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Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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2014 Officers

President: John Luna

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2nd Vice President: Peggy Vandiver

Secretary: Rose-Marie Stevens

Treasurer: Leah Benoit

Parliamentarian: Jerry Goad

EPD Liaisons: Captain Gary Landers
and Senior Corporal Tony Burnett



Our three Neighborhood Police Officers — Tony, James and Chris — will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs for our December ECPAAA meeting.

All food, drinks and desserts will be provided.
Hope you can join us!



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>



Congratulations to the 2015 ECPAAA Board Members

President — Sandi Jones

First Vice President — Jason Reyes

Second Vice President — Shawna De Puente

Secretary — Rose-Marie Stevens

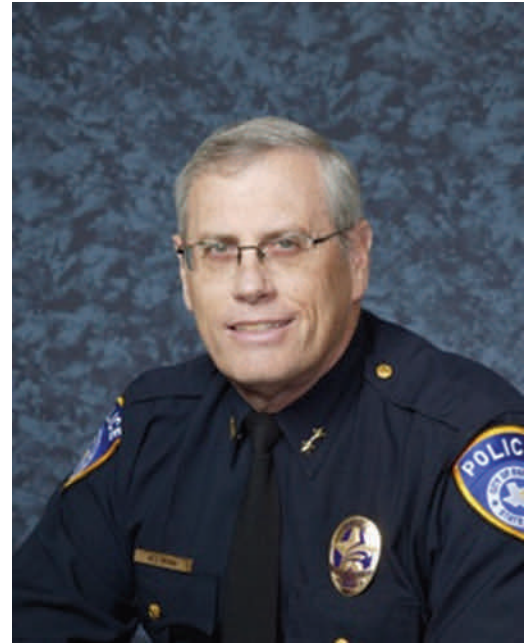
Treasurer — Leah Benoit

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

We are officially in the middle of the Holiday Season! I hope you had a fantastic Thanksgiving! I know I did. With Christmas right around the corner it's time for thieves, burglars and robbers to do their shopping too. However, they tend to shop in our homes, cars and businesses and take the things that we've all worked so hard to obtain. Please be mindful of locking your homes, cars and business, no matter the situation. Locks are the second line of defense and sometimes the most effective way to keep your stuff from falling into the hands of a criminal.

Don't display your neatly wrapped presents to the world through an open curtain or drape. If you want to display your tree, be mindful of who might be looking at it with less than honorable intent. ALWAYS lock your car and ALWAYS remove anything of value from the passenger compartment. The best policy to follow is to lock things in the trunk of your car while you are out shopping. If you have an SUV put your purchases in the back under a seat or cover them up with a sheet or something so that someone who's scouting vehicles to break into can't see what you have.



We could also use some help around here if you have a few minutes to spare. The Sky Tower will be deployed in various places during the coming weeks and it would be great to have it manned as much as possible. We also have two Citizens on Patrol cars that we'd like to have out and driving through parking lots and residential neighborhoods, just as a reminder to those who would prey on others that the citizens of Euless look out for one another.

We have announced the results of our recent promotional testing. We will be swearing in three new Lieutenants - Brett Morgan, Brandon Zachary and David Cort; five new Sergeants - Todd Murphree, Mark Harris, Todd Bellah, Scott Peterson and Brenda Alvarado; and four new Senior Corporals - Scott Ho, Bryan Gardner, Bill Norwood and Edgar Hurtado. Stop by and congratulate these folks on a job well done and wish them much success in their new assignments. We had such a talented group of people who tested for each position that we could not have made a bad selection. All of our people are such great servants and put the community and this department above themselves. It's an honor to serve with each of them.

With all the promotions that we made we had to make room for a few new positions. I would like to thank the CPAAA for surrendering your office that was in Patrol so we could put our Code Services Supervisor, James Patterson, in there. For those of you who have not been by yet to see the change, the new CPAAA office is located just off the lobby in a converted interview room. I think this new location can be a great place from which you can recruit new members and be a little more visible to the public. When we first moved into this building I thought we'd never run out of room, I'm not so confident in that assessment now. There may come a time when we have to do something other than shuffle a few offices around, but until then we will all adapt and overcome any challenge that confronts us.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years. Please take a few minutes to stop by here in the coming weeks and say hello to your Euless Police Department family. We would love to say Hi and personally wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks again for all you do for us!

Your Servant,

Mike

EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

November comes to a close with so many changes for 2015. At my age, I don't like change but it's inevitable whether you are ready for it or not! First, all the changes within the Alumni organization and second all the changes within the Police Department. Thank you to all of those who served in 2014 and held an executive board position, it was a year of rebuilding in my opinion. I believe that the right people served at the right time to put us on a good path for 2015. Welcome to all the new executive board members, the bar has been set high by those before you and I know you can rise to the position.



