



# Partners in Policing

Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

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## 2017 Officers

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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

[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>

## ELDER FRAUD AND ABUSE

June 20th Speaker — Lori Varnell

Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney, Elder Abuse Unit

## SUMMER FUN THINGS TO DO

Get into Gear and have some FUN

1. Bake cookies for ice cream sandwiches.
2. Volunteer at a nature center.
3. Make a photo journal or a family yearbook.
4. Have a luau in the backyard.
5. Visit the beach and collect shells.
6. Make a fort out of cardboard boxes.
7. Visit a farmer's market.
8. Stage an A to Z scavenger hunt, where you have to find something that starts with every letter.
9. Pick berries.
10. Have a picnic at a state park.
11. Go canoeing at a local lake.
13. Build a sandcastle.
14. Write and illustrate your own book and have it published into an actual hardcover book using IlluStory.
15. Forget cooking -- set up an ice cream sundae buffet for dinner.
16. Clean up trash at a local park.
17. Have a backyard campfire...or just use the grill! Roast hot dogs on sticks, pop popcorn and finish off with s'mores.
18. Make homemade pizza.
19. Go for a walk and then make a collage from nature objects you find along the way.
20. Head to a creek and look at the ducks. (See some duck games)
21. Set up a lemonade stand.
22. Have a water balloon fight.
23. Practice your origami skills and make objects to hang from the ceiling.
24. Go biking on a trail.
25. Interview an older relative about what life was like when they were young.
26. Plan a picnic at a local park -- or in your backyard.
27. Have an outdoor painting party using huge canvases or cardboard.

More ideas: [www.care.com/c/stories/3331/101-fun-things-to-do-with-kids-this-summer](http://www.care.com/c/stories/3331/101-fun-things-to-do-with-kids-this-summer)

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

School is out and summer is here!! I know we have been very fortunate to have gotten through the spring without any major damage due to inclement weather. Suzanne Hendrickson in the Emergency Management Office has done a great job of keeping the storms away!! We tease Suzanne about using her super powers to keep the damaging storms away from Euless. So far, she's been very successful.

Our first of two David Hofer Summer Camps are underway. The Mayor and I were invited to welcome the 75 campers on the first day of camp this last Monday. There were a bunch of campers who were eagerly awaiting all the excitement that this summer camp holds in store for them. I was visiting with one of our elementary school principals a few years ago and she was thanking me for continuing to host these camps. From her perspective the camps are the only positive thing that happens the entire summer in the lives of some of the kids who attend them. She said that for some of them their family cannot afford a vacation, trips to Six Flags or even a day at the Aquatic Center at Midway Park. For many of our Euless Kids they have a latch key summer ahead of them. Their parent(s) work and therefore they are stuck at home watching TV, taking care of a sibling, or roaming the streets with no direction or purpose. She was so thankful that the Euless Police Department is investing time and resources into the lives of the youth in this community. So I want to thank each of you who contribute your time, money or other resources to make these camps happen. I truly believe that we are making a tremendous difference in the lives of the children we are able to reach.

I have another retirement to announce. Michele Hastings, our long time Records Supervisor is retiring at the end of the month. Michele came to us in 1988 and served as a Records Clerk, CID Secretary and Records Supervisor. I've listed her jobs but that is nowhere near all that she has done for this organization. Michele has left a legacy of service to this organization that will be paying dividends well into the future. Michele was the organizing force behind the City of Euless Employee Christmas Celebrations, all of our retirement luncheons, the Euless Police Department Employee Christmas Party, our Thanksgiving lunch and one of our most anticipated events, Graze Day. Michele and the entire Records staff are the people who make these events so special for the rest of the department. She was also very involved in making our Police Department Open House such a tremendous success each year. She will be greatly missed.

We continue to look for new officers to join us in our mission of service to the community. That continues to be a challenge, not only for us but every police department in the country. Fewer people are expressing an interest in becoming a police officer, so everyone is doing their best to recruit and retain the best people possible for their organizations. If you know a person who has a passion to serve others and has high ethical standards, please send them our way. We are always recruiting and I ask that each of you join us in helping to bring the best possible men and women into the Euless Police Department.

Thanks for all you do!

