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Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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Submissions Welcome!

Do you have any funny stories, e-mails, or photos to share with our members?

Please e-mail your police-related submissions to **lbenoit@vha.com**

Submissions are due the first day of each month.

- Link to ECPAAA Web Page
<http://www.ecpaaa.org/>
- Link to ECPAAA Calendar
<http://www.ecpaaa.org/cal.htm>
- Link to ECPAAA Events List
<http://www.ecpaaa.org/event.htm>

April Speaker

Todd Murphree

Senior Corporal

Euleless Police Department

Our own Todd Murphree will present a case study of a recent homicide case worked by the Euleless Police Department Investigations Division. The incident was originally reported as a missing person incident. Over the course of several weeks the investigation revealed the missing person to be murdered. Todd will cover the circumstances behind the disappearance of the victim and the ultimate disposition of the case. The discussion will also include the roles investigators play during homicide investigations.

You can find about a little bit more about Todd by reading his biography on page 6 of the newsletter.

Arbor Daze Volunteers Needed

We still have a few slots open if anyone is interested in filling them.

- Information Booth — Saturday 5:00 to 7:00
- Information Booth — Sunday 2:00 to 4:00
- Information Booth — Sunday 4:00 to 6:00
- Sky Tower — Saturday 4:30 to 6:00

April Menu

Pot Luck! Bring your favorite dish (and serving utensil) and/or a dessert.

From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

Spring is here... I think!! Some days it is and some days it isn't. But I'm pretty sure it will be here in full force soon.

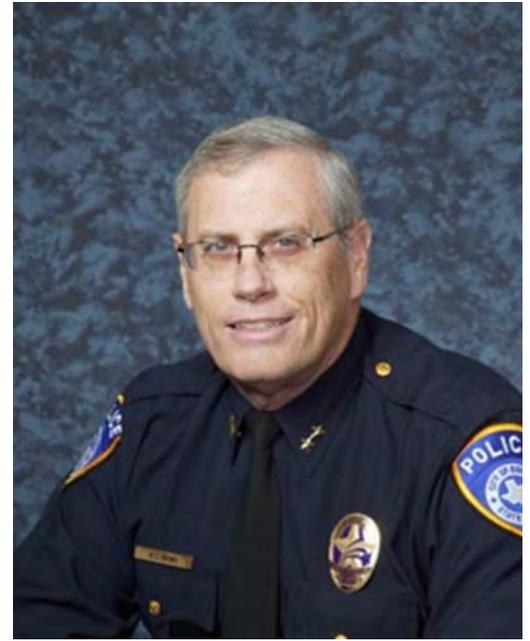
I would like to take a minute of your time to talk about success. I know we each determine whether we are successful with a different scale. For some people success is determined by the amount of money they have in the bank. For others success is determined by the quality of the people in their lives. Yet others judge their success on how they help others to reach their goals in life. I am not judging whether any of these measurements are better than the other. I believe we all probably have a little of each of these scales in our view of success.

I think you could use any of the previously mentioned scales and say the CPAAA is a very successful organization. But that success wasn't guaranteed when we started. There were garage sales, brick sales and a lot of just plain ole elbow grease that went into the formation and early years of this organization. The CPAAA is built upon the foundation of those early years, and it's very easy to come into the organization and not know the history or the sacrifices that were made by all of the members to make the organization what it is today. I still marvel at all the work and the commitment to the organization that was on display back in the early years. I know it was a lot of work, but it was a lot of fun too. We were too busy back then to look around and find fault. We would work hard on a project and take the lessons learned from that project and put them to good use on the next project. We were so busy we didn't have time to shine a critical light on the little things that could have been better. We all just pulled together and worked hard on whatever project we were committed to.

I know that once any organization reaches a level of success there is a tendency to stop and look at all the little things that could be better. By the time this happens several years have passed and a new group of members have joined who don't have a recollection of the past. For them, the history of the organization began when they joined. They don't know about the hard lessons learned or the days spent in the sun, wind and rain just to get a few dollars together to buy something for the officers. They didn't go door to door to the businesses in town explaining who we were and why they needed to donate to this new organization. In some way the new members have it a little easier, a lot of the heavy work has been done.

But the new members have their own set of challenges that the founding members didn't have to deal with. The new members have to find a way to move the organization forward, to integrate new members, new technology and discover new opportunities for growth. The organization cannot remain stuck in the past, it must grow and move forward if it is to survive and be the service organization that it needs to be.

