

# VIPS NEWS

## Denver Police Department | Volunteers In Police Service

### Upcoming Events

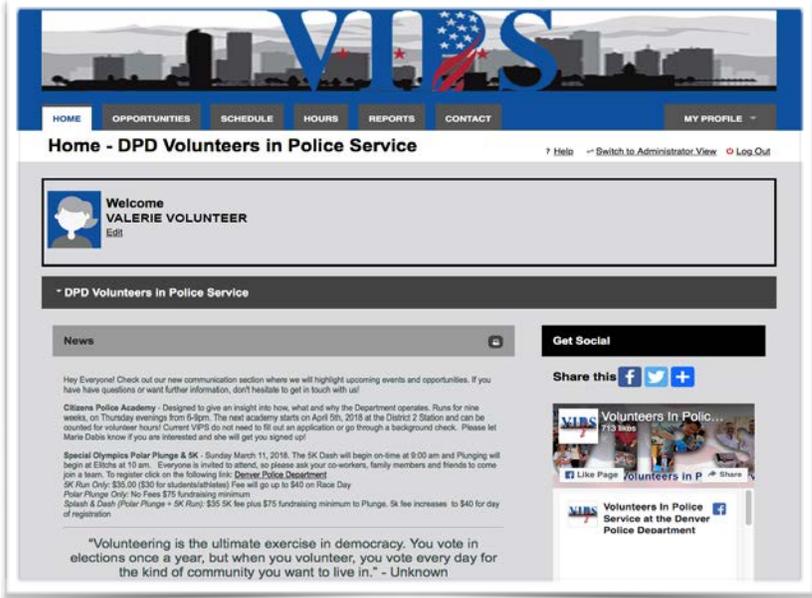
Check out our upcoming events. If you have further questions or would like to sign up, please get in touch with us!

#### Special Olympics Polar Plunge & 5k Run

Sunday March 11, 2018.  
 Everyone is invited to attend, so please ask your co-workers, family members and friends to join a team. The 5K Dash will begin at 9:00 am and Plunging will begin at Elitch's at 10 am.  
 To register visit:  
[www.classy.org/fundraiser/1256716](http://www.classy.org/fundraiser/1256716)

#### Citizens Police Academy

The next Citizens Police Academy (CPA) begins on April 5, 2018 and runs 9 weeks which can be counted for volunteer hours. Current VIPS do not need to fill out an application or go through a background check. Please let Marie Dabis know if you are interested.



## VOLUNTEER IMPACT UPDATE

We are excited to share that our Volunteer Impact website has undergone some much needed changes! With hopes of updating some of our volunteer processes, we felt the need to overhaul the general look and feel of our page. That's exactly what we did.

Once you log in, our VIPS logo should greet you at the top of the page. We take pride in our program and wanted to make this website reflect just that. As you continue navigating through the website, you will notice a consistent theme that will hopefully not only show the excitement for our program, but also make it easier to see and do what needs to be done.

In addition to the aesthetic changes, you will now be able to find, review and sign up for volunteer opportunities through Volunteer Impact. Written and video instructions are on their way so be on the lookout for those. Don't worry, you will continue to receive the opportunities emailed to you for at least a couple more months. Stay tuned for more information!!!

## Volunteer Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all those that celebrate during the month of March!

- Manny Hays.....Mar 02
- Diane Ricci.....Mar 04
- Taylor Scott.....Mar 04
- Paulette Cohrs.....Mar 07
- John Doherty.....Mar 08
- Vic Reichman.....Mar 10
- Nancy Brandt.....Mar 12
- Nathan McClintock.....Mar 15
- Mary Kohrman.....Mar 21
- Joseph Dang.....Mar 23
- Kris Guzman.....Mar 23
- Gerri Szadaj.....Mar 23
- Sydney Harmon.....Mar 25
- Brook McLaughlin.....Mar 31

## Newest VIPS

Join us in welcoming the newest Volunteers in Police Services!

- Sean Anderson
- Michael Armijo
- Kay Beard
- Stephanie Bobadilla-Regalado
- Robbie Collins
- Erik Dabis
- Chantel Dooley
- Jack Hart
- Haley Van Orman
- Samantha Peters
- Sandra Thimmig
- Idaksue Ruiz

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### BRIANA RANK

I recently graduated from Montana State University with two bachelor's degrees; one in criminal justice and the other in anthropology. Volunteering for the Denver Police Department was a great way to apply my educational experiences to real scenarios as well as a benefit for me personally to work for a well-respected police department. I appreciate what the police do for each of us every day and wanted to be able to give back to my community and to the people who protect this city.



## CHAPLAIN SPOTLIGHT

### FATHER JOSEPH DANG

I am an ordained Catholic priest of the CACI jurisdiction. I am proud to be a part of the DPD family. As a Chaplain I am fortunate enough to be able to be the go-between person from the community, faith based, and police workforce. Police work is a tough and dangerous job which requires a lot of courage. I have worked with some of the



bravest and most resilient police officers, but they are still human beings that have feelings, family, etc. Being a Chaplain, I get to be their shoulder to lean on and a pair of ears to listen. I am able to be by their side when a crisis hits; when their core values are shaken, and their strength is put through the most challenging obstacles, my presence is a HUGE ministry even if I don't have to say anything. For example, the spiritual work that sprouted when a two year old child was run over by his father was an incredible support to each and every life it touched. The serviceable and intrinsic value of my work became evident when a family and the officers came to me years later after meeting them and said, "What would have happened if you weren't there?" Definitely a huge reward!