Your Servant  
Mike



## EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

Hello ECPAAA family,

Summer has finally arrived and the Community Services Division has hit the ground running. This year is our biggest David Hofer Police Camp turnout with 75 campers each week. We will be extremely busy organizing the camp events for the weeks of June 5-9<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. This year we have collaborated with our fabulous vendors, which include Chick-fil-A, Stitch-N-Tyme, F&H Ribbons, Home Depot, ITZ Pizza, Eules Aquatic Center, Taco Casa, and newly acquired In-N-Out Burger. These vendors have either donated or given the products at a discounted price to keep camp cost low. Without these great organizations, it would be extremely difficult to provide a FREE camp to the Eules kids.



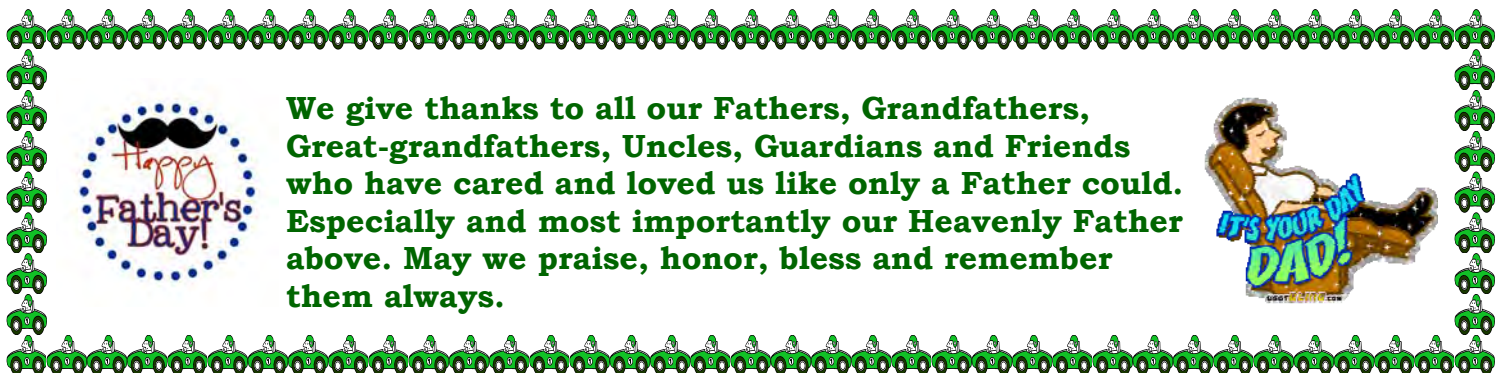
Special thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that help us coordinate the summer camp. Faye Stinneford and Betty Priddy will faithfully be outside in the heat making sure all campers are registered, accounted for, and on their assigned teams. The two ladies never leave until all campers have arrived. I cannot begin to say enough about the continuous efforts everyone provides on this huge event. Our main goal is to provide our Eules kids with a safe, friendly, and positive environment. On the Friday of each camp week, Police Chief Mike Brown and Fire Chief Wes Rhodes cook hamburgers for all the campers. The Eules Fire Department will also be there on Fridays to give the campers a small surprise to help with the summer heat.

Please make sure you mark this date on your calendar, June 15, 2017 from 6pm-10pm, the City of Eules is hosting a Town Hall meeting in the City Hall chambers (201 N. Ector Drive). We encourage everyone to attend and it gives citizens an opportunity to meet our City Council board members. The meeting also provides citizens an opportunity to address the council with ideas, concerns, or any questions regarding the city.

Once again, I want to remind all of you, that summer time is typically the time when criminal activity is at its peak. Remember to keep all garage doors closed and lawn equipment always in view. Please report all suspicious activity and persons to the police department. Enjoy the warm weather and remember to always keep hydrated.

Respectfully,

Rocky



## From the President — Julie Watkins

Happy June to all the members of the ECPAAA! It sure did roar in and we need the rain but, wish it would save some for July and August!! That's ok if it rains this weekend though, as long as the next two weeks we have beautiful weather for the David Hofer Kid's Police Camp!! Everybody has been preparing for the camp and they have some exciting and fun activities planned. It is going to be the biggest camp the EPD has put on to date.



I want to thank the committee (and even a few draftees) that helped with the Police Appreciation Week gift bags. We prepared bags for the sworn officers, part-time officers and the cadets. There were even a few for our brand new officers that probably didn't even know they had mailboxes. I hope they enjoyed your goodies. We are already looking for new and different things for next year! Thank you also to all members that baked or did something special (even if it was a hug) for the officers during that week. We appreciate them every single day but it is nice to have a week that we can show them an extra-special "thank you".

