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The holidays are here and most of us have plans involving home and family. Many will travel great distances to share time with families. After all, the holidays should be spent with our families. On both American and foreign soil, our military personnel will spend time away from their families in defense of our nation. Their families back home miss them and worry for their safety. In Eulesse, as well as communities across the nation, our Fire Fighters and Police Officers spend time away from their families in defense of our City. Their families at home miss them and worry for their safety. The risks they face in their jobs take no break for the holidays.

On a frigid Christmas morning in 1989, a young Eulesse couple with a two year old daughter joyfully unwrapped Christmas gifts and began to call loved ones to wish them Merry Christmas. Their morning was interrupted by a frantic knock on the wall of their second floor apartment. The young man opened the front door and was met by a wall of flames, which leapt through the door and began to quickly spread. His wife called 911 and begged for help. Suddenly a neighbor threw a large rock through a bedroom window. The couple ran into the bedroom and called out the window for someone to help. As neighbors gathered below, the panicked couple dropped the baby into the outstretched arms of helpful neighbors. Thirty four firefighters from Eulesse, Bedford, Grapevine and Fort Worth responded to the fire, which had spread to four apartments. Eulesse firefighter George Buttler was among the first to respond. George was an eight year veteran firefighter at the time. This was the second major fire his crew had fought in the previous five days. George entered the apartment, which resembled a smoky oven and fought his way into the attic to attack the fire. While he thought he was on solid attic framing, one step forward sent George crashing to the concrete two stories below. (Continued page 3)



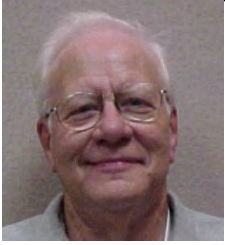
WINNER OF NAME NEWSLETTER CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS! Sara Munday

New Name PARTNERS IN POLICING



"To provide the citizens of Eulesse a better understanding of the dedication and integrity of the police department"



Lou's Views

Happy Holidays to all. What a wonderful time of year to be with friends and family. As I look back over our great year together, it brings laughter, joy, and sorrow to our Alumni Family Members. I want to remember the members, in particular that have had tragedies to face with the loss of a loved one. I want us to remember too, our friends that have had surgery or prolonged illness. Let's remember all of the fun times that we have shared together. It is very important to me, as your leader, that we continue to be available for one another during times of sadness, as well as joy.

My staff and I will continue to be available 24 hours a day for each one of you. You are an unbelievable group of special citizens that share a common goal for this City. I know of no other group of citizens that come together as fast and as professionally as the Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Members.

For those citizens that have not been a part of our family this year, we miss you, and hope you will come back to us. We will continue to serve the finest Police Department anywhere and want you to come back home. We have some fun and exciting plans for next year and want you to be a part of it.

I have one wish for each of you this Holiday Season. Enjoy each day of this great and joyous season, put your arms around each other, and together we will continue to grow as the finest volunteer group ever assembled.

Peace and joy to each one of you and your Family during this Holiday Season. May God bless each of you, and I thank you for this opportunity to lead and serve your organization.

Regards,
Lou

Lou's Thought for the Month

"Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life" ...





Gary Landers



Seasons Greetings, the year is almost over and the Holidays are in full swing. Last month we had a training class for new Citizens On Patrol. The training class was a huge success. We had 12 new people attend the training class and have completed several ride outs since that class. Thank you for the dedication of time and effort in making this program a continued success. **Remember January 15, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the Police training room**, the first quarterly meeting of the Citizens On Patrol. In this meeting we will have a dispatch join us to provide some updated training. We will also be talking about traffic direction and street light checks for the city. Hope everyone makes plans to attend this meeting so you can receive the information first hand.

On behalf of my family I would like to say TAHNK YOU for the wonderful gifts that you gave to my daughter at last months meeting. This was a wonderful surprise and my wife was ecstatic when I arrived home and had to make numerous trips to my truck to retrieve everything. All of the kids are doing great and they thank you as well.

Please don't forget the Town Hall Meeting start January 8, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the Newly renovated City Hall offices. We look forward to seeing each of you there.

