic Unit.

*Prior to your promotion, what types of projects did you work on with the Brunswick Citizens' Police Academy Association?*

As the former Traffic Sergeant, the BCPAAA volunteers assisted me with traffic control assignments during parades, 5K runs, and helped post signs during the statewide safety initiative, Buckle Up. A group is currently helping with a project to organize records for the traffic citation logs used by officers.

*As the department's new lieutenant, you now have responsibility for the volunteer organization. How will you be involved with the volunteers now?*

In cooperation with our liaison to the volunteer program, Officer Bob Casenhiser, I will facilitate utilizing the services of the volunteer program in many aspects of our operation and

our community, including projects they have successfully been involved with in the past as well as new opportunities.

*What projects would you like to see the police volunteers involved with in the future?*

Two projects that I have preliminary thoughts on are, one, using volunteers to contact residents throughout the city who we have listed as giving permission for police to use their driveways for traffic enforcement such as speeding violations. We would determine if there are current traffic concerns we can address and if we still have permission to use their driveways to run radar and laser. The second project involves organizing our storage area in the basement to involve new shelving for boxed records (i.e. police reports) for easy retrieval. They are kept at the BPD until such time as they can be destroyed according to our records retention schedule.

*Final Comments?*

I believe the Brunswick Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association is invaluable to our Police Division and community and commend all that each volunteer does in the spirit of service.

*Lt. Ohlin, a Brush High School and Miami University (BA Public Administration) graduate is a 17 year police veteran. He has served with the Miami University (1 yr.), Centerville (4 yrs.), and Brunswick Police Departments (12 yrs.).*

*He has three wonderful children, Erik (13), Kevin (10), and Nicole (8).*

# VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

- 8 BCP3A'ers and Officer Duane Kuehn helped Ron Sency and Brian Armstrong of Cintas collect @ 3,500 pounds of unwanted documents for shredding at our 1st **Shredding Day** event on Saturday, March 10.
- On March 20th, the 4 member committee working on the BCPAAA presentation to be given to the new Citizens' Academy met to discuss the presentation format and individual presentation assignments.
- March 23rd's **Bring on Brunswick**, at the BHS East House, saw several BCP3A'ers, along w/ reps from Communications and the Division, manning the BDP booth during this community-wide showcase.
- Several volunteers have started working on two long term projects: Filing tickets issued by the police and assisting with the Mayor's Court. If interested in helping with either task, contact Vicky Kirkpatrick.

## Thank You!

.....to **Ron Sency & Brian Armstrong** of Cintas and **Officer Duane Keuhn** for their presence on Shredding Day.

.....to **Cindie Schneider** and the **HANDS Foundation** for their generous donation to Project Lifesaver.

.....to **David Reihl** for his continued guidance in helping us with our legal matters.

### Canine Presentation



May 15, 2007  
Eagles Club  
6:00 p.m.  
Public Invited

**MARCH 20, 2007 MEETING SUMMARY:** After Secretary, Karen Nelson, called the meeting to order and general business was covered, the following items were discussed: Volunteer opportunities organizing tickets for the department, working the Mayor's Court, and Bring on Brunswick. Officer, Scott Kowell updated the group on recent police activity and discussed, at length, the topic of "warm weather and crimes of opportunity."

## CONGRATULATIONS!

OFFICER of the YEAR :  
**ROBERT MAROK**

COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST of the YEAR:  
**DEBBIE FORRESTER**

**F.A.C.T. Opportunities:**  
**REALITY STORES**  
May 16 at Edwards  
and June 1 at Willetts.  
*Contact Rebecca Rak if interested.*

**Future Board Meetings**  
4/10 & 8/7 7:00 p.m.  
HQ Training Room

WELCOME SPRING

## VOLUNTEER HOURS 2007

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\*The financial value of 1 hour of volunteer activity provided to government agencies charitable organizations in the State of Ohio.  
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## BCPAAA MEETING

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Apr. 17, 2007  
7:00 p.m.  
City Hall - LR

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May 15th-May 17th

**CPA GRADUATION BANQUET**  
June 2nd

# 411: Project Lifesaver

*Project Lifesaver's mission is to use state of the art technology in assisting those who are victims of Alzheimer's and other Related Mental Dysfunction Disorders (ARMD) and victims who become lost.*

▶ Project Lifesaver International was founded in April of 1999.

▶ Identified persons wear personalized radio transmitters which assist caregivers and local emergency agencies in locating those who cannot help themselves.

▶ The average rescue time is less than 30 minutes. There have been 1473 searches to date.

