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Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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2015 Officers

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Secretary: Rose-Marie Stevens

Treasurer: Leah Benoit

Parliamentarian: Jerry Goad

EPD Liaison: Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

April Guest Speaker

James Knighton Jr., WJ2K

Amateur Radio Euleless, President

James has been a resident of Euleless for 21 years. He works as a Senior Systems Engineer for First Command Financial Planning in Fort Worth. He has been a licensed Amateur Radio operator for 6 years and a member of the radio club for 5 years. James has 3 children and 2 grandchildren.



James is involved in the following organizations:

- ☼ Euleless Radio Club—Currently serving his 4th term as President
- ☼ Member of the Class 29 of the Citizens Police Academy
- ☼ Member of the Euleless CERT team
- ☼ Member of Tarrant County RACES and is a Sky Warn Storm Spotter



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>

April 11, 2015

CRUD

14 ECPAAA Volunteers

45 Hours Volunteer Time

156 Vehicles Processed



LAST CHANCE TO PAY 2015 DUES!

It's your last chance to pay your 2015 ECPAAA Dues! They are only \$20 and our Treasurer, Leah Benoit, will be collecting them at the April 21st meeting. You can pay by cash or check; make check payable to ECPAAA. You can also mail your dues to:

ECPAAA
Attn: Leah Benoit
1102 W. Euleless Blvd.
Euleless, TX 76040

**Thanks to the 66 members that
have paid their dues!**

Our Mission: To provide the citizens of Euleless a better understanding of the dedication and integrity of the police department.

From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

It's almost spring and Arbor Daze is coming fast. Just to let you know, Arbor Daze is shifting from a Saturday and Sunday event to a Friday evening and Saturday event. We believe this will make Arbor Daze a much better community event. It will still have all the great things that make it Arbor Daze, but it will now close on Saturday evening. I hope each of you will be able to come out and join us this year. Even if you don't have the ability to volunteer with the ECPAAA, we would still love to see you come out and enjoy the event. It's a great time for the Euless Police Department to get the word out about how awesome our volunteers are and it is a true showcase of our volunteers. Please try to make it out so we can see you and spend a little time with you in the greatest free family fun event in the WORLD!!!!

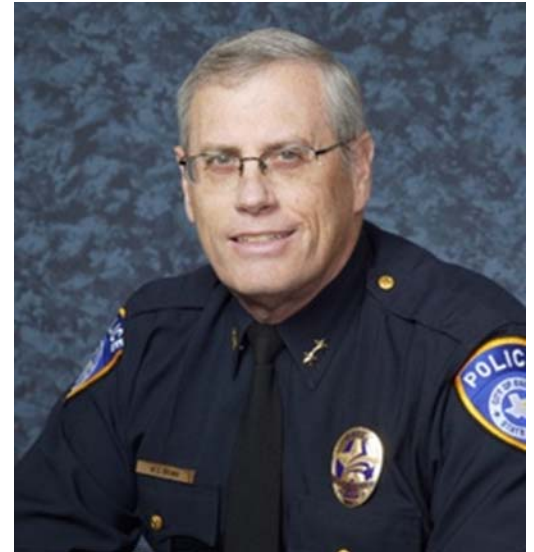
As we get closer to spring we are getting closer to the time when people will be taking a little time off to get out of town to recharge their spirit and emotional batteries. Which means, it will be time for people who don't work for their money to come try to take advantage of those of us who do. It's this time of year we need you most of all. Please remember all the great things you have learned about crime prevention, please share that knowledge with your neighbors. Please come out and spend some time with us in the COP car, Sky Tower, or any other event we have where you can have a direct impact on crime and the fear of crime in this community.

It's been a fast and furious month for us, we are in full transition mode. Rocky is getting his feet wet, learning all the tasks both big and small that Tony was responsible for. I've been in the NPO office this last month and all those guys are working hard. It was good to be able to get Robert Bryan in there and get that office fully staffed. It has been a long time since we were fully staffed in that office. I know that's going to mean that those guys are going to be everywhere. If you have a little time you can spare, give them a call and see if they have a few tasks that can fill any void in your schedule that you may have.

I am as excited as I have ever been with the future of the Euless Police Department. We have everyone on the bus and sitting in the right seat and we are headed for a tremendous year of service. Please join us in our mission of service. If you can't, we understand, but if you can we will be grateful for any time you can give us.