All of this to say, when an organization is as successful as this one there are inevitably going to be growing pains. I think that this can be a good thing; it can make us all reflect on where the organization is and then plot a course to where we want it to go. In my humble opinion, the CPAAA meetings should be a place where we gather once a month in the spirit



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From the President — Loretta Doty

Was spring supposed to have arrived? It feels more like we are visiting another state. Where are our warm sunny weather, butterflies, and noise of children playing outside? If anyone can fix this, I'll owe you big time. Hopefully it will be better for Arbor Daze! I'm sure you will enjoy watching over the festival from the sky tower and promoting ECPAAA at the information booth. Please let me know if you have any questions about any of the upcoming activities for Arbor Daze.



The CPA class is halfway through their studies and going strong. I would like for you to support your executive committee and join us at the class's last meeting in May to present a program promoting ECPAAA.

Don't forget CRUD coming up on April 20th. James is hosting a Drug-Take-Back day on Saturday, April 27th in the Police Department parking lot from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Take a break sometime during the day at Arbor Daze and drop off your expired drugs or those you don't want any more to James at the Police Department. There is to be a dedication of a memorial to crime victims at TCC northwest campus on Thursday, April 25th at 10:00 am. You are welcome to attend.

Easter has come and gone. I'm hoping you all had a blessed day. I'll see all your bright faces at our next meeting, Tuesday, April 16th.

Chief Mike Brown — *continued from page 2*

of service and fellowship and focus our attention outward and on the service of others. If our focus is on service to others it's hard to get bogged down in the little things that can put stress and confusion on the organization.

I think it's always good to reflect on where we've been as an organization, but it is equally as important to look to the future. An organization must be the same inside and out. Any organization, especially a service organization, must be willing to serve the ones they have assembled to serve, but just as importantly they must also serve each other. Sometimes an organization can lose its way because its members fail to serve each other with commitment and excitement. I ask that each of us rededicate our efforts in service to each other, which will open even greater opportunities for service to the community.

It is an honor to serve with each of you!!

Mike

EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

Hello Alumni. A quick report from the NPO office this month. We have the prescription drug drop off event going on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 - 2:00 in front of the Police Department. The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of these medications. That is the same weekend as Arbor Daze where the NPO's will also be represented at a table to distribute information about our services. Please feel free to drop by our table and say hello. On April 18th there is a child safety seat event taking place from 10:00-2:00 in the parking lot of Campus West across the street from First Baptist Euless. If you need a child safety seat installed in your automobile or checked out, stop by and see James Gordon. The Citizens Police Academy class is going well. Most of the classes so far have been in the classroom but many of the remaining classes will be interactive with hands-on learning, that is always fun. Chris White will be making it all come together and look easy. Our HEB ISD Law Enforcement students from Trinity and Bell High Schools will be finishing up at the end of the month and then completing ride-outs with the officers. This is a joint effort between all three cities of Hurst, Euless and Bedford. We have a good problem with this program because they all request Euless to complete their ride-outs. We have an outstanding relationship with these students and this program. If you have not liked us on Facebook, please do so. We are receiving 2,500-4,500 visits a week to our page and you are missing the information we share if you don't like us. If you want to attend a RAD class, self-defense for women, contact James Gordon because he has a few openings in the next class.



Thank you for all the attention you have given to the State Alumni Conference occurring in July. I know the logistics is hard and it takes a lot to pull it off and look good. Al Simmenroth said that his appearance alone would boost our reputation so let's make sure he attends! Thanks for all you do for this agency!

CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg

CPAANT Meeting
Waco – April 6, 2013

The April meeting was hosted by Waco CPAAA. There were 61 with 14 Member CPAAA's in attendance.

The speaker, Retired FBI Agent Byron Sage, gave a presentation on the Branch Davidian stand-off which took place starting on February 28, 1993 and ended tragically on April 19, 1993. Agent Sage, who was the lead negotiator during the stand-off, talked about the siege and beyond, facts and lessons learned. The stand-off ended with 46 people (included 21 children) leaving the compound prior to April 19th, 9 Branch Davidians exiting the fire on April 19th (one carrying a dog, but none carrying children) and 88 died (included 4 ATF Agents and 27 children). At the crime scene 307 weapons were recovered and an estimated 1.6 to 2 Million rounds of ammunition. Also discovered was plenty of water and meals ready to eat which would have allowed the Branch Davidians to survive for quite a while if needed. A total of 12,886 minutes (214.76 hours) were spent negotiating resulting in hundreds of conversations with Branch Davidians David Koresh (117), Steve Schneider (459) and Wayne Martin (28).