I hope everybody's holiday season is filled with happiness, and make sure you rest up for the coming year. Next year will be just as busy if not more with events planned already. Arbor Daze is not that far away and planning will start after the Holiday's. Thank you for everything you do for the Police Department all year long. I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Gary

(Continued from Gary McKamie)

George would later describe the experience as "I started falling and I quickly thought I'd hit the floor soon, but when I didn't, I knew it was going to be bad". The fall crushed both ankles and broke one wrist. Rushed to the hospital, George endured five hours of surgery requiring two steel plates and sixteen pins to repair the ankles. The injuries required extensive rehabilitation and put his future as a shift firefighter in doubt. However, while doctors and others doubted his return, George was confident he would be back doing what he loved...fighting fires. George spent fourteen days in HEB Hospital, one month at home in a hospital bed, and then six months in a wheelchair. Throughout this recovery period, his thoughts were on his fellow firefighters and his burning desire to return to the fire service. By August of 1990, George had recovered enough to attend the Police Academy, which would prepare him for a career as an Arson Investigator. He graduated in November 1990. George continued to recover, in large part due to his youth and physical conditioning. Against all odds, George returned to the job he loved as a shift firefighter in March 1991. In the years to follow, George has continued to serve the citizens of Eules as a Firefighter and a licensed Arson Investigator. He has also taken on important additional roles as the husband of Kristi Buttler father of two sons Tyler and Austin.

As you join together with your family this Christmas, think of the Fire Fighters and Police Officers who are not with their families. Don't feel sorry for them. They're doing the job they love. They are on duty in service to you.

Identity Theft and You
Cindy Carter

What does Identity theft have to do with you? I wondered the same thing when Kathy Haecker kept mentioning it to me. Then I did a little research around the police department, and realized, this IS affecting us right here in Euless! We need to be aware of what identity theft is, and know how to proactively keep unscrupulous people from stealing from us.

According to Tim Curry, Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney, Identity theft occurs when another individual illegally uses or possesses your personal identifying information, good credit, or clean record for their personal gain.

Why would they steal your information? To open charge accounts, order goods or services and bill them to you without your permission, they may even access your personal or business accounts for withdrawals or purchase, secure loans, hide illegal funds, remains, secluded from law enforcement or gain employment by circumventing criminal background checks.

What personal information do they want? They are looking for specific information. Social security number, birth date, drivers license number, mother's maiden name, bank account or credit/debit card numbers, PIN numbers log-on names/I.D.'s, passwords.

How Do I prevent people from getting my personal information? While no one is completely safe from identity theft, there are some simple measures that can be taken to help secure your personal information and guard against identity theft. If someone has stolen your information, catching it early is the key!

Other Tips: Shred Discarded Applications. Install a locked mailbox with a slot. Instruct your credit card issuers not to share or sell your info to others. Review your credit report once a year. Never give personal info over the phone. Don't place your mail in an open container. Remove your name from Marketing lists. Create a log of all credit and Personal information including credit card numbers, customer service telephone numbers, and credit reporting agencies and store in a locked container. Do not write account numbers on envelopes.

For more tips you can go to: www.tarrantda.com

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS PROVIDERS?

Each year at Christmas time, we request a family through a local group called Christmas Providers. They become aware of families in need through the schools and through churches. The families are local and that is the reason we have chosen this organization. Based on the size of the family, the Christmas Providers provide can goods and gift certificates good at the local food stores. In the past, due to promotions at the local grocery stores, we have had turkeys donated by members to help ensure they have a Christmas dinner. They have a wish list with sizes of everyone in their family. We are not able to get a family until the first of December, so that is why a committee is selected to shop for them with the money allotted in our budget. The December meeting is set up so everyone can help wrap these gifts. Then a group of volunteers delivers the gifts once the family is contacted and a time is set up. It is usually a very moving experience. Last year we had a family in Euless that was very thankful of the gifts and food we had taken. Upon taking the food and goodies, we realized the family did not have a Christmas tree. They had three children and all of us went out and returned with a tree, lights and decorations the children could put on the tree. *Karen Duncan*

**Eules Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association
Minutes of the Tuesday, November 18, 2003 Meeting**

GUEST SPEAKER:

Meeting called to order by Lou Baum 7:04 PM
Invocation: Kathy Haecker
Pledge Of Allegiance led by Wes Weeks, First VP

PRESENT: President - Lou Baum, **First Vice President** – Wes Weeks, **Second Vice President** – Kathy Haecker, **Treasurer** - Rose-Marie Stevens, **Secretary** - Karen Duncan, **Parliamentarian**- Al Simmenroth Lloyd Baldwin, Jackie Benner, Leah Benoit, Byron Benoit, Cindy Carter, John Erickson, Sharon Finnegan, J. R. Goad, Kay Goad, Erlene Hill, Kathy Marlowe, Don Martin, Sara Munday, Sherrod Munday, Judy Nolden, Betty Overstreet, Dick Rick, Judy Rick, Chris Shanahan, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Cliff Thompson, Adis Umpierre, Susan Vest, Helen Wagner, Richard Zavala.

