



# Partners in Policing

## Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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### 2014 Officers

- President:** John Luna
- 1st Vice President:** Julie Watkins
- 2nd Vice President:** Peggy Vandiver
- Secretary:** Rose-Marie Stevens
- Treasurer:** Leah Benoit
- Parliamentarian:** Jerry Goad
- EPD Liaisons:** Captain Gary Landers and Senior Corporal Tony Burnett



## REMINDER



The ECPAAA Nominating Committee is hard at work building a list of candidates to serve you in 2015. Voting will be done in person at the November 18th ECPAAA General Meeting (meeting starts at 7:00 pm) in the Training Room at the Police Department.

Floor nominations will be taken at the October and November General Meetings.



### 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](mailto:lbenoit@vha.com)

Submissions are due the first day of each month.

Link to ECPAAA Web Page

<http://www.ecpaaa.org>

The ECPAAA BBQ Dinner and Auction Committee Meeting Schedule  
October 13th / November 3rd

All meetings are on Monday nights and will start at 7:00 pm and usually last about an hour or two.

Feel free to attend any of the meetings.

November 8th — 6:00 pm  
ECPAAA BBQ Dinner and Auction Event  
Euleless Family Life Center  
300 W. Midway, Euleless, TX 76039

Tickets will be available at the  
October 21st ECPAAA Meeting

**\$10 Per Person   \$5 - Ages 5 - 13   Free - Under 5**

## From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

It's October and the weather, it is a changing. It almost got cool last week but Mother Nature found a way to remind us that we may still have a few more hot days ahead of us. I hope your September was a great one and you are off to a great start to October and the Halloween season!

Last week was a very busy week for us. We had two huge events, Open House and National Night Out. Saturday was Open House and I believe it was well attended, everyone who came through here seemed to be having a good time and enjoying the time they spent here. This has become such a great community event that we dare not think of changing it.

I would like to thank the HEB ISD Law Enforcement Class. The high school students who take the Law Enforcement class started working with us on Open House last year. We immediately recognized how vital they were to us hosting a successful Open House. When it came time to plan this year's event we made sure they were the first ones we counted on to help. I hope you all got a chance to meet some of these truly amazing students. I realized that with great kids like these the future of this country is indeed bright! If you didn't get to meet them, I'm sure they will be somewhere volunteering with us in the near future. You have got to make it a point to meet this very dedicated and committed group of young people. I know you will enjoy being around them and you too will see how amazing they are.



As you know, we give away popcorn, hot dogs, snow cones and balloon animals. I would like to thank Jaime Patterson for giving up another Saturday to make balloon animals for everyone who wanted one and who was willing to stand in line to get it. She worked three and a half hours straight, the only reason she didn't work four hours was that she ran out of balloons. She competes with Steve Snyder, our Crime Scene Investigator, as the most popular person in the building during Open House. It's so great to see all the kids come to the building and get a chance to interact with our officers, volunteers and make some lasting memories. The Police Department should not be a cold stone building that is only associated with bad people or become a symbol of punishment. I want the community to view the Police Department as a building full of caring and compassionate people. Thanks Jaime for making Open House such a special time for so many people.

As I mentioned before, we gave away Snow Cones during Open House. This year we approached the premiere snow cone business in town, Ice Monkey, and asked them if they would be willing to give away snow cones during Open House. Without hesitation the owner of Ice Monkey jumped at the chance to be a part of this year's Open House. Ice Monkey is located on North Main, north of Mid-Cities, just past Bear Creek; it's on the left in a strip center. They are the friendliest people and went way out of their way to come serve Ice Monkey's brand of snow cones. The owner's daughter, Lucky, was here and gave away untold numbers of snow cones and finally stopped when she ran out of ice. Please, if you have a hankering for a quality snow cone please stop in and see them at Ice Monkey and make sure you thank them for giving their time to further the mission of the Euless Police Department.

