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Eules Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

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ECPAAA GENERAL MEETING — TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2018

Our presentation this month will be about our new “Safe Room” located in the Criminal Investigation Division. Lieutenant Brenda Alvarado and Detective Robert Powell will be our speakers.



Safe Room in the Criminal Investigation Division



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. Submissions are due 1st week of every month.

Link to ECPAAA Web Page
<http://www.ecpaaa.org>

ECPAAA BBQ Dinner and Fund Raising Event Benefiting the Eules Police Department

Live Auction, Pick n Pay, Dine n Dash—September 29, 6—9 pm. Tickets for purchase will be available starting at the June 19th meeting. Prices are as follows: Adults - \$15, Ages 5 to 10 - \$5, Under 5 - Free

Jewelry Fundraiser

Retired Police Officer Pam Byers has created various jewelry items for ECPAAA to sell (police, fire and dispatcher themes). Pam is extremely talented and loves making personalized jewelry. Anniece McKanna will bring items to every meetings. Exact cash is appreciated. Proceeds help our Eules PD.

Leather coin purses - \$3	Lapel pins - \$3
Magnets - \$3	Ribbon pins - \$5
Pierced Earrings - \$5	Rings - \$5
Key Chains - \$7	Dog tags - \$10
Necklaces - \$12	Metal necklaces - \$15
Bracelet (leather and silver) - \$10 (both men and women's)	

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From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

We just finished a tremendous celebration of this country's independence. Hope you and your family and friends had an awesome 4th of July! If yours was like mine it involved all the essentials of life; family, friends, hamburgers and hot dogs and fireworks with a little watermelon added in at the end.

With summer in full swing and it looks like the heat is here to stay for awhile. Please remember to take care of yourself if you are out working or playing in the sun. Our officers are out in that heat every day wearing an extra 20 pounds of equipment on them, including their Kevlar vest and a dark blue uniform. Just so you'll know, those vest are very important for our officer's safety, but they are also great at trapping heat. When you see an officer out in this weather working an accident, stopping a car, or directing traffic, just know that they are at a greater risk of heat exhaustion than the people who are dressed for the weather. We are so fortunate that our supervisors and our officers are very aware of the necessity of keeping themselves hydrated. If you see an officer in a store getting a drink, or in a restaurant having a meal, remember to thank them for their dedication to their duty and their willingness to serve. We still have three new officers in field training. From what I hear they are all doing a great job and progressing well through their training phases. We still have three officers in the Police Academy. They are scheduled to graduate in September. They are doing what we ask all of our new officers to do; go to the academy and prove to us that we have hired the right person. We have hired two new Dispatchers and they are working hard and learning how we do things here in Eules. Both of these gentlemen have previous dispatching experience. We had an unexpected opening in Communications when Kathy Bowden left the comforts of the communication's section to assume the duties of the Patrol Secretary. Carla Voss, our previous Patrol Secretary, left the organization to pursue other interest.

Sr. Corporal Kim Parker announced her retirement effective July the 9th. Kim had a 25 year career with us and is off on the next exciting chapter in her life. I am sure you all will join me and the entire Eules Police Department family in wishing her great success and happiness as she moves forward.

We are looking forward to fun filled, hotter than normal summer. If you have some time to spare, we have a place for you to volunteer. Even if you don't have the time to schedule some volunteer hours, you are always welcomed to just stop in and say "Hi". We are always excited anytime one of our tremendous volunteers stops in to see us.

I know it's easy to let your guard down during these summer months. Just remember that the criminals never take a season off. Please keep your garage doors closed and locked if you're not in there working or to where you can see it at all times. Please remember to close and lock all your doors and windows while you are away from home. I know if we get a few cooler days it might be tempting to open a window to let some fresh air in. If you do, please remember to shut and lock those windows before you leave the house. Even if it's only for a few minutes. Remember to remove all of your valuable possessions from your car, don't leave anything in plain view that someone might want to convert to their use. Lock your car and roll up the windows. Criminals are always looking for something that's easy to steal, don't let your stuff be easy to steal.

Have an awesome summer, and come see us if you get a chance.

Thanks for all you do for this community!

Your Servant, Mike



Eules Police Department Liaison — Sergeant Rocky Fimbres

Rocky was unable to provide an article this month,
but stay tuned for one in August.



From the President — Julie Watkins



I hope everyone had a great 4th of July and got to take a few extra days to enjoy the Summer activities. I know it is just now starting the Summer season but it seems like we went straight from Winter into Summer this year. I'm not complaining because I love the Texas weather, but that is with my air conditioning working and last week it wasn't! Apparently the fire ants had gotten into my system and were causing it to short out!! Really???

