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SWAT Team Leader to Speak at Our November Meeting

In the past we have had speakers who were informative, entertaining and funny, but this month is going to be EXCITING. We are going to learn more about how our very own Eules Police Department Special Weapons and Tactical Team operates. We learned a little about the SWAT team during one of our academy courses, but this month we will be provided with special insight. The SWAT team currently consists of a team leader, Sgt. Ron Williamson, 8 team members, a technical communications person and 4



negotiators. Sgt. Williamson is actually both the team leader and a negotiator. While he will not be able to bring the entire team, he is coming to speak to us with some members of the squad. They will tell and show us various scenarios and explain the how and why, along with the philosophy behind their actions and handling of different types of situations. We will see how they conduct their operations. Certainly this will be not only very interesting, but a great eye-opener for all of us. We know the

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CHIEF MCKAMIE

We held our first citizens police academy class in the spring of 1995. We had some vague ideas of where we wanted to go with it but our mission was not well-defined. We felt strongly that we would like to have an alumni association so that graduation day would bring a new beginning rather than an ending. During the opening of that first session, I mentioned our desire to form an Alumni Association but cautioned that the future of such an association was dependent upon the class, not us. The class took that idea and ran with it, laying the groundwork for a dynamic Alumni Association that would become a model for other cities to follow. While there have been many people instrumental in making this a success, I am

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Do not forget our Christmas Providers
wrapping party on December 15th!

From the Desk of Mike Brown

Thanks to the Bake Goods Fund Raiser I put on an extra ten pounds, to help me through the winter. Thanks to those of you who braved the elements and came out to work in the wind and rain. I believe it was a very successful day for the CPAAA, we made a little money, but more importantly we were able to get the organizations name out in the community again. Leland enjoyed the morning, but got a little mad at me when I would not share the cake and other goodies that I bought. I was impressed by the amount of community support for the organization, and the interest level of the people who asked about the purpose of the CPAAA. The CPAAA and the COP volunteers are going to have a few more things to become involved in over the next few months. In January of 1999, we will be holding two training sessions for volunteers who would like to become involved in these new areas of opportunity. The sessions will be held on January 9th and 30th in the

library, from 9:00am until 3:00 p.m. I have scheduled two days to help us accommodate the various schedules we all have. If you are interested, pick one of the dates and join us for another Saturday of fun and excitement. The new areas we will be covering are: Neighborhood Canvassing, Vacation House Checks, Disabled Parking Enforcement, School Crossings, Equipment Maintenance, and many other exciting topics. We should be able to give you all of the training you will need in one of these training sessions. I was excited to see the number of people who said that they would like to run for office in this organization. It is always great to have an election, and see the numbers of people who are willing to give their time and talents to lead this group. I hope that in the coming years we will have even more people who feel at home in this group, and who are willing to help keep the positive things going by bringing their ideas and vision to the leadership roles. As we gain more members, this organization will need to continue to reach out to all alumni and find a way to

The Chief

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particularly thankful for your president, Geri Sorg. She has done a wonderful job, not only in Eules, but across the state. Geri has worked hard wearing the many hats required to bring an organization from its infancy to a position of prominence. Thank you, Geri, for all you've done. You're quite a lady!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you haven't noticed, the old Western Hills Inn is coming down. It's about time!!!! After more than 3 years of talk and negotiation, the heavy equipment took over the first week of November and began to rearrange the landscape, making room for our new police and courts facility. By the time you read this, the building should be nearly down. Total work on the demolition should be completed by the end of the year. We plan to bid the construction project the first quarter of 1999.



Tech Support: "What does the screen say now."

Person: "It says, 'Hit ENTER when ready'."

Tech Support: "Well?"

Person: "How do I know when it's ready?"

Geris Notes

The month of November is always busy, bringing the start of the holiday season. We have many activities coming up including serving Thanksgiving dinner at the Police Department, Christmas Parade of Lights, and

much more.

Elections will be held this month for the 1999 officers. I encourage all of you to attend this month's meeting and to vote.

Thanks to all who have helped and supported me and served the past three years. See you on the 17th.

October 1998 Treasurer's Report

Revenue:	October	Year-to-Date
Membership Dues	20.00	515.00
T-Shirts & Caps	7.50	72.50
Contributions - Specialty Cards		320.00



Fund Raising Update

Just wanted to give an update in the newsletter about the Baked Goods Fund Raiser and to let them know about the Christmas Party.

Baked Goods Fund Raiser:

We had a very successful Baked Goods Fund Raiser considering the weather that day. We made a total of \$625.41, \$123.26 were in donations and \$502.15 were in sales. I want to thank everyone that baked some goods for the Fund Raiser and I also want to thank the following people for all of their help and hard work that day.

