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Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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2014 Officers

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Parliamentarian: Jerry Goad

EPD Liaisons: Captain Gary Landers
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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](http://www.ecpaaa.org/event.htm)

January Speaker — Lou Baum Biological and Chemical Warfare

Terrorism is our greatest security threat, and biological or chemical attacks are a particular menace. Small and easy to hide, biological weapons do not have the safeguards of nuclear weapons. A biological agent can sicken and kill its victims before they are even aware they have been attacked. The situation is made graver still by a critical shortage of medications for combating biological agents and a public health system that could be overwhelmed with massive numbers of casualties. For these reasons, rogue nations, terrorist groups or deranged "lone wolf" terrorists may now be more likely than ever to make biological or chemical agents their weapons of choice in their war against our government and our way of life. It is the thoroughly prepared government, business and society that will thwart an attempt by a terrorist group at disseminating a deadly biological or chemical weapon. Let's be prepared. Come listen to a very short but interesting presentation on this subject.

Nominees for the Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Volunteer of the Year

Loretta Doty
Jerry Goad
Don Martin
Judy Rick
Faye Stinneford

Voting will take place at the January 21, 2014 ECPAAA meeting.
You can read the nominations on page 5 of the newsletter.

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

Happy New Year! I hope this New Year finds you and your family healthy and ready to face the coming year! I know this holiday season was a good one for me and my family and for the entire Euless Police Department family. I would like to start by thanking each of you who took time away from your family and friends to help us serve the community. The extra minutes spent in the Sky Tower and the COP car was greatly appreciated. Thanks to each of you who took the time to stop by the PD and wish us a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year's or just spent a few minutes visiting and helping to lift the spirits of those who were working through the holidays. Each moment you spent was greatly appreciated and I hope you felt appreciated while you were here and are inspired to spend a little more time with us.

Now that we are embarking on a new year, I look forward to the swearing in of the new ECPAAA Officers and the great things that will come from this new slate of officers. Every time we swear in new officers it brings about change. It's said that nobody likes change, but in the end, it's the only thing that is truly constant in our lives. So, I encourage each of you to embrace the changes that come, don't be afraid to put your ideas and thoughts into the mix. But realize that not everything you want to do will be accomplished, not every thought you have will be embraced by others and that none of that rejection will be personal. I do not get everything I want, not everyone embraces my every thought or suggestion, but I learn to listen and work with others for the success of this department and the community. The fun for me is in the exchange of ideas, the give and take of how what I want to happen is really polished and made greater by the thoughts and suggestions of others. Don't be afraid to make your suggestions, feel free to voice your thoughts but know that you won't get everything you ask for, and what you thought was such a great idea sometimes falls under its own weight when it is exposed to the critical thoughts of others. But this is not a reason to give up, get mad or walk away discouraged. When my great ideas are left in a smoldering heap of emotions, and what I thought were my best ideas are abandoned because they just don't make any sense, that's when I refine my thought process, I look with a bigger vision and I listen. When those things happen to me, that's when I know I am growing and getting better. The only way I lose when that happens to me is if I walk away defeated. If I walk away mad or hurt, then I have surrendered and all is truly lost at that point. So I never give up!

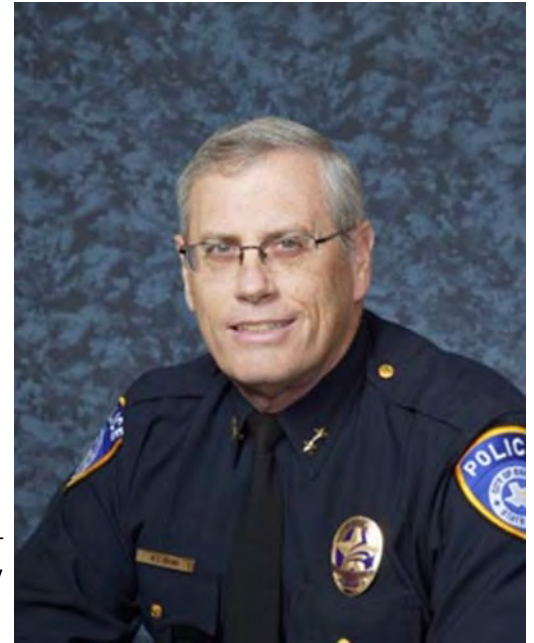
What I love the most about this organization is that it is full of great people who want to do great things for their community through their service to this department. I think we make a great team, and I am encouraged and excited at the challenges that we know we are going to face, and I am fearless about the challenges we have no clue are coming. I believe this community is full of dedicated servants and together there is nothing that we cannot accomplish or any challenge that we cannot overcome.

