

# AFRO AMERICAN POLICE OFFICERS UNION 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW





# AFRO AMERICAN POLICE OFFICERS UNION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## Mission Statement

The mission of the Afro American Police Officers League is to exhaust all legal means in an effort to resolve and secure equality within the community and workplace in which we exist. We hereby dedicate ourselves to influence educational achievement by all citizens, as well as the membership we serve. We shall promote social fellowship and adherence to law and order within our membership, the police department, and our community, while advocating cooperation with our judicial system and each branch of local, state, and federal government.

"Afro-American  
Police Officer's  
League has been  
serving our  
members and  
community since  
1975..."

Unity. Pride. Commitment.



Alvin V. Young, Founder



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## 2020 A.A.P.O.L. Inauguration Day



Special THANKS to Mayor Turner, former A.A.P.O.L. president Eric Fagan and all others who attended this month's meeting and witnessed the 2020 A.A.P.O.L. Inauguration! We truly appreciate our members and all who made it out to show support!



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## 2020 MLK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

**GHFC**  
GREATER HOUSTON  
FRONTIERS CLUB

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST**  
*Challenging the Present to Live The Dream*

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**  
**Dr. George Fraser**  
CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF FRASERNET, INC.

**DRUM MAJOR:**  
**Dr. Joseph Gathe, MD**  
HOUSTON INFECTIOUS DISEASE SPECIALIST

MONDAY | JANUARY 20, 2020 | 8:00-10:00AM  
HILTON AMERICAS- HOUSTON HOTEL DOWNTOWN

GHFC President: Donnell Cooper  
2020 MLK Event Chair: Lorenza Butler, Jr.  
2020 MLK Event Honorary Chair: D'Araganah Rabel

TICKETS, SPONSORSHIP & MORE INFORMATION:  
[WWW.GHFRONTIERS.COM](http://WWW.GHFRONTIERS.COM)



Let's never forget the sacrifices so many made so we can enjoy a better Quality of life...as we Celebrate Black History.





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## MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION South Gessner Station



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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH FAMILY FUN DAY



Thank you  
all who  
participate  
d in the  
A.A.P.O.L.  
Black  
History  
Month  
Family Fun  
Day!



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Northeast Station



South Central Station



Westside Station



Southeast Station



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Central Patrol  
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**NEMO ME  
IMUNE LACESSIT**



We will never forget those who have paid  
the ultimate price to serve and protect the  
life of another.

Fly High Officer Knox



Police Officer Jason Knox  
Houston Police Department  
Sworn Date: May 2, 2020  
HPD Academy Class: 212  
Years of Service: 9



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## COVID-19 PPE DISTRIBUTION

As our officers continue to work during the COVID-19 pandemic, A.P.P.O.L. Houston is assisting members with PPE. Be sure to continue practicing social distancing and wear your PPE.





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## A.A.P.O.L. in the Community

A.A.P.O.L. understands and acknowledges that we are currently witnessing a pivotal shift in the history of law enforcement and race relations. We stand with the community we serve and have shown our support in various ways over the last three months.

Justice of Ahmed Aubrey Protest at the  
Community of Faith Church  
(Slab Ride for Justice)





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## George Floyd Peace Walk with Jack Yates Alumni





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## George Floyd Peace Walk Downtown Houston





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## Speak Up & Speak Out

A.A.P.O.L. has taken enormous steps over the last three months to ensure that when issues arise relating to law enforcement and the African American community, the voices of our members and the minority members in the community we serve will now be heard.



### Houston Police Chief condemns officer's actions in death of George Floyd

Acevedo publicly condemned the officer's actions in a news conference and reminded his department that this is not how the police will operate in Houston. "I...



### 'We need harsher penalties' for officers who violate oath

President of the Afro American Police Officers League Deandre Hutchinson, says the officers who stood by during the death of George Floyd are 'just as guilty' ...



