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**The Lexington Division of Police Citizen Police Academy is number one in the nation.** That's not just talk, that's a fact! The Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) took home top honors at the National Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Awards. Our organization was named "Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association of The Year". This is the second time Lexington's Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association has clenched the number one spot among hundreds of other organizations of its kind.

The Citizen Police Academy (CPA) has been one of the most popular programs in the Division of Police since 1997. The CPA gives citizens insight into the professionalism of officers and the day-to-day operations of the Division. Citizens get class room style lessons and hands-on demonstrations about: driving techniques, robbery and homicide investigations, building searches, K-9 officers, police ethics, the Bomb Robot, the 911 Center, the Mounted Unit and many more topics. The Division of Police completed its 37th academy in 2010.

In addition to providing public education, the CPAAA sponsors numerous community service projects, public events and programs. Below are just a few:

- Police Chili Cook-off
- Police Appreciation Cookout
- Monthly meetings/newsletters
- The Police Trading Card Program
- Packages to Support Officers in Iraq
- Officer of the Month Program
- Social gatherings for community members and police
- Donations to Shriners Hospitals for Children

For information about how you can be a member of the next Citizen Police Academy class contact Officer Debbie Wagner at (859) 258-3600.



The Lexington Citizen Police Academy Alumni Assn. proudly displaying their award.