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EULESS  
CITIZEN'S  
POLICE ACADEMY

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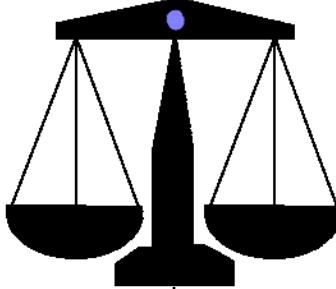
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## **October Meeting Features Investigator from Tarrant County DA's Office**

Did you know that people were stealing from you last night, even as you slept? What happens to young offenders when they commit their first offense? You can find the answers to these and other questions you might have about the responsibilities of the Tarrant County District Attorney's Criminal Investigation Division at the ECPAAA meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the large conference room in Building A.

Our speaker for the October meeting will explain "paper crimes" and how they affect our lives and the First Offender program. He is Kevin McIntire from the Criminal District Attorney's Office of Tarrant County. He will discuss forgery, fraud, and the costly crime of writing hot checks. Mr. McIntire is also in charge of the Deferred Prosecution Program which is a first offenders program for persons between the ages of 17 and 21.



Kevin was born and raised in west Fort Worth and is currently working on a degree in Psychology at TCJC. He has been working for Tarrant County for eleven and a half years, beginning his career as a jailer in Tarrant County. From there he worked three and a half years in the patrol division of the Sheriff's Dept. and then worked four years undercover in a multi-agency task force. Kevin was hired in 1995 by the District Attorney's office as an investigator, where he presently serves. To keep his sanity, Kevin enjoys hunting, fishing, and coaching Little League baseball for boys and girls. He is actively involved in his church and is a player/coach of his church's co-ed softball team.

Also at this meeting, the Nominating Committee for next year's officers will present their report and Mike Brown will make a very exciting announcement. Make sure you attend!

**We need your goods! And your help!  
Baked Goods Fundraiser October 17!  
Set-up at 6:30 AM**

## **From the Desk of Mike Brown**

The month of September flew by. We are in the middle of two citizens police academies, the youth CPA on Wednesday night and CPA #8 on Thursday night. I am very proud of how well both of these classes are doing, everyone who is involved with these classes appears to be enjoying the CPA, and we are continuing to build partnerships in the community as a result of the CPA. We had a great COP training on the 26th, we had eight people who went through the training and are now ready to join us in the COP program.

If some of you would like to come out and help us on Saturday October the 24th at Northeast Mall, we will be set up out there with our drug display, and will be giving out crime prevention information. The hours on this display will be from 10:00am - 9:00pm. If you can't come out and work the booth with us, stop by and say hi, we will be out there for a long time and will appreciate all of our friends coming by to check in on us. We usually have a great time at this event.

I met with the nominating committee the other day and I was excited by the number of people who they are looking at as officers of this organization for next year. If someone asks you to serve as an officer for this group, please give it every consideration. We are a strong organization because of the dedication of all of our members. If you are interested in running for an office, please make your desire known; it is always great to have new ideas and more than one candidate to vote for. Being an officer does not take up an exorbitant amount of time. The down side of being an officer is that you have to work a little closer with me, but I am getting better, and I promise not be as mean to you as I am to our present officers.

Thanks again for all you do! Each of you, who participate, makes this community a little bit better every time you donate your time to this organization. I am proud of each of you, and I am very proud of this organization. After meeting with alumni groups from around the country, I am convinced that we have the best CPAAA around. Our members are more dedicated to

their purpose, and are more willing to work than any other group I have seen. While some groups are looking at what is wrong with their organization, and complaining about its relationship with their police department, this group always looks at how we can make what is good even better. The times that we do have problems, this group faces those challenges and moves on. We never dwell too long on the negative, it's like we have too much to do to get bogged down in the petty squabbling that plagues many of the organizations our size.

It is great to be associated with you, and I am glad that you allow me the opportunity to be involved and be a part of this very special group of people.

Thanks again for all you do,  
Mike

P.S. Anicia, Clint, Aja, and Leland are fine, and pass on their best wishes to each and every one of you. They would also like to thank you for all the things you do that make their lives better.

## **"High Speed Chase"**

A man decided that he was going to ride a 10-speed bike from Phoenix to Flagstaff. He got as far as Black Canyon City before the mountains just became too much and he could go no farther.