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## Community Outreach Spotlight

"WITH ALL OF THE UNCERTAINTIES IN THE WORLD, IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE KIND, CHARITABLE AND HAVE FEARLESS FAITH. AT TIMES, WE UNKNOWINGLY DISCOURAGE OTHERS BASED OFF OF OUR OWN LOSSES OR WHAT WE FEAR CAN HAPPEN, DUE TO THE UNCERTAINTIES IN WHATS UNKNOWN. WHAT WE FAIL TO REALIZE, IS THE POWER OF OUR TONGUE AND THE IMPACT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE HARMLESS WORDS. BZAR ART'S DREAM IS TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO UNDERSTAND THAT POTENTIAL. WITH THIS FUND WE WANT TO PROVIDE A FORM OF FINANCIAL RELIEF AS WELL AS POSITIVE ASPIRATIONS TO THE RECIPIENT. TO HELP ALL UNDERSTAND ACCOMPLISHING A GOAL IS POSSIBLE WITH THE RIGHT MINDSET AND INTERNAL TOOLBOX. BEGIN WITH A THOUGHT, APPLY NECESSARY ACTION NEEDED, ALLOW YOUR DREAMS TO FLOURISH AND MANIFEST YOUR DREAMS INTO REALITY. WE BELIEVE IN YOU AND WE WANT TO INVEST IN YOU."

-BZAR

A.P.P.O.L IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE BZAR FUND FOR 11TH - 12TH GRADE STUDENTS IN THE HOUSTON AREA FOR THE ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 8/1/2020 WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED 8/8/2020.



For more information go to [www.bzarart.com](http://www.bzarart.com) and you can read the FAQs about the fund and how to apply.