Last Tuesday was National Night Out. Thanks to all of you who hosted an event, attended an event or spent some time visiting with your neighbors on this very important evening. It was great to see new neighborhoods become involved this year. It's always good to see our true and trusted friends hosting an event. I did not make it to all of the events, but I know each event was attended by a representative of the Euless Police Department or our brothers in service, the Euless Fire Department. In most instances both departments were able to stop by and thank each group for showing support of their neighborhood and supporting the message of crime and fire prevention. If you missed Judy Rick's NNO event you missed some great food and some truly outstanding people. Our great friends out in Morrisdale knocked it out of the park again with all they do. I can't mention them all, but it was amazing to see the turnout. As I mentioned in last month's article, this is a VERY BIG event for us each year. If you were unable to host an event this year, start making plans for next year because we will be at it again.

With the Open House and National Night Out I was once again struck just how special this community is. How the people who make up the City of Euless are always looking for a way to serve their neighbor.

If you know someone who would like to join us, make sure they get an application to the Citizens Police Academy or the Citizens Fire Academy!

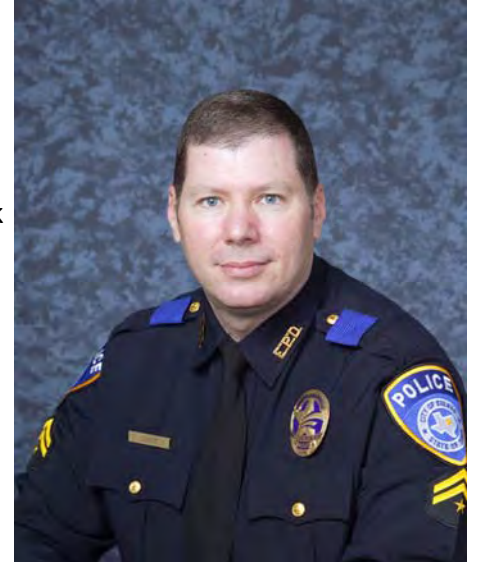
Thanks for all you do!!!

Your Servant,

Mike

## EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

October is here and that means we close the chapter on another successful Open House and National Night Out. I wanted to say Thank You to all of you that hosted a party and took a stand against crime on October 7th and Thank You to Texas for moving ours from August to October, some of you remember those days! Also a BIG Thank You for all the help at Open House, we could not represent our commitment to community without seeing all of our Alumni here on that day. JR and Lou, the cars looked great. Betty, Joyce and Leah, thanks for all of your help in the training room. Jason Reyes showed up and said “put me to work”, thanks Jason. Loren Johnson was showing off the Sky Tower...No, Loren you can't take it to the deer lease... and Perry Brockmeyer showed off the COP cars. I thought the HEB Law Enforcement students did an outstanding job as usual. We are excited about the future of that program and where it's going. The students are seniors at Bell and Trinity High Schools and enrolled in Criminal Justice Studies at the new HEB Buinger Technical Center.



More new faces are appearing around the Police Department. We have a lot of young officers that are eager to learn so don't be bashful to introduce yourself to them. Seeing you inside the building goes a long way in showing them how much of a partnership we have with the community. In November we will bring one of them to our meeting to introduce themselves.

I wanted to spend a few moments talking about one of our Alumni members. I see him daily wearing yellow (citizens on patrol) and if not working the streets he is hanging around Judd Park shredding paper for Records. You guessed it, Mr. Don Martin. Don puts in many hours cruising our streets and watching out for people who park in handicap without a permit. He helps at CRUD Days and so many events although we missed him this year because he took the Mayor out of town so I guess it's OK. Don checks on the vacation watches and has done it for so long that he practically knows every street in Euless. Don, Thank You for all the hours you give us!

Thanks for all of the help at the Trinity High School Parade, JR you coordinate that very well and keep everything moving in the parking lot. If you have never seen Sandi Jones direct traffic, you are missing out! Ken Denne, thanks for your helping me out at the last minute to make sure that every kid had a Euless Police Bracelet and/or Badge.

I have some sad news to pass along, Leo Neal from class # 28 passed away on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Leo always had a smile on his face and kind words to say. He attended our COP class in July but I had not seen him since then. Barbara called last week to give me the unfortunate news. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

I will see you at the October meeting!!