Lou Baum	Byron Benoit
Sarah Chandler	Sharon Finnegan
Kathy Haecker	Dan Haecker
Linda Martin	Helen Wagner

December 15th Christmas Party:

At the December meeting, the Alumni Association will have a little party to thank all of the members for all the hard work we have done throughout the year. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. on December 15th in the City of Euless Building A to help wrap Christmas gifts for Christmas Providers and to enjoy some delicious food. If you would like to bring your spouse, and they are not an Alumni member, the cost will be \$8.00 for your spouse to eat. Paid Alumni members eat for free. So put it on your calendar to join us that night for fun, food and laughter. Please R.S.V.P. no later than December 1st to Leah Benoit at 283-6703. If we have not heard from you by that date, we will assume you will not be attending the December meeting. We need to get an accurate head count for the caterer two weeks in advance. Hope to see you there.

I would like to thank Lou Baum, Sharon Finnegan, Kathy Haecker, Mamie Singleton, Geri Sorg, and Helen Wagner for volunteering to help out with the Michael Williamson Memorial Golf Tournament on November 4th. We froze a

EULESS CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Tuesday October 20, 1998
 Monthly Meeting

SPEAKER: Kevin McIntire. with the Criminal District Attorney's Office discussed procedures for stolen or forged checks, and the steps that should be taken to protect ourselves from being the victim.

Meeting called to order at 8:20 p.m.

PRESENT: Vice Pres. Lou Baum. Sarah Chandler. Leah Benoit. Helen Wagner, Linda Martin. Kathy Haecker. Al Simmenroth, Judy Rick, Barbara Lucas, Julie Stephenson, Susan Vest, Don Martin, Barney Snitz, Sharon Finnegan, Deborah Taylor, Charles Mitchell, Judie Nolden, Chris Shanahan, Ron Gregory, Shari Wheeler, Visitor Jerry Zalasas, from Ft. Worth.

LIAISON: Sgt. Mike Brown

ABSENT: Pat Gilliland, Lillian Eduardo, Monty Huffman, Ed Hoepfner, Paula Hoepfner, Jack Canonico, Edmundo Eduardo, Della Ferris, Judy Grau, LaVerle White, Wanda Bradbury, Sandy Bunch, Katie Edwards, Eric Owens, Marlene Carberry, John Miller, Marcell Tennyson, Winnie Pinkston, Jim White, Allan Johnston, Duane Rogers, Linda Brehm, Chris Apocada, D C Anderson, Scott Dennett, Bob Bouse, Bill Teague, Boyce Byers, George Weinenhof, Ed Benyon, Bob Strength, Nick Payblas, Helen Voss, Suzanne Clark, Karen Duncan, Della Ferris, Frank Freeman, Geri Sorg, Judy Rick, Mamie Singleton, Byron Benoit, Chris Marz, Dale Gresham, Dick Rick, David Shanahan, Glen Pinkston.

MINUTES: Approved as stated in the News Letter. Motion by Julie Stephenson. --second Don Martin.

TREASURER REPORT: Approved as stated. Treasurer absent.

- 1) Vice Pres. Lou Baum. announced a budget committee meeting for November 3.1998. 6:30 put.
- 2) Membership. Lou Baum announced 65 pd. Members at this time.
- 3) Leah Benoit. announced the bake off proceeds of \$625.41, Thanks for all the participation.
- 4) Newsletter. Kathy Haecker and Julie Stephenson, Send in your information.
- 5) Deborah Taylor. passed out Copies of the By-laws, and will mail a copy to all absent members.
- 6) Barbara Lucas made a motion that the ECPAAA take care of two families for Christmas Providers for 1998. Judie Nolden seconded the motion. passed.
- 7) Thanksgiving lists were passed around, for workers and, persons preparing food. We will be decorating the room Wed. night at 7:00 p.m.. for anyone who would like to help.
- 8) Officer Election Chair Don Martin. presented a list of nominees for next year. President --Lou Baum. Vice President -Linda Martin. Treasurer -Ron Gregory. and Ed Benyon. Secretary -Susan Vest. and Leah Benoit
- 9) Chris Shanahan presented a sample of the new Tee Shirt at \$18.00. Cap at \$7.00. and Visor at \$6.00 this will be the Official Shirt and Cap of the ECPAAA.
- 10) Vice Pres. Lou Baum. and Leah Benoit suggested the ECPAAA have a Christmas Party. ECPAAA will pay a Maximum of \$10.00 per Member. persons bringing guests will pay for their guest. RSVP must be returned by Dec.3. 1998. with payment for their guest. Don Martin made a motion to have the dinner seconded by Deborah Taylor. passed. To be held in Library Conference Room.
- 11) Michael Williamson Memorial Golf Tournament. Nov.4.1998. Sponsor a hole for \$125.00. Play for \$70.00 at Texas Star.
- 12) Member Bob Strength had heart attack is in HEB Hospital.
- 13) ECPAAA will send flowers for a Member of class 8.
- 14) Teen Court. Youth Works needs more adult supervision for the Teens working. If ECPAAA would consider sponsoring the Community Service, it is an important service.
- 15) 50/50 Drawing --\$44.00 total. \$22.00 went to ECPAAA. Linda Martin. had the winning ticket. Linda donated \$12.00 to the Sculpture Fund.
- 16) Sgt. Mike Brown announced the City of Euless, won the National Town Watch Award.