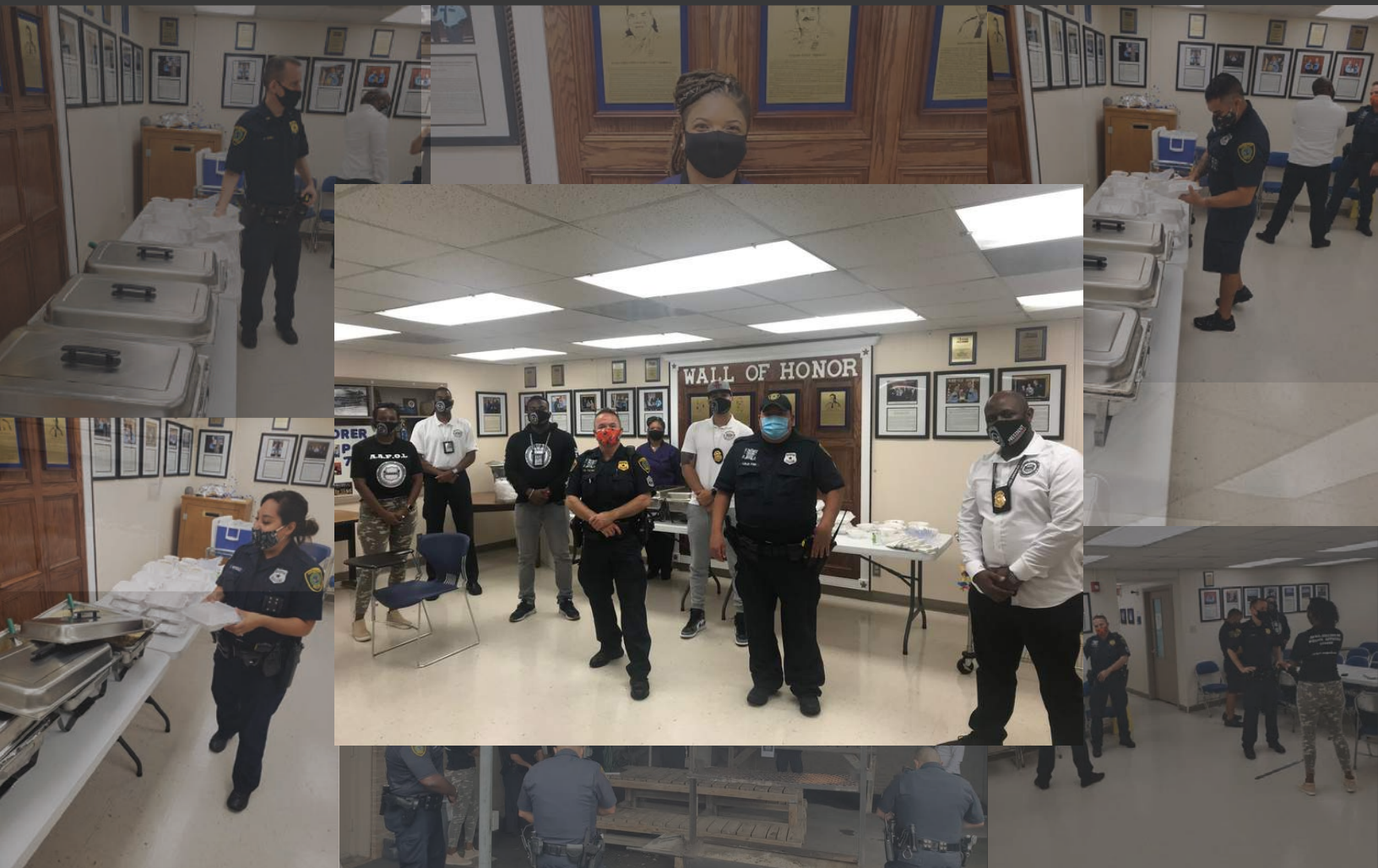




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## A.A.P.O.L. in the Community



Join Us For  
**DR. JAMES DIXON, II**  
**EMPOWER TALK**

Live STREAM  
@JAMESDIXONEMPOWERS  
JULY 16, 2020  
THURSDAY | 6:30PM

Guest Panelists

- Sergeant DuAndre' Hutchison  
AAPOL President
- Sergeant Chantah Woodard  
HPD Recruiting Division
- Det. Eric Carr  
HPD Public Affairs, AAPOL Exec. Dir.

On THURSDAY, JULY 16th, A.A.P.O.L, the HPD Recruiting Division and Dr. James Dixon, II of the Community of Faith church discussed relational policing in the community. The Community Of Faith.



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## COMMUNITY BASED POLICE RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE

A.A.P.O.L. would like to thank Pastor Dixon, The Community of Faith Church and The HPD Recruiting Division for their collaborative efforts towards a successful turnout at our 1st Community-based Recruiting Initiative! We are super excited to keep the momentum going as we work to coordinate the next event!





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RECRUITING INITIATIVE**

*Be the change you want to see...*

— MOHANDAS GHANDHI

African American Police Officer League  
"Innocent Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere"  
— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Trailblazer in Equality in Law Enforcement  
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## A.A.P.O.L. in the Community

A.A.P.O.L. and HPD Public Affairs Officers teamed up with Sandra Massie Hines- Honorary Mayor of Sunnyside & Pretta Vandible-Stallworth at the East Macedonia American Baptist Church COVID-19 Free Face Mask Distribution. We handed out free PPE masks, safety information for our seniors, and recruiting information in our community.





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## A.A.P.O.L. in the Community HPD Boxing Event/Food Truck Friday



You must be the change you wish to see in the world. We are stakeholders in our community and if we want conditions to change we must be leaders in the process of change. Thank you to all the parents, kids, volunteers, and officers that helped make the second free food truck event of Summer 2020 a resounding success.

-Mike Agee-



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## Congrats to our Scholarship Recipients!!

The Afro American Police Officers League & The A.A.P.O.L. Scholarship Committee worked hard to review all the submissions and these applications stood out to our independent graders. We thank you for taking the time to share your feedback and view on how social media has impacted your high school career. Congrats to the 13 individuals scholarship winners.