The BBQ Committee has been meeting and the tickets are available to start selling to your friends and family. This year there will be a prize to the person who sells the most tickets!! We all love competition so let the fun begin!! We encourage members to ask their favorite restaurants to maybe donate a gift card or two for the Dine and Dash. This year we are adding a special event geared toward the guys. It is called Pick and Play. Embroidered baseball caps will be used like we do for the plates. They purchase a cap for \$25 and receive a gift card/cards for places like Bass Pro, automotive shops, golf or sports venues. So please keep this in mind as you are out shopping.

I am happy to pass along the news that we have completed the final budgeted item off the Chief's Wish List for this year!! They had requested help with the setup and furnishing of a Safe Room in the CID area. This room will be used by the detectives to interview victims and/or children in a more comfortable atmosphere. The room was actually used twice within the first couple days of completion. They are thrilled and appreciate our help greatly. The room is only about 8 1/2' X 10' but is a great asset to the department. We worked with Robert Powell & Cody Bush, CID detectives in the Family Violence Division. Super shoppers, Faye Stinneford and Helen Voss furnished and completed the room in about a week. They tried to keep all purchases within the City of Eules!! We had allocated funds, but only ended up spending about \$700.00!! With that money we were able to purchase a loveseat, chair, area rug, 2 lamps, 2 end tables, a cabinet, a picture and mirror. I'm attaching a few pictures so you can get an idea of how the room turned out.

I would like to remind you that we are still collecting aluminum cans for recycling. We are getting close to having enough in the storage area to take them to the recycling center in Fort Worth. It is easy to just collect your clean cans during the month and drop them off at the monthly meeting. Bill Dufinetz is watching over this project. When we have a pickup load full I'll load up my pickup and get a few more bucks in the bank.

Just a quick reminder for all you Amazon shoppers out there and I just bet in our group we have a few, if you sign into smile.amazon.com, and connect your account to the ECPAAA, we will receive a donation from them of 1/2 of 1% of your purchase. I know that doesn't sound like much but it adds up. I have several friends and family members connected (they are BIG BIG Amazon shoppers). As a matter of fact, when I was on the site the other day, I see that they have donated \$215.14 to our organization already!! For doing nothing except linking your purchase to the ECPAAA. They have donated a total of \$89,030,554.80 to date to organizations.

Earlier this month we sent out an email letting everybody know that our fantastic in-house Chef, Eric Brunstad, had major surgery. He is doing very well and has actually already returned to work. What a super hero!! I'm sure that is because of the fantastic nursing skills of Nan!! It's probably not easy keeping him in line. He is not allowed to lift anything for some time so we will not be having a meal at this meeting. This has been a wonderful addition to our monthly meeting, but we need to let Eric take it easy for a while. Send him healing prayers and good wishes.

I was soooo very sad to learn that our wonderful Newsletter Editor and honestly "my right hand", Susanna Whitten and her Husband have sold their house. They will be moving July 26th. We had hoped she would be leisurely hanging around Eules and enjoying her retirement but her husband's job has ended and the Big Bend is calling them!! This July's meeting will be her last. She has volunteered to do the newsletter remotely until we find a volunteer to head up this task. She has done a remarkable job!! Give it some thought and contact me if you would like to take up the reins in the future.

June Volunteer Hours Comparison by Lou Baum

Month of June
2017 — 505 Hours
2018 — 403 Hours
+25% gain over last year



Year to Date
2017 — 2726 Hours
2018 — 2594 Hours
-7% loss

Thank you for the minutes and hours you served our servants. Let keep the summer hours coming serving our finest. Be safe and take care of each other. Regards, Lou

CPAANT Liaison — Leah Benoit - July 2018

The July 7th CPAANT meeting was hosted by the Cleburne CPAAA. Forty people were in attendance representing fourteen cities. Cleburne Police Chief Robert Severance welcomed everyone to Cleburne as well as Cleburne CPAAA President Andy Irwin and CPAAA Vice President Gary Israel. The guest speaker was Sgt. Neal Sandlin with the Cleburne Police Department. Sgt. Sandlin's topic was "Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events".



The United States Department of Homeland Security defines an active shooter as "an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use firearms and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims." In short, active shooter event = attempted mass murder.