▶ Project Lifesaver is endorsed by: The National Sheriff's Association, The Florida Sheriff's Association, The New Jersey Sheriff's Association, The Virginia Sheriff's Association, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, the International Crime Prevention Practitioners, the Commonwealth Autism Service Board, & the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners.

▶ Project Lifesaver International is a result of private and corporate donations and grants.

▶ Project Lifesaver International has a volunteer staff 24/7.

▶ Gene Saunders is the Chief Executive Officer of Project Lifesaver International.

*Source: Project Lifesaver*

▶ The planning for Project Lifesaver Brunswick, Ohio began in Summer of 2006.

▶ To date, financial contributors to Project Lifesaver, Brunswick include Old Fashioned Days, the Hands Foundation, and the Brunswick Eagles.

▶ The first group of trainees for the Brunswick program will be trained on May 15, 16 and 17, 2007 by representatives from the Ross County Sheriff's Department. This training will include classroom and field work.

▶ Those who finish the initial training will be classified as Certified Electronic Search Specialist, and those who continue training will become Certified Electronic Search Specialist Instructors.

▶ Officer Charlie Weber will be trained as a Certified Airborne Operator.

▶ BDP trainees include: Communications: Terri Roher, Stephanie Prock, JoAnne Szoke, and Terry Gleszek; Sergeant: Michael Matheis; Officers: Gregory Rightnour, Lynda Reeves, Sarah Hosta, Scott Smith, and Duane Kuehn.

▶ BCPAAA volunteer trainees include Richard Atkinson, Wendy Linderman, James Love, Robert Wasil, Ralph Whitney, Emil Stecki. David Farone will represent the Eagles.

*Source: E. Stecki*



# VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



# Volunteer OPS

- Swat Role Playing**  
 Saturday, April 21, 2007 found four BCP3A'ers participating with Safety Forces in simulated hostage situations. Additionally, six Alumni members, one CPA'er, and family members also witnessed the proceedings.
- Mayor's Court**  
 About 10 BCP3A'ers have offered to help with this activity, and the volunteer work docket is full thru June.
- Juvenile Monitoring**  
 Saturday, April 21st found Bob Wasil supervising two youngsters who completed a Juvenile Diversion assignment.
- Ticket Filing/Organizing**  
 Volunteers continue to work on this project and have set a tentative completion date of April 26, 2007.
- Grant Writing**  
 A productive three hours was spent in a grant writing session on April 23rd.

*We continue to wish  
Happy Healing  
to BCP3A'er  
TINA MELLO*

**Congratulations to  
Ralph Whitney**  
as he became a  
grandfather again  
on April 16th.

**Thank You to John Vertal**  
for his work on behalf  
of the BCP3A's 501c3  
& related IRS follow-up.

**INSURANCE FRAUD  
SEMINAR**  
with  
**Ralph Franks**  
May 22, 2007  
11:00 a.m.  
**Brunswick United  
Methodist Church**

**Plan to stay for lunch after  
the 30 minute presenta-**

**CANINE PROGRAM**  
5/15 6:00 P.M.  
**Eagles Club  
Public Invited**

**Next Board Meeting**  
August 7th 7:00 p.m.  
**HQ Training Room**

**2ND ANNUAL BACKYARD COOK-OUT**  
May 15 at the HQ beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you can, bring a dessert, salad, pickles, etc.

**F.A.C.T.—REALITY STORES**

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Contact Rebecca Rak if interested.

**CORN TOSS TOURNAMENT**

Details to follow on this event to be held June 3 and June 8.

**RELAY FOR LIFE**

This event will be held on June 8 and 9 at Brunswick High School.

**OLD FASHIONED DAYS**

June 20th to June 27th



## FIRING RANGE

**Experiencing Firearms**

May 19, 2007 9:00 a.m.

Medina Co. Sheriff's Office Firing Range

### APRIL 17, 2007 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

With Vice President, Gordon Kolus, at the helm, the meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Officer Steve Hoover gave the Officer's Report. He told of a recent multi-department suspect chase and talked about the department's preparations for events like that at Virginia Tech.

Betty Barlow from the Oaks Family Service Center provided information on the Center's services and policies, volunteer opportunities, and the upcoming Celebration of Life.

Other meeting notes included information on upcoming events and volunteer opportunities (highlighted thought this newsletter).

A discussion was held on the ways the BCPAAA could provide more to the Eagles during their Christmas Basket Campaign in December '07.