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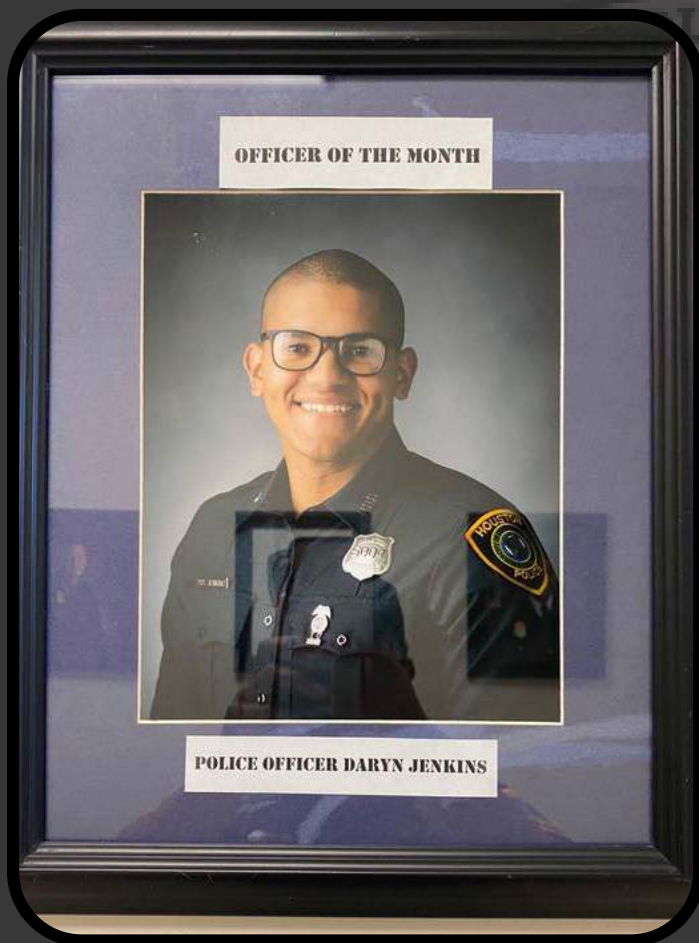




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## A.A.P.O.L. Spotlight Northeast Division Officer of the Month August 2020



On August 24, 2020, Officer Daryn Jenkins was dispatched to a suspicious person call. The caller reported that a suspect with an open felony warrant was in the area. The suspect was wanted after shooting a man in the chest 4 times. Due to his constant preparedness, Officer Jenkins already pulled up the suspect's photo before arriving and was able to identify him as a fugitive. The suspect was non-compliant, forcing Officer Jenkins to respond to resistance. Officer Jenkins was able to take the suspect into custody without further incident. Upon further investigation, Officer Jenkins recovered several forms of drug paraphernalia and cash seized from the suspects vehicle. Officer Jenkins unwavering attention to duty and detail lead to this violent criminal being take off of the streets and placed in jail. A.A.P.O.L. would to recognize Officer Jenkins for his due diligence in keeping our community safe.



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## Speak Up & Speak Out



### A.A.P.O.L.

Afro American Police Officers League

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August 28, 2020

For Immediate Release

Afro American Police Officers League (AAPOL) Statement on the Jacob Blake Shooting

Houston, TX - August 28, 2020 - The Afro American Police Officers League remains dedicated more than ever to support our members as well as the community in these challenging times. We are disturbed as well as concerned after watching the video of the incident involving Jacob Blake. As law enforcement officers we understand that there is an ongoing investigation into the details of the incident. We want to ensure that our members and community partners understand that our stance remains the same regarding this incident. We do not condone any form of unwarranted excessive force of any kind.

We would like all communities to join A.A.P.O.L. and demonstrate our views harmoniously and peacefully while coming together as one unit working with the elected officials, police departments, the criminal justice systems, and community leaders. The ultimate goal is to reach a solution on how to collectively strengthen public trust and effectively protect our communities and each other from danger while simultaneously holding police officers accountable for their actions.

While emotions and frustrations continue to run high in the African American community, we want you to know that The Afro American Police Officers League is continuing to engage in open dialog towards finding the necessary changes to ensure that these incidents do not continue to occur. We will continue to maximize our platform and use our voice and resources to be a proponent of change for our members, community partners and the citizens we have sworn to protect.

###

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DeAndre' Hutchison, AAPOL President  
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AFRO AMERICAN POLICE OFFICERS LEAGUE

\*As law enforcement professionals, we pledge our time, honor, and talent for the uplifting of our communities\*

A.A.P.O.L.  
recently spoke  
out regarding  
the Jacob  
Blake  
Shooting.  
We will  
continue to  
collaborate  
the community  
to find the  
necessary  
changes to  
insure  
incidents such  
as this does  
not occur.