I am looking forward to the coming year, and to all the great things we are going to get to do together!

I hope to see you all as you come through the building or out on patrol or however you decide to serve in the coming year. I know each of you will do your best to find a place to serve and a way to get involved in this department and the community. I know that Tony and the boys are getting ready for the next Citizens Police Academy class and I encourage you to help them fill that class with people you know who will get involved and have the same desire to serve as you.

Thanks for all you do!!

Your Servant,
Mike



From the President — John Luna

As the incoming President, I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. I want to thank Loretta for all the time and energy during the past two years as President. I look forward to working with everyone to make our association a growing and fun team for both new and veteran members. As veterans, we can mentor to our new members and share with them opportunities to assist our police department. While sharing the opportunities, many people will experience the benefits of helping our community. 2014 will be a year of growth for the Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.



Officer Biography — Katherine Meador

Date of Biography: January 3, 2013

Current title with EPD: Police Officer, Patrol Division

Year started and history with the EPD: Hire Date— 1/9/2013, Academy Graduation—5/22/2013, Field Training Graduation— 9/22/2013

Where were you born? Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (However, I got to Texas as fast as I could!)

In what city do you currently live? Euless

Tell me a little about your family, spouse, children (ages), grandchildren, pets, etc. My dad is the pastor at First Baptist Church Euless and I am the third of six kids. I am a single parent of a 7 year old Bluetick Hound Dog named Bo.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy running 5k races to half marathons, reading, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

What is your favorite part of being a police officer?

My favorite part of being a police officer is the unpredictability of each and every day and the fact that I am able to make a difference in people's lives and in the community.

Any interesting or little-known facts about yourself... I once ran at least a mile everyday for 100 days straight... outside, through the Texas summer months. (It was horrible!)

Who is your favorite celebrity? Denzel Washington

What is your favorite food? I can't go two whole days without some good Tex-Mex!

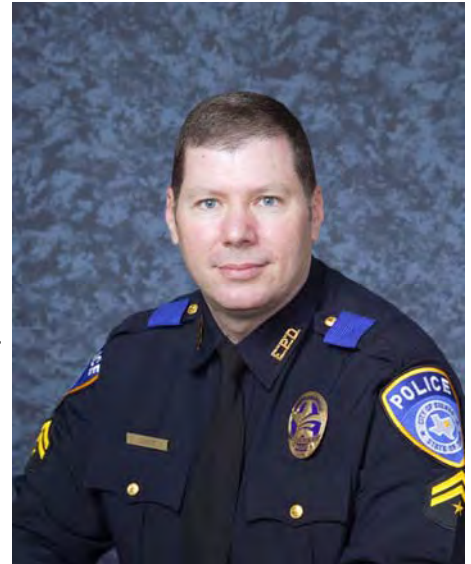


EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

Happy New Year to the best Alumni in Texas! I hope everyone had a great holiday and you are achieving your New Year's resolutions. I've already broke mine, it's been 10 days and I still have not seen the inside of a gym. I want to express my deepest appreciation for all the wonderful food that was brought to the Police Department over Christmas for the on-duty officers. It was such a kind gesture of appreciation for you to think of the officers who are working through the holidays. I don't think any of the food went to waste, you could not see the table top for two days because of all the food, great job!

The new year also brings new officers to our ECPAAA. I am looking forward to working with all of you. We have a great Executive Board and I am confident that they will represent the wishes of the entire General Assembly well. I have to brag on your new President, John Luna. I have seen him at the Police Department a lot this week. He has been in the COP office learning the computer, building new rosters of current members and talking to the officers. I have watched him approach officers, supervisors and the Chief with offers of support from the ECPAAA. He will serve you very well.