Please visit CPAANT's Web Site www.cpaant.org for additional information and directions to the monthly meeting in Richardson.



March 2013 Volunteer Hours

- CID Clerical – 17 Hours 30 Minutes
- Citizens On Patrol – 131 Hours 45 Minutes
Includes the following:
 - COP Car – 111 Hours 15 Minutes
 - COP Sky Tower – 20 Hours 30 Minutes
 Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 9
- Courts – 47 Hours 15 Minutes
- CPA Class – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Crime Victims Assistance Program – 13 Hour 30 Minutes
- Eules Radio Club – 29 Hours 0 Minutes
- Jail – 5 Hours 0 Minutes
- Meetings – 92 Hours 0 Minutes
Includes the following:
 - CPAAANT Meeting – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
 - ECPAAA Meeting – 92 Hours 0 Minutes
- Miscellaneous – 23 Hours 30 Minutes
- Speed Trailer – 14 Hours 30 Minutes
- Vehicle Maintenance – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Warrant Round-Up – 30 Hours 0 Minutes
- Watering of Plants – 9 Hours 30 Minutes

Grand Total – 413 Hours 30 Minutes

March National Value of Volunteer Time – \$9,010.17
2013 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time – \$27,923.89

March Meeting – 42 Alumni Members Present

Upcoming Events

- April 9 – City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- April 10 – Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- April 16 – ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department
- April 20– CRUD Day, ECPAAA Volunteers meet behind the Eules Library at 8:00 am
- April 23 – City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- April 27-28 – Arbor Daze Festival, City Hall Complex, Saturday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, Sunday 2:00 to 6:00 pm
- April 29 to May 7 – Early Voting, Eules Public Library, see <http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/ElectionInformation.htm> for times and more information
- May 4 – CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Richardson (location & directions can be found on www.cpaant.org)
- May 8 – Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- May 11 – Election Day, General and Special Elections, Eules Public Library, for times and more information see <http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/ElectionInformation.htm>
- May 14 – City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall
- May 21 – ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department
Speaker will be Carol Miller with Meals On Wheels

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Vicki Baum – 4/3

Kay Goad – 4/10

Jerrie Keller – 4/10

Kendall Hall – 4/12

Betty Overstreet – 4/16

Peggy Vandiver – 4/19



Officer Biography

Todd Murphree



Date of Biography: February 26, 2013

Current title with EPD: Senior Corporal

Year started and history with the EPD: January 1999. Patrol for five years, Narcotics for 3 years, CID for 6 months, Patrol Supervisor for 3 years, CID Supervisor for 2 years. Served on the bicycle unit, hostage negotiation unit as negotiator and team leader and FTO. Awarded Rookie of the year (2001), Officer of the Year (2005), Supervisor of the Year (2009) and City employee of the year (2012).

Where were you born? Born in Dallas and raised in Mesquite, Texas

In what city do you currently live? Arlington

Tell me a little about your family, spouse, children (ages), grandchildren, pets, etc.

I've been married to Amy for 11 and ½ years. We have five children: Cameron, Mackenzie, Cole, Collin, and Cy. The four boys are heavily involved in sports including football, basketball, and baseball. Mackenzie attends a classical ballet academy and was recently accepted to the Joffrey Ballet School in New York City. We also have a Chihuahua (Lexi) and a boxer (Dixie).

What are your hobbies?

My family and I are very involved with our church (Lake Arlington Baptist Church). I coach our boys in all of their sports endeavors. In my spare time I love playing with the kids, reading and running. I also really enjoy landscaping and generally working in the yard.

What is your favorite part of being a police officer?

The best part of being a police officer is setting an example for my children of what it means to invest yourself in the lives of others.

Any interesting or little-known facts about yourself...

I am a huge New York Yankees fan. I was at Yankee stadium for the last year of the old stadium and for the very first series in the new stadium. I also have tickets to the September 11, 2001 game that was never played. They are framed and on my wall at home.

Who is your favorite celebrity?

Nobody can argue that John Wayne is the greatest of all time, but as a shout out to my son, I will throw in Robert Griffin III as well.

What is your favorite food?

Fish, the kind you catch with your kids on a Sunday afternoon and fry up for supper.