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## A.A.P.O.L. Elections coming this November!!

### A.A.P.O.L. Elections are **COMING SOON!**

If you desire to run for one of the following positions you will need to submit a letter of intent to **AAPOLHPD@GMAIL.COM** between **Oct 1st - Oct 20th.**

Available positions are for two-year terms:  
VP, Treasurer, Sergeant At Arms, Membership  
Director, Entertainment Director.





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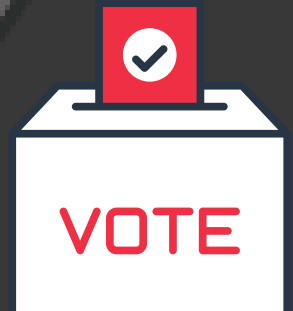
**ERIC**   
**FAGAN**

**FOR FORT BEND COUNTY  
SHERIFF**

**A.A.P.O.L. is proud to endorse former  
A.P.P.O.L. President Eric Fagan for  
Fort Bend County Sheriff**



For more information please to to  
<https://www.ericfagan.com/>





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## In Memorium

### Giants Amongst Men

Civil Rights icons Rep. John Lewis and Rev. C.T. Vivian both crossed over from this life into the next on July 17, 2020. These civil rights legends were at the forefront of the historic struggle for racial justices in the 1960s. We honor their memory.



**JOHN LEWIS**

1940 – 2020



**C.T. VIVIAN**

1924 - 2020



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## September 2020 Presidential Address & News Updates



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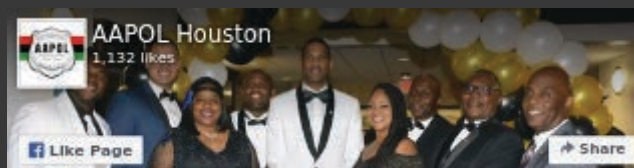


A.A.P.O.L. Houston President DeAndre' Hutchison discussing bridging the gap between community and police.

Thank you Quentin Wiltz Candidate for Pearland Mayor, Detective Chris Turner, and Eric Fagan, Retired Houston Police Department, Candidate for Fort Bend County Sheriff for this great collaboration it was a good conversation.

Thank you gentlemen for your time, insight, and candid dialogue.

As your next Mayor I will continue these necessary conversations for our community. If you would like to view the conversation in its entirety, go to our Facebook Page.







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## Building Trust



A.A.P.O.L. is so excited and honored to be a part of this phenomenal groundbreaking opportunity.

A.A.P.O.L. Leadership not only helped develop the course we will also be co-teaching it to all classified officers at HPD. In Houston we lead from the front. Thanks to Chief Victorian for inviting us to collaborate.



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## A. A. P. O. L. in the Community



A.A.P.O.L. was proud to support #Thegooddeeds in his Community Outreach efforts in October. We were able to speak to the youth before he gave 500 pairs of shoes away for free! A.A.P.O.L. continues to support our members and officers making a difference in the community!



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We want to voice our sincere appreciation to Coach Pat Henry for the opportunity to speak to the Texas A & M University! We were able to educate and connect with the track team and we look forward to future partnerships!





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Thanks to Mayor Sylvester Turner, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee and Bishop James Dixon for their support for the Inter Faith Prayer Service for First Responders.

A special thanks to George Floyd's family for their support and encouraging words for our fallen heroes. A true demonstration of God's Love, Compassion and Strength. The Community Of Faith Church Empowering People to Win through FAITH.



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## Congratulations!!!



Congrats to A.A.P.O.L. Executive Director Eric Carr for winning his Run-Off Election for Houston Police Officers' Union B.O.D. Position 10!

Thanks to all the officers and A.A.P.O.L. members that voted and supported Eric Carr. Thank you for using your voice with your vote.



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We would like to congratulate Senior Police Officer Janette Arceneaux and Officer Ingrid Beal for serving over 35 years with the Houston Police Department and being continuous members of A.A.P.O.L. throughout their careers.  
Enjoy your retirement ladies!!









