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Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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October Speaker—Ashlee Hardy

President, Metroplex Concerns of Police Survivors

On July 7, 2007 my world was forever changed as I knew it. My husband, Wes Hardy, was killed in motor vehicle accident while pursuing a speeder. I had no idea that that morning would be the last time we kissed and hugged and said I Love You. I lost my husband, my best friend, my soul mate and my girls lost their daddy. I was lost and I didn't know where to turn or how to move forward. For years I felt stuck and like I was in a fog. Then in 2010 another widow reached out to me and suggested that I attend a Spouses Retreat thru C.O.P.S. I was looking forward to a break from reality but wasn't looking forward to reliving that horrible day with all these new people.



It has been 5 years since my husband was killed and I am so incredibly grateful that my dear friend, Teresa Nava-Salazar, talked me into going to Spouses. I haven't missed a year since. Words cannot express what C.O.P.S. has done for me and my girls. We have also attended Kids Camp the last 2 years. The girls look forward to it every year. It is the one week out of the year where they feel normal and they get to be kids!!

October

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>

CHIEFS ROUND TABLE—LEWISVILLE OCTOBER 10, 2015



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



It looks like the summer is not wanting to let go, but you can feel a change coming. We are looking forward to the cooler temperatures and shorter days, that means we are about to get busy.

I really enjoyed the 20 year anniversary meeting. It was great to see people I haven't seen in a while and get to reminisce about all the challenges we faced those many years ago to get this organization off the ground. There were garage sales, bake sales, wrapping gifts at Bass Pro, parking cars at Arbor Daze and selling bricks. It was a lot of work, but what I remember the most was the friendships and relationships forged through those times. Many of the people who started the journey with us back then are gone. The meeting night was a chance for me to slow down just a little and remember all of the truly fantastic people who contributed to building the foundation of this organization. Not to make light of the sacrifices and service hours that continue to build this organization. But there were some truly special people who started the journey with us that have been called home to their reward and others who have moved away or their life situation has changed to the point that they can no longer play an active role. To the old and the new members of the Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association I say congratulations. It's been a fantastic 20 years and it will take just as dedicated and motivated a group to keep it going as it took to get it all started. I am in awe of this group of dedicated servants who come together to serve the servants. It takes truly special people to do what you do for as long as you have done it.

We had Open House last Saturday and it was one of the largest we've ever had. The weather was awesome and the volunteers that we had working with us were responsible for helping to bring another successful community event to the citizens of Euless. To give you an idea of the attendance, we cooked over 850 hotdogs. They were all gone by 12:30. Our good friends with Ice Monkey brought 10 blocks of ice to make snow cones. That was all gone by noon. We had enough water bottles to build a small city and they were all gone too, well before we were ready to shut it all down. Can't give you an exact count of the number of attendees, but I am very confident that we had 1 more person tour the PD than the fire department had tour the FD. It was a great day for the entire Euless community and I am so glad that we had volunteers who still like to come out and spend that day with us.

National Night Out was on Tuesday. This is the largest city wide observance of NNO that we've had in years. We had well over 20 different neighborhoods come out on that night and make a public stand against crime and the fear of crime. I was not able to make it to every NNO event but the ones that I did make it to were full of neighbors getting to know neighbors, food, fun and kids. Again we had a lot of our volunteers organizing events in their neighborhoods and even riding with a Police Officer or Fire Fighter as they made their rounds through the city. It was a night where every police officer and fire fighter involved came away with the true sense of appreciation that was shown to them by the community. Oh, they also gained about 10 pounds too, the food was awesome...

Thanks again for all you do!! It's humbling to serve a community where the appreciation and the respect shown for its police officers and fire fighters is so visible.