ADJOURN: 9:20 p.m.. Motion by Kathy Haecker. second Judie Nolderi
 President Secretary

Eules Police Department Personnel Profiles

John Rheubottom is a Corporal assigned to the Patrol Division. He has been with the department for almost 9 years. John served as one of the school resource officers for several years. He is also a State certified instructor and teaches "Cultural Diversity" to officers throughout the Metroplex. John and his wife of 25 years, Linda Gail, have one daughter who is a graduate student at Southwestern Medical school (She is going to be a doctor). John enjoys playing golf and traveling. His favorite book is "The One Minute Manager" and his favorite movies are "An Officer and a Gentleman", "The Graduate", and "Top Gun". John states his most interesting life experiences include everything about serving two tours of duty in Vietnam while in the Air Force and being a Navy weather forecaster working a major typhoon on the island of Guam. His favorite part of law enforcement is making a difference in someone's life and being with kids and meeting kids who like the police.

Steven Silvia is a new probationary police recruit who is scheduled to complete the police academy on November 13, 1998. He is married to his wife Jennifer and they are expecting their first child at any time. His hobbies include playing golf, softball, and reading. Steven's favorite books are the Tom Clancy Novels and his favorite movies include "Braveheart", "Days of Thunder", "Top Gun", and "Midway". He thinks his favorite part of law enforcement will be being a part of the team.

Corporal Gary Kopecky has been with the police department for over 14 years and with the City several years before that. He currently works in Community Services. He has served in the patrol division and was one of the original tactical team

members. Gary's wife Diana works for the City in Municipal Courts. They have 2 daughters and one son. Gary's hobby is ¼ mile drag racing. He says his favorite book is the funniest book ever written "Cruel Shoes" by Steve Martin. His favorite movies are any by Monty Python. He considers one of his most interesting experiences as the sights and sounds of John Peter Smith Hospital on a Friday or Saturday night while doing an emergency committal.

Clyde Cullum is a reserve officer with the department. He has been a reserve officer for over 6 years. Clyde's paid job is working for the City as the Superintendent over Public Works. His wife Gail is a teacher in the HEB School District and they have 4 children. His hobbies include gardening, weight lifting, and target shooting. Sport books are his favorite books and his favorite movies include "National Lampoon's Vacation" and "X-Files". His most interesting life experiences involve traveling through Yellow

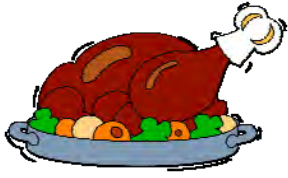
November Meeting

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danger and uncertainty these officers face and we will gain insight into how they are able to handle the pressure and potential volatility. This is a meeting you will not want to miss. We are very fortunate that Sgt. Williamson was literally able to rearrange his life to come and visit us. Who knows – he may even have a surprise in store for us!!

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 17th, in the Building A conference room. We will have our usual 50-50 opportunity drawing so come prepared for a great evening.

Don't forget to mark December 15th in your calendars for the Christmas providers wrapping party and a catered evening for all of us to



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November meeting features Sgt. Williamson, leader of EPD SWAT Team

Reminders...

include all who want to participate.

Thanks again for all you do.

November 17th - ECPAAA Meeting 7:00 pm

November 25th - Decorate the EPD for Thanksgiving Dinner 7:00 pm

November 26th - Thanksgiving Dinner for EPD 11:00 am and 11:00 pm

December 12th - Parade of Lights

December 15th - ECPAAA Meeting 7:00 pm

January 19th - ECPAAA Meeting 7:00 pm

- ⇒ Please remember your commitment to work and/or provide food for the PD Thanksgiving Dinner.
- ⇒ The December meeting will be a celebration of this season of giving as we prepare gifts for those less fortunate in our community. Please give generously to this very worthy cause and help make someone's Christmas very special. We will also be celebrating the close of a successful year of hard work by our organization. Please plan to attend.