



# Partners in Policing

Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

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## ECPAAA GENERAL MEETING — JULY 18, 2017

**SPEAKER — Rob Griffin**

### “Are You Accidentally Attracting a Burglar?”

Mr. Rob Griffin of Bear Creek is a retired Police Detective. He has been teaching law enforcement classes for over ten years. He loves to help people. He offers free classes for any groups that would like him to come and teach them. He will be joining our group to teach us a few things about BURGLAR'S. Sadly, most of us are accidentally attracting burglar's to our homes and neighborhoods. This information will greatly help us make our homes and neighborhoods safer. Mr. Griffin offers free classes for any group. If you would like to learn more about C.P.T.E.D join us at the next meeting.



## 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 [susannawhitten45@gmail.com](mailto:susannawhitten45@gmail.com). Submissions are due 1st Saturday day of each month.

Link to ECPAAA Web Page

<http://www.ecpaaa.org>



## **ECPAAA BBQ Dinner and Dine 'N Dash Event**

**Saturday, September 16, 2017**

**Tickets are now available for the ECPAAA BBQ Dinner/Dine n Dash event. Ticket prices are as follows:**  
**Adults — \$15      Ages 5 to 10 — \$10      Under 5 — Free**  
**Please contact Leah Benoit or stop by Stitch n Tyme to pick some up to sell or buy for your family.**



## From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

The summer is in full swing and we have yet to be oppressed by the heat!! But I would imagine that it's coming!!! We've had a good summer so far. Our Summer Camp was a huge success!! Thanks to all of you who helped us entertain and feed the kids. We had a little over 150 kids who came through the camps this summer, and we didn't lose a single kid or mentor. That's what I call a huge success. We started our camp a long time ago with a vision that we could make a lasting impact in the lives of the children in this community. Over the years we have had many different partners come and go, but the constant in it all was the unwavering community support that we have received that makes it possible to keep a program like this up and running for these many years. So, I will say thank you, again, to all those who make this very special program possible.



As we move into the heat of the summer we are reminded that it is also vacation time, and our Vacation House Watch list is starting to grow. Please consider volunteering to help us keep a close watch on the homes that are entrusted to our care. I know we all would like to have a set of eyes looking at our house when we slip out of town for a few days, please help us keep an eye on the homes of your fellow citizens by coming out and volunteering in this very important program.

As we move deeper into July and the temperatures continue to hover around the century mark, I ask that you remember to take care of yourselves while you are out in the sun. Whether you are working in your yard or volunteering your time with us, please take the time to do the little things that will insure your health and safety. It's the little things that will always work to help keep you safe. Please remember our officers who are often called on to direct traffic in the heat of the afternoon and who are exposed to all of the elements of a Texas summer. If you see an officer directing traffic somewhere, see if they would be interested in a bottle of water. We do our best to try to keep them out of the elements as much as possible, but sometimes there is nothing we can do to keep them out of the heat. It's tough on them, and anything we can do to lighten their load is greatly appreciated.

With Lieutenant Chaney's and Lt. Morgan's retirement we are stretched a little thin in the Administrative ranks. So, if you come around you will realize that we have moved some of our folks around to cover for shortages in supervision and command. To that end, we are bringing Ms. Kelli Agan in as our Civilian Services Manager. She will be over Records, Communications and the Jail. Kelli has had a long and very successful career with the City of Bedford where she retired as the Assistant City Manager. Kelli has an extensive background with the Bedford Police Department. She worked her way up from a Records Clerk, to the Chief's Administrative Assistant to their Civilian Services Manager and eventually all the way up to Acting City Manager. We are very excited about Kelli joining the Euless Police Department family. Many of us have known Kelli for many years and have always harbored the thought that we'd love to get her to join us. All the stars lined up just right and it was a great time for both Kelli and EPD, we are so excited that she has decided to join us.

Like I said above, we continue to add new members to the Euless Police Department family. Please make it a point to stop by and check out the "New Employee" board outside the training room. We have the pictures and names of all of our most recent new hires.

Thanks again for the great things each of you do for this department and this community.

Your Servant,

Mike

## EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

Hello ECPAAA family,

I hope everyone enjoyed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and was able to spend time with family and friends. I want to introduce our newest member of the Community Services Division, Senior Officer Carlos Peralez. Carlos has been with the Eules Police Department for 20 years and has been a big part of specialized units. Carlos has worked in the criminal investigations division, a patrol bicycle officer, a member of the NETCAST Swat team hostage negotiator, and recently a school resource officer. Carlos has a great work ethic and very passionate about making an impact in the Eules community. Next time you see Carlos please introduce yourself to him.



