



FBI Seattle Citizens Academy Alumni

Winter 2017 Newsletter

Kids' Gift Collection

FBI Seattle CAAA enjoys exemplary support from The Special Agents and Professional Staff of the FBI Seattle Division. And in appreciation of this support, our Chapter once again takes pride in supporting the FBI Seattle Kids' Holiday Party, which takes place on December 21.

This year we will support the FBI Seattle Kids' Holiday Party by:

- providing lunch for the 50 children and supervising adults
- donating toys for each of the children (29 girls and 21 boys)

How to donate toys

If you would like to donate reasonably priced toys, you can contact the following to make arrangements for drop off or pick up of unwrapped gifts:

- Rebeca Olvera rebeca.olvera@ic.fbi.gov
- Charanjit Kalsi charanjit.kalsi@disney.com

Additionally, contact Charanjit or Rebeca should you have any questions about donations or remaining needs.

Thank you in advance for your kind contributions.



Upcoming 2018 Events

GENERAL MEETINGS:

- § January 22, @ 6pm (RSVP by January 12)
Topic: Victim Witness Specialist
- § March 5, @ 6pm (RSVP by February 23)
- § May 7, @ 6pm (RSVP by April 27)
- § July 9, @ 6pm (RSVP by June 29)
- § September 17, @ 6pm (RSVP by September 7)
- § November 5, @ 6pm (RSVP by October 26)

MEMBER TOURS:

- § January 10, Kirkland Office of Emergency Management
- § August 1-2, tour of FBI Headquarter and Quantico

CITIZEN'S ACADEMY:

- § Weekly Classes, April 26-May 31
- § Graduation, June 9

New Board Members

After the fall elections, the following are the current board members:

President Jenifer Clark
Vice President Sean Smith
Treasurer Ralph Johnson
Secretary Triona Anderson

Vacant positions: Vice President and Sergeant at Arms

5.11 Polos for Members

The Board is working on chapter shirts with the tactical company 5.11. The high quality polo shirts from the FBI Citizens Academy partner will have our logo and "Seattle" embroidered below. Cost will be \$25 and an example available to see at the next meeting. To save processing fee, please bring cash or check to our next meeting. Mail in payments are an alternative too. Shipping is free from 5.11 for our collective order. Ordering details will be available soon.



Associations
 : FBI Citizens Atlanta Chapter
 : 61165-724 Dark Navy
 : 10-27-2017
 : P18597FBI/Citizens-WmnsPerfPoloSS



Amateur Radio-con't

Part Two of Ham Radio article; Part One published last issue.
by Ron Poole and Pradeep Gupta

KIRKLAND EOC RADIO ROOM

Kirkland is sponsoring amateur radio training for the Technician and General class license. Since we have ten radio operations to support, we will need a minimum of 60 trained operator volunteers to serve ARES/KECT (Amateur Radio Emergency Services/ Kirkland Emergency Communication Team) on a 24/7 basis. I say minimum but we could use double that number for any catastrophe which could leave us without power or resources for many days or even weeks.

LAKE WASHINGTON HAM CLUB

In the past year, we have trained and tested 125 new operators. Not all are from Kirkland so we don't get the benefit of having them in our system but they will support other cities around us. As ARES members, we are activated by FEMA through our State, County and City Emergency Operations Center. And we report to the assigned Emergency Manager.

After the basic license training is done and the volunteers have their ticket to operate legally on the air, we provide follow on training each week at their assigned stations to get them up to speed with the radio equipment and be knowledgeable of the assets available to them at the station. Every month we have a meeting of the entire group for specialized training. Every month that has 5 Saturdays in it, we will conduct a practice emergency exercise to expose the operators to simulated obstacles that might be encountered. When the exercise is completed, we then have a "Hotwash" to discuss problems areas and possible solutions. We strive to get the lessons out to all our members.

We work closely with our CERT (Community Emergency Response Teams) and provide limited radio and procedures training to them in support of their search and rescue, First aid /triage and damage evaluation roles. Since they are volunteers that do not self-deploy, their priority is their immediate local and their own family needs. When they get past family priorities and problems and can begin to assist others is when we get a really effective team.

Just to give the city a little return on their investment, we do community service work and provide radio operators for health and safety checks and coordination for parades, marathons, bike rides and any other event that might come up where radio is a good option to protect and serve the community.

We cannot forget that without the support of the Lake Washington Ham Club that none of our aforementioned accomplishments would be possible. The club membership is 300 strong and extremely active in many programs involving scouting and bringing young people in general into the realm of Amateur Radio. They don't just do an introduction to radio, they provide timely updates on procedures and introduce new items that enhance the club and individual capability. They provide advice to the new Hams as to what would be a good fit for them in a radio and share their experiences, their failures and their successes. They do the follow-up required to get the new Hams on the air. Their dedicated instructors and examiners provide us with the ability to increase our operational base within ARES/KECT. The LWHC also owns and operates repeaters in higher elevation locations to enhance the coverage and quality of the radio communications. In the event of an emergency, the repeaters are reserved for Kirkland ARES/KECT. Their operations include VHF,UHF and Hf bands as well as CB. Awareness of the value of radio communications is paramount in the event of a catastrophic event. The nice part is that we get to meet a lot of new and great people from all walks of life and all over the world.

Preparation and practice is 75% of our battle. The other 25% is developing and motivating our operators to rise to the occasion and apply their lessons learned to whatever situation arises. The ultimate goal is survival and we constantly strive to prepare for that challenge.

As a trainer and facilitator, I feel that leadership is the ability to motivate others to rise to their maximum capability. It's working here in Kirkland. We have a great team. We hope that you will join and support us in this effort. For more information, you can contact Ron Poole at snwbird1111@gmail.com.

2018 Membership

\$75 dues are due in January.

Payments are acceptable via PayPal or mailed check.
Submit attached paperwork to:

FBI Seattle CAAA
815 First Ave – Box 110
Seattle, WA 98104.

Volunteer as FBI Ambassador Roxhill Elementary School Fair

Roxhill Elementary is a vibrant public school in the Southwest corner of Seattle, near White Center. Their student body reflects the diversity and cultures of the neighborhood. Some features of this school are:

**Only paid
members allowed**

Self-contained program for students with autism.

Before and After school academic clubs.

Push-in support to general education classrooms for students who qualify for special education services.

Bi-lingual assistants supporting students in Spanish, Somali and Vietnamese.

A full service health clinic that provides physical and mental health care for our students

Roxhill Elementary, a full service community school, fosters a climate of compassion, academic excellence, problem solving, creativity, and cultural awareness where the school, families, and the community are working together for the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development of each child. We honor and celebrate the diversity of our community and support the individual needs of each scholar.

This career fair event invites various law enforcement, fire department, ambulance services, plus other related agencies to showcase their work while speaking directly with the elementary students.

We were stationed in the library with 3 booths. FBI Community Outreach and CAAA, Agent and professional staff/ERT to highlight some of the career opportunities at the FBI, but also it allows this diverse student body the opportunity to meet and mingle with agency personnel where they might otherwise never get a chance to be aware of any of these career opportunities or talk directly with any of these folks at this close level. It is an exceptional event to partake in and the students are very curious!

The only expectation is to assist as an FBI Ambassador as is requested on any of these type of events. The event is usually in the morning for 3 to 4 hours. We had four people last year, but we could always use a couple more.

Contact Rebeca Olvera if interested in volunteering at Rebeca. Olvera@ic.fbi.gov.