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## A.A.P.O.L.

### African American Police Officers League

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October 21, 2020  
For Immediate Release

#### AAPOL Statement on the Shooting Death of Veteran HPD Sergeant Harold Preston

**HOUSTON, TX-** Our AAPOL family is in deep mourning over the loss of 41 year police officer Sergeant Harold Preston. Our sincere prayers and condolences go out to Sergeant Preston's family, friends, as well as, our fellow officers and department staff. We ask for your prayers as we monitor the condition of Officer Courtney Waller, who remains hospitalized.

"Sergeant Harold Preston was a husband, father, mentor, and dedicated public servant who upheld his oath to protect this community and made the ultimate sacrifice. This is a tragic event that will affect the law enforcement community and his family for the near future. Sergeant Preston was a true hero." AAPOL President DeAndre' Hutchison said.

Our officers do a tremendous job in keeping our streets and communities safe. Heroes like Sergeant Preston embodies the best of who we are as a law enforcement family. The suspect who committed this heinous crime must be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law to ensure he causes no further harm to other Houstonians. We urge Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg to file capital murder charges on this suspect.

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African American Police Officers League

It is with great sadness that we encourage everyone to keep the family of Sgt. Preston, Officer Waller and all involved in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Unfortunately, after 41 years of dedicated service to the City of Houston, Sgt. Preston was pronounced deceased due to injuries sustained while responding to a disturbance call.

We want to extend our support to all of our members as we navigate through this difficult time. We have Peer Support trained officers and supervisors on our board of directors that are a phone call away. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you or someone you work next to is in need of assistance.



#### AAPOL shares thoughts on the death of Sgt. Harold Preston

Isiah speaks with Deandre' Hutchinson with the African American Police Officer's League, regarding



Please continue to send your thoughts and prayers to Officer Courtney Waller as he recovers from his injuries after being shot in the line of duty.

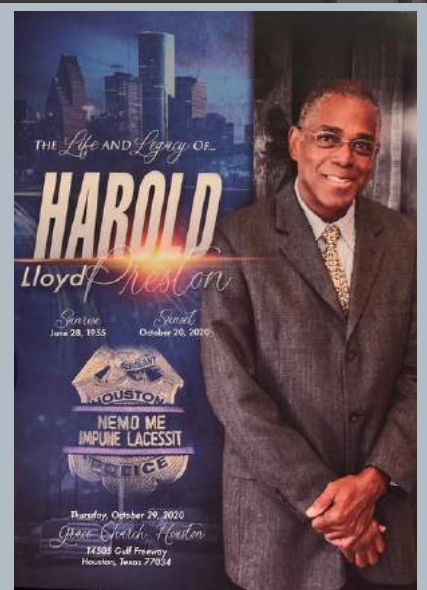


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## NEMO ME IMUNE LACESSIT



Sergeant Harold Lloyd Preston  
Houston Police Department  
Sworn Date: August 25th, 1979  
End of Watch: October 20th, 2020  
HPD Academy Class: 86  
Years of Service: 41



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## A. A. P. O. L. in the Community



**RUN WITH YOUR RECRUITER**  
AT THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH CHURCH  
1024 PINEMONT DRIVE, HOUSTON

ALL INTERESTED PROSPECTS REGISTER AND RUN!!!  
THECOMMUNITYOFFAITH.ORG

SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 14, 7:00AM



Thank you to everyone that attended HPD Run with your recruiter event at The Community Of Faith church. Encouraging the community to join HPD and make a difference in our community!