**A special THANK YOU to Betty Barlow and Officer Steve Hoover for spending time with us on April 17th.**

### APRIL 10, 2007 BOARD MEETING

After President Ralph Whitney opened the meeting, the Board considered the following: May 15th 2nd Annual Cookout for police, volunteers, and City Hall employees; Project Lifesaver update; permanent service to the Mayor's Court; the BCPAAA plans for the upcoming Police Academy; the Chief's Corn Toss; visit to Buehler's and possible activities with them, the treasurer's report, and grant writing on April 23rd.

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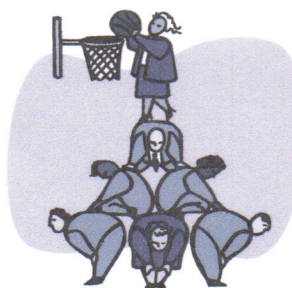
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**May 22, 2007  
7:00 p.m.  
Training Rm**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**CPA - III GRADUATION**  
June 2nd Rec Center  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**OLD FASHIONED DAYS**  
Brunswick High School  
June 20 - June 27

**BOARD MEETING**  
HQ Training Room  
August 7th 7:00 p.m.

## 411: Relay for Life, One on One with Sgt. Larry Pringle



*Much more than a walk around a track, Relay is a time to celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember those lost and get inspired to fight back. Those who have shared the same experience find common ground, hope and healing at Relay...*

Source: [www.relayforlife.org/relay](http://www.relayforlife.org/relay)

This year, Relay for Life will be held on June 8 and 9 at Brunswick High School. The Brunswick Division of Police and the Brunswick Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will be involved, but there is one member of the BDP who has special memories of the Relay for personal reasons: *Sergeant Larry Pringle* is a cancer survivor and a three year participant in the Brunswick Relay for Life.

### **Why was last year's Relay special for you?**

I was honored to serve as the 2006 Honorary Chairman of the event, an experience that is memorable because I lead the first lap of the walk and addressed other cancer survivors and Relay participants. It was particularly satisfying to talk to the survivors because of the special bond that allows us to express our feelings.

### **What impresses you the most about the Relay for Life experience?**

Relay for Life is a community based program that has everyone working together. Cancer is a disease that touches everyone, even the young. I am truly amazed by the involvement I see from kids.

The depth of their commitment is inspiring. The spirit of these young cancer survivors is remarkable. Their attitude about treatment, knowledge of the disease, and ability to speak about cancer and how it has affected their lives is incredible.

Watching and talking to these young people changes your definition of hero. Although she is no longer a child, *Cheryl Szoke* is my hero.

And, what about Larry's hero, Cheryl, daughter of Communications Specialist, JoAnne Szoke? According to her mother, Cheryl is doing just fine. She recently marked the 5th year anniversary (April 22, 2007) of her cancer diagnosis and is considered cancer free. In addition to working at Giant Eagle and attending the University of Akron (to become a nurse), Cheryl is an activist. This spring, she chaired the University of Akron Relay for Life and serves with the 4th Angel mentoring program at the Cleveland Clinic. ([www.clevelandclinic.org/cancer/scottcares/4thangel/about.asp](http://www.clevelandclinic.org/cancer/scottcares/4thangel/about.asp)), and remains an active member of the Family and Friends Relay for Life Team.

*Sgt. Pringle is a 21 year veteran of the BDP where he has served as a sergeant for seven years. He was also a National Guard MP for six years and served on the John Carroll Campus Police two years.*

*This Garfield Heights grad has a wife, Deanna; a son, Larry; and two step daughters, Amanda and Janessa.*

# THANKS to...

...the Eagles for their hospitality during the Project Lifesaver Training and the Working Dog Demonstration.



...Officers Lenny Bouman and Daren Lubinsky for their instruction and guidance at the firing range. Janine, our bus driver on this day, is to be thanked as well.

...V.O.F.T. for showing that "kids" care too.

...Lieutenants Dale Gillett and David Weber of the Ross County Sherriff's Office for their efforts in making the Brunswick Project Lifesaver training a success.

...those members of the BDP and BCPAAA for stepping up to become members of the Project Lifesaver team.



...the representatives from the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department, Cleveland Police Department, Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Excel K-9 Services, Officer Jeremy Puhac and Blackjack and Officer Scott Smith and Vegas for taking part in the Working Dog Demonstration.

...Officer Steve Karthan for giving the monthly Officer's Report at the BCPAAA meeting on 5/22.