Your Servant,
Mike



EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

Hello ECPAAA family,

I hope everyone is doing well and excited about the cooler weather approaching. October is a really busy month for the Community Services Division. First, I want to thank everyone who volunteered their time for the Police Department's Open House. The event was a huge success and I was told it was one of the biggest turnouts we have had. The police department staff cooked approximately 816 hotdogs, had 10 blocks of shaved ice, and popped 35 lbs. of popcorn that were gone in just three hours. Until I became involved with the Community Services Division, I had no idea how much planning, staging, and prep work this event commanded. I also want to give a special thanks to Mr. Gustafson and our own Tony Burnett for allowing the HEB Law Enforcement Program kids to come help at this event. There were approximately 25 high school kids eager to help with setting up and especially clean up.

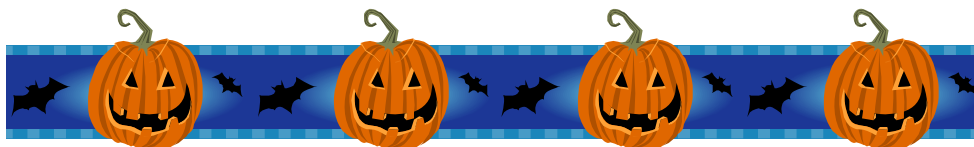


October 6, 2015 was our annual National Night Out event which was also a success with 22 different residences hosting parties in their neighborhoods. I got an opportunity to speak with wonderful people in the community, and again I was very appreciative with all the police and fire department support. I spoke with our command staff and they all stated they had a great time and the food was great. I want to give all the hosting families a special thank you for making this event fun and memorable.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that Saturday, October 31, 2015 is the City of Euless' Halloween Trunk or Treat festival and will be held at the Euless Aquatic Center from 4pm-6pm. The Police and Fire Departments along with other volunteers will be passing out candy to neighborhood children in the parking lot. After speaking with numerous city employees, the event always brings a huge crowd and is a lot of fun.

Once again thank you all for all the volunteer hours that everyone provides to the city. All the activities and programs would not exist without your support. Please remember to be extremely vigilant during Halloween hours for children walking on the streets without any lighting devices. Remember to always report any suspicious activities and be kind to your neighbors.

Rocky



September Volunteer Hours Comparison by Lou Baum

Month	Year
2015 — 622 Hours	2015 — 3,756 Hours
2014 — 404 Hours	2014 — 3,631 Hours
53% Increase	3% Increase

What a super month in September you all had. Many thanks for the minutes in September. Let's keep up the volunteer service to our servants in October. Have a safe month.

Upcoming Events

Oct 13 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Oct 14 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department Emergency Operations Center

Oct 16 & 17 — CPR Fall Blitz, see <http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/CPRBlitz.htm> for more information and how to sign-up

Oct 20 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department

Oct 24 — ECFAAA Steak Dinner Fundraiser, 4:00-7:30 pm, Fire Station #3, 202 N. Main Street, see <http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/SteakDinnerFundraiser.htm> for information to Purchase Tickets

Oct 27 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Oct 31 — Halloween Trunk or Treat Celebration, 4:00-6:30 pm, Euless Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive

Nov 7 — CPAANT Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 Noon, Fort Worth, (for location & directions visit www.cpaant.org)

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

September 2015 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical — 20 Hours 0 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol — 59 Hours 45 Minutes

Includes the following:

COP Car — 53 Hours 45 Minutes

COP Sky Tower — 6 Hours 0 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued — 6

Courts — 2 Hours 0 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program — 9 Hours 0 Minutes

Euless Radio Club — 44 Hours 0 Minutes

Jail — 11 Hours 0 Minutes

Meetings — 90 Hours 0 Minutes

Miscellaneous — 147 Hours 30 Minutes

Speed Trailer — 6 Hours 0 Minutes

Training — 93 Hours 30 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance — 135 Hours 15 Minutes

