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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

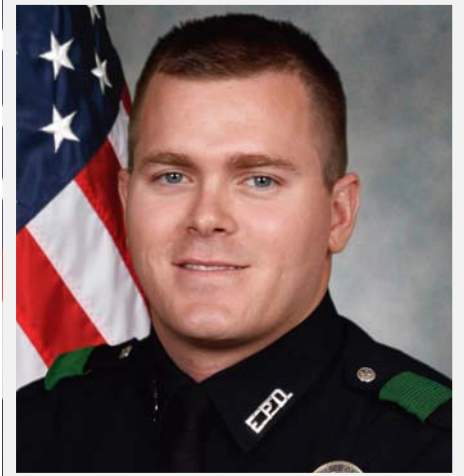
Parliamentarian: Jerry Goad

EPD Liaison: Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

November Speaker

Detective Derick Rogers Euleless Police Department

Detective Rogers graduated from Texas A&M University in December of 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish. He's been a Euleless Police Officer for 4 years and the majority of that time was spent working in the Patrol Division. While in Patrol, he also served as a Field Training Officer for new recruits. He has been a member of the NETCAST SWAT team for almost two years and received special training as a SWAT Sniper and MRAP driver. In 2013, he was awarded the Michael Williamson Memorial Award for Rookie of the Year. His current assignment is in the Criminal Investigations Division where he primarily investigates burglaries.



November

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>

November Voting

Voting for the 2016 ECPAAA Board will be done in person at the November 17th ECPAAA General Meeting (meeting starts at 7:00 pm) in the Training Room at the Police Department.

Floor nominations will be taken at the November General Meeting prior to voting. 2016 Slate of Officers:

President — Sandi Jones

1st Vice President — Melody Balkon / Julie Watkins

2nd Vice President — Teresia Foreman

Secretary — Jerri Balkon

Treasurer — Dana Nuber

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

We got through Open House and National Night Out and the rest of October with our sanity intact. It was a very busy month for us around here and we could not have made it without you taking each step of the way with us. I cannot thank you enough for the minutes that you gave us. I was fortunate to get to speak at the CPAAA of North Texas at their Chiefs Round Table. What an honor it was to be able to address CPAAA members and other Chiefs from around the North Texas area and brag on the truly awesome alumni members we have here in Euless!!! From what I heard, I think we remain on the cutting edge of how we utilize our family of volunteers.



Every morning when I get to work I witness at least two or sometimes as many as four volunteers in the station getting our fleet prepared or replenishing our supply of water. We have a few generations of officers who have NO CLUE what it's like having to deal with fleet issues every day. Years ago, when our fleet was much smaller, we would assign a patrol officer to be the fleet guy. His duties, along with answering his calls, was to get the cars to and from the service center, radio shop, the body shop or anywhere we needed them to be in order to get them repaired. This process has only grown since those days and I figure that it would tie up at least two officers every day to get all of this done. I cannot brag enough on the guys who come in and keep our fleet running.

Rocky and our NPOs started a new program last month called Coffee with a Cop. Pretty straight forward program. They pick a different restaurant every few weeks, advertise their location and then go sit in the restaurant, drink coffee and talk with anyone who wants to come up and talk. I know several of our CPAAA members have helped to make these events very successful. Check our Facebook page for the date, time and location of the next Coffee with a Cop. You never know who you'll run into at these events. It's always worth your while. We emphasize with our officers that we are always recruiting. People are always watching and waiting to see how we handle any and every situation we encounter. The person watching might become inspired to become a Euless Police Officer because of the way we present ourselves. I believe this is true for the CPAAA too. These events are an awesome opportunity for the CPAAA to be on display. The people who come over and share a cup of conversation with us need to see that there are other citizens who feel comfortable working around and volunteering with the police. So, try to come out to one of our upcoming events and bring a neighbor or friend!!

Thanks again for all you do for us. The CPAAA is a very special group of dedicated people who make our job easier and are full partners with us in our mission to serve the citizens of Euless.