He stuck his thumb out, but after 3 hours hadn't gotten a single person to stop. Finally, a guy in a Corvette pulled over and offered him a ride. Of course, the

bike wouldn't fit in the car. The owner of the Corvette found a piece of rope lying by the highway and tied it to his bumper. He tied the other end to the bike and told the man that if he was going too fast, to honk the horn on his bike and that he would slow down.

Everything went fine for the first 30 miles. Suddenly, another Cor-



vette

blew past them. Not to be outdone, the Corvette pulling the bike took off after the other. A short distance down the road, the Corvettes, both going well over 120 mph, blew through a speed trap.

The police officer noted the speeds from his radar gun and radioed to the other officer that he had two Corvettes headed his way at over 120 mph. He then relayed, "...and you're not going to believe this, but

## 1998 Treasurer's Report

<b>Revenue:</b>	September	Year-to-Date
Membership Dues		\$495.00
T-Shirts & Caps		65.00
Contributions		740.00
Arbor Daze		3384.00
Bake Sale		1003.16
50/50 Drawing	*58.00	408.50
Care Cards: Kroger	26.89	109.94
Tom Thumb		18.05
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$84.89</b>	<b>\$6223.65</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Postal Box		58.00
CPAANT Dues		30.00
Software for Newsletter		75.76
Postage		235.48
Miscellaneous	23.84	160.93
Bulletin Board		17.23
Film		7.61
Search One Team		90.00
Mobile Unit		403.32
Gift - Mike Brown Family		159.00
Telephone Directories		172.86
Specialty Cards	150.00	1050.00
Inside-Out Speaker		100.00
Symposium		344.76
Prayer Plaques		106.70
Cards/Stamps	47.38	47.38
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>221.22</b>	<b>3059.03</b>
<b>Excess Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>-\$136.33</b>	<b>\$3164.62</b>
Checking A/C Balance @ 9/30		\$978.59
Savings A/C Balance @ 9/30		\$8000.00
<b>**\$29.00 toward sculpture fund</b>		



### Fundraising Update

At the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, a new fund raising opportunity was voted on to be added to our existing opportunities to raise money - the Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie. In case you are wondering, here is a quick list of the fund raising opportunities we have set up so far to raise money for our association.

- Arbor Daze Festival (held in April)
- Baked Goods Fund Raiser (held twice a year – Spring and Fall)
- Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie (various events)
- Texas Motor Speedway (various events)
- Kroger Cares Program
- Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Reward Program
- Albertson's Community Partners Program (in progress)

For anyone (alumni members, police officers, city officials, etc.) who shops at Tom Thumb, you may have noticed that they are not doing Turkey Bucks this year. They are doing Community Bucks, which was given out between September 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have collected any Community Bucks and would like to help out the Alumni Association, please turn them in to Leah Benoit no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>. They have to be turned into Tom Thumb by October 20<sup>th</sup>. You can leave them in an envelope in Mike Brown's office at the Police Station in the Alumni Association mail slot. Once all the Community Bucks are collected, I will turn them into Tom Thumb. In return, the Alumni Association will receive \$1 for every Community Buck in the form of a Tom Thumb Gift Cheque, which can be used to purchase food for the Thanksgiving feast or the Christmas Providers family we choose. If you have any questions regarding Community Bucks, please do not hesitate to call me at (972) 830-7906 (day) or (817) 283-6703 (evening).

Just wanted to give you a quick reminder about the **Baked Goods Fund Raiser**. If you are planning to bake, please bring the baked goods to Kroger between 6:30 and 7:30 am on October 17<sup>th</sup>. We are asking that you please DO NOT price any goods. We also can use some help on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Right now, we only have a hand full of folks working the event.

**EULESS CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Tuesday, September 15. 1998  
Monthly Meeting

- SPEAKER: (1) Lt. Bill Read. and Paul Davis, of Ft. Worth talked about their COP program the involvement with the Police Dept. Their relationship with the City.  
(2) Mr. Scott Campbell. presented information about the election coming up Oct.3, 1998. Improvements to N. Main St. St., Harwood Rd., and W. Pipeline Rd. Early voting starts Sept 16. 1998.