The Police Department goes through major changes every 5-10 years with promotions, to which I have always participated, but this time I chose to sit out. It was a personal decision and perhaps gave someone else an opportunity. I believe that any of the individuals on the promotional list would do a good job for you. Speaking of change, Ken Denne got new hearing aids so I don't have to yell into the phone anymore. How do you hear "need a sailor" when I say "speed trailer"?

The good news for me is I am staying in the NPO office. I got the choice to move and decided to stay with you. Great news for me, maybe good news for you? Anyway - you're stuck with me, Chris and James a little longer!! By the way, the next CPA class starts February 19th so tell your neighbors.

I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Great 2015. I will see you at the December meeting.



**Thanks to the volunteers who worked the
Euless Christmas Parade of Lights!**



From the President — John Luna

I want to congratulate our new elected officers of ECPAAA for 2015. They are President, Sandi Jones; 1st Vice President, Jason Reyes; 2nd Vice President, Shawna De Puente; Secretary Rose- Marie Stevens; and Treasurer, Leah Benoit. They are eager to move the ECPAAA into a new era and we must help them to achieve the goal of making the ECPAAA the best in Texas. Don't forget to attend our last meeting of the year, Tuesday, December 16th.

A thought, "Remember, if Christmas isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under a tree". From cherishyourday.com



Upcoming Events

Dec 9 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Dec 10 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department Emergency Operations Center

Dec 13 — Breakfast with Santa, 9:30 am to 12:00 Noon, Texas Star Conference Centre, 1401 Texas Star Parkway

Dec 13 — Heritage Park Christmas Celebration, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, Historic Heritage Park, 201 Cullum Drive

Dec 13 — Icefest, 2:00 to 6:30 pm, DrPepper Star Center, 1400 S. Pipeline Road

Dec 16 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department

Dec 23 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Dec 25 — **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Dec 6 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 Noon, Arlington (for location & directions visit www.cpaant.org)

Dec 10 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department Emergency Operations Center

Jan 1 — **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Jan 20 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department

November 2014 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical — 17 Hours 30 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol — 91 Hours 30 Minutes

Includes the following:

COP Car — 91 Hours 30 Minutes

COP Sky Tower — 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued — 15

Courts — 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program — 3 Hours 15 Minutes

Euless Radio Club — 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Jail — 6 Hours 0 Minutes

Meetings — 49 Hours 0 Minutes

Includes the following:

ECPAAA Meeting — 49 Hours 0 Minutes

Miscellaneous — 168 Hours 0 Minutes

Speed Trailer — 5 Hours 30 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance — 91 Hours 30 Minutes