Your Servant,
Mike



CERT Regional Training November 7, 2015 North Lake College

Front Row L to R: James Knighton and Chris Shanahan

Back Row L to R: Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Israel Perez, Leah Benoit, Tim Stinneford, Jerrie Keller and Kristin Cayey
(Photographer Ken Rawlinson EFD)

Participated but not pictured — Donna and Victor Gaut, Renee Potter and Cynthia Schmidt

**360 Participants
Representing 23 Jurisdictions**

EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

Hello ECPAAA Family,

Last month was an extremely busy month for the Community Services Division and our volunteers. I had the opportunity to attend the Chiefs Round Table luncheon where I met great people and experienced new ideas. The lunch was with various Police Chiefs from different police departments, police liaisons, and citizens on patrol where issues, ideas, and concerns were discussed. The event had a great turnout and some of our own ECPAAA members also attended.



October was filled with many school fall festivals that the Community Services Division attended and participated in. Our Euless neighborhood communities also had several events for Police Appreciation month and to meet new community members.

On October 31, the City of Euless had the Halloween Trunk Festival at the Aquatic Center which was a huge success. I got the opportunity to attend and there were many businesses, ECPAAA members, Euless Police and Fire Departments personnel, and council members passing out candy to thousands of children in costumes. I spoke with many parents that were very grateful for this event and appreciated the community involvement. I also got the opportunity to work with ECPAAA members at the annual Morrisdale Halloween event. I was told more than 800 children walked through the neighborhoods to receive candy from the wonderful residents. The Morrisdale community worked very hard to organize and keep this event safe for the kids.

After speaking with numerous police departments and citizen's on patrol members, I know that the ECPAAA members are an elite group. I believe we have the most dedicated volunteers who really care about our community and want to make a difference. Keep up the good work!

Rocky



*Happy
Thanksgiving*



October Volunteer Hours Comparison by Lou Baum

Month	Year
2015 — 576 Hours	2015 — 4,334 Hours
2014 — 417 Hours	2014 — 4,048 Hours
38% Increase	7% Increase

What an awesome month in October!
Many thanks for the minutes in October and let's keep up the volunteer service to our servants in November. Have a safe month.

Upcoming Events

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

Nov 11 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department Emergency Operations Center

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

Nov 19 — ECPAAA BBQ Dinner/Auction Event Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Euless Police Department

Nov 24 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Nov 26 — HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Dec 5 — CPAANT Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 Noon, Arlington (Christmas Party), (for location & directions visit www.cpaant.org)

Dec 5 — Euless Parade of Lights, 6:30 pm

Dec 8— City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Dec 9 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department Emergency Operations Center

Dec 15 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department

October 2015 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical — 28 Hours 0 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol — 91 Hours 15 Minutes

Includes the following:

COP Car — 88 Hours 45 Minutes

COP Sky Tower — 2 Hours 30 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued — 7

Courts — 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program — 5 Hours 30 Minutes

CRUD Day — 43 Hours 15 Minutes

Euless Radio Club — 36 Hours 30 Minutes

Jail — 39 Hours 0 Minutes

Meetings — 52 Hours 30 Minutes

Miscellaneous — 154 Hours 30 Minutes

Includes the following:

Euless PD Open House — 49 Hours 30 Minutes

Speed Trailer — 2 Hours 0 Minutes

Training — 17 Hours 0 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance — 103 Hours 0 Minutes

Watering of Plants — 4 Hours 0 Minutes

Grand Total — 576 Hours 30 Minutes

October National Value of Volunteer Time — \$13,299.86

October Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$14,216.49

2015 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$99,962.31

2015 YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$106,851.78

October Meeting — 33 Alumni Members Present

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Doris Hammond — 11/12

David Shanahan — 11/12

Shelly Capil — 11/14

Sandi Jones — 11/15

Anniece McKenna — 11/21

Renee Potter — 11/21

Leah Bennett — 11/23

Christy Maggio — 11/26

From the President — Sandi Jones

Only 6 more Mondays till Christmas, can you believe it? Where has this year gone? We have been so busy this year in ECPAAA, but next year will be even busier with our barbecue. Be thinking about it as we will need lots of help, and think of people you can sell tickets to. The barbecue committee is meeting this month to assign a date and time, as well as the price of the tickets, so with the planning we will be needing lots of suggestions as well as help. It takes a whole lot of time and effort to put on this successfully, so your help will definitely be needed.