On July 4, 2017 Carlos was given the privilege to lead the annual *Morrisdale 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade*, which he thoroughly enjoyed being able to attend. He was very impressed in the great pride the Morrisdale Community took in this event, and just making it a big social event for all families. Lou Baum and current ECPAAA members did a great job in organizing this annual event.

Our Community Services Division has been extremely busy visiting numerous city held summer camps. Robert Bryan and the community trailer are getting the opportunity to stop by the camps and distribute ice cream to the kids. The visit gives the kids a chance to meet an officer and it gives the officer a chance to be a positive role model.

I want to remind everyone about the 6 Stones Back to School Event on August 12, 2017 from 9am-5pm. This event provides school supplies and back packs to underprivileged kids. This year at this event, 6 Stones is expecting 500-600 kids an hour! The Eules Police Department Community Services Division will assist in this event and I hope to see all of you there.

Lastly, remember that summer time is typically the time when criminal activity is at its peak. Please be vigilant, take care of your neighbors, and report any suspicious activity to the Eules Police Department. THANK YOU again for all the hard work and long hours you all give the City of Eules!

Respectfully,

Rocky

### ELDER FRAUD AND ABUSE

**Our speaker June 20th was Lori Varnell from the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney, Elder Abuse Unit. Financial fraud is the fastest growing form of elder abuse. Broadly defined, financial elder abuse is when someone illegally or improperly uses a vulnerable senior's money or other property. Most states now have laws that make elder financial abuse a crime and provide ways to help the senior and punish the scammer. Please be on the lookout for telemarketing or mail fraud, getting unauthorized access to funds, charging excessive amounts of money, Selling bogus items, getting money or property through undue influence or fraud, using fraudulent legal documents, making pigeon drops, faking an injury scenario, offering false prizes, doing unsolicited home repair work, just to name a few. Always be on guard and never give out information to people you do not know. Notify bank personnel, get help from a senior services groups (INFO LINK at 800-394-2255 helps arrange and coordinate assistance with crimes), contact Adult Protective Services (<http://www.ncea.aoa.gov>), alert law enforcement or the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney, Elder Abuse Unit or go to the National Council on Aging at [www.ncoa.org](http://www.ncoa.org) for more information.**

## From the President — Julie Watkins

Hope everyone is enjoying their Summer. The 4th was a good one filled with lots of fun, family and relaxation. I like the Summer where the pace is slightly slower and more laid-back. The David Hofer Summer Kid's Camp was a blast for both the kids and the Officers. Now our next event to plan is the BBQ and Dine and Dash. We have had several meetings now and the tickets are for sale so pick up a few for your family and friends. Maybe invite a neighbor and expose them to the fun and good times that you have with the Euless Police Department. I will also have tickets at Stitch 'n Tyme if you would like to stop by and purchase them or many of our Committee members have taken a block of tickets for sale.



Our ECPAAA general meeting this month is July 18th. Our speaker is Rob Griffin. His presentation is "Are you accidently attracting a Burglar?" He is a retired Police Detective. He has been teaching law enforcement classes for over 10 years. He has many tips and ideas for keeping your home and neighborhood safer. Also, remember that we will be serving a nice dinner so come very HUNGRY!!! Thanks to Eric and Nan for your wonderful meals. Their menu for this month is yummy meatballs with marinara sauce, pasta, baked zucchini/squash and garlic bread. The dessert will be a surprise but sure to be wonderful. Can't wait! Come early, come hungry and enjoy some fellowship before the meeting.

Have a great month. Stay cool and safe if you are traveling.

Julie

### **EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Executive Board Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2017**

Attendees: Julie Watkins, Jerri Balkon, Dana Nuber, Jean Nuber, Leah Benoit

Meeting was brought to order at 6:04 pm

J.R. will open with prayer and flag salutes. BBQ - Leah has tickets and will check them out to anyone who wants them. There will be new members attending and joining tonight. We need to get codes for these new members. Jozsf Balint's name was listed with dues. Jerri will introduce the speaker. Newsletter and Treasure's Reports were both approved.

We will address some summer camp questions because there has been some criticism about volunteers not being used instead of officer's that are being paid. Need to remind Rocky about the \$1,200 we have available to help cover the cost of the 2 weeks of camp.

They are working on the art work for the banner and table cloth. Need to try to procure some help for Eric with the meal each month. June 28th at 6:30 p.m. was the BBQ Planning Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm with a motion from Leah Benoit and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dana Nuber.

### CPAANT Liaison — Leah Benoit - July 2017

The July meeting was held on July 8<sup>th</sup> at the new Carrollton Police Department. There were approximately 40 people in attendance representing 13 cities. Guest speakers were Mayor Kevin Falconer and Police Chief Rex Redden of Carrollton. Mayor Falconer thanked everyone for coming and spoke a little about his background. He served on the City Council for 6 years prior to being elected Mayor, and is an alumni member of the Carrollton CPA and Citizens On Patrol program.