The first BBQ meeting has met and we are "ready to roll". The menu was confirmed and several of the live auction items have already been secured. We have only 2-3 more we need and that will be set. It is time now to start gathering the plates and gift cards for the Dine 'N Dash so there is not a mad scramble at the last minute. You can bring the plates you have collected or gift cards you would like to donate to the next meeting. We are going to have a great speaker this month so plan on attending.

We are happy to announce that we have 3 new members from the last class that have joined our Alumni. They have already jumped in and are such a gift to us!! All three were present at the first BBQ meeting!! I am hoping that at the next meeting we will see even more new faces.

I hope you have a wonderful month and if you are off for your summer vacation, please be safe. It is a good idea to let the PD know and the COPS patrol will make an extra effort to check out your house while you are gone. Enjoy and have a great month!!

Julie

### **EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Executive Board Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2017**

Attendees: Julie Watkins, Jerri Balkon, Susanna Whitten, J.R. Goad, Dana Nuber, Jean Nuber

Meeting was brought to order at 6:24 pm

Julie Watkins said we would have a short business meeting because after meeting her group would assemble the Police Appreciation bags. Eric Brunstad will be doing food going forward for the membership meetings. Dana will coordinate the reimbursement details. Jerri will talk about Arbor Daze results. Julie started a project on making banners for the ECPAAA events. She can get ½ prices from a vender she is talking with. Julie proposed possibly a retractable banner, table cloths with our logo or bold words and a pop-up banner. Everyone on the board liked the idea and thought it was time to have something to identify the ECPAAA at events. Motion passes to go forward with the banners with 1<sup>st</sup> motion from Jerri and 2<sup>nd</sup> from Dana. The funds for these expenses are not yet categorized. Julie will show the certificate we received for Lifetime Achievement from the recent award banquet. Dana will talk about the BBQ Dinner/ Dine n Dash and that we need gift cards and plates. Goal is 80 plates or more if possible. Susanna is working on writing up the Volunteer Program with description. J.R. will take about the Police Department Open House, Trinity High School Homecoming, CRUD and the Euleless Christmas Parade of Lights. Julie gave a brief description of the things they got to put in the Police Appreciation bags.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm with a 1<sup>st</sup> motion from Susanna and 2<sup>nd</sup> from Jerri.

## CPAANT Liaison — Leah Benoit - June 2017



I was unable to attend the June 3rd meeting in Cedar Hill. The next meeting will be held on July 8, 2017 in Carrollton. As a reminder, the 25th Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Convention and Law Enforcement Training will be hosted by the City of Waco this year, August 3rd through the 5th. The registration fee for the convention is \$110, which includes all classes, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 banquet and the \$10 Texas State CPAAA Membership Fee. Registration and payments received after June 22, 2017 must include a late fee of \$30. So if you are planning on attending, the deadline is fast approaching! Hotel rooms have been blocked for the convention at \$135.00 a night at the Waco Hilton and \$125.00 a night at the Courtyard by Marriott and the deadline to book rooms at both hotels at these rates is July 12th. Here are the classes they are offering as of April 21st: Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs, Synthetic Drugs, Detecting Deception, LE and Social Media, Search and Seizure, Human Trafficking, Criminal Profiling, Crisis Intervention, Stress Management, ICE, Missing and Exploited Children and Distracted Driving. A major case on Serial Killer Kenneth McDuff will also be presented on Friday to all attendees. For more information on the convention, hotels, event schedule and classes, please visit <http://texascpaaa.net/convention/>.

The Police Chiefs Roundtable will be held on October 7, 2017 in Coppell. Chiefs from around the region get together and discuss events and volunteerism in their cities. If you are planning on attending, I will need to get a head count at the ECPAAA September 19th meeting at the latest. For more information on CPAANT, visit their website at [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org).

### ECPAAA BBQ Dinner and Dine 'N Dash Event — Saturday, September 16, 2017

Tickets will be available starting at the ECPAAA June 20th meeting. Ticket prices are as follows:

Adults — \$15

Ages 5 to 10 — \$10

Under 5 — Free

### May Volunteer Hours Comparison by Lou Baum

**Month of May**  
**2016 — 470 Hours**  
**2017 — 563 Hours**  
**20% Increase**



**Year to Date**  
**2016 — 2,972 Hours**  
**2017 — 2,324 Hours**  
**20% Decrease**

Thanks for the great increase in volunteer hours for May. A great 20% increase over last year. Many thanks for the time given to serve our servants. Lets continue the momentum into our summer months. Take care and be safe.