We will still need help at the Christmas Parade on December 5th so if you haven't signed up to help and think you can, see J R Goad and he will happily sign you up. It is a good time and a wonderful Euleless parade, but dress warm.

I know this time of the year is extremely busy for everyone. However, the November meeting is one of the most important, as we vote for our Board during that meeting. It is important for you to attend so you can place your ballot. You can't complain about the people who are on the board if you don't vote.

Hope your Thanksgiving will be a blessing and don't eat too much turkey.

CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg

CPAANT HOST: Fort Worth CPAAA

November 7, 2015

Geri was unable to attend the meeting on November 7th. The December meeting will be hosted by the Arlington CPAAA and it will be the Christmas Party too! Hope everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Please see the website for location and additional information - www.cpaant.org.



EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 20, 2015 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Leah Benoit, Shawna De Puente, Jerry Goad, Sandi Jones, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens

Sandi went over the agenda for the general meeting. Topics will include the Open House, Trinity's Homecoming Parade, the October 31st Evans Block Party, the Parade of Lights and a request for volunteers to work on the BBQ committee.

Sandi also told us that our guest speaker will not be able to make it tonight.

Shawna moved and Leah seconded the motion to adjourn; the meeting was then adjourned.

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**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 20, 2015
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees: Kathy Ames, Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, Shawna De Puente, Sharon Finnegan, Jerry Goad, Paul Haberer, Ruben Hernandez, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Geraldine Keller, Don Martin, Joyce Maxwell, Anniece McKanna, Dana Nuber, Jean Nuber, Betty Overstreet, James Rogerson, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Vince Trevino, Peggy Vandiver, Kristi Wynne

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas.

Jerri Balkon moved and Melody Balkon seconded the motion to approve the minutes; the minutes were approved.

Old Business

Sandi reported that the Open House was successful and that they were able to hand out a large number of blue ribbons. They ran out of food and beverages as the attendance was much larger than expected.

Sandi announced that our speaker for tonight could not make it because of a family emergency.

Faye Stinneford gave an update from the Nominating Committee. She told us there was a need for someone to run for the offices of secretary and treasurer. She announced the following people have agreed to run: Sandi Jones for president, Julie Watkins for First Vice President and Teresia Foreman for Second Vice President. During the meeting, Jerri Balkon said she would run for secretary; Melody Balkon would run for first vice president and Paul Haberer would run for treasurer.

Faye then reported that the shirts some had ordered were not available as Julie has been dealing with family issues. She suggested calling Julie directly or stopping by her shop, Stich 'n Tyme.

Geri Sorg reported that 23 police chiefs participated in the Chiefs' Roundtable in Lewisville on October 10. She said 100 CPAAA members attended. Next month's regularly scheduled meeting will be held in Fort Worth.

Geri said that one idea that came out of discussions at the Roundtable was "Coffee with Cops," an activity that they plan to sponsor each month. The first Euless gathering was held at Chick Fil-A. Another idea that came from the Roundtable was "Cookies for Cops." She thinks this activity will start in Euless in the spring.

Sandi wished the October birthday celebrants a Happy Birthday. In regards to volunteering, Sandi reported that our volunteer hours had increased. More people are driving the COP car and performing other services.

New Business

Jerry Goad told us that our next volunteer opportunity would be to assist at the Parade of Lights scheduled for December 5. He reminded us that we now have to work in two parking lots, at Trinity High School and the Midway Recreation Center. There was also some discussion about the possibility of ECPAAA members driving the COP car in the parade. The primary requirement, the car must be decorated. Sandi needs to know who will ride in the car by next month's meeting.