Since 2002, the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT)[™] Program at Texas State University has been used to train law enforcement officers across the nation in how to rapidly respond to dangerous active threat situations. Over the years we've seen response times shorten and the capabilities of law enforcement increase. As a result of increased public awareness, many citizens have asked what individuals can do to protect themselves and reduce the dangers faced during one of these events. Avoid | Deny | Defend[™] has been developed as an easy to remember method for individuals to follow. As we've seen that hiding and hoping isn't a very effective strategy. Walmart partnered with ALERRT and developed a training video for their employees (Surviving an Active Shooter Event - Civilian Response to Active Shooter), which Sgt. Sandlin showed, and can be found on the <http://www.avoiddenydefend.org/> website or can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j0lt68YxLQQ>.

Avoid – be aware of your surroundings; do not hesitate (watch actions of others); go to the closest, safest exit. Deny – keep the attacker away from you; lock doors, turn lights off, keep out of sight (use anything to barricade the door); have a back-up plan. Defend – you have the legal right to defend yourself; do not fight fair (attack vulnerable parts of the body); be aggressive.

As of 2015, there have been 209 active shooter events. The locations of the active shooter events - Commerce 50%, Education 25%, Outdoors 13% and Other 12%. The shooter connection with the event – 55% had a connection and 45% had no connection. The most tragic event to date was the 2017 Las Vegas event where 59 people lost their lives and 546 were wounded.

There will be no CPAANT August meeting due to the Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni and Law Enforcement Annual Training. The September CPAANT meeting will be hosted by Forest Hill on September 8th. For more information on CPAANT, visit their website at www.cpaant.org.

ECPAAA Executive Board Meeting Minutes — 6/19/2018

Meeting called to order 6:18 p.m.

Attendees: Jerri Balkon, Leah Benoit, JR Goad, Dana Nuber, Thomas Salmi, Julie Watkins, and Officer Rocky Fimbres.

The audit report is here but Dana has not opened it yet. Rocky told those present that 110 Students attended the camp the last 2 weeks along with 15 to 20 mentors each week. The 'Go Fund Me' for Ken Rawlinson was mentioned. Money cannot be given from the ECPAAA as a group, but it can be mentioned at the General Meeting and the members can decide individuals to give money. Leah has not been able to get a response from the Acme Brick Company to be able to place the next brick order. Leah places an order whenever there are 10 bricks to be ordered. We are working to get all orders with Acme Brick current. Sharon Finnegan will send out all the necessary cards. Leah will give a BBQ report and has tickets tonight to either be checked-out to be sold or to be purchased by members. The BBQ is September 29th at 6:00 pm at the Eules Family Life Senior Center. Gene Shawl will explain the Pick-and-Play event that will be added to the Dine-and-Dash and the Live Auction. A CPAANT representative replacement needs to be found – an announcement will be made at the meeting this evening. The Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni and Law Enforcement Annual Training is in Allen this Year with CPAANT Garland group hosting the event. The cost is \$135. It is close enough that commuting and carpooling can be done each day. If no other officers sign up to attend, Sandi and Pete Jones will go as Eules's representatives for this meeting.

Leah made the motion to dismiss and Jerri seconded it. The meeting ended at 6:44 p.m

ECPAAA General Meeting Minutes — 6/19/2018

Attendees: Jozef Balint, Jerri Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Diana Deering, Roy Deering, John Deithloff, Thompson Du, Bill Dufinetz, Mia Estella, Cathy Galloway, Jerry Goad, Sherri Hanson, Loren Johnson, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Anniece McKanna, Dana Nuber, Kenny Olmstead, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Judy Rick, Thomas Salmi, Gene Shawl, Pam Shawl, Barney Snitz, Al Somanath, Lee Ann Speir, William Speir, Faye Stinneford, Vince Trevino, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Helen Voss, Julie Watkins, Susanna Whitten, Crystal Winer, Kristi Wynne, and Nancy Zehelski.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m.

