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Citizen Police Academy Alumni Receive State Crime Prevention Award

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On Thursday December 1, 2011 the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association of Schaumburg (CPAAAS) was named the 2011 Organization of the Year by the Illinois Crime Prevention Association. The Illinois Crime Prevention Association is made up of police department Crime Prevention Officers located throughout the state whose main purpose is to contribute to the reduction and control of criminal victimization by providing crime prevention education, programs, and activities. CPAAAS was selected by the ICPA membership from among five nominations to recognize an organized group that has made a significant contribution to a Crime Prevention Unit to achieve a successful program or event.

The award nomination read as follows: As have many other law enforcement agencies, the Schaumburg Police Department has experienced staff reductions and budgetary constraints over the past few years. The Crime Prevention Unit which formerly was staffed by 4 officers and one supervisor is now staffed by one civilian Crime Prevention Specialist and one supervisor. In an effort to maintain our services to the community, we have increasingly relied on our Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association to assist in staffing various community events that previously our crime prevention officers would attend. The activities of CPAAAS in support of our crime prevention efforts include attending various community events, providing crime prevention materials, answering questions, making kids buttons, and finger printing children. In 2009, 147 CPAAAS volunteers donated 568 hours at 16 different events. Since then our Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

has stepped forward to an even greater extent to assist us. In 2010, 282 CPAAAS volunteers donated 1043 hours at 34 events in the community. Thus far in 2011, 153 CPAAAS volunteers donated 826 hours at 21 events in Schaumburg. Without the generous assistance of CPAAAS, the Schaumburg Police Department would never have been able to continue the amount and quality of our community involvement and outreach efforts.



CPAAAS President Theresa Plazewski receives 2011 Organization of the year award from ICPA President Dale Arentsen



Celebrating the ICPA 2011 Organization of the Year Award are (L-R), Schaumburg Police Sgt. John Nebel, CPAAAS President Theresa Plazewski,

**CPAAAS Recording Secretary Tom Conaway, CPAAAS member Saba Rizvi, and
Schaumburg Chief of Police Brian S. Howerton.**

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