



# Partners in Policing

## Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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### 2015 Officers

**President:** Sandi Jones

**1st Vice President:** Jason Reyes

**2nd Vice President:** Shawna De Puente

**Secretary:** Rose-Marie Stevens

**Treasurer:** Leah Benoit

**Parliamentarian:** Jerry Goad

**EPD Liaisons:** Captain Gary Landers  
and Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

### January Speakers

**Senior Police Officer Michael Nafziger  
and  
ECPAAA Member Ken Denne**

Officer Nafziger will be our Guest Officer and you can read more about Officer Nafziger on page 4 of the newsletter. Ken Denne will do a short presentation titled "Understanding Tire Wear, your safety is riding on it".

*January*

### 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>



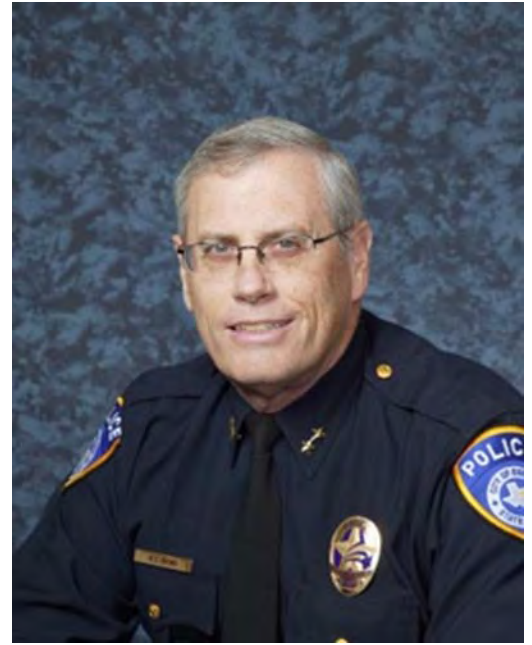
It's time to pay your 2015 ECPAAA Dues! They are only \$20 and our Treasurer, Leah Benoit, will be collecting them at the January 20th meeting. You can pay by cash or check; make check payable to ECPAAA. You can also mail your dues to:

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

**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 you and your family had a tremendous holiday season. I know we did around here. As we start the New Year I wanted to take a few minutes and let each of you know how thankful I am that you are a part of the Euless Police Department family. Our little family continues to grow and we are thankful for each new addition and cherish the members that have been with us along the way. You don't have to watch TV or read the news for very long to know that there are communities in this country where a huge divide exist between the public and the police. I am so very thankful that the relationship that exist between the Euless Police and the community is one of mutual respect and trust. If you've ever heard me speak about police community relations you know that I believe a community gets the Police Department it deserves. This community deserves the best Police Department possible; it is my goal and the goal of every member of this department to deliver outstanding service with professionalism and compassion. Thank you for supporting us and holding us to a higher standard. We are not perfect, but we are all willing to do our best day in and day out when it comes to serving this community.



I would like to relate a story that happened to this department over the Christmas Holidays. One of the business owners in town called and asked that I come by their business, they needed to see me. I stopped in to visit and this person told me they were very concerned with the overall climate of the country and the bad things that were being said about the police. They were so upset, and told me that the Euless Police Department did not deserve to have those things said about it. I assured them that we had weathered such storms before and that it was my thought that most people liked and respected the police and things would calm down and return to normal soon. They were not as optimistic as I was. This business owner then handed me \$5,000.00 in \$100 bills and told me to give that money to the police officers so they could go into the community and give it to people they determined needed it the most. This business owner wanted the Euless Police Department to be seen as being caring and compassionate in these troubled times. Their only stipulation was that they remain anonymous and the officers use the money to improve the lives of the people they give it to.

I can tell you that I was absolutely humbled by this showing of support and confidence in the Euless Police Department. I took the money and distributed it through Patrol, CID and the Neighborhood Police Officers. I now have a million dollars' worth of stories of how the officers were able to use this money to positively impact the lives of so many people in this community. Before it was all over, every member of the department that had the privilege of participating in this program were humbled and reminded just how fortunate they were to have the blessing that they have in their lives and how awesome it is to serve this community.

