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## Community Awareness Program



CET Officers are teaching community members and organizations on how to recognize the possible signs of terrorism. These presentations are geared towards community groups and organizations on what constitutes suspicious activity and how to be vigilant in their workplace and home. The threat of terrorism and criminal acts by organized groups or individuals is real and we should all be aware of what to look for and how to report suspicious activity.

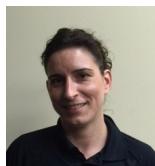
If you have a group that is interested in receiving this Community Awareness Training, please contact CET at: [Police-CommunityEngagementTeam@Minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Police-CommunityEngagementTeam@Minneapolismn.gov)

## East African Women's Night Out



other agencies in the Cedar Riverside area. This year's event was to honor the past and future, giving recognition to the Community Elders and understanding to the Young Ladies. Food, henna, photo-booth, and face painting were all available, FREE to attendees; 300+ Women (not including children) attended the 2015 Women's Night Out Event.

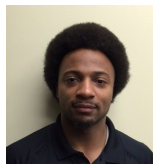
## Meet the new members of the team



**Officer Colleen Saunby**—Native American Community

I started with MPD in 2006. I have worked the majority of my career in the First Precinct. As the years flew by on the Dog Watch shift, I thought it was a good time to experience a different aspect of police work. I received the announcement for a position in CET and remembered why I became a police officer in the first place. I wanted to become a cop so I could work within the community, work with kids, to help people and to be part of helping a community to grow in a positive way. I applied to the CET unit; I thought it was time for a change and to experience everything that being a police officer has to offer. I am looking forward to all the possibilities that are ahead of me and working with the Native American Community here in Minneapolis.

**Officer Tyrone Barze**—African American Community



I began with the Minneapolis Police in 2009. I have worked patrol in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Precincts. I am a Use of Force Instructor, and also an Academy Instructor. Being African American, born in the 80's and growing up in the urban areas of big cities, some of the concerns and viewpoints of the younger generation are something I feel I can relate to. I saw a great opportunity for me when the CET position in the African American community became available. In the winter of 2014 I was accepted as the Community Engagement Team African American Community Liaison. As a team player, I feel strongly about working together to take a multifaceted approach towards Police and community relations."

## State Patrol Diversity Training



On February 2nd, 2015, CET Officers instructed Diversity Training for the MN State Patrol. CET Officers outlined important cultural and social factors that influence policing within various ethnic communities. The presentations were on the East-African community and African American community. There were over 50 cadets in the academy that received the information.

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## Conversations with Cops in Coffee Shops



The Community Engagement Team (CET) is always looking for new ways to engage with our community. To this end, we have started a new program: **Conversations with Cops in Coffee Shops**. Each month a local coffee shop hosts meetings where anyone can come and dialog with a police officer about topics relating to police work and other issues. The premise behind this is for police officers to be more available for the residents of Minneapolis. At these gatherings you can meet officers as well as supervisors. Some of the coffee shops that have hosted these conversations are: Avenue Eatery on Broadway Avenue and Emerson Ave North and Starbucks on 54th Street and Lyndale Ave South. For more information on the next Conversation, contact CET Officer White at (612) 685-0754.

## Latino Citizen's Academy in North Minneapolis

North Minneapolis's Latino population has grown over the years. Recognizing this fact, CET Officer Baires Escobar planned on organizing a Citizen's Academy specific to the Latino community of North Minneapolis. The six week program which began on February 28th, educates the community on a variety of police topics, issues and procedures. Some topics presented include: investigative procedures, traffic stops, recruiting, 911 and 311 presentations as well as providing consulate resources for the attendees. This academy will conclude on April 4th, 2015 with a short graduation ceremony after the completion of the day's curriculum.

## MPHA's Project Lookout



Yearly, MPHA hosts a one day training for Project Lookout volunteers. These volunteers are tenants of public housing throughout the City of Minneapolis. They volunteer their time to check in visitors at

the front entry of the high-rise apartment buildings. They patrol buildings they live in and report in any suspicious activity to police or the MPHA security command center. CET Officer Vah has been invited to speak about police 911 protocols and procedures for this year's Project Lookout Training which will be in April. If you live in public housing and are interested in being part of this program, please contact MPHA directly.



### Spring Safety Tips

- Wear comfortable, properly fitted helmets
- Make sure equipment does not impair vision or movement
- Ride bikes or scooters on smooth surfaces
- Learn proper hand signals and use them
- Teach crossing safety to children by example
- Rake before you mow your lawn to prevent loose debris

- Use proper eye protection

## CET Safety & Fitness Academy



The Community Engagement Team-Spring Break Safety & Fitness Academy is multifaceted. The primary objective is to have ethnically diverse children in a positive atmosphere that will foster learning and interaction during a week-long "Safety & Fitness Academy".

One objective is to have youth introduced at a younger (middle-school) age to the Somali Culture creating an understanding of cultural differences/

similarities and how that plays into interaction between people. This will aid in bridging the gap of unfamiliarity of the cultures thus reducing the tension that seems to erupt at the high school age.

The Secondary objective is to have youth participate in structured team sports supporting a healthy lifestyle.

Lastly, as a Law Enforcement agency the Camp will provide Youth individual Safety tips and better understanding of the state and local Judicial System.

The Academy is for Youth in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade and will begin March 31<sup>st</sup> -April 3, 2015. Please contact Officer Alice White @612-685-0754 or [alice.white@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:alice.white@minneapolismn.gov) to sign up!



## Calendar of Events

### March

Mentoring and Soccer March with NLPOA members and PAL soccer: March 22

3rd Annual African American Women's Networking Breakfast and Job Fair: March 28

Fun and Fitness Camp: March 31-April 3

### April

CET Latino Citizen's Academy Graduation: April 4

Annual POW WOW: April 11

### May

Emergency Services Safety Awareness Day, TBA

### June

Emergency Services Recruitment Session, TBA

**SAVE THE DATE: 3rd Annual Battle of the Badges and People's BBQ: August 15**



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