Meeting called to order at 8:10 p.m.

PRESENT: President Geri Sorg, Vice Pres. Lou Baum. Sarah Chandler. Leah Benoit. Helen Wagner. Linda Martin. Kathy Haecker, Al Simmenroth, Judy Rick, Mamie Singleton. Barbara Lucas. Julie Stephenson. Susan Vest. Byron Benoit, Don Martin, Chris Marz. Bamey Snitz, Dale Gresham, Sharon Finnegan, Deborah Taylor. Charles Mitchell, Dick Rick, Judie Nolden. Chris Shanahan. David Shanahan.  
LIAISON: Sgt. Mike Brown.

ABSENT: Pat Gilliland, Lillian Eduardo, Monty Huffman, Ed Hoeppner, Paula Hoeppner. Jack Canonico. Edmundo Eduardo, Della Ferris, Judy Grau, LaVerle White. Wanda Bradbur. 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 Pavblas. Helen Voss, Suzanne Clark. Karen Duncan, Della Ferris, Frank Freeman. Ron Gregory.

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

TREASURER REPORT: Approved as stated.

1) Pres. Geri Sorg, Presented a Plaque to Chief McKamie, the Plaque was awarded to the Alumni and Euless Police Dept. by Senator David Sibley, for their efforts in working together for the betterment of the Community. Geri would also like to thank everyone for the hard work and good time everyone had at the Retirement Dinner for Capt. Rod Davis.

2) Membership. Lou Baum announced 64 paid members at this time.

3) Leah Benoit, Remember the Fund Raiser (baked goods ) October 17,1998. Flyer for Bake Off to be placed in Oct. Newsletter. Leah found a new fund raising opportunity at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie. Presented this to the Alumni. Byron Benoit made a motion to work concessions at Lone Star Park. Deborah Taylor seconded. motion carried.

4) Newsletter, Kathy Haecker and Julie Stephenson, Will need your Articles by the 7th of October, 1998. Articles not in by midnight on the 7th will miss the Newsletter.

5) Teen CPA dues, Tabled.

6) President Geri Sorg, will be appointing a committee to work on a budget for next year, if you would like to be on this committee see Geri after the meeting.

7) Deborah Taylor, will finish the By-laws and pass them out at the October meeting.

8) Sculpture: Pres. Geri Sorg passed around the picture of the Sculpture for the Police Dept. (6 foot Police Officer and Child wearing the Officers Cap, and holding a Teddy Bear.) Byron Benoit made a motion that the Alumni purchase the Sculpture at a price not to exceed \$25,000.00. Seconded by Don Martin. carried.

9) Al Simmenroth presented a new logo for Alumni Caps and Tee Shirts. A committee of Al Simmenroth.

Chris Shanahan. Barbara Lucas. and Judie Nolden, will work on this and, present samples next month.

10) 50/50 Drawing --\$58.00 total, Paul Davis of Ft. Worth, had the winning ticket, donated his share of \$29.00 to the Sculpture Fund-- the other \$29.00 went to the Alumni.

ADJOURN: 9:20 p.m..

## **EULESS POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL PROFILES**

**Bill Norwood** is a Corporal assigned to the Criminal Investigation Unit. He is currently working as a narcotics investigator assigned to the Tarrant County Drug Task Force Northeast Section. Bill has been with the department for 8 years. He and his wife Diane have been married for 10 years. Bill started with the department as a Public Service Officer. He quickly moved into the ranks of a sworn police officer assigned to the Patrol Division. While in Patrol Bill also served as a bike officer and was on the Tactical Team. His most interesting life experiences were spending six and a half years in the Marine Corp where he served as an Embassy Guard in several different countries, including Turkey, Mexico, and West Africa. Bills' favorite part of Law Enforcement is catching a criminal in the process of committing the crime.

**Rona Owen** is a Public Service Officer assigned over the Property/Evidence Section. Rona has been with the department for 10 years. Her husband Jim is a Sergeant with the Tarrant County Sheriffs Department. She has two children and several grandchildren. Rona's hobbies are attending T.C.J.C. where she is working on a degree, reading, crocheting, knitting, and sewing, collecting recipes and cookbooks, and trying new recipes. Her favorite book is the Bible and her favorite movies include any with Clint Eastwood, Sean Connery, or Mel Gibson. Her favorite part of Law Enforcement is returning recovered property to the



What a tremendous National Night Out we had this year. Thanks to all of you who participated with us on this very special night. Thanks go out to the members of the NWC who volunteered their time and talents to make this year's NNO the best ever.