If you read my last article I told you of some coming promotions within the Police Department. We have sworn in all of our new Lieutenants, Sergeants and Senior Corporals. If you haven't been by here in a while the place looks a little different with new faces in most every office. I cannot tell you how excited I am about each person being in their new position. I could write an article on how special each one of them are and what tremendous talents and abilities they bring to their new positions. Please, take a few minutes out of your day, if you can, and stop in to congratulate these men and women as they take on their new responsibilities and lead this department into the future.

I look forward to a great 2015. Come join us on our journey of service to this community and to each other.

Thanks again for all you do for us!

Your Servant,

Mike

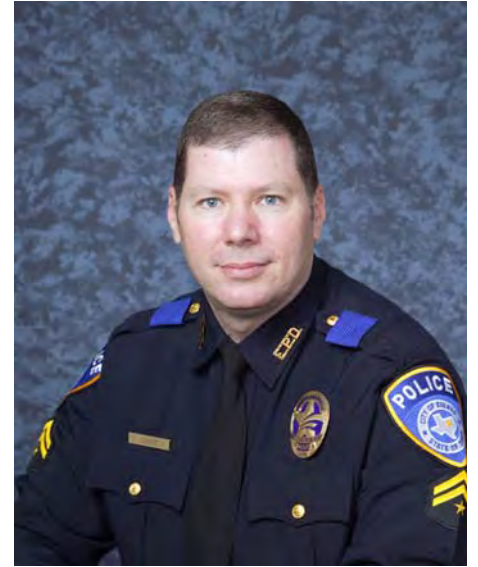
## EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

I am excited about 2015 and all the changes that are taking place within the Police Department. You may see new faces in new places as you pass through the building. If you do not know someone then stop and introduce yourself. Sgt. Todd Murphree is the new Administrative Sergeant and his office is located next to the old CPA office. James Patterson is now occupying the old CPA office. Say Thank You to Leah Benoit and Betty Overstreet for organizing the new CPA office, they did an outstanding job and it looks great.

Chris is organizing the new CPA Class that starts February 19th and James Gordon is scheduling one of the largest RAD classes we have seen to date. If you know of someone who is interested in the CPA class, please tell them to contact Chris White at 817-685-1536. The class is filling up quickly and we want to include everyone who is interested. Also, I wanted to say Thank You to Lauren Johnson for the time he sat in the Sky Tower over the holidays. One of those days he dressed up as "Santa in the Sky Tower." Thank you to all those involved in remembering the staff that are working on Christmas and supplying them a meal on Christmas Day. They are always so grateful for you and the meal.

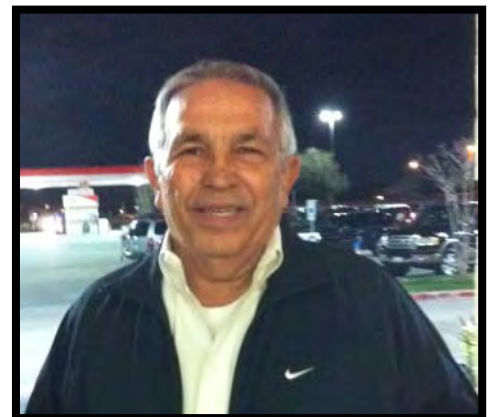
You may have read on Facebook that the Euless Police Department was awarded Outstanding Crime Prevention Agency by the Texas Chisholm Trail Crime Prevention Association. James Gordon represents us at their monthly meetings and presented them with our goals and achievements over the last year along with other Tarrant County Agencies with less than 100,000 population. This is the second year we have received this award in the last 4 years.

Make sure you come to the January meeting and wish your new officers well; Chief Mike Brown will be present to swear in our new members. Ken Denne will do a short presentation titled "Understanding Tire Wear, your safety is riding on it" and Officer Nafziger will be our Guest Officer!! It's going to be a great meeting, see you there January 20<sup>th</sup>.