### Upcoming Events

Oct 13 — BBQ Dinner/Auction Event Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department

Oct 14 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Oct 21 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department

Oct 28 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Oct 31 — Halloween Trunk or Treat Celebration, 5:30 pm — 8:30 pm, Euless Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive

Nov 1 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 Noon, Richardson (for location & directions visit [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org))

Nov 3 — BBQ Dinner/Auction Event Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department

Nov 8 — BBQ Dinner/Auction Event, 6:00 pm, Euless Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive, Euless

Nov 11 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Nov 12 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department Emergency Operations Center

Nov 18 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department

### September 2014 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical – 21 Hours 30 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol – 48 Hours 30 Minutes

Includes the following:

COP Car – 48 Hours 30 Minutes

COP Sky Tower – 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 6

Courts – 6 Hours 15 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program – 13 Hour 30 Minutes

CRUD – 41 Hours 45 Minutes

Euless Radio Club – 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Jail – 7 Hours 15 Minutes

Meetings – 42 Hours 0 Minutes

Includes the following:

ECPAAA Meeting – 42 Hours 0 Minutes

Miscellaneous – 93 Hours 30 Minutes

Includes the following:

Trinity Homecoming Parade – 19 Hours 30 Minutes

Speed Trailer – 3 Hours 15 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance – 119 Hours 30 Minutes

Watering of Plants – 7 Hours 30 Minutes

**Grand Total – 404 Hours 30 Minutes**

**September National Value of Volunteer Time — \$9,121.48**

**2014 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$81,882.43**

**September Meeting — 36 Alumni Members Present**



## Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

**Jo Wells — 10/2**

**Rusty Brown — 10/5**

**Warren Hinkley — 10/13**

**Geri Sorg — 10/22**

**Linda Eilenfeldt — 10/23**

**Tammy Van Horne — 10/24**

**Al Simmenroth — 10/25**

**Sherri Browning — 10/26**



## From the President — John Luna

It is finally October and Autumn is here!! There has been a lot of activity in ECPAAA, Ice Cream Social, Trinity Homecoming Parade, CRUD, Drug Take Back and most recently the Eules PD Open House. Thanks to all who participated and volunteered to make these events a success. A BIG thanks to Leah and All of her merry band BBQ planners for the November 8th BBQ the largest and best ever. There is a job for every one - we need each of us to help in order that the few does not have to do all the work. The planners have a plan that will work - we must work the plan for success. Please buy or sell as many tickets as you can to ensure that this will be our best fund raiser ever in ECPAAA history. A personal note, I appreciate and thank each ECPAAA member for everything you do for ECPAAA.



Two quotes for this month from Barbara Johnson. "You can't turn back the clock, but You can wind it up again". "Life is a great big canvas.... Throw all the Paint on it You Can". We have to take action and make a difference.



### September Volunteer Hours Comparison By Lou Baum

| Month                    | Year-to-Date       |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 2014 — 404 Hours         | 2014 — 3,631 Hours |
| 2013 — 387 Hours         | 2013 — 4,594 Hours |
| About Even for the Month | 20% Decrease       |

Thanks for the folks who helped at Open House, great weather and great turn out from the Citizens of Eules.

The Eules Police Department through the Neighborhood Police Officers' office turned in **195 lbs. of drugs** to the DEA today. Thank you to Helen Voss, Betty Priddy, Jerrie Keller and Faye Stinneford for helping me with this event. Over a hundred residents showed up!

James Gordon  
Eules Police Department



**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES — SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

Attendees: Leah Benoit, Jerry Goad, Anniece McKanna, Rose-Marie Stevens, Peggy Vandiver, Julie Watkins

The meeting opened at 6:15 p.m.

Julie Watkins conducted the meeting as John Luna is out of town. We discussed the agenda for the general meeting. Of primary importance is the appointment of a nominating committee; Julie will ask for volunteers. Julie also indicated that the design for the new tablecloth was not complete and may not be available any time soon.

JR will pass out sign-up sheets for the various upcoming events, including CRUD, the Open House, the Trinity High School homecoming parade, etc. Tony will be asked to speak as well.