# Project Lifesaver



**It's official.** The following people were certified as Electronic Search Specialist and Trainers for Project Lifesaver, Brunswick, OHIO: *Communication Specialists, Terri Roher, Stephanie Prock, JoAnne Szoke, and Terry Gleszek; Sergeant Michael Matheis, Officers Gregory Rightnour, Lynda Reeves, Sarah Hosta, Scott Smith, Charlie Weber, and Duane Kuehn; BCPAAA members, Richard Atkinson, Wendy Linderman, James Love, Robert Wasil, Ralph Whitney, and Emil Stecki; and David Farone of the Brunswick Eagles*

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Because of generous local funding, a trained manpower force, and the support of the Brunswick Division of Police, Project Lifesaver, Brunswick is beyond being just a dream. In addition to the trained personnel, Wendy Linderman, Sgt. Matheis, and Officer Weber have assumed administrative tasks in relation to this endeavor. Wendy will be in charge of coordinating activities related to the victims, program administration, battery changes, and other tasks as required. Sgt. Matheis and Officer Weber will be the caretakers of the equipment and will coordinate searches and all aspects of officer related activities.

**Next up:** Sergeant Michael Matheis, Officer Charles Webber, BCPAAA members, Richard Atkinson and Emil Stecki, will be in Chillicothe, Ohio June 10-14 where they will attend seminars on Project Lifesaver. Officer Weber will take to the air via helicopter and undergo training to become an Airborne Electronic Searcher.

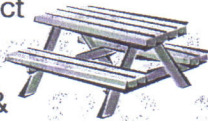


**MAY 22, 2007 MEMBERSHIP MEETING** - At this meeting, attended by 15 BCPAAA members, and one CPA guest, President, Ralph Whitney began the meeting by introducing Officer Steve Karthan who reported on recent issues at Skate Station, a fatality on 130th, an incident involving "lost" girls, and the changes he has seen in policing during his career. Other topics at this meeting included: the firing range experience; Project Lifesaver training, technology, & costs; the treasurer's report; CPA-3 graduation on 6/2; raising money for the Eagles Christmas Basket Program; continuing the Mayor's Court service; getting new t-shirts; and an invitation by Ralph Whitney to a time of hospitality and sharing.

# VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION VOLUNTEER OPS

**Speaking Engagements** - On May 2, 2007, Emil Stecki spoke to 30 people at the American Legion in Brunswick about Project Lifesaver. Additionally, Emil spoke to the Junior Achievement class at BHS on 5/29.

**2nd Annual Cookout** - The BDP, Project Lifesaver Trainers & Trainees, BCP3A'ers, and City Hall employees enjoyed a picnic lunch on 5/15/07. Thanks to Rob, John, & Millie for their Herculean cooking efforts.



**Working Dog Demonstration** - Over 80 people observed the K-9 demonstration on May 15th at the Eagles.

**Buckle Up Signs** - A rainy Wednesday (5/16) found two BCP3A'ers traveling the city posting the Buckle Up signs for the annual *Click It or Ticket* Campaign.

**Firing Range** - On Saturday, May 19, 2007, 14 BCP3A members and current CPA class members received valuable firearms instruction from Officers Lenny Bouman and Daren Lubinsky. Of course, as was the plan, a good time was had by all, and there were no "incidents."

**CPA Presentation** - Six Triple A's spoke to the members of the 3rd class of the Citizens' Police Academy on 5/24/07. Topics included the various BCP3A volunteer activities and Project Lifesaver.



**Mayor's Court** - Those participating in this activity continue to provide a valuable service to the Mayor's Court on Tuesday evenings.

## CORN TOSS TOURNAMENT

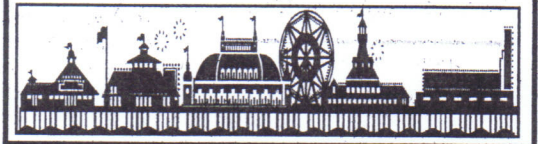
June 3rd and 8th

Sign-up for this duty has already taken place. Details to follow. Just a note: The BCP3A has two teams entered in the contest as well.

## OLD FASHIONED DAYS

June 20th to June 24th

Sign up for staffing the trailer (6/20-6/27), staffing the parade (6/23), and other duties will take place at the June 12th meeting.



## CPA-3 GRADUATION

Roberta Huncharek of the CPA-3 class invited the membership to their graduation ceremony on June 2 at the Rec Center from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided.



**The Brunswick High School student volunteer group, VOFT (Volunteer Opportunities for Teens) has become a partner in Project Lifesaver through a recent generous donation to PL, Brunswick.**

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