## From the Outgoing President — John Luna

Happy New Year! The year 2014 seems like it flew by and we are starting a new year. This is my last report as President of ECPAAA and I am honored and proud to have served in this association. I have learned life's lessons from each of you - the dedication and determination to make the ECPAAA the best in Texas, working with and being family with our police department, and most of all sharing your time and talent to help our officers when needed. We must continue to educate the community of Euless by informing them that our police department is here to protect and serve and by getting to know their officer in their district, they have a friend. We must continue to help ECPAAA by getting more involved and participating in the events of the department. I look forward to helping Sandi and the new board in 2015.



A thought - "Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do." Goethe



## Officer Biography

**Michael Nafziger**  
**Senior Police Officer**

**Date of Biography:** November 9, 2014

**Current title with EPD:** Senior Police Officer/Department Armorer/Safety Officer/Child Safety Seat Tech/Accident Reconstructionist

**Year started and history with the EPD:** 1999

**Where were you born?** Sioux City, Iowa

**In what city do you currently live?** Bedford

**Tell me a little about your family, spouse, children (ages), grandchildren, pets, etc.**

My wife, Charlotte, is a Compliance Officer with T System in Farmers Branch. We have two grown children. One is pursuing a writing career and the other is an EMT with MedStar.

**What are your hobbies?**

Going to the movies, spending time with the family, shooting and keeping the local gun ranges in business.

**What is your favorite part of being a police officer?** Helping people.

**What is your favorite food?** Love a good steak!



## From the Incoming President — Sandi Jones

Another year starts and as we make our New Year's Resolutions, I promise that I will try my hardest to be a good President for the ECPAAA this year. If you ever have any issues or suggestions, I will be all ears. Come and talk to me, or give me a call. I am open to any and all ideas.

For 2015, I want to stress getting former members re-engaged with the ECPAAA. In the past, we have had a few problems causing members to drop out and that is certainly unfortunate. John Luna did a great job starting to alleviate those problems and I want to continue in his footsteps with that mission. I will need your help getting there.

With you and I working together, 2015 will be a great year for the ECPAAA and hopefully, for all of us as members.





## Upcoming Events

Jan 13 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Jan 14 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center

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

Jan 22 — Town Hall Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Jan 27 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Feb 7 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 Noon, Dallas County Advocacy Center (for location & directions visit [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org))

Feb 10 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Feb 11 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center

Feb 13 — Daddy/Daughter Valentine's Dance, 6:30 pm—8:30 pm, Eules Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive, Eules

Feb 14 — Mother/Son Valentine's Brunch, 10:30 am—12:30 pm, Eules Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive, Eules

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

Feb 17 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

## December 2014 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical — 19 Hours 15 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol — 93 Hours 30 Minutes

Includes the following:

COP Car — 78 Hours 30 Minutes

COP Sky Tower — 15 Hours 0 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued — 9

Courts — 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program — 11 Hours 0 Minutes

Eules Radio Club — 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Jail — 8 Hours 0 Minutes

Meetings — 18 Hours 0 Minutes

Includes the following:

ECPAAA Meeting — 18 Hours 0 Minutes

Miscellaneous — 44 Hours 30 Minutes

Includes the following:

Eules Parade of Lights — 20 Hours 0 Minutes

Speed Trailer — 2 Hours 0 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance — 119 Hours 15 Minutes

Watering of Plants — 8 Hours 0 Minutes

**Grand Total — 323 Hours 30 Minutes**

**December National Value of Volunteer Time — \$7,294.93**

**December Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$7,569.90**

**2014 National Value of Volunteer Time — \$108,423.78**

**2014 Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$112,510.71**

**December Meeting — 24 Alumni Members Present**

## Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

**Don Martin — 1/2**

**Ken Denne — 1/18**

**Jeremy Tompkins — 1/22**

**Jerri Balkon — 1/23**

**Valerie Hinde — 1/24**

**Nadine Barnes — 1/30**

The final results are in for the ECPAAA BBQ Dinner and Auction Event. Once again, I want to thank everyone that helped procure donations, attended the committee meetings, shopped for the event, helped set-up for the event, cooked for the event, worked their tails off the day of the event and cleaned up after the event. Below is a comparison of the results from each year we held the event.