**Eules Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association**  
**General Membership Meeting - May 16, 2017**

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm

**Attendees:** Kathy Ames, Jerri Balkon, Lou Baum, Janet Brunner, Eric Brunstad, Roy Deering, John Deithloff, Gary Fieldsend, Cathy Galloway, Jerry Goad, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Geraldine Keller, Molly Maddux, Don Martin, Joyce Maxwell, Anniece McKanna, Dana Nuber, Jean Nuber, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Barney Snitz, Faye Stinneford, Tammy Van Horne, Tyler Van Horne, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Julie Watkins, Susanna Whitten, Diana Williams, Kristi Wynne, Nancy Zehelski. Visitors from ECPAAA graduating class #33: Jessica Castellanos, Nan Moulton, Irene Benavidez

J.R. gave the prayer and invocation. Last month's meeting minutes were accepted with a 1<sup>st</sup> motion from Susan Vest and 2<sup>nd</sup> from Peggy Vandiver. Treasurer's report was accepted with a 1<sup>st</sup> motion from Betty Priddy and 2<sup>nd</sup> from Cathy Ames. Julie said she would try to make this a short meeting because her team would be assembling the Police Appreciation bags afterwards. We did not have a guest speaker this month. Next month, however, topic will be Senior Fraud with a speaker from the D.A.'s office. Julie announced that there are 3 visitors from the ECPA class #33 that are planning to become members; Jessica Castellanos, Nan Moulton and Irene Benavidez. We welcomed our new upcoming members. Half year membership was set at \$10.00. Lou Baum encouraged everyone to think about buying a brick and pass on the info so other people can as well. No more checks have been received and the amount stands at @\$750.00. Lou Baum also mentioned that ECPAAA received the Lifetime Achievement Award for lifetime commitment to building a stronger nation through volunteer services. It was given by the Corporation for National & Community Services and the Office of the President of the United States. We achieved over 5000 hours for the last 15 years. Normally it is given to an individual, but this year they made an exception. This is a very special award indeed and one we need to be proud of. Dana Nuber is collecting plates and gift cards for the Dine n Dash. Dana indicated that medium size plates work best with basic designs. The next BBQ Dinner/ Dine n Dash meeting is Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> in our general meeting room. Jerri Balkon reported on Arbor Daze and said she sat under the Community Trailer with the Police Department with a couple of people helping. They were there from 9 am to 7 pm. They gave out over 100 applications and flyers on what ECPAAA was all about. They had a lot of inquiries and made \$18.00 on bracelets. Susanna drafted the flyer "ECPAAA What's It All About". Jerri said it was great to have a short introduction to ECPAAA on paper. Eric wanted a copy of the flyer. Susanna will e-mail it to the Executive Committee 1<sup>st</sup> to review and put on letter-head or a folded brochure. Julie Watkins said Police Appreciation this year will be for cadets too. Hofer shirts will be going to print so this meeting was the last chance to order one. They are \$13.00 each unless it is 2X or larger. Rocky talked about the Citizens on Patrol (COP) volunteer initiative and what a worth-while program it was to get involved with. All you have to do is watch a video, learn the Do's and Don'ts of the program and get with Rocky or Don to get started. Rocky also stated that the Police Department Open House this year was October 1<sup>st</sup>. J.R. Goad said that the next CRUD was October 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Trinity High School Homecoming Parade (date to be determined) and the Parade of Lights in December were also coming up, so please mark your calendars. He also showed a certificate of a flag that was flown over the White House presented to the Eules Police Department. Pete Jones said the next Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes begin July 27<sup>th</sup>, with a total of 9 classes. This is not part of the ECPAAA, but is a very worthwhile volunteer opportunity and he encouraged everyone to think about becoming a CERT member. Amateur Radio Technician classes are also set for September 21<sup>st</sup>, so please mark your calendars and call Pete if you have any questions. Anniece McKanna said there was jewelry, magnets, pins, etc. for sale and all proceeds benefit the Eules Police and Fire Departments. Julie mentioned that during the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes there was no childcare available. Nan Moulton, one of our new members, was willing to volunteer to coordinate childcare for women wanting to take the class. Faye Stinneford will check with all parties involved and get back with Nan. We sang Happy Birthday to everyone with a May birthday. It was mentioned that prayers were needed for David Watkins, Julie's husband. Julie thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Julie also announced that going forward Eric Brunstad will be cooking the meal for the ECPAAA General Meetings. Thank you Eric for taking that on.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 pm with the 1<sup>st</sup> motion from Geraldine Keller and 2<sup>nd</sup> from Peggy Vandiver.