The NNO picnic “Euless Launches National Night Out” was a great success. For those of you who did not make it, it was hot, but we had a great time. We released 1,000 NNO balloons, each with a return addressed post card attached. We received 23 of those cards back, and all of the cards were entered into a drawing. On September the 8<sup>th</sup> at the regular City Council meeting, Mayor Mary Lib Saleh drew the winning card sent in by Nancy Jones of Pilot Point, Texas. Nancy will receive a two-night stay at the Airport Freeway La Quinta Inn; two rounds of golf at the Texas Star golf course

rightful owner.

**Teresa Plemmons** is a Police Officer currently assigned as the Youth Action Officer at Central Junior High. She has been with the department for over 2 years. Teresa started her career with Euless as Teresa Ayers. She recently married John Plemmons, a Euless Corporal assigned to the Criminal Investigation Unit. Teresa's hobbies include backpacking and mountain biking where she almost never gets hurt.. Her favorite author is Dean Koontz and her favorite movies include "Silence Of The Lambs", "Wag The Dog", and "The Big Libowsky". Her favorite part of law enforcement is helping people and seeing the people she has helped have their lives changed in a positive way.

**Patricia (Pat, or Maw Maw) Rennels** is the Records Section Supervisor. Pat has been with the department for 20 years. She has worked in the CID section and in Administration before taking over Records. Pat and her husband, Bill, have a daughter, a son-in-law, a grandson, and a granddaughter. She enjoys doing crossword puzzles as a hobby. Pat's favorite books are those by Danielle Steel and Perry Mason mysteries. Her favorite movies include "Imitation of Life", and all Doris Day Movies. Her most interesting life experiences are her marriage, the birth of her daughter and the birth of her grandchildren. Pat's favorite part of Law Enforcement is that it is never boring and something new is always happening.

and three meals for two the Raven's Grill. We are hoping Nancy will come to town so that we can show off our city, and the great spirit of community that we all enjoy. The actual National Night, Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, was larger than I had anticipated. Of our 103 Neighborhood Watch groups, we had 93 participate, which included over 2,000 people, distributed through the 66 separate observances of NNO. On August 4th there were over 25 Police and Fire Department personnel driving the city attempting to make as many of the 66 observances as they possibly could. It was a great night for the all of the people in Euless who participated. I know that I made 10 different events, and was treated to food, fun, and friendship, all the things that make NNO such a special time for any community.

I would like to thank each of you who participated in NNO with us this year. Thanks to your dedication to your neighborhood, and your neighbors you helped to bring this com-

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## From the President

Now that the way has been cleared to begin the tear down of the Western Hills Inn, soon Euless will begin construction on a new police station. In keeping with the City intention that all new City buildings incorporate some artwork in their plans, at the last ECPAAA meeting we voted on and passed a motion to fund the purchase of a sculpture to stand in the courtyard of the new Police Station. Chief McKamie and I have met with the artist who designed the sculpture in front of the Library and discussed ideas for the sculpture. Here is the artist's rough draft of the 'Officer With Child'.

## The Victor by C. W. Longnecker

If you think you are beaten, you are.  
 If you think you dare not, you don't.  
 If you like to win but think you can't,  
 It's almost a cinch you won't.  
 If you think you'll lose, you're lost.  
 For out in the world we find  
 Success begins with a fellow's will.  
 It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you are outclassed, you are.  
 You've got to think high to rise.  
 You've got to be sure of yourself before  
 You can ever win the prize.  
 Life's battles don't always go  
 To the stronger or faster man.  
 But sooner or later, the man who wins  
 Is the man who thinks he can.

## NNO Update

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munity closer together. We use Neighborhood Watch to break this city of 43,000 people up into smaller groups where the spirit of community can flourish. Thanks to the hard work of all of our block watch captains, and the commitment of the people who comprise the Neighborhood Watch groups, we sent a strong message to the criminal element in this area. This year we really did give CRIME A GOING AWAY PARTY.