Thanks again for all you do!! You are a major part of our success. We cannot deliver the level of service that we do to this community without you. Please remember that we need you, you are always welcome here and we treasure each minute you give us!!

Your Servant,
Mike



Faye Stinneford, Betsy Deck and Jerry Goad



Minuet Balkon

April 11, 2015

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EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

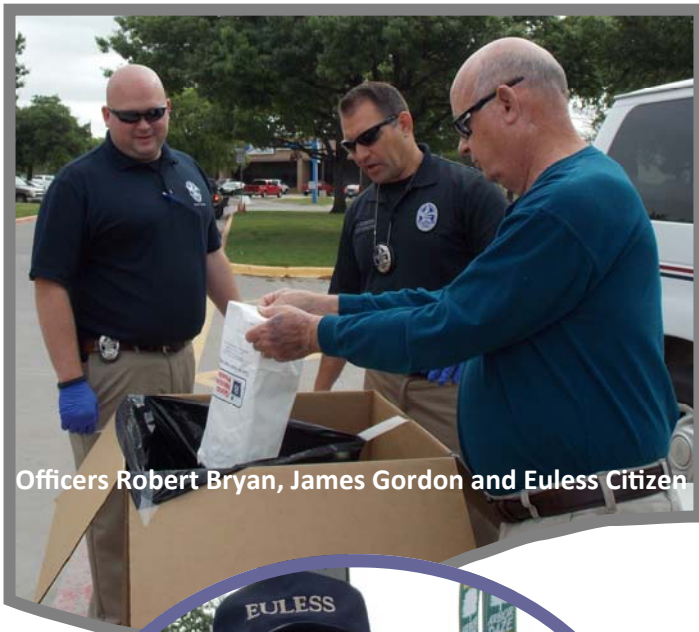
The Community Services Division has been really busy with personnel changes and new programs. Our apartment manager meetings have had an exceptional turnout. We have had 25 to 30 representatives in attendance providing positive proactive feedback.

Some of the concerns and issues that were addressed included parking, disruptive tenants and towing. Senior Officer Chris White gave an informative presentation regarding the ordinances that govern towing within the city.

In March, the Euless Police Department launched a safe venue known as the “Exchange Zone.” The department has provided the public a safe place to conduct financial transactions as well as child custody exchanges. The location is well-lit and has 24 hour surveillance so that citizens can feel safe buying and selling from craigslist and other online marketplaces.

Officer Robert Bryan of the Community Services Division has been actively posting informative material that includes news, activities, programs and safety tips. The Police Department has had very positive feedback from the viewers.

Stay tuned as we continue to put in motion new programs and services to better assist our community in day to day needs.



Officers Robert Bryan, James Gordon and Euless Citizen

April 11, 2015 Medication Drop-off



Officers Robert Bryan and James Gordon



Lou Baum

CRUD

Traffic
Directors



John Deithloff

From the President — Sandi Jones

It seems like Spring has sprung! The weather is turning warmer and the rain has been sporadic. Soon May flowers will pop up, what a wonderful time of the year. In the middle of August we will be praying for some of this good weather! Now is a great time to volunteer.

We have lots of activities to help with this month. Our ECPAAA Meeting will be in the training room on the evening of April 21st at 7 pm. Also, Arbor Daze is this month on the 24th and 25th, and everyone will want to go out and listen to the entertainment and visit the booths. If you feel like working a little, I am sure JR will need some bodies to help fill our booth and tower times.

Remember, there will be many more opportunities to volunteer during the rest of the year. For example, CRUD Day will be held again in October, and we will have the parades, open house at the police station, and of course, National Night Out.



CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg

CPAANT HOST: Cedar Hill CPAAA

April 11, 2015

The April CPAANT Meeting was hosted by Cedar Hill CPAAA. Officer Cooper spoke about Car Safety Seats; there are 4 types of Child Safety Seats. The 4 types are Rear Facing, Forward Facing, Booster Seats and Adult seat belt. Officer Cooper stated that when a Child Safety Seat is purchased to please remember to always register the car seat, just in case there is a "re-call". To find out more about Safety Seats, please go to www.safekids.org.

The May CPAANT will be hosted by Denton CPAAA. Please see the website for location and additional information www.cpaant.org.