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### CONGRESSWOMAN SHEILA JACKSON LEE

AND THE  
**HOUSTON POLICE OFFICERS UNION**  
OFFICER DOUG GRIFFITH, HPOU PRESIDENT  
OFFICER KEN NEALY, HPOU VICE PRESIDENT  
INVITE YOU TO THE

### 47TH COVID-19 TESTING SITE

FOR  
**HOUSTON POLICE OFFICERS AND  
THEIR FAMILIES**  
WITH  
**UMMC**

**SATURDAY**  
**DECEMBER 12, 2020 10 AM TO 5 PM**  
**PRESS CONFERENCE 11:00 AM**  
**1600 STATE STREET**  
**HOUSTON, TEXAS 77007**  
**MASKS DISTRIBUTION**

**NO-CHARGE NO-PREREGISTRATION**  
**DRIVE-THRU AND WALK-UPS**

**HELP STOP COMMUNITY SPREAD: WEAR A MASK,  
AND COME GET TESTED!**



It was an honor to stand together with Representative Sheila Jackson Lee, Mayor Turner, Chief Acevedo and the Houston Police Officers' Union as we all advocate and provide resources for Officers and their families. Great event today and looking forward to future collaborations.



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## Congratulations!!!



A.A.P.O.L. is super proud of  
our Vice President,  
Sgt. Jeremy Lahar, for winning  
the 2020 Community Service  
Officer of the Year Award.  
Congrats Sgt. Lahar.  
It is well deserved.





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We will never forget those who have paid  
the ultimate price to serve and protect the  
life of another.

Rest well Sgt. Rios.



Sergeant Sean S. Rios  
Houston Police Department  
Sworn Date: August 28th, 1995  
End of Watch: November 9, 2020  
HPD Academy Class: 165  
Years of Service: 25



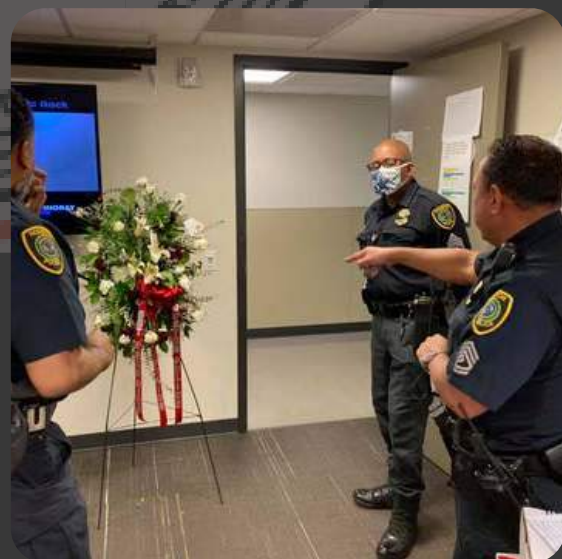
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## Support Our Own



A.A.P.O.L. served lunch and supported the Troops at Hobby Airport Division and celebrate the life of our fallen brother, Sgt. Sean Rios. Commander Follis and his officers were very appreciative. When one hurts we all hurt. Felt good to see them in good spirits!





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After a long battle with Covid-19, Officer Leal succumbed to the virus. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers. Rest well Officer Leal.



Senior Police Officer Ernest Leal Jr.  
Houston Police Department  
Sworn Date: April 2, 1984  
End of Watch: November 27, 2020  
HPD Academy Class: 120  
Years of Service: 36