As you can see, our profit has grown significantly since we started in 2007.

Let's hope our 2016 Event will be even more successful!

Leah Benoit, Event Chair

### BBQ Dinner/Auction Event Comparison by Year

Category	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2014
# of Dinner Tickets Sold	133	132	110	215	321	369	374
Dinner Ticket Sales	\$1,960.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,570.00	\$2,060.00	\$3,120.00	\$3,595.00	\$3,620.00
Door Prize Ticket Sales	\$335.00	\$256.00	\$61.00	\$112.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Silent Auction	\$2,390.00	\$3,643.00	\$3,211.00	\$5,410.00	\$4,520.00	\$5,366.00	\$6,381.00
Live Auction	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$975.00	\$8,450.00	\$8,905.00
Meat Auction	\$95.00	\$85.00	\$290.00	\$145.00	\$290.00	\$235.00	\$275.00
Dessert Auction	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$467.00	\$460.00	\$415.00	\$190.00
Monetary Donations	\$100.00	\$400.00	\$220.00	\$250.10	\$820.00	\$135.00	\$4,080.00
Expenses	-\$599.02	-\$886.20	-\$1,151.69	-\$930.20	-\$1,255.58	-\$4,477.98	-\$8,053.66
<b>Funds Raised</b>	<b>\$4,280.98</b>	<b>\$5,447.80</b>	<b>\$4,200.31</b>	<b>\$7,513.90</b>	<b>\$8,929.42</b>	<b>\$13,718.02</b>	<b>\$15,397.34</b>
Afghan Sales	N/A	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$210.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Additional Information</b>							
Door Prizes Value	???	\$238.00	\$1,073.68	\$845.18	\$838.76	\$521.95	N/A
Give-Aways Value	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$747.50	\$357.00
Auction Items Value	\$4,146.00	\$7,046.00	\$6,745.00	\$10,215.50	\$10,293.30	\$21,080.43	\$27,420.50
Desserts Value	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$434.00	\$220.00	\$343.00	\$125.00
# of Desserts for Auction	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	8	11	4

### EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DECEMBER 16, 2014

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Leah Benoit, J. R. Goad, John Luna, Rose-Marie Stevens, Julie Watkins

The Board discussed the agenda for the general meeting. Topics to be discussed include a report on the parade, announcements, the proposed budget and the hospitalizations of Jerri Balkon and Vicki Baum and Peggy Vandiver's progress.

Leah made a motion to adjourn; Julie seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
DECEMBER 16, 2014  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

A prayer of thanks was offered at 6:51 p.m. before the members were invited to help themselves to the hamburger and hotdog meal the NPOs had prepared for us.

Members Present: Byron Benoit, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Shawna DePuate, Sharon Finnegan, Kay Goad, J. R. Goad, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, John Luna, Anniece McKanna, Betty Overstreet, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Katrina Thomas, Susan Vest, Helen Wagner, Julie Watkins, Kristi Wynne

NPOs: Sr. Corporal Tony Burnett, Officer James Gordon, Officer Chris White / Police Officer: Captain Gary Landers

General

After everyone had served themselves, J. R. led the members in prayer and pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas to formally open the meeting. J. R. then thanked everyone who had volunteered through the year for their assistance and support.

J. R. reported that Jerri Balkon had emergency surgery this morning and was recovering. He also told us that Vicki Baum was doing better and that Peggy Vandiver was still at Parkwood; unfortunately, according to Anniece, Peggy will not be able to return home before Christmas. J. R. then asked James Gordon to give us an update on his uncle.

James' uncle had spinal surgery today and is recovering; he may need additional surgery. James and his uncle are very close, and James thanked us for our concern and our prayers.