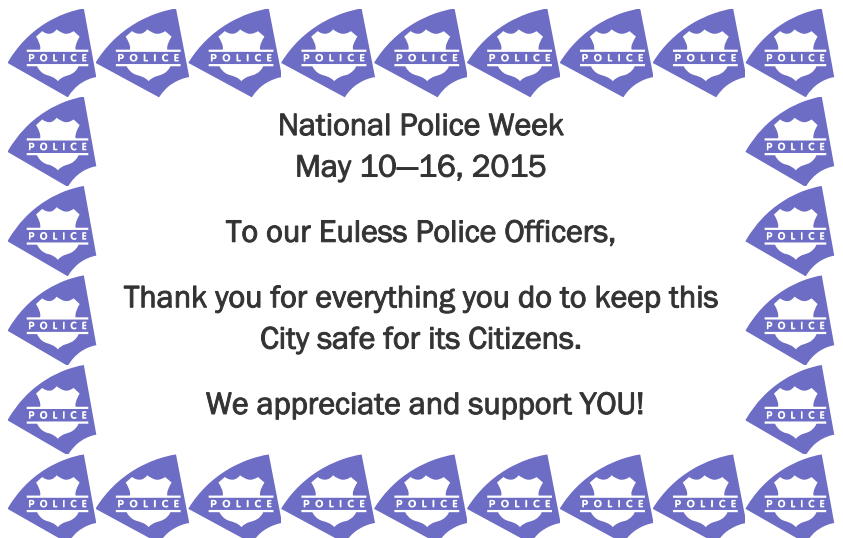
March Volunteer Hours Comparison

By Lou Baum

Month	Year
2015 — 352 Hours	2015 — 970 Hours
2014 — 475 Hours	2014 — 1,173 Hours
25% Decrease	17% Decrease

For those who had time to serve, "thank you". The City appreciates your time and efforts.

Continue to find a few minutes to serve our servants. Have a safe April.



Upcoming Events

April 14 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

April 16 — Child Safety Seat Check, 10:00 am—2:00 pm, iT'Z Pizza Parking Lot, 1201 W. Airport Freeway

April 21 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department

April 24 — Arbor Daze Festival, 5:00 pm—10:00 pm, City Hall Campus, 201 N. Ector Drive

April 25 — Arbor Daze Festival, 9:00 am—10:00 pm, City Hall Campus, 201 N. Ector Drive

April 27 — Early Voting Begins, Mary Lib Saleh Euless Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive—see <http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/ElectionInformation.htm> for more information

April 28 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

May 2 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 Noon, Denton (for location & directions visit www.cpaant.org)

May 9 — Election Day, 7:00 am—7:00 pm, Mary Lib Saleh Euless Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive

May 12 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

May 13 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department Emergency Operations Center

May 19— ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department

March 2015 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical — 22 Hours 30 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol — 56 Hours 30 Minutes

Includes the following:

COP Car — 56 Hours 30 Minutes

COP Sky Tower — 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued — 9

Courts — 5 Hours 0 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program — 3 Hours 15 Minutes

Euless Radio Club — 2 Hours 0 Minutes

Jail — 7 Hours 15 Minutes

Meetings (ECPAAA) — 59 Hours 0 Minutes

Miscellaneous — 28 Hours 30 Minutes

Speed Trailer — 3 Hours 30 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance — 116 Hours 0 Minutes

Warrant Roundup — 42 Hours 30 Minutes

Watering of Plants — 6 Hours 0 Minutes

Grand Total — 352 Hours 0 Minutes

March National Value of Volunteer Time — \$7,937.60

March Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$8,236.80

2015 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$21,873.50

2015 YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$22,698.00

March Meeting — 34 Alumni Members Present

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Vicki Baum — 4/3

Annette Johnson — 4/6

Kay Goad — 4/10

Jerrie Keller — 4/10

Kendall Hall — 4/12

Betty Overstreet — 4/16

Peggy Vandiver — 4/19

Jason Reyes — 4/20

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
MARCH 17, 2015
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees: Leah Benoit, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, Shawna De Puente, Jerry Goad, Sandi Jones, Jason Reyes, Rose-Marie Stevens

Sandi went over the proposed agenda for the general meeting.