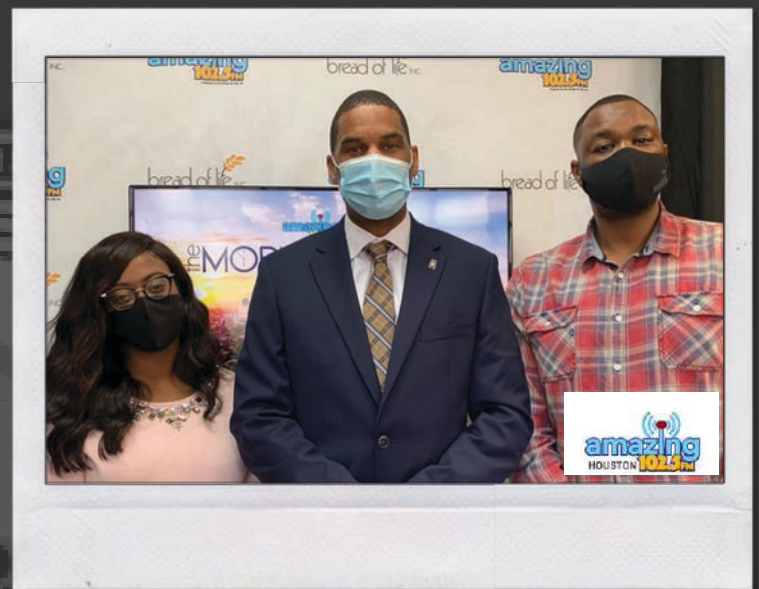




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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE NEW AMAZING 102.5 F.M. for inviting A.A.P.O.L. Executive Director and the African American Community Liaison Officer, Eric Carr to be a guest on the show. Great conversation about the importance of relational policing and recruiting in our community. Tune in if you are inside the loop or visit [102.5fm.com](http://102.5fm.com) to download the app.



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Congrats to Senior Police Officer Rachel Shannon on her Retirement from HPD after 38 years of service. We pray that God continues to order her steps and bless her beyond measure. Enjoy your retirement!



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## Congratulations!!!

We would like to congratulate former A.A.P.O.L. President Eric Fagan on his historic victory as Fort Bend County Sheriff Elect.



**ERIC FAGAN**  
FOR FORT BEND  
COUNTY SHERIFF  
ELECT



Another congratulations to Harris County Clerk elect, Teneshia Hudspeth and Christian Menefee for Harris County Attorney Elect for their victories as well.



**Teneshia HUDSPETH**  
★★ FOR HARRIS COUNTY CLERK ★★

**CHRISTIAN D MENELEE**  
FOR HARRIS COUNTY ATTORNEY



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Be the Blessing! A.A.P.O.L. in Northeast Houston giving back to our community. What a joy to be used to bring smiles to family's in need. Happy Holidays!



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Thank you Officer Love and  
The brothers of the Houston  
Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi  
as they participated in  
Adopt a Family Christmas  
Day of caring in Acres Home  
at God's Grace community  
church!



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## Information you need to know

Attention to all Retiring  
A.A.P.O.L. members



Please email A.A.P.O.L. at [aapolhpd@gmail.com](mailto:aapolhpd@gmail.com) to receive your watch 2 weeks prior to your retirement for A.A.P.O.L. membership verification



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All active  
A.A.P.O.L. members  
(1 year membership)  
are eligible for  
reimbursement up  
to \$250 for  
Promotional Exam  
Preparation  
classes!

### Important Membership Public Service Announcement

If and when you receive a 48 HR Notice, A.A.P.O.L. needs you to reach out and contact us ASAP! You can utilize the Legal Assistance contact tab found on our website [www.aapol.org](http://www.aapol.org). Please understand, the sooner we are advised of an issue the better position A.A.P.O.L. is placed to assist our members.



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WE HEAR YOU,  
and we are working on creating an  
outlet for our members...

**PEER  
SUPPORT**



We first want to acknowledge the amazing job HPD's Peer Support unit has been doing in providing an ear and outlet for officers. We at A.A.P.O.L. are working behind the scenes to get our Board of Directors certified to do the same. We understand that there are some things our members need to discuss and get off their chest, so we are in the process of providing our own outlet for our members.



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**We wish you all a Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year from all us at A.A.P.O.L.**



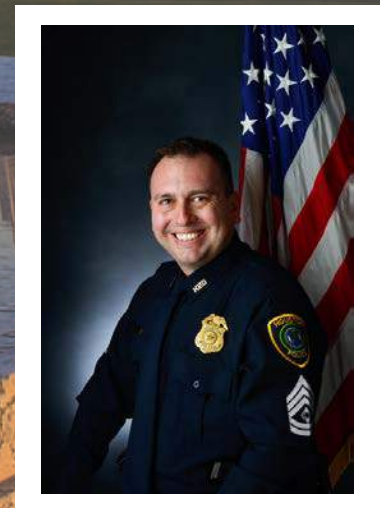




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We will never forget those who have paid the ultimate price to serve and protect the life of others. Rest well Officer Jason Knox, Sgt. Harold Preston, Sgt. Sean Rios and Senior Police Officer Ernest Leal.  
We got it from here.