



Little Rock Black Police Officer Association



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Letter from the President

Dear Members,

Welcome to the Little Rock Black Police Officers Association. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all members and hope that you have continued to make this organization what it is today. As president of the LRBP, I am committed to leading the organization into a positive direction in dealing with community issues and those who affect our members.

Upon meeting with board members in my first official meeting as president I expressed my vision for the future of the organization. The need to establish goals on a yearly basis. Those goals that I have set forth for the next year are as follows:

Purchase of Lodge

For the past several years we have been in the process of obtaining a lodge. For various reasons we have not been successful in finding our members a place to call our own. My goal is to have a lodge by the end of the year.

Recruitment

The recruitment of new and old members is vital to the continual existence of the organization. We should also play a vital role in the recruitment of minority applicants.

Community relations

As the countries economic woes continue to grow so will the need to support our local community. We need to get back out into the community and listening to the issues of the population. Taking the time to listen to them or directing them in the right directions.

I look forward to meeting with each and every member in the future and hope that you will have an increase in membership activity. I want to hear from each and everyone of you. We will be listening to your opinions on various topics such as those mentioned above. Don't forget that our meetings are the second Tuesday of each month and hope that each and everyone will take the time to attend. We have several schedules and attend several throughout the course of the year. Take care and look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,

JC White

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Meetings

Board Meeting:

Every 1st Tuesday of
the month

General Meeting:

Every 2nd Tuesday of
the month

Our History



The Black Policemen's Association was founded in 1978 by 10 black officers, employed with the City of Little Rock, to address concerns of existing issues that adversely affected black officers with the LRPD Administration, City Government Officials, and Community Leaders. The first president Johnny Gilbert, Sr. along with members Andrew Lockhart, Julius Bryant, Maxie Alexander, Jesse Briscoe, Jack Matlock, Marcella Wilson, Grady Anthony, Bill O'Donald, and Horace Walters formed the association and worked to improve working conditions for themselves and future black officers. The association has been modeled after the National Black Police Association which was formed in 1972. Although the name has since changed to the Little Rock Black Police Officers Association, the organization's goals remain the same.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To increase the awareness of the community concerning law enforcement issues, to be the conscience of the criminal justice system, and to enhance the quality of life in the community.

FYI



Special Election

A special election will be held **March 30 thru April 7** for the **Vice President's vacancy** by absentee ballot. Each member will receive an absentee ballot by interoffice mail to cast their vote and return.

Nominees:

Maxie Alexander
Crystal Haskins
Crystal Simmons
Melvin Vester

Deadline to return all ballots is **April 7**. Contact **Brad Silas** for more information. **Results** will be available at the **General Meeting on April 14**.

37th Annual NBPA National Education & Training Conference

Will be held **August 16-23, 2009 in Dallas, TX at the Fairmont Hotel**. The theme this year: "New Leadership: Overcoming Old Obstacles." The last Day to register is **July 16, 2009**. Contact **Terrell Vaughn at 501-612-2067** for additional information and registration

prior to closing date.

Johnny D. Gilbert, Sr. Scholarship

It's that time again for our annual high school graduate scholarship program. The association will award a \$1000.00 scholarship to deserving high school seniors who will be enrolled in a 2 or 4 year accredited college or university. The scholarship recipient will be awarded **May 4th**.

The application can be downloaded from the website. The criteria for eligibility:

1. Must live in the state of Arkansas
2. Must have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 or better on a 4.0 grading scale
3. Must be a graduating high school senior and enrolled in a 2 or 4 year accredited college or university
4. Must have proof of acceptance and enrollment into a 2 or 4 year accredited college or university, which should be submitted with the application by April 15, 2009.
Must have two (2) letters of recommendation from a principle, teacher, school resource officer or counselor attached with application.

If there are any questions concerning the application process, contact **Brad Silas, Scholarship chairperson, at 501-920-8875**. The application must be postmarked no later than **April 15, 2009** in order to be considered. Please address all submissions to:
Little Rock Black Police Association, PO Box 164638, Little Rock, AR 72216-4638.

Membership

Your membership in the **LRBPA** is so very important. The goals that we will attain this year would not be possible without your constant support. We encourage all of our members to attend the monthly meetings and to become active with the association.

If your not a member but would like to join please fill out the attached **Voluntary Deduction Agreement** attached to the newsletter. The agreement may be forwarded to **Human Resources** or **Crystal Haskins** (Dt Ptl 2300-0700) through inter-office mail.

Upcoming Training Courses

Memphis Police Training Academy will be presenting: **Leadership and Management Seminar: Procedures for Conducting & Managing an Internal Affairs Investigation**

Course Dates: **March 31- April 2, 2009**

Contact Info: 1-877-772-7712

www.leedafbi.org (for on-line registration).

Cost: \$300.00

Newsletter

Any information that you would like to be included in the quarterly newsletter please forward to **Crystal Haskins** for consideration at chaskins@littlerock.org or at 501-912-0647.