Peggy moved to adjourn the meeting, and Leah seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Please share my gratitude and appreciation with the alumni volunteers that worked on Crud Day. When I say worked, I mean worked! I am continually impressed with the way Crud day runs each year. It is a well-oiled machine. The volunteers know what to do and dive in the minute they show up. I just try to stay out of the way. I can't give Lou Baum and J.R. Goad enough credit for showing up at the crack of dawn and getting everything set up. That is such a blessing to have them get everything squared away. They also stay late and tear down, pack up and put everything away neatly at the end of the event.

I really, really thank you all for making the event great!

Betsy  
Betsy Deck | Communications/Marketing Manager

CRUD  
September 27th



Jason Reyes, Barney Snitz, Warren Wilson,  
Ken Denne, CRUD Worker and JR Goad

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

Attendees: Jozef Balint, Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Magen Brown, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, Shawna De Puente, John Deithloff, Sharon Finnegan, Jerry Goad, Mark Hummert, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Geraldine Keller, Don Martin, Joyce Maxwell, Anniece McKanna, Barbara Niziolek, Kenny Olmstead, Betty Overstreet, Jason Reyes, Judy Rick, Barney Snitz, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Timothy Stinneford, Jeremy Tompkins, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Helen Voss, Julie Watkins, Kristi Wynne

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

The members were then invited to get their ice cream before we proceeded with the meeting. When everyone had gotten their ice cream and returned to their seats, Faye Stinneford moved and Helen Voss seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Julie announced that Dan Martin, a past member of ECPAAA, had passed away about a week before. He had been a member of Class Eight. Tablecloth: Julie told us that they are still not sure when the tablecloth would be available; decisions still have to be made about the design.

Nominating Committee: Julie asked for volunteers to be on the committee. She briefly described what needed to be done, i.e., contact our members to learn who would be willing to run for positions on the Executive Board for 2015. Four members agreed to serve on this committee: Jerri, Melody and Minuet Balkon and Barbara Niziolek. They are to present a list of potential candidates to the membership at the October meeting; the election will take place at the November meeting.

BBQ/Auction: Leah reported that the committee met September 15, and the current value of the donations are about \$24,000. Cash donations will be used to purchase other items for the auction. She urged us to sell tickets. Sign-up sheets were then passed around for volunteers to help with the set-up and clean-up. Volunteers were strongly encouraged to arrive early to eat. There will not be a dessert auction nor will door prizes be given out this year; this should save some time. However, members were asked to bring deserts for the buffet. We will again be able to accept credit cards.

Volunteer Opportunities: JR asked for volunteers for the Trinity Homecoming Parade and CRUD. He also auctioned off two \$25 gift cards from Home Depot. Helen Voss bought one for \$25, and Peggy Vandiver bought the other for \$20.

911 Appreciation: Betty Overstreet reported that there are 14 full-time and two part-time Dispatchers. They were each given \$20 gift cards from Walmart. She spent \$5 less than the budgeted amount.

New Member: Magen Brown, a member of Class 28, joined the organization tonight. She had developed a relationship with various members of the police and fire departments, including Tony, as part of her former job at Texas Star wherein she helped to arrange events. Since she is no longer with Texas Star, she said she decided to join to maintain valued relationships.

Tony Burnett: After talking about how much Magen had helped him when she was part of the Texas Star staff, he talked about a new cadet program being planned; its purpose is to help with recruiting new officers.

Honored Volunteers: Lou Baum talked about the wonderful evening during which volunteers were recognized for their service with the Presidential Award.

Other Items of Interest: Barney Snitz talked about the books that had been collected to send to our troops; this effort is sponsored by the Library Foundation. He asked for names of potential recipients; they need to know their names, rank, addresses and the types of books they would prefer. The prerequisites are that they are serving overseas and are members of the military. Names can be given to Barney or John Luna.