Watering of Plants — 4 Hours 0 Minutes

Grand Total — 436 Hours 15 Minutes

November National Value of Volunteer Time — \$9,835.18

November Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$10,205.91

2014 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$101,124.35

2014 YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$104,936.13

November Meeting — 38 Alumni Members Present

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

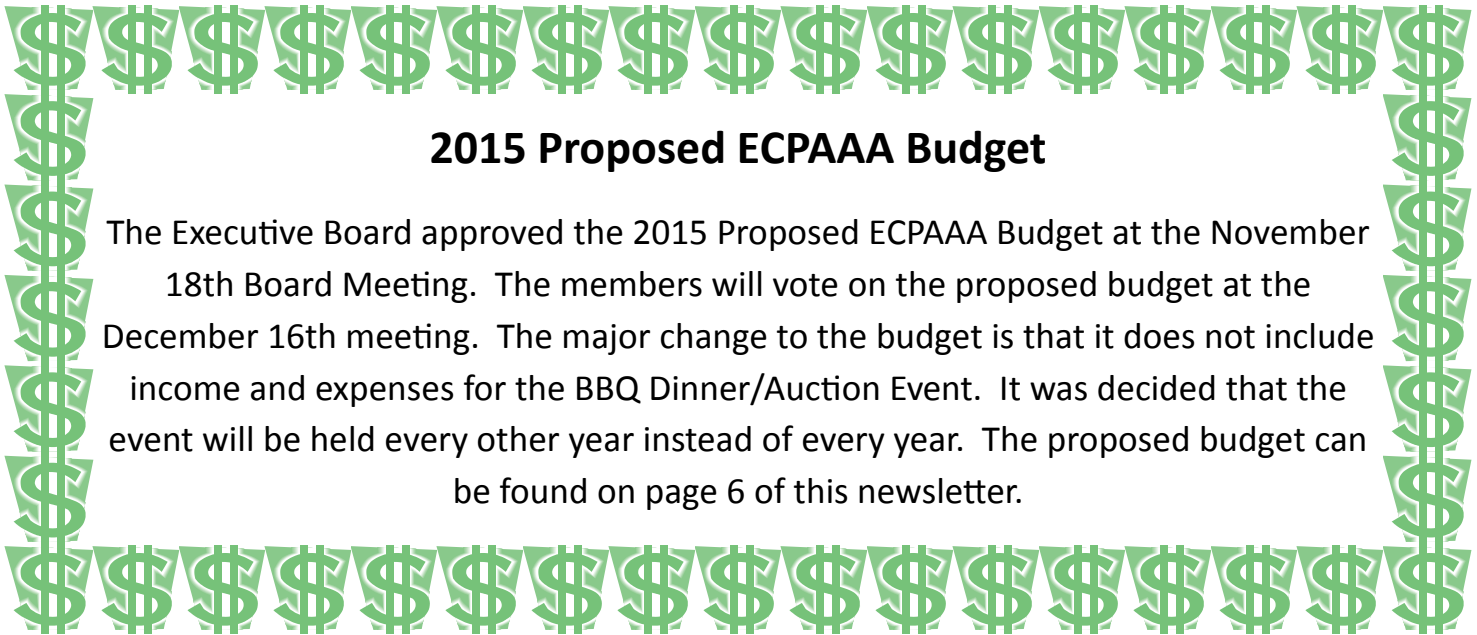
Dana Nuber — 12/4

Jud Park — 12/12

Leah Benoit — 12/18

Kyla Oberg — 12/18

Patrick Hinde — 12/30



2015 Proposed ECPAAA Budget

The Executive Board approved the 2015 Proposed ECPAAA Budget at the November 18th Board Meeting. The members will vote on the proposed budget at the December 16th meeting. The major change to the budget is that it does not include income and expenses for the BBQ Dinner/Auction Event. It was decided that the event will be held every other year instead of every year. The proposed budget can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.



EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER 18, 2014

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Jerri Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Leah Benoit, Jerry Goad, John Luna, Anniece McKanna, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Peggy Vandiver, Helen Voss, Julie Watkins, Sr. Cpl. Tony Burnett and Captain Gary Landers.

John reviewed the topics to be discussed at the general meeting which includes voting for the 2015 Executive Board, the results of the BBQ/Auction and the appointment of the audit committee.

After thanking us for sponsoring the BBQ/Auction, Gary told us that officers have been going through a promotional testing process at the station. As a result, there will be four new senior corporals, five new sergeants and three new lieutenants. In addition, several new officers have been hired; the department has grown from 87 to 92 officers. Because of the increased numbers, the CPAAA office will have to be relocated. They plan to move the office to one of the interview rooms on the first floor in the front hallway leading to the jail. They will have a lock installed on the door.

John asked how we could be of service next year. Gary just suggested that we continue doing what we have been doing.

Jerri reviewed the proposed 2015 budget; Julie moved to accept the budget, and Leah seconded her motion. The budget will be included in the next newsletter for review by the membership.

Leah moved to adjourn the meeting, and Julie seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

ECPAAA Proposed 2015 Budget

	YTD Income (as of 12/3/14)	2014 Budget	2014 Over/ Under Budget	Proposed 2015 Budget	2014/2015 Budget Difference
INCOME					
Afghan Fundraiser	\$0.00	\$30.00	(\$30.00)	\$30.00	\$0.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction	\$20,191.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,191.00	\$0.00	-\$10,000.00
Brick Sales	\$1,050.00	\$35.00	\$1,015.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
Craigslist Fundraiser	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CRUD Day	\$1,400.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
Donations/Outside Income	\$1,248.31	\$500.00	\$748.31	\$500.00	\$0.00
Grocery Care Cards	\$140.58	\$40.00	\$100.58	\$50.00	\$10.00
Membership Dues	\$1,690.00	\$1,600.00	\$90.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00
Member Merchandise	\$35.00	\$150.00	(\$115.00)	\$100.00	-\$50.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)	\$0.00	\$50.00	(\$50.00)	\$50.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers	\$71.00	\$250.00	(\$179.00)	\$200.00	-\$50.00
Warrant Roundup	\$1,900.00	\$840.00	\$1,060.00	\$1,000.00	\$160.00
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects	\$0.00	\$13,310.00	(\$13,310.00)	\$13,310.00	\$0.00
Budgeted Income	\$28,025.89	\$27,705.00	\$320.89	\$17,675.00	-\$10,030.00
Carryover from 2013	\$6,080.52				
Total Income	\$34,106.41				
	YTD Expenses (as of 12/3/14)	2014 Budget	2014 Over/Under Budget	Proposed 2015 Budget	2014/2015 Budget Difference
EXPENSES					
9-1-1 Day	\$320.00	\$325.00	-\$5.00	\$350.00	\$25.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records	\$150.00	\$500.00	-\$350.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
BBQ Silent Auction	\$8,250.36	\$5,000.00	\$3,250.36	\$0.00	-\$5,000.00
Bricks	\$750.00	\$300.00	\$450.00	\$500.00	\$200.00
Checking Account Expenses	\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
CPAANT Dues	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00	\$300.00	-\$700.00
Expenses Not Categorized	\$1,020.99	\$250.00	\$770.99	\$1,050.00	\$800.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts	\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Member Merchandise Items	\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Memorials and Gifts	\$77.93	\$150.00	-\$72.07	\$150.00	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$158.73	\$300.00	-\$141.27	\$300.00	\$0.00
PALS Summer Camp	\$814.94	\$1,200.00	-\$385.06	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Police Appreciation Week	\$596.54	\$600.00	-\$3.46	\$800.00	\$200.00
Police Chief Wish Projects	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	-\$6,000.00	\$5,295.00	-\$705.00
Police Honor Guard	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals	\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters	\$77.03	\$200.00	-\$122.97	\$200.00	\$0.00
President Awards	\$162.58	\$150.00	\$12.58	\$200.00	\$50.00
Social Events	\$72.53	\$300.00	-\$227.47	\$400.00	\$100.00
TCPAAA Convention	\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
Water by the Gallon	\$476.00	\$650.00	-\$174.00	\$650.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$22,952.63	\$27,705.00	-\$4,752.37	\$17,675.00	-\$10,030.00
Total Funds Available in Checking 12/3	\$11,153.78				
Savings Account					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,334.66				
ECPAAA Funds Available as of 12/3/14		\$30,488.44			

