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Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

Monthly Newsletter

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2016 Officers

- President:** Sandi Jones
- 1st Vice President:** Julie Watkins
- 2nd Vice President:** Teresia Foreman
- Secretary:** Jerri Balkon
- Treasurer:** Dana Nuber
- Parliamentarian:** Jerry Goad
- EPD Liaison:** Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

February

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>

Back The Blue Shirt Fundraiser

We will be taking orders at the February 16th ECPAAA meeting. There are four types of shirts you can purchase and below is the price breakdown.

T-Shirt—V-neck and Crew Neck

- S-XL — \$15.00
- 2XL — \$16.00
- 3XL — \$17.00
- 4XL — \$18.00

Long Sleeved T-Shirts

- S-XL — \$18.00
- 2XL — \$19.00
- 3XL — \$20.00

1/4 Zip Sweatshirt—*picture shown at right* (may offer a hooded sweatshirt if there is interest and would be the same price)

- S-XL — \$28.00
- 2XL — \$29.00
- 3XL — \$30.00
- 4XL — \$31.00



You can call Julie Watkins at Stitch 'n Tyme Embroidery Shop at 817-267-6588 if you need further information or have any questions. Julie will be taking orders at her shop if you are unable to attend the ECPAAA meeting. If you would like to see the shirts before ordering, you can visit Julie's shop located at 706 S Main Street, Euleless, TX 76040.

It's time to pay your 2016 ECPAAA Dues! They are only \$20 and our Treasurer, Dana Nuber, will be collecting them at the February 16th meeting. You can pay by cash or check; make check payable to ECPAAA. You can also mail your dues to:

ECPAAA
Attn: Dana Nuber
1102 W. Euleless Blvd.
Euleless, TX 76040

From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

I look forward to working with all the newly sworn in members of the ECPAAA Board. Thank you for inviting me to participate in the swearing in ceremony. It was a great night for everyone!!

I would like to mention that we had two of our very longtime members retire this last month. A huge thank you to everyone who came by and wished them well on their retirements. Corporal Carl Swindell retired after 32 years with the Euless Police Department. Carl was one of the greatest true characters who ever came through the Euless Police Department, his humor and his wit will long be remembered. You couldn't be around Carl and not smile. He always had a funny story or a quick remark that could defuse almost any situation. He was an Officer who used his personality to get people to comply with his direction. He seldom had to resort to the use of force in his dealings with people, he used his words and his humor to accomplish the things that needed done.

Pam Trawick also retired last month. Pam was the secretary in Patrol. She wore so many hats that it is going to be very difficult to replace her. She handled our Alarm billing that has become such a huge undertaking and has out grown our ability to keep up with it all. But Pam did an outstanding job of working through the challenges that came with the alarm billing aspect of her job. She was also in charge of tracking the junk vehicles that Patrol tags and needs removed. I think the most challenging aspect of her job was taking care of the Patrol Lieutenant and all the officers who were assigned to patrol. It was up to her to make sure all the officers got their court notification and messages. She truly had a tough job, but she made it all look so easy. I feel sorry for Carla who has been moved from the Records Section to the Patrol Secretary's Job.

We are going to miss both Carl and Pam and it will be hard to go on without them. But one of the greatest things about this department is that we have a great group of people who are willing to step up and fill any gap that we might have.

Please remember that our Annual Awards Banquet is coming up on Friday, February the 19th at the Texas Star! This is the night we honor the truly outstanding members of the Euless Police Department family. It has turned into a tremendous community event and I would like for each of you to come and join us on this night. We will recognize our Officer of the Year, Civilian Employee of the Year and recognize some truly heroic and outstanding efforts by members of this department. I know you will leave this event with a greater appreciation for the men and women of the Euless Police Department and an even greater sense of pride knowing that you are a major part of the success of this department. I do believe this will be the best banquet we have ever had, and I do not want you to miss this very special evening.

We are not going to have a guest speaker this year. We are going to have a video presentation on the history of the Euless Police Department.

We will see you on the 19th, get your banquet tickets from Eva, you can call her at 817-685-1509, or you can stop by Administration and get them. Get them soon, we need to have an accurate count and you don't want to get there too late and be told there are no tickets left.

Your Servant,

Mike



EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

Hello ECPAAA Family,

I want to introduce a new program that the Euless Police Department has made for the citizens of Euless. The Alzheimer's Program will assist our agency with fast tracking the search efforts for missing persons with Alzheimer's disease and related Dementia and will initiate a Silver Alert when appropriate. Alzheimer's is a disease which destroys brain cells and leads to tissue loss throughout the brain. Dementia presents with a set of symptoms affecting the brain leading to gradual memory loss and is not considered a disease but a natural part of the aging process.