Peggy Vandiver moved to adjourn, and Faye Stinneford seconded her motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

## September 2014 Treasurer's Report

| INCOME                              | Carry Over        | September          | YTD Income         | Annual Budget      | Over/Under Budget   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>12/31/13 Balance in Checking</b> | <b>\$6,080.52</b> |                    |                    |                    |                     |
| Afghan Fundraiser                   |                   |                    | \$0.00             | \$30.00            | -\$30.00            |
| BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction           |                   | \$100.00           | \$570.00           | \$10,000.00        | -\$9,430.00         |
| Brick Sales                         |                   |                    | \$1,050.00         | \$35.00            | \$1,015.00          |
| Craigslist Fundraiser               |                   |                    | \$300.00           | \$0.00             | \$300.00            |
| CRUD Day                            |                   |                    | \$700.00           | \$700.00           | \$0.00              |
| Donations/Outside Income            |                   | \$300.00           | \$1,228.31         | \$500.00           | \$728.31            |
| Grocery Care Cards                  |                   |                    | \$104.28           | \$40.00            | \$64.28             |
| Membership Dues                     |                   |                    | \$1,670.00         | \$1,600.00         | \$70.00             |
| Member Merchandise                  |                   |                    | \$22.00            | \$150.00           | -\$128.00           |
| Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges) |                   |                    | \$0.00             | \$200.00           | -\$200.00           |
| Recycle Program (Electronics)       |                   |                    | \$0.00             | \$50.00            | -\$50.00            |
| Fundraisers                         |                   |                    | \$26.00            | \$250.00           | -\$224.00           |
| Warrant Roundup                     |                   |                    | \$1,900.00         | \$840.00           | \$1,060.00          |
| Funds Used to Cover Major Projects  |                   |                    | \$0.00             | \$13,310.00        | -\$13,310.00        |
| <b>Total Income</b>                 |                   | <b>\$400.00</b>    | <b>\$7,570.59</b>  | <b>\$27,705.00</b> | <b>-\$20,134.41</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$6,080.52</b> | <b>\$13,651.11</b> | <b>\$13,651.11</b> |                    |                     |
| EXPENSES                            | Carry Over        | September          | YTD Expenses       | Annual Budget      | Over/Under Budget   |
| 9-1-1 Day                           |                   | \$320.00           | \$320.00           | \$325.00           | -\$5.00             |
| Audit - Treasurer's Records         |                   |                    | \$150.00           | \$500.00           | -\$350.00           |
| BBQ Silent Auction                  |                   | \$0.55             | \$1.10             | \$5,000.00         | -\$4,998.90         |
| Bricks                              |                   |                    | \$750.00           | \$300.00           | \$450.00            |
| Checking Account Expenses           |                   |                    | \$0.00             | \$30.00            | -\$30.00            |
| CPAANT Dues                         |                   |                    | \$25.00            | \$25.00            | \$0.00              |
| Fundraisers                         |                   |                    | \$0.00             | \$1,000.00         | -\$1,000.00         |
| Expenses Not Categorized            |                   |                    | \$1,020.99         | \$250.00           | \$770.99            |
| Honorarium Awards and Gifts         |                   |                    | \$0.00             | \$50.00            | -\$50.00            |
| Member Merchandise Items            |                   |                    | \$0.00             | \$150.00           | -\$150.00           |
| Memorials and Gifts                 |                   |                    | \$77.93            | \$150.00           | -\$72.07            |
| Office Supplies                     |                   |                    | \$158.73           | \$300.00           | -\$141.27           |
| PALS Summer Camp                    |                   |                    | \$0.00             | \$1,200.00         | -\$1,200.00         |
| Police Appreciation Week            |                   |                    | \$596.54           | \$600.00           | -\$3.46             |
| Police Chief Wish Projects          |                   |                    | \$0.00             | \$6,000.00         | -\$6,000.00         |
| Police Honor Guard                  |                   |                    | \$0.00             | \$10,000.00        | -\$10,000.00        |
| Police Officer Christmas Meals      |                   |                    | \$0.00             | \$400.00           | -\$400.00           |
| Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters   |                   |                    | \$49.00            | \$200.00           | -\$151.00           |
| President Volunteer Awards          |                   |                    | \$162.58           | \$150.00           | \$12.58             |
| Social Events                       |                   | \$72.53            | \$72.53            | \$300.00           | -\$227.47           |
| TCPAAA Convention                   |                   |                    | \$0.00             | \$125.00           | -\$125.00           |
| Water by the Gallon                 |                   |                    | \$476.00           | \$650.00           | -\$174.00           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>               |                   | <b>\$393.08</b>    | <b>\$3,860.40</b>  | <b>\$27,705.00</b> | <b>-\$23,844.60</b> |
| Money Transferred to Savings        |                   |                    | \$0.00             |                    |                     |
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| <b>Funds Available in Checking</b>  |                   |                    | <b>\$9,790.71</b>  |                    |                     |
| SAVINGS ACCOUNT                     |                   |                    |                    |                    |                     |
| Major Projects/Future Projects      | \$19,327.69       |                    | \$19,327.69        |                    |                     |
| Interest from Savings Account       |                   | \$0.67             | \$5.73             |                    |                     |
| Savings Deposit                     |                   |                    | \$0.00             |                    |                     |
| Savings Withdrawal                  |                   |                    | \$0.00             |                    |                     |
| <b>Funds Available in Savings</b>   |                   |                    | <b>\$19,333.42</b> |                    |                     |
| <b>Total ECPAAA Funds</b>           |                   |                    | <b>\$29,124.13</b> |                    |                     |