Old Business

Julie Watkins moved and Pete Jones seconded the motion to approve the November minutes; they were approved.

New Business

John asked the members for any questions and/or comments regarding the proposed budget for 2015 before calling for a vote. There were none, so Julie Watkins moved and Geri Sorg seconded the motion to accept the budget; it was approved.

John Luna talked about the newly relocated CPAAA office in the hallway near the main entrance and offered to take anyone who was interested on a brief tour. Since the new office is located in a public area, it has a combination lock.

Tony Burnett was asked to speak, and he wished us a Merry Christmas on behalf of Chief Mike Brown. He admitted that he and the other NPOs were not very good cooks and that Gary Landers was actually responsible for the excellent hamburgers and hotdogs we had eaten. Tony then indicated that, although he had explained the need to relocate the CPAAA office to the Board, he had neglected to share that information with the general membership. Basically, the recent promotions and department growth made it necessary to reorganize space.

John pointed out that all of the recent promotions were announced in the newsletter.

Gary Landers announced that City Manager Gary McKamie will be retiring effective January 31, 2015. He had served the City for 42 years. When he served as the Euleless Chief of Police, he and our current Chief Mike Brown oversaw the birth of the Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

The ECPAAA continues to grow. Chris White announced that the 31<sup>st</sup> class will start February 19. He asked us to continue to invite our friends and acquaintances to attend the classes.

James Gordon talked about Officer Chris White, telling us that he was a real advocate of ECPAAA. He sings our praises to others whenever the opportunity arises.

John thanked the officers for a wonderful meal and the membership for their service.

Sandi Jones then moved and Julie Watkins seconded the motion to adjourn; the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

## December 2014 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	December	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/13 Balance in Checking	\$6,080.52				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction		\$135.00	\$20,326.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,326.00
Brick Sales			\$1,050.00	\$35.00	\$1,015.00
Craigslist Fundraiser			\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
CRUD Day			\$1,400.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$1,248.31	\$500.00	\$748.31
Grocery Care Cards			\$140.58	\$40.00	\$100.58
Membership Dues			\$1,690.00	\$1,600.00	\$90.00
Member Merchandise			\$35.00	\$150.00	-\$115.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers			\$71.00	\$250.00	-\$179.00
Warrant Roundup			\$1,900.00	\$840.00	\$1,060.00
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
Total Income		\$135.00	\$28,160.89	\$27,705.00	\$455.89
Total	\$6,080.52	\$34,241.41	\$34,241.41		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	December	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$320.00	\$325.00	-\$5.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$150.00	\$500.00	-\$350.00
BBQ Silent Auction		\$3.30	\$8,253.66	\$5,000.00	\$3,253.66
Bricks			\$750.00	\$300.00	\$450.00
Checking Account Expenses		\$23.95	\$23.95	\$30.00	-\$6.05
CPAANT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$1,020.99	\$250.00	\$770.99
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$77.93	\$150.00	-\$72.07
Office Supplies		\$162.98	\$321.71	\$300.00	\$21.71
PALS Summer Camp			\$814.94	\$1,200.00	-\$385.06
Police Appreciation Week			\$596.54	\$600.00	-\$3.46
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$0.00	\$6,000.00	-\$6,000.00
Police Honor Guard			\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals		\$90.00	\$90.00	\$400.00	-\$310.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$77.03	\$200.00	-\$122.97
President Volunteer Awards			\$162.58	\$150.00	\$12.58
Social Events		\$215.92	\$288.45	\$300.00	-\$11.55
TCPAAA Convention			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Water by the Gallon		\$238.00	\$714.00	\$650.00	\$64.00
Total Expenses		\$734.15	\$23,686.78	\$27,705.00	-\$4,018.22
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00	Note: \$400 of Outside Donations is earmarked for RAD Equipment	
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$10,554.63		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,327.69		\$19,327.69		
Interest from Savings Account			\$6.97		
Savings Deposit		\$0.70	\$0.70		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$19,335.36		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$29,889.99		