Chief Rex Redden thanked everyone for coming and their support of their local police department. He started out by telling a story from his high school days regarding the high school football team. The team was poised to win one year since they had this star player. Well things didn't go very well for the team as the star player was hurt in the first game of the season and it went downhill from there. The coach and players were criticized for losing that season and it affected the wellness of the coach and the team. The Chief went on to read parts of Teddy Roosevelt's speech from April 23, 1910 – Citizenship in a Republic – including the famous quote "The Man in the Arena" and how true the words were even to this day. You can download the PDF of the complete speech at this link - [http://design.caltech.edu/erik/Misc/Citizenship\\_in\\_a\\_Republic.pdf](http://design.caltech.edu/erik/Misc/Citizenship_in_a_Republic.pdf).

He related the high school football story to "The Man in the Arena" by talking about how everyone criticizes things, people, including Police Officers, football coaches, Government Officials, every day. But, until you are "The Man in the Arena", you should not criticize.

The Police Chiefs Roundtable will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 in Coppell. If you are planning on attending, I will need to get a head count at the ECPAAA August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at the latest since seating is limited. For more information on CPAANT, visit their website at [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org).



**JULY 18th MEAL FOR OUR GENERAL MEETING**  
Meatballs, Marinara Sauce, Pasta, Baked Zucchini and Squash, Garlic Bread  
and a surprise desert. Thank you Eric for providing us such a wonderful meal! ☺

### June Volunteer Hours Comparison by Lou Baum

**Month of June**  
2016 — 608 Hours  
2017 — 403 Hours  
**33% Decrease**



**Year to Date**  
2016 — 3,579 Hours  
2017 — 2,726 Hours  
**23% Decrease**

**Thanks for all the hours in June serving your servants.**  
**Stay safe and take care of each other. Lou**

**Eules Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association**  
**General Membership Meeting - June 20, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

**Attendees:** Kathy Ames, Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Eric Brunstad, Shawna De Puente, Diana Deering, Roy Deering, John Deithloff, Bill Dufinetz, Mia Estella, Adleen Ginorio, J.R. Goad, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Don Martin, Joyce Maxwell, Anniece McKanna, Nan Coulton, Luther Norton, Dana Buber, Jean Nuber, Betty Overstreet, Judy Rick, Barney Snitz, Peggy Vandiver, Julie Watkins, Kristi Wynne, Harry Zimmer.

J.R. Goad completed the Welcome/Prayer/Flag Salutes. New Members introduced themselves: Mia Estella, Bill Dufinetz, Adleen Ginorio, Nan Moulton, Luther Norton and Harry Zimmer. The meeting minutes and treasurer’s reports were accepted with no questions or problems. Leah announced that the BBQ tickets were available for check-out after the meeting. Adults \$15, Children 5 to 10 years of age \$5, and 5 years old and under eat free. We were reminded we need gift cards or certificates and plates for the Dine and Dash. An appeal was made for all of us to procure these. Lou Baum announced that we have close to \$900 in brick money and more letters are going out this week.

Rocky talked to us about the kids camp. This was the largest camp ever with 75 being allowed to attend each week. The camp has been going for 15 to 20 years now. This year the sponsor’s were: In and Out Burger and Stitch in Time. The program was started to let youth know that the Police Department is their friend. They have a mentoring staff of 20 to 25 people. Both Police and Fire Officers work at the camp.

We were having a problem getting the equipment to work for the speaker and when finally it was fixed and we stopped the meeting to allow the speaker to make her presentation.

At 8:10 we continued the meeting, announced the birthday recipients and sang happy birthday to all of the June birthday members.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm with a motion from Judy Rick and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandi Jones

**WEDDING BELLS**

♥ Congratulations to D.J. and Minuet Wilson, daughter of Bill and Jerri Balkon. They were married March 4th, 2017 in Clermont, FL. A wedding reception was held for them at the Simmons Center in Eules on July 9th. Be sure to give them some great marriage advise and well wishes.



**July & August Upcoming Events**

- July 11 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive.
- July 12 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7 pm, Euless Police Department meeting room, 1102 W. Euless Blvd.
- July 14 — 4 ever Young Concert, 7—8 pm, Euless Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive.
- July 18 — ECPAAA Meeting, Euless Police Department meeting room, 1102 W. Euless Blvd.
- July 19 — Vermi Composting, 7 pm Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector
- July 26 — BBQ Committee Meeting, Euless Police Department meeting room, 1102 W. Euless Blvd. Also on 8/30 & 9/11.
- July 27 — Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes start, 7 pm at the Fire Administration Building on Ector Drive.
- July 31 — Aug 3, Collegiate Players Tour, Texas Star Parkway, 1400 Texas Star Parkway.
- Aug 5 — CPAANT Meeting, Cedar Hill, please contact Leah Benoit if you would like to attend.
- Aug 9 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7 pm, Euless Police Department meeting room, 1102 W. Euless Blvd.
- Aug 12 — 6 Stones Back to School event ,9 am—5 pm, Campus West, 205 N. Industrial, Bedford
- Aug 15 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive.
- Aug 19—2nd annual Drive-in-Movie, “Grease” 8 pm, Parks at Texas Star parking lot, 1501 Pipeline Road.