We began the evening with prayer and pledges led by JR Goad. The plan for the evening was to eat first, then have our speaker, Todd Murphree, Lieutenant over the Patrol Division, give his presentation, then had our monthly meeting. After his presentation Lt. Murphree encouraged us to have an active shooter class in the future for the ECPAAA. The meeting resumed at 7:38 p.m. Peggy Vandiver made the motion to accept the May Minutes and Faye Stinneford seconded it. There were no problems or questions on the Treasurer's Report. The BBQ planning meetings have started. The next meeting is July 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Euless Police Department Training Room. Everyone is invited to attend. Leah has BBQ Tickets to check-out to sell or to purchase and Flyers that can be taken to businesses or placed around the city. The BBQ is September 29th at 6:00 pm in the Senior Center. This is Leah's last BBQ and she wants to go out with a bang! Gene Shawl introduced the newest event that will be added to the BBQ this year. In addition to the Dine-and-Dash and the live auction the Pick-and-Play will be added. This year 25 caps with Logos will be used. The caps can be purchased for \$25 with the guarantee it will contain at least a \$25 gift card, but gift cards can be worth up to \$100. Only 25 caps will be available this year. This will give us a gauge to determine how successful this event will be. The gift cards will be from vendors such as Bass Pro, golf or other sports type vendors and automotive shops. We have 501 C3 forms and ECPAAA BBQ letters available to provide businesses that make contributions. Members are encouraged to have copies of the 501 C3 form as well as the letter to leave at businesses that contribute gift cards. Members can take flyers, letters, tickets, and signs to put in businesses. Julie would like to see signs in as many businesses in the Euless area as possible to promote the BBQ. This year a contest will be added that will give a prize to the person who sells the most tickets. There are 40 plates for the Dine-and-Dash, 40 more are needed. The deadline to sell tickets or procure caps/plates/gift cards is September 19th. Two African Trips will be for sale at the Live Auction as well as lawn tools and equipment. A new CPAANT representative is needed for 2019 as Leah is moving away. The CPAANT meetings are the first Saturday of each month. The meetings usually include a meal and a speaker. The meetings occur in a different city each month. Susanna Whitten will be moving July 26th! She will do the ECPAAA Newsletter remotely until someone is found to take over. The Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni and Law Enforcement Annual Training is in Allen, Texas this Year. It is being hosted by the CPAANT group from Garland. The dates are August 1st through the 4th and the cost is \$135 per person. For more info or to register check the website at:<http://texascpaaa.net/convention/>. Most years it has been a farther distance from the Metroplex. Sandi and Pete Jones usually attend as the ECPAAA representatives. Julie encourages more of our members to attend this year. This would be a great opportunity to carpool. Patrick Hinde, husband of Valarie Hinde and long time member of ECPAAA, passed away. The funeral was Friday, June 22nd. Mark Massey, Chaplain for the Euless Police Department, Mother also passed away. Her funeral was also that Friday. Ken Rawlinson, one of our Euless Fire Inspectors and CERT Instructors has a GO FUND ME Page set-up to help cover the cost of all his many recent surgeries. Even though the ECPAAA cannot give a donation as a group, anyone who wants to do a personal donation is encouraged to do so. John Deithloff made the motion to end the meeting and Helen Voss seconded it.

Meeting ended at 8:49 p.m.

ECPAAA June 2018 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	June	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/17 Balance in Checking	\$25,671.41				
Back the Blue Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00
Brick Sales - Officer of the Year Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Brick Sales			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
CRUD Day			\$545.48	\$1,100.00	-\$554.52
Donations/Outside Income		\$152.99	\$1,089.55	\$500.00	\$589.55
Fundraisers			\$30.40	\$150.00	-\$119.60
Grocery Care Cards			\$48.97	\$50.00	-\$1.03
Membership Dues		\$340.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00	\$300.00
Member Merchandise			\$289.00	\$350.00	-\$61.00
Recycle (Cans, Cartridges & Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Warrant Roundup			\$0.00	\$600.00	-\$600.00
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$14,340.00	-\$14,340.00
Total Income		\$492.99	\$3,803.40	\$28,940.00	-\$25,136.60
Total	\$25,671.41	\$29,474.81	\$29,474.81		
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		\$250.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	-\$250.00
Back the Blue Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$8,000.00	-\$8,000.00
Bricks			\$0.00	\$800.00	-\$800.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$52.00	\$30.00	\$22.00
CPAANT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$81.17	\$500.00	-\$418.83
Office Supplies		\$50.00	\$154.05	\$500.00	-\$345.95
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$1,483.45	\$1,500.00	-\$16.55
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$6,531.37	\$7,500.00	-\$968.63
Police Honor Guard			\$5,976.64	\$5,000.00	\$976.64
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$232.45	\$450.00	-\$217.55
President Awards			\$240.29	\$300.00	-\$59.71
Social Events		\$102.99	\$302.51	\$500.00	-\$197.49
TCPAAA Convention			\$0.00	\$135.00	-\$135.00
Water by the Gallon			\$800.00	\$1,000.00	-\$200.00
Total Expenses		\$402.99	\$16,128.93	\$28,940.00	-\$12,811.07
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$13,345.88		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$11,843.99		\$11,843.99		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.09	\$0.59		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$11,844.58		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$25,190.46		

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