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER 18, 2014
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees: Kathy Ames, Jozef Balint, Jerri Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Brenda Brown, Sherri Browning, Shelly Capil, Shirley Daily, Shawna De Puente, John Deithloff, Sharon Finnegan, Jerry Goad, Loren Johnson, Geraldine Keller, John Luna, Molly Maddux, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Anniece McKanna, Dana Nuber, Jean Nuber, Kyla Oberg, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Jason Reyes, Judy Rick, Barney Snitz, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Tyler Van Horne, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Helen Voss, Julie Watkins, Kristi Wynne

The meeting opened with a prayer and pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas at 7:00 p.m. Tim moved and Peggy seconded the motion to approve the minutes, and they were approved.

Jerry passed out the ballots to enable the membership to vote for the 2015 Executive Board.

Tony Burnett introduced Jermaine Montgomery as our guest speaker. He has been an officer in Euless since 2000 and now serves in CID. He is married with two children, ages four and seven. He also mentioned the family cat Luna, short for Lunatic. He gave a brief overview of his life as a police officer and answered several questions from the membership. Of course, one question was why he had become a police officer, and he answered that he had a strong belief in justice.

After Officer Montgomery left, Jerry Goad spoke to the membership about the need for volunteers for the Parade of Lights scheduled for December 6. This year the parade will start at the Trinity High School parking lot and end in the parking lot at the Midway Park Recreation Center/Family Life Center. Volunteers will be needed in both parking lots. Officer Scott Peterson explained the logistics that were being planned for this event. Members of the Recreation Center staff will be assisting; however, there is a need for four or five ECPAAA members to assist in the Trinity High School Parking lot and five or six members to assist at the Recreation Center. The Recreation Center parking lot is much smaller than the Trinity High School parking lot where the floats were disassembled in the past.

Volunteers were asked to report to the Trinity parking lot around 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.; they can report to the Recreation Center parking lot around 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Leah Benoit gave an overview of the financial results of the BBQ/Auction and thanked the committee members for their assistance. However, it was pointed out that only a few members remained to help with the clean-up and only one man, Jeremy Thompkins, stayed to help with the heavy lifting. More help was needed and will be needed in the future. These committee members decided that the BBQ/Auction need only be held every other year and that it should be held earlier in the year, perhaps in the spring.

There were a few items that were not purchased at the BBQ/Auction, and these items were auctioned off during the meeting.

John asked for volunteers to audit the treasurer's book. Kyla Oberg, Dana Nuber, Shelly Capil and Peggy Vandiver volunteered.

Jerri Balkon returned to report the results of the election. The 2015 Executive Board is as follows: President – Sandi Jones; 1st Vice President – Jason Reyes; 2nd Vice President – Shawna De Puente; Secretary – Rose-Marie Stevens and Treasurer – Leah Benoit.

Dana moved and John seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting; the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

November 2014 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	November	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/13 Balance in Checking	\$6,080.52				
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Brick Sales			\$1,050.00	\$35.00	\$1,015.00
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Warrant Roundup			\$1,900.00	\$840.00	\$1,060.00
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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			\$11,153.78		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,327.69		\$19,327.69		
Interest from Savings Account		\$5.59	\$6.97		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$19,334.66		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$30,488.44		