Just so that you will know, the City of Arlington, our suburb to the south, only had 62 NNO observances.

### The National Association of Town Watch

The National Association of Town Watch sponsors a national competition on National Night Out. The NATW wants to know the level of commitment and the amount of community support each community in the nation can display on NNO. This was our first year to enter into the national competition, and I am very proud of our effort. The award application that I submitted to the NATW was 36 pages long. The award package included all of the planning that went into this years events, the letter that we received from Governor George W. Bush, the results of our NNO Picnic and the NNO events of August 4th and pictures from the various observances of NNO.



# Do not forget the baked goods fundraiser



Saturday, October 17th.

Set up is between 6:30 and 7:30 AM.

Volunteers are needed for all shifts.



## Tips for Keeping New Members

The following article is copied from the Citizen's Police Academy of North Texas Regional Newsletter.

### Keeping New Members

Recruiting new members to the group is only half the battle. The other half is keeping them involved in your organization. For every member who is active in the association, there are probably two who would be involved if they were properly motivated or enticed. The following are ideas to keep in mind as you recruit new members.

### Keeping New Members Involved and Productive

1. Help new members find a place in the association. Not everyone is a self-starter. Many will offer to help but have no idea where to begin. Develop a list of volunteer activities that includes a job description and approximate time commitment for each task. This will be a great start for your new members.

2. Always welcome new people and attempt to make them feel at ease with the group. Officers and board members should watch for new faces at each meeting and welcome them enthusiastically. Each new or potential member should be introduced to someone who lives near them or shares a similar interest. Designate an official "greeter" at every meeting.

3. Avoid the appearances of cliques. New members who see the same people running every project will feel excluded and may not return. Appoint people who are not part of the core group to position of leadership. Sensitivity to this issue is central to creating a sense of belonging among group members.

4. Encourage new ideas and input in all levels of the organization. This is often most difficult for people who long have been involved in the association and are more knowledgeable on the area than newcomers. People coming into a situation for the first time, however, are able to see things in a new light and can offer new solutions to old problems. They just might have the answer that you have been seeking. New perspectives can assist the whole group in problem solving.

5. Every meeting should exemplify the strongest commitment to organization. Busy people will not attend meetings or involve themselves in organizations they consider to be a waste of time. Organization will also endow the association with a sense of accomplishment from the outset. Create a written agenda before each meeting and stick to it.

6. Maintain current membership records. Keep a file that lists members' names, addresses, phone numbers, family member names, occupations, talents, concerns, areas of interest, etc.

7. Enjoy yourself and have fun. The work of the alumni association should not be boring drudgery. Sponsor parties and celebrations to get to know your members better. Have events that appeal to all, including children. This will foster a strong sense of community spirit.



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Please try to come out and give an hour or two of your time. We start setting up at 6:30 a.m. See you there.

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## ***Chief McKamie Shares Crime Statistics and the Credit***

Administrative assistant Kim Ross has been doing some statistical comparisons for us and I thought you might find some of it quite interesting. She compared crime for the five (5) year period of 1993 through 1997. The results are as follows:

CATEGORY	1993	1997	%CHANGE
TOTAL CRIME	5844	5114	-12.49%
MAJOR CRIME	2504	1798	-28.19%
BURGLARIES	383	294	-23.24%
AUTO THEFT	153	118	-22.88%
ARRESTS	3740	4678	+25.08%
CRIME WATCHES	17	100	+488.24%

As a city, we have a lot to be proud of. These figures we show you rank at or near the top of that list of things of which we can be proud. Those are significant decreases in crime and a great deal of the credit goes to the people involved in increasing our crime watch program by 488 %. Mike brown lead the effort and did a wonderful job but he didn't do it alone. It took the efforts of key people in our

community. The ECPAAA played a large part in forming key people into a cohesive group who can get things done. In addition, your police officers have done an outstanding job and they also deserve a great deal of credit for this decrease in crime. That's the best part of it for me, we did it together. That's how it's supposed to work.

A special thanks to those of you who played a part in making the 911 day special for our dispatchers. You went far above the call of duty. Our dispatchers are special people doing the hardest job in the city and you made them feel extra special that night. Thanks!!