**“Save the Date” - Saturday, September 16th**—ECPAAA BBQ Dinner, Mini Live Auction and Dine ‘N Dash event

**June 2017 Volunteer Hours**

- CID Clerical – 24.75 Hours
- Citizens On Patrol – 75.75 Hours
- COP Car – 62.75 Hours
- COP Sky Tower – 13 Hours
- Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 7
- Victims Assistance Program – 0 Hours
- Euless Radio Club – 43.5 Hours
- Jail – 7 Hours
- Meetings – 51.5 Hours — Includes the following:
  - CPAANT Meeting – 0 Hours
  - ECPAAA BBQ Dinner/Dine ‘N Dash Meeting – 8 Hours
  - ECPAAA Board & General Meeting – 43.5 Hours
- Miscellaneous – 129 Hours - Include the Following:
  - David Hofer Summer Camp — 35.5 Hours
- Speed Trailer – 0 Hours
- Training – 10 Hours (CERT)
- Vehicle Maintenance – 57.25 Hours
- Watering of Plants – 4 Hours
- Total – 402.75 Hours**

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**June National Value of Volunteer Time - \$9,291.44**  
**June Texas Value of Volunteer Time - \$9,931.82**  
**2017 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time - \$62,894.59**  
**2017 YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time - \$67,229.33**  
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**30 Alumni Members Present at May Meeting**

**Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members**

- Teresia Foreman 7/10**
- Rose-Marie Stevens 7/16**
- Timothy Stinneford 7/22**
- Kathy Ames 7/24**
- Cynthia Schmidt 7/28**

## ECPAAA June 2017 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	June	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
<b>12/31/16 Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$24,683.18</b>				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Back the Blue Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction		\$2,115.00	\$3,315.00	\$10,000.00	-\$6,685.00
Brick Sales		\$160.00	\$925.00	\$0.00	\$925.00
CRUD Day			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$476.53	\$1,100.00	-\$623.47
Fundraisers		\$622.64	\$826.64	\$500.00	\$326.64
Grocery Care Cards			\$44.98	\$200.00	-\$155.02
Membership Dues			\$19.67	\$25.00	-\$5.33
Member Merchandise		\$420.00	\$1,720.00	\$2,000.00	-\$280.00
Recycle (Cans, Cartridges & Electronics)		\$347.00	\$527.00	\$250.00	\$277.00
Warrant Roundup			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$587.50	\$600.00	-\$12.50
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$3,664.64</b>	<b>\$8,442.32</b>	<b>\$28,335.00</b>	<b>-\$19,892.68</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,683.18</b>	<b>\$33,125.50</b>	<b>\$33,125.50</b>		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	June	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records		\$275.00	\$275.00	\$500.00	-\$225.00
Back the Blue Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$8,000.00	-\$8,000.00
Bricks		\$302.00	\$302.00	\$300.00	\$2.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
CPAANT Dues			\$0.00	\$25.00	-\$25.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$250.00	-\$250.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items		\$411.00	\$411.00	\$150.00	\$261.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$66.22	\$200.00	-\$133.78
Office Supplies			\$150.33	\$500.00	-\$349.67
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$986.20	\$1,000.00	-\$13.80
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$1,695.00	\$3,255.00	-\$1,560.00
Police Honor Guard			\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$450.00	-\$450.00
President Awards			\$227.29	\$200.00	\$27.29
Social Events			\$62.64	\$400.00	-\$337.36
TCPAAA Convention			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Water by the Gallon		\$252.00	\$742.00	\$800.00	-\$58.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$1,240.00</b>	<b>\$14,917.68</b>	<b>\$28,335.00</b>	<b>-\$13,417.32</b>
<b>Money Transferred to Savings</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
<b>Funds Available in Checking</b>			<b>\$18,207.82</b>		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$11,842.82		\$11,842.82		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.10	\$0.59		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
<b>Savings Withdrawal</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>		
<b>Funds Available in Savings</b>			<b>\$11,843.41</b>		
<b>Total ECPAAA Funds</b>			<b>\$30,051.23</b>		

Note: \$649.25 of Outside Donations is earmarked for RAD Equipment. \$3,200 BBQ donation from a member; \$1,200 of which is slated for Gift Cards for Dine & Dash.