VISITORS:

Liaison: Sgt. Gary Landers
Lou welcomed all present.

Kathy Haecker introduced our speaker Dr. Dana Austin. What a very interesting speaker she was. Dr. Austin gave an introductory and then showed some interesting slides. As a Forensic Anthropologist, she is faced with the task of determining age, nationality and sex of remains. She gave us a quick lesson in this science. We all came away with a new understanding of the complexity of a job in the Medical Examiners office.

Prior to resuming with the business meeting, we presented the surprised Gary Landers with a baby shower for new daughter Victoria. Later Gary shared a picture of the new baby being pushed by big sister in her doll stroller. So cute!!!

Sgt. Landers reported we have 12 new COP members. The 5 hour class went well. Mark your calendar for January 15th – Thursday night 7:00 PM; this will be the first quarter meeting of COP's. Good time to bring up ideas/suggestions to help improve the program.

Cpl. Bill Richardson, 27 years with PD recently lost a 26 year old son. Our hearts go out to Cpl. Richardson and his family. The funeral will be tomorrow and those that wish may bring desserts to the PD before 2:30 PM.

Motion to approve minutes for October made by Tim Stinneford. Second Faye Stinneford. Passed.

Motion to approve Treasurer report for September and October made by Kay Goad. Second Tim Stinneford. Passed.

Wes Weeks has a sign up sheet for gift wrapping at Bass Pro. The dates are December 13th and 14th and December 19th thru 23rd. Please consider any time you can as this may be a future source of income when we no longer have the big opportunity at Arbor Days. Bass Pro will donate the paper and a discussion was held on purchasing other items such as ribbon, scotch tape, etc.

A motion was made to have a limit of 50.00 for such purchases by Tim Stinneford. Second by David Mishkin. Passed.

Sara Munday reported we had a total bulb sales of \$495.00. We made half \$247.50. Order sent in November 1st. Next bulb sale will be Spring 2004. Thank you Sara for all your work.

Lou reported bricks are in. We ordered 1X1 piece of granite to present to Eules for 50th anniversary. It will be placed in the entrance of the Police Department.

We will have another brick promotion this year.

Lou presented us with an opportunity to save 10% on our car insurance by taking a Defensive Driving course, which would be 2 four-hour sessions for the cost of \$10.00. Lou will pursue dates for January or February and advise.

Sgt. Landers advised the Eules PD has qualified officers that can inspect your home and if you meet the criteria, you can realize a savings of 5 to 15% off your homeowners insurance. One of the criteria is thumb locks on all windows and deadbolts. It is a free service and good for 3 years. If interested, Gary can direct you to your neighborhood officer.

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Christmas Providers – Leah will call and set up our family thru the City of Euless. Volunteers are needed to do the shopping. Jackie Benner and Kathy Haecker volunteered.
December 6th Parade of lights. Need 12 volunteers. Both cars will be in parade. Faye Stinneford and Don Martin will be driving COP cars.

Next meeting – December 16th – 6:30PM. Bring your paper, ribbon, nametags, tape and scissors. We will wrap gifts for our Christmas Provider family. Dinner provided – NYPD sandwiches and pizza at popular request. Christmas at PD – meals served twice – 11 AM and 11 PM. Sharon Finnegan, Erlene Hill and Sara Munday volunteered to set up.

Thank you for all your entries for the name of the Newsletter. Four names were narrowed down in the Board meeting: 1. The Star 2. Partners in Policing 3. Eye on Euless 4. CPA Volunteer. Number –2- was the winner submitted by Sara Munday. Sara won a dinner at Texas Star. Congratulations! The new name will appear on the January 2004 issue.

Wes Weeks thanked everyone for the delicious food that we had at the meeting.

Wes presented Volunteer of the month to Faye Stinneford. Faye received a briefcase. Congratulations Faye! Wes Weeks advised everyone the reason he withdrew from the Vice President position was to become our representative to the monthly CPAANT meetings. Wes was elected to the Board of Directors for CPAANT for 2004.

Faye Stinneford advised that our order of shirts and caps should be in by the next meeting.

Kathy Haecker read a Thank You card from Vickie Baum.

Lou gave us a progress report on our new address book. It will be unique and list special services that members of the PD have to offer such as roofing, etc. Lou handed out thank you gifts to his officers and staff.

Motion to adjourn by Jackie Benner. Second by Tim Stinneford. Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM.

Congratulations Class 18!