I wanted to mention the retirements of two individuals at the end of this month, Captain Steve Eskew and Lieutenant John Williams. Steve Eskew has served for over 30 years and John Williams has served for over 25. Currently Captain Eskew is over the Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigation Division and Lt Williams is over Jail Operations. You all remember Steve as the Range Master on Firearms day and John Williams as the polygraph "lie detector" operator who tried to determine who stabbed Roger Rabbit. They have both worked in all areas of our Police Department and have served the Citizens of Euless with honor and integrity. They will be missed. Please take a moment to wish them well in retirement at Seskew@eulesstx.gov and JWilliams@eulesstx.gov.



It's time to pay your 2014 ECPAAA Dues!
They are only \$20 and our Treasurer, Leah Benoit, will be collecting them at the January 21st meeting. Make check payable to ECPAAA. You can also mail your dues to:

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

December Volunteer Hours Comparison By Lou Baum

Month	Year
2013 — 310 Hours	2013 — 5,440 Hours
2012 — 555 Hours	2012 — 6,942 Hours
44% Decrease	15% Decrease

Thanks for your minutes and hours in 2013.
Let's have a safe and healthy new year!

2013 Alumni Member of the Year Nominations

Nominee — Loretta Doty: Loretta served as a dedicated alumni.

Nominee — Jerry Goad: I wish to nominate Jerry Goad and Alumni Member of the Year. I am so aware of the time he spends on projects --- scheduling events, collecting donations, helping with planning --- and, oh yes, the telephone calls. He is completely dedicated and more than deserving. The following is a partial list of his accomplishments: Served on the Economic Development Advisory Board for Euless; Served as ECPAAA Vice President; Member of Euless Core Council, CERT and CART; Secured donations for Awards Banquet and projects for the Euless Police Department; Organized, scheduled and worked Bass Pro Gift Wrap Project, Bike Safety Rodeo, Euless Trash-off, CRUD, Parade of Lights, Trinity High School Homecoming Parade, Arbor Daze, Euless PD Open House and Euless CPR program; Recipient of Northeast Tarrant County Man of the Year 2001, President's Gold Lifetime Volunteer Award 2006, HEB ISD Hall of Fame Volunteer Award 2012, City of Euless Lifetime Contribution Volunteer Award 2013 and James Cash Penney Award for Volunteer Service 1990-2013; Board Member for HEB ISD Education Foundation, HEB ISD Adopt-A-School and Log Cabin Village; and he's been reading to First Graders at Wilshire Elementary School for over 20 years. Jerry is also an active member of First Baptist Church for over 35 years.

Nominee — Don Martin: **Nomination #1 —** I would like to nominate Don Martin as the ECPAAA Volunteer of the Year for 2013. Don graduated from CPA Class 6 and has been continually involved with the Alumni Association since then. He has been the coordinator for the COPS program since its inception. He personally takes everyone for familiarization rides after completion of COPs training. He is involved in many different areas and is always willing to help wherever needed. He does all of the paper shredding (with the help of Jud Park) for the Police Department including courts, records and other areas. Since the Presidential Awards issuance began he has been recognized each year starting with the 100 hour awards and progressing from there. He received his first award for over 500 hours in 2010 logging 523 hours. He followed that in 2011 with 627 hours and for 2012 he had over 650 hours. He will again be recognized in 2014 for over 560 hours of service in 2013. This past year he received the Lifetime Presidential Award for Volunteer Service for his dedication year over year. Don's primary accumulation of hours is the Citizens on Patrol program where he does vacation watches and whatever else the supervisors of the day may request of him. Just in the month of November and December Don issued 11 citations for handicapped parking violations. Considering Don usually patrols 4 days a week for 4 hours per day it is easy to see the impact Don has just in that one area. He is generating revenue for the City while making life easier for the handicapped truly needing those spaces. His dedication is unwavering and has been for many, many years. I believe he is not only deserving of but has more than earned the Alumni Member of the Year Award. **Nomination #2 —** Don is very active in the ECPAAA. He has gotten over 500 hours for the last several years. He coordinates the COP car, patrols in the COP car, shreds paper for all departments, helps out in CID and other things that I can't remember. Thanks for your consideration in voting for this well qualified candidate.