### June & July Upcoming Events

June 9 — Season of Sounds — Fin City — a Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band, 7 pm —8 pm, Texas Star Pavilion, 1400 Texas Star Parkway.

June 13 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive.

June 14— Amateur Radio Euless — 7 pm, Euless Police Dept. 1102 W. Euless Blvd.

June 15 — Town Hall Meeting, 7 pm — 9 pm, Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive.

June 18 — Hole-In-One Father's Day, Texas Star Golf Course, 1400 Texas Star Parkway.

June 20 — ECPAAA Board and General Meeting, Euless Police Department training room, 1102 W. Euless Blvd. 6:15 & 7 pm.

June 24 — Movies in the Park, "The Secret Life of Pets" 8 pm, The Leon Hogg Amphitheatre, 1951 Bear Creek Parkway.

June 27— City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive.

July 4 — City Holiday

July 11 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive.

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.

#### **"Save the Date" - Saturday, September 16th**

ECPAAA BBQ Dinner, Mini Live Auction and Dine 'N Dash event for 2017. Please start collecting plates and gift certificates.

### May 2017 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical – 20 Hours

Citizens On Patrol – 94.75 Hours

COP Car – 79.5 Hours

COP Sky Tower – 15.25 Hours

Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 9

Victims Assistance Program – 8.5 Hours

Euless Radio Club – 133 Hours

Jail – 8 Hours

Meetings – Hours Includes the following:

CPAANT Meeting – 4 Hours

ECPAAA BBQ Dinner/Dine 'N Dash Meeting – 16.5 Hours

ECPAAA Board & General Meeting – 41 Hours

Miscellaneous – 131 Hours

Speed Trailer – 0 Hours

Training – 12.5 Hours

Vehicle Maintenance – 89 Hours

Watering of Plants – 5 Hours

Total – 563.25 Hours

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May National Value of Volunteer Time - \$12,994.18

May Texas Value of Volunteer Time - \$13,889.75

2017 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time - \$53,603.15 (2,323.5 Hrs)

2017 YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time - \$57,297.51 (2,323.5 Hrs)

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35 Alumni Members Present at May Meeting

### Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Katrina Thomas	6/1	Dawn Nisbet	6/12	Jerry Goad	6/16
Linda Martin	6/2	Nancy Zehelski	6/12	Jozef Balint	6/20
Barkatali Kabani	6/5	Helen Voss	6/14	James Knighton	6/22
Loretta Santos	6/5			Paul Haberer	6/25

## ECPAAA May 2017 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	May	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			\$1,200.00	\$10,000.00	-\$8,800.00
Brick Sales			\$765.00	\$300.00	\$465.00
CRUD Day			\$476.53	\$1,100.00	-\$623.47
Donations/Outside Income			\$204.00	\$500.00	-\$296.00
Fundraisers		\$29.20	\$44.98	\$200.00	-\$155.02
Grocery Care Cards			\$19.67	\$25.00	-\$5.33
Membership Dues			\$1,300.00	\$2,000.00	-\$700.00
Member Merchandise			\$180.00	\$250.00	-\$70.00
Recycle (Cans, Cartridges & Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Warrant Roundup			\$587.50	\$600.00	-\$12.50
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$29.20</b>	<b>\$4,777.68</b>	<b>\$28,335.00</b>	<b>-\$23,557.32</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,683.18</b>	<b>\$29,460.86</b>	<b>\$29,460.86</b>		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	May	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			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$8,000.00	-\$8,000.00
Bricks			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
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			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
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	\$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	\$62.64	\$400.00	-\$337.36
TCPAAA Convention			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Water by the Gallon			\$490.00	\$800.00	-\$310.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$1,048.84</b>	<b>\$13,677.68</b>	<b>\$28,335.00</b>	<b>-\$14,657.32</b>
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00	Note: \$649.25 of Outside Donations is earmarked for RAD Equipment. \$1,200 BBQ Donation slated for Gift Cards for Dine & Dash.	
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
<b>Funds Available in Checking</b>			<b>\$15,783.18</b>		
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$11,842.82		\$11,842.82		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.11	\$0.49		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
<b>Funds Available in Savings</b>			<b>\$11,843.31</b>		
<b>Total ECPAAA Funds</b>			<b>\$27,626.49</b>		