Citizens Police Academy Graduation
Banquet
Nov. 21 2003
Texas Star

Class Members

- Todd Carpenter, Class President *
- Nancy Griffin
- Russel Hennigh *
- Warren Hinkley *
- Mildred Matthes
- Mary Selcer
- Patricia Taffner *
- Ann Zimmerman *
- Joyce Carmack



* Joined ECPAAA this date.

Treasurer's Report

INCOME	November	YTD	Annual Budget	Difference
Arbor Daze Parking		\$13,327.54	\$10,000.00	\$3,327.54
Bass Pro Events		\$498.00	\$750.00	-\$252.00
City Crud Pick-Up Event		\$700.00	\$400.00	\$300.00
Grocery Care Cards		\$164.83	\$300.00	-\$135.17
Heros Celebrity Game Parking		\$0.00	\$650.00	-\$650.00
Member Merchandise Sales		\$802.00	\$300.00	\$502.00
Membership Dues		\$1,460.00	\$1,900.00	-\$440.00
Monogrammed Brick Sales		\$325.00	\$5,000.00	-\$4,675.00
Other Income		\$1,754.50	\$1,000.00	\$754.50
Mike Brown Tribute		\$117.00		
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$19,148.87	\$20,300.00	-\$1,151.13
EXPENSES				
Police Annual Award Banquet		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Pals Summer Camp		\$1,170.75	\$2,000.00	-\$829.25
Furniture (2 Display Cases)		\$0.00	\$3,000.00	-\$3,000.00
Arbor Daze Food Requirements		\$34.64	\$250.00	-\$215.36
Arbor Daze Ending Social		\$916.11	\$1,500.00	-\$583.89
Purchased Monogrammed Bricks		\$744.50	\$2,200.00	-\$1,455.50
ID Trading Cards		\$0.00	\$1,600.00	-\$1,600.00
Christmas Providers (1 family)		\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Member Merchandise	\$547.50	\$907.50	\$300.00	\$607.50
Postage for Newsletter	\$76.00	\$350.50	\$450.00	-\$99.50
Postage for Board	\$37.00	\$156.00	\$50.00	\$106.00
Membership T-shirts		\$535.00	\$300.00	\$235.00
Police Appreciation Week		\$332.40	\$400.00	-\$67.60
Police Christmas Food		\$0.00	\$250.00	-\$250.00
9-1-1 Day		\$219.00	\$200.00	\$19.00
Water by the Gallon		\$357.00	\$200.00	\$157.00
State Convention		\$95.00	\$320.00	-\$225.00
Awards and Gifts	\$174.00	\$495.13	\$200.00	\$295.13
Flowers and Cards		\$174.50	\$200.00	-\$25.50
Heroes Baseball Game Food/Water		\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Other Social Events	\$12.41	\$1,003.75	\$400.00	\$603.75
CPANNT Dues		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$16.06	\$88.23	\$200.00	-\$111.77
Web Site/Domain Name		\$409.59	\$220.00	\$189.59
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$862.97	\$13,014.60	\$19,815.00	-\$6,800.40

Money Market Transfer

Note: The \$517.50 in Member Merchandise for November includes \$270 for hats & visors, \$30 for Sam's Club membership and \$247.50 for flowers.