Nominee — Judy Rick: Judy was so generous to provide meals all year.

Nominee — Faye Stinneford: **Nomination #1 —** Faye Stinneford is always one of the first to volunteer for any project or need that the organization or the Police Department has. She has volunteered almost 400 hours in 2013 for the ECPAAA to go along with all of her volunteer hours for the Fire and the City. Faye has been a great example for new members to see how the organization can help others and she never shrinks from a challenge. **Nomination #2 —** Faye Stinneford works tirelessly for the Police Department. She is one of our champions when it comes to shaking down donations. She regularly volunteers in the Courts Department, filing for Pam Trawick, works with James Gordon on RAD, Drug Take Back, STEP and many other programs. She works with Gary Landers on special projects, waters plants in the police and courts building, handles selling of the Alumni merchandise, and volunteers for a multitude of events throughout the year within for the Association. She is a good will ambassador between the alumni and the police officers. She represents our organization well both with the police officers as well as the community.

December 2013 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical – 14 Hours 45 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol – 86 Hours 30 Minutes

Includes the following:

COP Car – 78 Hours 30 Minutes

COP Sky Tower – 8 Hours 0 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 5

Courts – 14 Hours 0 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program – 17 Hour 45 Minutes

Eules Radio Club – 19 Hours 0 Minutes

Jail – 13 Hours 0 Minutes

Meetings – 45 Hours 0 Minutes

Includes the following:

ECPAAA Meeting – 42 Hours 0 Minutes

Miscellaneous – 32 Hours 30 Minutes

Speed Trailer – 10 Hours 0 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance – 51 Hours 0 Minutes

Watering of Plants – 6 Hours 30 Minutes

Grand Total – 310 Hours 0 Minutes

December National Value of Volunteer Time — \$6,863.40

2013 National Value of Volunteer Time — \$129,285.42

December Meeting — 35 Alumni Members Present

Upcoming Events

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

Jan 21 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:00 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

Jan 23 — Town Hall Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

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

Feb 1 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 noon, Plano (location & directions can be found on www.cpaant.org)

Feb 4— AARP Tax Help, 4:00 pm —7:30 pm, Eules Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive see <http://www.eulesstx.gov/calendar/Default.aspx?y=2014&m=2> for Additional Dates & Times

Feb 11 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Feb 12 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center

Feb 14 — Valentine's Day Dinner, 6:00—9:00 pm, Raven's Grille, 1400 Texas Star Parkway

Feb 15 — Mother/Son Valentine's Brunch, 10:30 am —12:30 pm, Eules Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive

Feb 15 — Daddy/Daughter Valentine's Dance, 6:30 pm —8:30 pm, Eules Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive

Feb 18 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:00 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Don Martin — 1/2

Ken Denne — 1/18

Valerie Hinde — 1/24

Brenda Smith — 1/2

Jeremy Tompkins — 1/22

Janet Delph — 1/28

Scott Thomas — 1/3

Terri Balkon — 1/23

Nadine Barnes — 1/30

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2013**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING — Meeting called to order at 6:16 pm.

ATTENDEES: Leah Benoit, Loretta Doty, Jerry Goad, John Luna, Kyla Oberg, Geri Sorg, Peggy Vandiver and Liaison Officer Chris White

The Board discussed the need for an Audit Committee to audit the books before the January ECPAAA Meeting.

Loretta Doty will ask if there are any additional nominations from the floor for ECPAAA Volunteer of the Year.

Kyla Oberg reported that we received the CRUD check from the City of Euless.

Jerry Goad reported that we received \$81.60 for the Can Recycling fund raiser.

Geri Sorg announced the new board members for CPAANT.

Officer Chris White announced that the new CPA Class will start the week of February 21st.

Kyla Oberg made a motion to adjourn. John Luna seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.

GENERAL MEETING — Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jozef Balint, Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, John Deithloff, Loretta Doty, Sharon Finnegan, Stacey Foust, Jerry Goad, Loren Johnson, Jerrie Keller, John Luna, Molly Maddux, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Anniece McKanna, Kyla Oberg, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Judy Rick, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Jeremy Tompkins, Peggy Vandiver, Helen Wagner and Julie Watkins

SPEAKER: Chaplain Mark Massey spoke about what it means to be a Chaplain to Police Department personnel and the public.