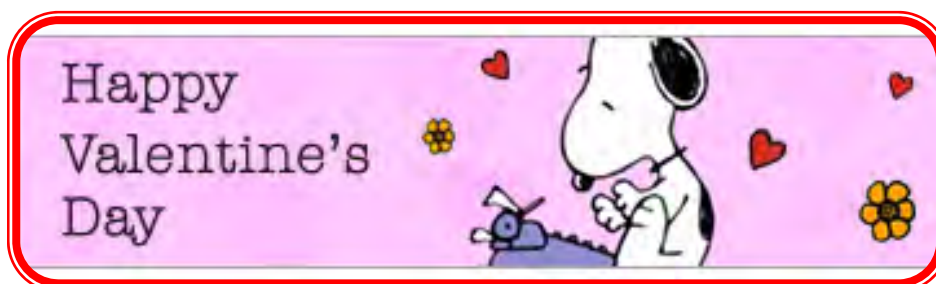
The criteria for advanced reporting is that you must be a Euless resident, have a diagnosis documented by a medical professional, and the registration forms are completely voluntary. We want to encourage any family members and friends that can really benefit from this program to register. The forms and flyer are on the city website and a on our Facebook page. Once the online registry is complete, it is automatically entered into our communication database where dispatchers will have access to provided officers with needed information if necessary.

I also want to thank all ECPAAA members that assisted the Euless Police Department with the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition with their annual "homeless count". I appreciate our members going out in the middle of the night, visiting numerous areas which included wooded areas, parks, and closed businesses to attempt to contact homeless citizens for the program. This important census helps Tarrant County programs receive government funding for shelters and special services.

Lastly, please help me in congratulating all the new ECPAAA executive officers. They have big shoes to fill since the former officers did such a great job. I appreciate the continued support and everyone taking time out of their busy lives to make the monthly meetings. Attendance has been great, keep up the good work.



It was announced at the January ECPAAA meeting that the BBQ Dinner/Auction event will be on Saturday, November 5th. That date has changed to Saturday, November 12th. Please mark your calendars and join us for a night of great food and fun.



From the President — Sandi Jones

Happy February,

By the time we have our meeting for this month, Valentine’s Day and Presidents Day will be all over. So I am wishing you all a nice Valentine’s Day and Presidents Day a few days early. Hope you enjoy both holidays and get some good candy or at least a hug from someone near and dear to you.



In early March we will start planning our big barbeque as a moneymaker for us this year. It is always a huge accomplishment and lots of work, but if everyone pitches in (sell tickets, cook, donate gifts, get auction items from different places, clean up or greet people) every little bit helps and it will surely be a success.

We had another Coffee with Cops this month and although a lot of ECPAAA members showed up we are having trouble getting Eules residents to come and meet and greet the Cops. If anyone has an idea as to how we can get the information out to all the residents please see me so I can maybe get it started.

Warrant Round UP

There is still time to sign-up to help with the Warrant Round Up calling. Sign-up sheets will be available at the February meeting. We will start calling on Monday, February 29th through Friday, March 4th and call time starts at 6:00 pm and ends at 9:00 pm. If you are unable to attend the ECPAAA February meeting and would like to volunteer, please call Leah Benoit at 817-283-6703.

January Volunteer Hours Comparison by Lou Baum

Month
2016 – 484 Hours
2015 – 310 Hours
56% Increase

Wow, what a way to start 2016 with a 56% gain over last January. A big gain in patrol with a +26% increase over last year. Thanks for the time in patrol. Let's keep the patrol hours up again this month. Thanks also to all those who served in other areas of the PD. I know the Chief appreciates the hours served as well as the supervisors in the other areas. Have a safe month. See you all at the Police Awards Banquet.