Volunteer Hours

Name	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	Total
Jim Adair	10.45	8.15	9.00	12.15	8.45	8.00	9.15	10.50	8.45	11.00	22.45	119.15
Brad Baker				5.50								5.50
Nadine Barnes				21.00					7.00		3.00	31.00
Lou Baum	4.25	7.50	11.00	60.00	8.50	5.15	10.50	10.15	9.15	23.00	10.45	160.50
Jackie Benner	9.50			12.50						4.15		26.15
Leah Bennett				10.00								10.00
Byron Benoit	6.15		6.00	11.50	4.00				1.00	3.00		31.65
Leah Benoit			10.50	49.45	2.00			13.50	12.50	12.45		101.00
David Bolger	12.00	4.50	5.15	19.50	3.00	5.00	4.15	7.50	10.50	15.45	0.50	87.25
Bob Bouse			4.00	4.00		3.50		4.00	4.00			19.50
Cindy Carter				21.00		5.00	13.45	7.50	1.50	3.45	25.45	77.35
Dan Clark	3.00			3.50								6.50
Scott Dennett									8.50			8.50
Karen Duncan	4.00	3.40	3.00	37.50	3.50	4.15	4.00	3.45	3.50	3.15	3.00	72.65
Katie Edwards				5.00								5.00
John Erickson	15.25	11.15	15.15	20.00	23.50	8.50	16.15	19.45	13.00	19.15	14.00	176.15
Sharon Finnegan	4.00	4.00	4.50	26.50	17.50	8.00	4.15	4.00	8.00	8.00	4.15	92.80
Charisse Gagne				7.00								7.00
J. R. Goad				11.50			11.00	11.00	5.00	3.50	3.45	45.45
Kay Goad				11.50				11.00		3.50	3.45	29.45
Gary Haecker				5.00								5.00
Kathy Haecker				21.00				5.15	4.00			30.15
David Head	4.00			7.00								11.00
Erlene Hill	10.00		2.00	6.00	3.00			9.45	5.00	3.15		38.60
Patrick Hinde				5.00								5.00
Valerie Hinde				5.50								5.50
Monty Huffman				5.00								5.00
Mary Kruger	4.00		5.50	4.50								14.00
Steve Lytell								5.00				5.00
Kathy Marlowe				3.00				3.15				6.15
Don Martin	6.50	3.50	6.50	12.15	8.00	4.00	3.00	1.50	12.15	2.00	16.50	75.80
Linda Martin				2.50					5.45			7.95
Brian McGarry				3.15						3.50		6.65
David Mishkin	8.50			33.45	17.00				3.00	0.50		62.45
Judie Nolden	5.40			3.50						1.50		10.40
Betty Overstreet	8.45		2.00		2.00			8.00		3.15		23.60
Dick Rick			0.50	16.50								17.00
Judy Rick			0.50	19.00					3.50			23.00
Chris Shanahan	17.00	10.50	5.50	37.45	24.00	11.00	21.50	20.50	24.00	22.00	7.50	201.15
David Shanahan				11.00						3.00		14.00
Al Simmenroth	28.50	27.10	36.50	68.50	60.50	27.00	41.15	57.45	48.00	85.00	34.15	514.50
Barney Snitz	3.50	2.45	7.00	11.15	9.00	4.00	3.00	9.15	3.00	6.50	6.00	64.75
Rose-Marie Stevens	4.00		3.00	30.45	3.50	4.15		3.45		4.00		52.55
Faye Stinneford	10.00			30.00	3.50		3.50	4.15	10.50		4.45	66.10

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Tim Stinneford				4.00									4.00
Katrina Thomas				2.00									2.00
Cliff Thompson				6.50				4.00	3.50				14.00
Paulette Tinker	2.15			3.50									5.65
Adis Umpierre				5.45		5.00	11.45	5.45				6.00	33.35
Susan Vest	4.00			16.15	13.50		4.15	2.50	3.00			4.15	47.45
Helen Wagner		1.00		25.50	6.00				1.00	3.50			37.00
Craig Ward	0.45			4.00			4.45		3.15				12.05
Wes Weeks	4.00	2.50		34.15	7.15	3.50		10.50		12.45	3.00		77.25
Jim White				21.45									21.45
LaVerle White				21.45									21.45
Richard Zavala	5.50			6.00		2.50							14.00
Ruth Zavala	11.00			9.15		2.50							22.65
Totals	202.50	87.05	141.00	870.50	231.50	111.15	166.15	249.45	222.45	282.00	176.00		2750.25

Reminders...

- ⇒ **ECPAAA Meeting Tuesday, December 16, 2003** 6:30 PM Christmas and Gift-wrapping Party at the Police Department
- ⇒ Still need Bass Pro Gift Wrappers - come help and have some fun !
- ⇒ First Town Hall Meeting, Thursday, **January 8, 2004**, 7:00 PM City Council Chambers
- ⇒ First of Two Defensive Driving Courses, \$10.00 - Saturday, **January 10, 2004**, 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM, Police Department Community Conference Room First Floor
- ⇒ Your spouse under 50 can take the course if your insurance company will accept it. Sign up sheets will be at the December meeting and the first 32 will be accepted.
- ⇒ Second Defensive Driving Course, **January 17, 2004** Saturday, 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM
- ⇒ Quarterly COP meeting **January 15, 2004, 7:00 PM** Thursday evening at the Police Department - attendance is mandatory for all COP members

Meeting Details

- ⇒ Tuesday, December 16th at **6:30PM Dinner - Pizza & NYPD subs.**
- ⇒ Public Conference Room at the Police Department
- ⇒ Bring paper, ribbon, tape, labels and scissors. Gift wrapping for Christmas Providers family.

Newsletter Submissions

If you would like to include an article in the newsletter you can email it to:

news@ecpaaa.org.

New articles, ideas, and funny stories are welcomed!

December Birthdays

Leah Benoit
Karen Benyon
Pat Hinde
Sara Munday
Sherrod Munday
Joe Price
Jim White

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