Note: \$400 of Outside Donations is earmarked for RAD Equipment



# Police Department Open House

October 4th



Betty Overstreet & Joyce Maxwell



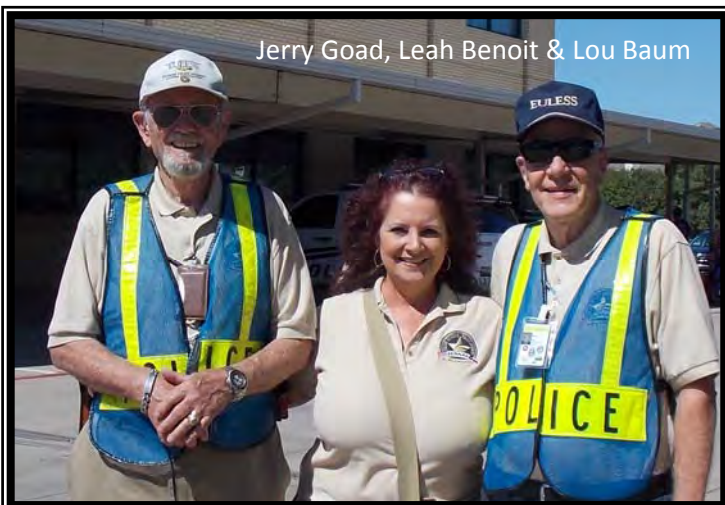
Jason Reyes Directing Traffic



Perry Brockmeyer & Loren Johnson



Loren Johnson



Jerry Goad, Leah Benoit & Lou Baum



Perry talking to a Euless Citizen



# Police Department Open House

October 4th



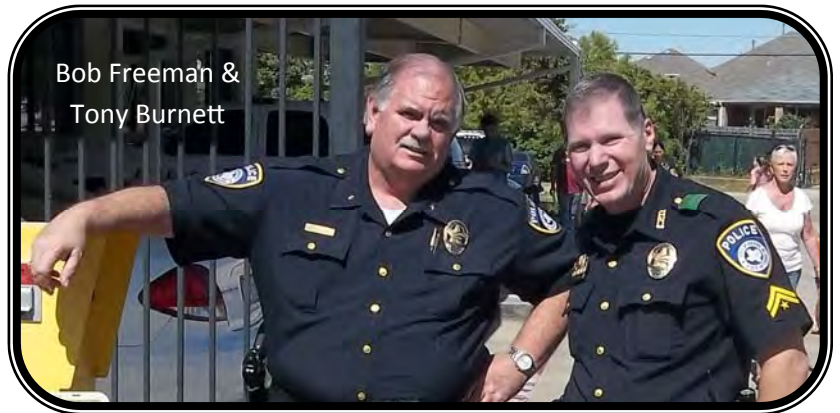
Betty Overstreet & Joyce Maxwell



Joyce & Tony



Jason Reyes



Bob Freemah & Tony Burnett



Jerry Goad & Lou Baum