Upcoming Events

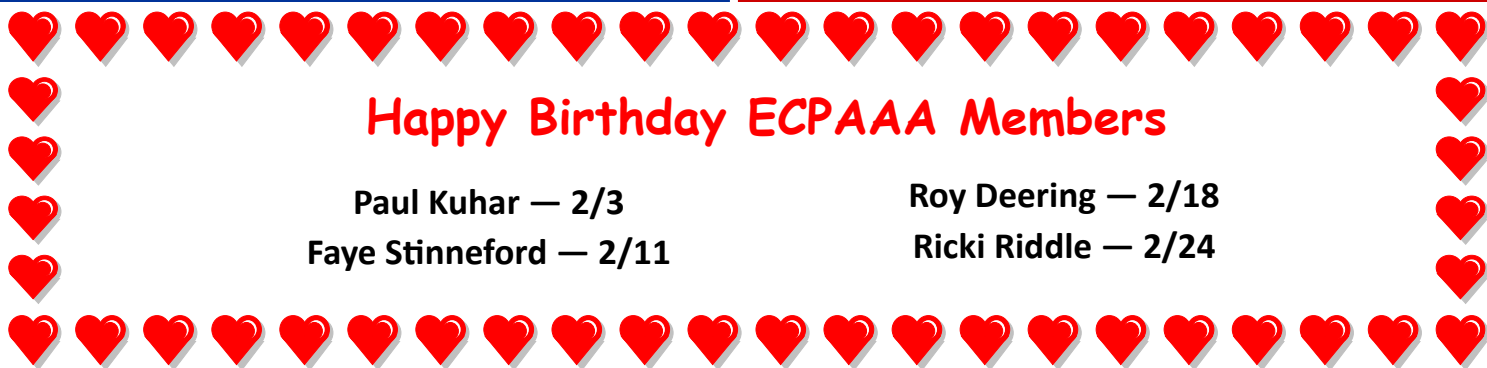
- Feb 9 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Feb 10 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- Feb 16 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department
- Feb 18 — Euless CPA Class 32 Starts, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department
- Feb 19 — Euless Police Department Awards Banquet, 7:00 pm, Texas Star
- Feb 23 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Feb 29 to March 4 — Warrant Round Up Calling, 6:00-9:00 pm, Euless Police Department EOC Room (2nd Floor)
- March 1 — Primary Election, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Mary Lib Saleh Euless Public Library
- March 5 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 Noon, Plano (for location & directions visit www.cpaant.org)
- March 8 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- March 9 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- March 15 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department

January 2016 Volunteer Hours

- CID Clerical – 30 Hours 15 Minutes
- Citizens On Patrol – 82 Hours 45 Minutes
Includes the following:
COP Car – 70 Hours 45 Minutes
COP Sky Tower – 12 Hours 0 Minutes
Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 9
- Courts – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Crime Victims Assistance Program – 4 Hours 0 Minutes
- Euless Radio Club – 62 Hours 30 Minutes
- Jail – 26 Hours 15 Minutes
- Meetings – 59 Hours 30 Minutes
Includes the following:
CPAANT Meeting – 20 Hours 30 Minutes
ECPAAA Meeting – 27 Hours 0 Minutes
- Miscellaneous – 63 Hours 30 Minutes
- Service Center – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Speed Trailer – 5 Hours 30 Minutes
- Vehicle Maintenance – 142 Hours 45 Minutes
- Watering of Plants – 6 Hours 30 Minutes
- Grand Total – 483 Hours 30 Minutes**

January YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$11,154.35
January YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$11,923.11
2016 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$11,154.35
2016 YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$11,923.11

January Meeting — 44 Alumni Members Present



Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Paul Kuhar — 2/3
Faye Stinneford — 2/11

Roy Deering — 2/18
Ricki Riddle — 2/24

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
JANUARY 19, 2016**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Leah Benoit, Jerry Goad, Sandi Jones, Dana Nuber, Jason Reyes, Sr. Corporal Rocky Fimbres

Sandi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She went over the agenda for the general meeting. New business will include: ECPAAA 2016 dues, Eules Police Department Awards Banquet, ECPAAA volunteer of the year nominations and voting process, 2016 ECPAAA proposed budget and Warrant Roundup dates.

JR announced the CRUD date – April 2, 2016.

Leah announced she will make an electronic transfer of \$4,500 from the ECPAAA savings to checking account to pay the balance owed to the Eules Police Benevolent Organization (EPBO) for the picture project.

Leah moved and Jason seconded the motion to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Kathy Ames, Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Leah Benoit, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, Shawna De Puente, Diana Deering, Roy Deering, John Deithloff, Sharon Finnegan, Teresia Foreman, Cathy Galloway, Jerry Goad, Paul Haberer, Ruben Hernandez, Annette Johnson, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Jerrie Keller, Joyce Maxwell, Anniece McKanna, Yolanda Morgan, Barbara Niziolek, Dana Nuber, Jean Nuber, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Jason Reyes, Judy Rick, Thomas Salmi, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Faye Stinneford, Vince Trevino, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Helen Voss, Julie Watkins, Diana Williams, Kristi Wynne, Nancy Zehelski

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with JR Goad leading the prayer and pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas.

Old Business

Geri Sorg moved and Julie Watkins seconded the motion to approve the December minutes; they were approved.

Chief Mike Brown sworn in the new ECPAAA board members and thanked the members for their time and service.

Leah Benoit announced that \$4,500.00 will be transferred from the ECPAAA savings to checking account to cover the \$4,500.00 we owe the EPBO for the picture project.