**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2013

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, John Deithloff, Loretta Doty, Marc Engelmann, Misty Engelmann, Sharon Finnegan, Jerry Goad, Marian Goethe, Doris Hammond, Lorri Henderson, Loren Johnson, Sandi Jones, Jerrie Keller, Sue Kosec, John Luna, Molly Maddux, Don Martin, Magen Morton, Dawn Nisbet, Barbara Niziolek, Kyla Oberg, Betty Overstreet, Lisa Renee Potter, Betty Priddy, Judy Rick, Cynthia Schmidt, Carroll Scott, Albert Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Jeremy Tompkins, Helen Wagner and Julie Watkins

GUEST SPEAKER: CPAANT Members Geri Sorg introduced guest speakers from CPAANT. CPAANT did a presentation on the upcoming July TCPAAA Convention to be held in Arlington. They advised of cost and needs of the Convention. We will bring up what part we will play at Convention next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

February Minutes: Loren Johnson made a motion to accept the Febru-

ary minutes. Sue Kosec seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

February Treasurer's Report: Sandi Jones made a motion to accept the February Treasurer's report. Sue Kosec seconded the motion. Report approved.

Magen Morton gave update on Arbor Days still under review.

Jerri Balkon announced that the BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction is scheduled for September 21st.

NEW BUSINESS:

ECPAAA By-Laws: Geri Sorg, By-Law Committee Chair, asked for comments from the floor. Renee Potter made a motion to accept the revised By-Laws. Al Simmenroth seconded the motion. Motion was not approved.

Kyla advised we got our new computer, monitor, printer and ink per donors. Money will show going in and out of Treasurer's Report with this donation.

Kyla advised if By-Laws not approved then she needs \$500.00 approved to have a CPA audit the financial records. Sue Kosec made a motion to approve the expenditure. Lisa Renee Potter seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Motion to Adjourn: Melody Balkon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marian Goethe seconded the motion. Motion approved and meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**March Volunteer
Hours Comparison
By Lou Baum**

Month

2013 – 413 Hours

2012 – 560 Hours

26% Decrease

Year-to-Date

2013 – 1,282 Hours

2012 – 1,555 Hours

18% Decrease

With Trash-off, CRUD and Arbor Daze this month, we'll catch up on volunteer hours.

Thanks for the volunteer hours!

**Euless Library Foundation
Book Sale
May 17—19, 2013**

The book sale is just around the corner. All proceeds benefit the Library.

Friday, May 17th
2 to 5 pm (\$5 Entry)

Saturday, May 18th
10 am to 5 pm (Free Entry)

Sunday, May 19th
1 to 3 pm (Free Entry)

March 2013 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	March	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/12 Balance in Checking	\$30,729.67				
Afghan Fundraiser		\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	-\$5.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00
Brick Sales			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
CRUD Day			\$0.00	\$700.00	-\$700.00
Donations/Outside Income		\$980.00	\$980.00	\$500.00	\$480.00
Grocery Care Cards			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Membership Dues		\$380.00	\$1,360.00	\$1,600.00	-\$240.00
Member Merchandise		\$35.00	\$104.00	\$100.00	\$4.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)		\$120.90	\$171.23	\$250.00	-\$78.77
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$250.00	-\$250.00
Warrant Roundup		\$843.13	\$843.13	\$850.00	-\$6.87
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$3,390.00	-\$3,390.00
Total Income		\$2,389.03	\$3,488.36	\$17,925.00	-\$14,436.64
Total	\$30,729.67	\$34,218.03	\$34,218.03		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	March	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$250.00	-\$250.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Bricks			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$23.95	\$100.00	-\$76.05
CPANNT Dues		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers		\$150.00	\$150.00	\$1,000.00	-\$850.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$0.00	\$250.00	-\$250.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$38.90	\$100.00	-\$61.10
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Office Supplies		\$500.00	\$572.50	\$300.00	\$272.50
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$5,120.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,620.00
Police Honor Guard			\$0.00	\$3,500.00	-\$3,500.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
President Awards			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Water by the Gallon			\$238.00	\$650.00	-\$412.00
Total Expenses		\$675.00	\$6,168.35	\$17,925.00	-\$11,756.65
Money Transferred to Savings			\$21,250.87		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$6,798.81		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$10,065.48		\$10,065.48		
Interest from Savings Account		\$1.24	\$2.90		
Savings Deposit			\$21,250.87		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$31,319.25		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$38,118.06		

Note \$5,120 Over budget on
Chief's wish list approved
In January's Meeting
\$500 in office supplies
Covered by \$500 donation
for computer