Sandi brought up the BBQ/auction to be held in 2016 and asked for volunteers for the committee. The following members offered to work on the committee: Jerrie Keller, Jerri Balkon, Faye Stinneford, Sharon Finnegan, Sherri Browning, Lou Baum, Pete Jones, Paul Haberer, Leah Benoit, Sandi Jones, and Shirley Daily.

Sandi stated that Rocky would like us to participate at the Evans Street Block Party scheduled for October 31 from noon to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers would simply meet and greet the other participants and identify themselves as ECPAAA members.

Faye reminded everyone about the steak dinner sponsored by the Fire Department scheduled for October 24 at Station 3. The dinner is being catered by Outback and desserts are being provided by ECPAAA members.

The meeting ended at 7:29 pm.

CRUD Day - October 10th



Please convey my thanks to everyone. I am always so amazed at how much I smile and laugh during that event. It's such a great group of people and I appreciate the good attitudes and hard work that everyone brings with them. ☺

Thanks!
Betsy Deck

Left to Right Front Row: Nancy Zehelski, Barbara Niziolek, Faye Stinneford, Betty Priddy, Tim Quinn, Jason Reyes

Left to Right Back Row: Tyler Van Horne, Jerrie Keller, Adam Van Horne, Jeff Keller, Randy Dault, Warren Wilson, Melody Balkon, Barney Snitz, JR Goad, Gary Fieldsend

Not Pictured: Lou Baum, John Deithloff, Ken Denne, Loren Johnson and Dana Nuber

VERTICAL
October 1st
2015



Left to Right Front Row: Barkatali Kabani, Rita Jackson, Parveen Kabani, Vanessa Davis, Barbara Niziolek, Irma Reyes, Jason Reyes

Left to Right Back Row: Kenneth Jackson, Shelly Capil, Freddy Colon, Maureen Baker, Ruben Hernandez, Ken Rawlinson (Euless FD Public Education Coordinator & Fire/Arson Investigator)

October 2015 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	October	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/14 Balance in Checking	\$10,554.63				
Afghan Fundraiser		\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Brick Sales			\$150.00	\$35.00	\$115.00
Craigslist Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CRUD Day		\$441.52	\$1,001.52	\$700.00	\$301.52
Donations/Outside Income			\$1,842.34	\$500.00	\$1,342.34
Grocery Care Cards			\$62.04	\$50.00	\$12.04
Membership Dues		\$20.00	\$1,890.00	\$1,600.00	\$290.00
Member Merchandise		\$20.00	\$147.00	\$100.00	\$47.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers			\$132.00	\$200.00	-\$68.00
Warrant Roundup			\$531.25	\$1,000.00	-\$468.75
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
Total Income		\$511.52	\$6,286.15	\$17,675.00	-\$11,388.85
Total	\$10,554.63	\$16,840.78	\$16,840.78		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	October	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$360.00	\$350.00	\$10.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$200.00	\$500.00	-\$300.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bricks			\$120.00	\$500.00	-\$380.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$8.00	\$30.00	-\$22.00
CPAANT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$550.00	\$1,050.00	-\$500.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$217.77	\$150.00	\$67.77
Office Supplies			\$125.98	\$300.00	-\$174.02
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$598.71	\$800.00	-\$201.29
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$6,000.00	\$5,295.00	\$705.00
Police Honor Guard			\$2,752.00	\$5,000.00	-\$2,248.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$98.00	\$200.00	-\$102.00
President Awards			\$192.32	\$200.00	-\$7.68
Social Events			\$19.09	\$400.00	-\$380.91
TCPAAA Convention			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Water by the Gallon			\$476.00	\$650.00	-\$174.00
Total Expenses		\$0.00	\$11,742.87	\$17,675.00	-\$5,932.13
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$8,097.91		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,335.36		\$19,335.36		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.24	\$5.97		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$16,341.33		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$24,439.24		

Note: \$400 of Outside Donations is ear-marked for RAD Equipment/\$1,000 for EPD Picture Project