Sandi announced the January birthdays and the members sang Happy Birthday. She announced that the next CPA class s starting and they need more students. Please pass along the information to friends and family.

Faye Stinneford mentioned that Don Martin was still in the hospital following an emergency hernia repair.

New Business

Julie Watkins talked about the Back the Blue fundraiser and will be taking orders after the meeting.

Leah Benoit gave a CPAANT update. She thanked everyone for the food and attendance at the CPAANT meeting Eules hosted on January 9th. The next meeting will be in Duncanville on February 6th and information on IRS rules will be shared with the cities.

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**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
JANUARY 19, 2016**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES *continued from page 6*

Nominations were made from the floor for the ECPAAA Volunteer of the Year: Leah Benoit, Jerry Goad, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Betty Overstreet and Faye Stinneford. Email your vote to Dana Nuber at dnumber@uta.edu by January 31st.

Melody Balkon moved and Helen Voss seconded the motion to approve the 2016 ECPAAA budget; motion passed.

Leah Benoit announced the Warrant Round Up dates, February 29th through March 4th and the BBQ Dinner/Auction Event date – November 5th. Judy Rick brought up increasing the dues to \$25 starting in 2017. Sandi reminded everyone about the Town Hall meeting on January 21st. Jerry Goad announced the CRUD date – April 2nd.

Teresia Foreman asked for ideas on speakers for future meetings. Kathy Ames suggested we repeat speakers if more information is wanted on past topics. Helen Voss would like to help with kidnapped children and asked how people can get more involved.

Peggy Vandiver showed a pillow Julie Watkins made for her from her husband's jacket.

Geri Sorg moved and Pete Jones seconded the motion to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

CPAANT Liaison — Leah Benoit

CPAANT HOST: Duncanville CPAAA
February 6, 2016

The Duncanville CPAAA hosted the CPAANT and there were approximately 80 people in attendance representing 22 cities. Chief Robert Brown welcomed everyone to Duncanville and thanked everyone for spending time with his city on a Saturday. Information was handed out on recommended forms and filing with the IRS for non-profit organizations and information on State Franchise Tax filing.



Upcoming events are as follows:

April 23, 2016 — C.O.P./V.I.P.S. DFW Regional Training Conference (8:30 am to 4:30 pm—6901 Wichita Street, Forest Hill, TX 76140). Call Tammy Wanzor at 817-905-9494 if you are interested in attending. Cost is free and lunch will be provided.

June 23-25, 2016 — Texas Citizens On Patrol Association 2016 Conference — The Grand Prairie Police is hosting the conference and the cost to attend is \$110 if you are a member of TCOPA or \$135 if you are not. For more information, visit <http://www.txcop.org/>.

July 31—August 2, 2016 — Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Convention—The convention will be held in Corpus Christi and the cost is \$110 to attend. For more information, visit <http://texascpaaa.net/convention/>.

The March 6, 2016 meeting will be hosted by the Plano CPAAA. For more information on CPAANT, see the website at www.cpaant.org.

ECPAAA January 2016 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	January	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/14 Balance in Checking	\$7,175.96				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
Back the Blue Fundraiser		\$536.00	\$536.00	\$250.00	\$286.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$15,000.00	-\$15,000.00
Brick Sales			\$0.00	\$35.00	-\$35.00
CRUD Day			\$0.00	\$700.00	-\$700.00
Donations/Outside Income		\$129.25	\$129.25	\$500.00	-\$370.75
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Grocery Care Cards			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Membership Dues		\$820.00	\$820.00	\$1,800.00	-\$980.00
Member Merchandise			\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Recycle (Cans, Cartridges & Electronics)			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Warrant Roundup			\$0.00	\$750.00	-\$750.00
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
Total Income		\$1,485.25	\$1,485.25	\$32,875.00	-\$31,389.75
Total	\$7,175.96	\$8,661.21	\$8,661.21		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	January	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Back the Blue Fundraiser		\$4.37	\$4.37	\$50.00	-\$45.63
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$8,250.00	-\$8,250.00
Bricks			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
CPAANT Dues		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Office Supplies			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$0.00	\$12,445.00	-\$12,445.00
Police Honor Guard			\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$450.00	-\$450.00
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		\$33.02	\$33.02	\$800.00	-\$766.98
Total Expenses		\$62.39	\$62.39	\$32,875.00	-\$32,812.61
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings		\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$13,098.82		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$16,341.61		\$16,341.61		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.12	\$0.12		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal		\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$11,841.73		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$24,940.55		

Note: \$529.25 of Outside Donations is earmarked for RAD Equipment