The secretary reported that the treasurer's records still had not been audited. The person asked to complete the audit had not been able to do it because of his workload. Sandi recommended a Mr. Cooley, CPA, located in Euless. She also let me know that they had to be completed by April 30, so there was still time.

Leah then moved and Jason seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Jerri Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, Shawna De Puente, Jerry Goad, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Geraldine Keller, Molly Maddux, Don Martin, Joyce Maxwell, Anniece McKanna, Barbara Niziolek, Dana Nuber, Betty Overstreet, Kenny Olmstead, Jason Reyes, Judy Rick, Barney Snitz, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Tyler Van Horne, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Kristi Wynne and NPO Sr. Corporal Rocky Fimbres

The meeting opened with prayer and pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas at 7:00 p.m.

General — Sandi passed around sign-up sheets for the different volunteer opportunities coming up.

Rocky introduced our guest speaker Detective Cody Bush who has been with the Euless Police Department for 11 years. She is also a negotiator for the North Tarrant County SWAT team. In Euless, she is part of the Family Crimes Division. She answered several questions from the membership that enabled her to describe her activities in dealing with officers and assisting victims.

Old Business

Tim moved and Betty seconded the motion to approve the minutes. They were approved.

JR auctioned off two gift certificates from Home Depot. One went for \$15 and the other went for \$12. JR then reported that he had enough volunteers to assist with CRUD but needed more volunteers for the Trash Off.

CPAANT: Sandi reported that she and Pete joined Geri in attending the Flower Mound meeting and said she was very impressed with the organization. The next meeting will be held in Cedar Hill on April 4.

Leah reported that there were 10 volunteers assisting with the warrant roundup. They worked a total of 42-1/2 hours making approximately 2000 calls. She then thanked them for their assistance.

Sandi acknowledged the birthday celebrants for the month of March.

New Business

Sandi reminded us that Police Appreciation Week was coming up in May. Since Julie Watkins usually chairs the committee, Sandi will ask her to repeat her service. Julie will need assistance.

At the request of the Chair, Faye talked about some of the things that were available for purchase.

Texas Conference: Sandi encouraged the membership to consider attending the Conference scheduled for August 2 – 4 in El Paso.

Social: Sandi asked that we consider having social events as we used to when we met at various restaurants for dinner once a month. Sandi suggested that we have dinner-socials every other month and asked for volunteers to organize them.

Sandi asked that we let Shawna know of people who could be a guest speaker at our meetings.

Pete moved and Peggy seconded the motion to close the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Faye Stinneford and Jerry Goad



Jerrie Keller



Barney Shnitz

April 11, 2015

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ECPAAA Volunteers



Jerri Balkon



Julie Watkins



Tammy Van Horne



Molly Maddux



Perry Brockmeyer



Tyler Van Horne

March 2015 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	March	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/14 Balance in Checking	\$10,554.63				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Brick Sales		\$150.00	\$150.00	\$35.00	\$115.00
Craigslist Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CRUD Day			\$0.00	\$700.00	-\$700.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$200.00	\$500.00	-\$300.00
Grocery Care Cards			\$36.09	\$50.00	-\$13.91
Membership Dues		\$400.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,600.00	-\$300.00
Member Merchandise		\$60.00	\$60.00	\$100.00	-\$40.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers		\$27.00	\$27.00	\$200.00	-\$173.00
Warrant Roundup			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
Total Income		\$1,137.00	\$2,273.09	\$17,675.00	-\$15,401.91
Total	\$10,554.63	\$12,827.72	\$12,827.72		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	March	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$350.00	-\$350.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bricks			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
CPAANT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$500.00	\$1,050.00	-\$550.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$167.77	\$150.00	\$17.77
Office Supplies			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$0.00	\$800.00	-\$800.00
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$0.00	\$5,295.00	-\$5,295.00
Police Honor Guard			\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$49.00	\$200.00	-\$151.00
President Awards			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Social Events			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
TCPAAA Convention			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Water by the Gallon			\$0.00	\$650.00	-\$650.00
Total Expenses		\$0.00	\$741.77	\$17,675.00	-\$16,933.23
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00	Note: \$400 of Outside Donations is ear-marked for RAD Equipment	
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$12,085.95		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,335.36		\$19,335.36		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.67	\$1.89		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$19,337.25		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$31,423.20		