OLD BUSINESS: November Minutes: Loren Johnson made a motion to accept the November meeting minutes. Melody Balkon seconded the motion. Minutes approved. November Treasurer's Report: Geri Sorg made a motion to accept the November Treasurer's Report. Tim Stinneford seconded the motion. Report approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Loretta Doty asked for volunteers for the Audit Committee. Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon and Minuet Balkon volunteered to be on the committee. The ECPAA books need to be audited by the January 21, 2014 meeting.

Loretta Doty asked if there are any additional nominations from the floor for ECPAAA Volunteer of the Year. Don Martin was nominated and will be added to the ballot. Deadline for nominations is December 31, 2013. Voting will be at the January 2014 meeting.

Officer Chris White announced that the new CPA Class will start the week of February 21st.

Jerry Goad reported that we received \$81.60 for the Can Recycling fund raiser. He also thanked all of the members for all of the volunteer help for all of the functions throughout the year.

Geri Sorg announced the new board members for CPAANT and the January 2014 meeting will be on the 11th and will be hosted by Coppell.

Julie Watkins ordered food for 45 people for the Police Department on Christmas Day.

Motion to Adjourn: Peggy Vandiver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Geri Sorg seconded the motion. Motion approved and meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

December 2013 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	December	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/12 Balance in Checking	\$30,729.67				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$30.00	\$35.00	-\$5.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$4,515.00	\$10,000.00	-\$5,485.00
Brick Sales		\$35.00	\$70.00	\$150.00	-\$80.00
CRUD Day		\$679.00	\$1,242.89	\$700.00	\$542.89
Donations/Outside Income		\$250.00	\$1,270.00	\$500.00	\$770.00
Grocery Care Cards		\$13.22	\$107.56	\$50.00	\$57.56
Membership Dues			\$1,820.00	\$1,600.00	\$220.00
Member Merchandise			\$167.00	\$100.00	\$67.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)		\$81.50	\$252.73	\$250.00	\$2.73
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers			\$799.00	\$250.00	\$549.00
Warrant Roundup			\$843.13	\$850.00	-\$6.87
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$3,390.00	-\$3,390.00
Total Income		\$1,058.72	\$11,117.31	\$17,925.00	-\$6,807.69
Total	\$30,729.67	\$41,846.98	\$41,846.98		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	December	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$195.00	\$250.00	-\$55.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$702.21	\$5,000.00	-\$4,297.79
Bricks			\$524.00	\$524.00	\$0.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$23.95	\$100.00	-\$76.05
CPANNT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers			\$622.73	\$1,000.00	-\$377.27
Expenses Not Categorized			\$3,000.00	\$3,250.00	-\$250.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts		\$50.00	\$88.90	\$100.00	-\$11.10
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$50.00	\$300.00	-\$250.00
Office Supplies			\$588.17	\$300.00	\$288.17
PALS Summer Camp			\$1,129.80	\$1,000.00	\$129.80
Police Appreciation Week			\$393.27	\$400.00	-\$6.73
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$14,137.00	\$8,620.00	\$5,517.00
Police Honor Guard			\$3,747.36	\$3,750.00	-\$2.64
Police Officer Christmas Meals		\$144.16	\$144.16	\$300.00	-\$155.84
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$59.79	\$200.00	-\$140.21
President Awards			\$126.27	\$150.00	-\$23.73
Social Events		\$243.98	\$243.98	\$300.00	-\$56.02
Water by the Gallon			\$714.00	\$650.00	\$64.00
Total Expenses		\$438.14	\$26,515.59	\$27,019.00	-\$503.41
Money Transferred to Savings			\$21,250.87		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$12,000.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$6,080.52		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$10,065.48		\$10,065.48	\$500 in office supplies	
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.67	\$11.34	Covered by \$500 donation	
Savings Deposit			\$21,250.87	for computer	
Savings Withdrawal			\$12,000.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$19,327.69		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$25,408.21		