Watering of Plants — 4 Hours 0 Minutes

Grand Total — 622 Hours 0Minutes

September National Value of Volunteer Time — \$14,349.54

September Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$15,338.52

2015 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$86,662.46

2015 YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$92,635.29

September Meeting — 46 Alumni Members Present

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Jo Wells — 10/2

Rusty Brown — 10/5

Tony Burnett — 10/5

Leslie Kane — 10/6

Curtis Brown — 10/10

Vince Trevino — 10/10

Warren Hinkley — 10/13

Gary Fieldsend — 10/21

Geri Sorg — 10/22

Linda Eilenfeldt — 10/23

Tammy Van Horne — 10/24

Al Simmenroth — 10/25

Sherri Browning — 10/26

Jim Rogerson — 10/31

From the President — Sandi Jones

October is always a fun month. The weather turns cooler and the leaves turn colors. People seem to get more energy and our activities get more plentiful. By the time you read this the Car Show will be over, as well as Open House, the COP Car Driving Class, CRUD Day, and the Homecoming Parade. We still have plenty of activities to look forward to and to volunteer for though. We have the Christmas Parade, which is always a lot of fun and of course, our meetings, especially November and December. November is when we vote for our new board members and December when we have our Christmas celebration. I hope you can make both meetings. They should prove to be informative, as well as entertaining.

For those of you who have volunteered to drive the COP Car, we thank you. It is important that we be seen out and about in the city. We have had many volunteers for all our other activities too, which I really do appreciate. It is great to have so many people interested in aiding the Police and making a difference in Euless.



CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg

CPAANT HOST: Lewisville CPAAA /
Chiefs Round Table
October 10, 2015

Over 100 attended the 2015 Chiefs Round Table held at the Hedrick House in Lewisville. CPAANT had 23 CPAAA Representatives present; with them were their Chief and/or Liaison Officer. The Chiefs answered prepared questions from the type of 'uniform' for COP's to different types of training requirements for the CPAAA members and Handicap Parking violations. The Chiefs also answered questions from Alumni members.

CPAANT Members and Lewisville CPAAA provided breakfast and lunch for all who attended.

The November meeting will be hosted by Fort Worth CPAAA on November 7, 2015. Please see the website for locations and additional information - www.cpaant.org.



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Sr. Corporal Rocky Fimbres & Chief Mike Brown

**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees: Leah Benoit, Shawna De Puente, Jerry Goad, Sandi Jones, Jason Reyes, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Officer Rocky Fimbres

New Business

Blue Ribbon Day(s), October 2 – 4, 2015: Per Sandi, Mike Brown would like us to do something to celebrate the police. Sandi suggested we ask our members to go throughout our neighborhoods to distribute blue ribbons to be tied around trees. The ECPAAA would spearhead the activity with the assistance of officer spouses. The ribbons would cost \$500 and the items to be used to hold the ribbons would cost \$2000. I did not hear the quantity involved for the stated cost, but the overall cost for the quantity needed would be approximately \$10,000.

In addition to the high cost, the Board is concerned with the safety of those who would be going door to door to distribute the ribbons. Sandi will go back to the spouses involved and to Chief Brown to let them know of the Board's concerns.

Sandi went over the agenda for the general meeting.

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Kathy Ames, Jerri Balkon, Lou Baum, Byron Benoit, Leah Benoit, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, Shawna De Puente, John Deithloff, Gary Fieldsend, Sharon Finnegan, Cathy Galloway, Kay Goad, Jerry Goad, Ruben Hernandez, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Barkatali Kabani, Leslie Kane, Geraldine Keller, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Joyce Maxwell, Anniece McKanna, Yolanda Morgan, Barbara Niziolek, Dana Nuber, Jean Nuber, Betty Overstreet, Timothy Quinn, Jason Reyes, Judy Rick, Thomas Salmi, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Jeremy Tompkins, Tyler Van Horne, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Julie Watkins, Kristi Wynne, Nancy Zehelski

NPO: Sr. Corporal Rocky Fimbres

The meeting opened with prayer and pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas.

Sandi started the meeting by introducing the Executive Board members. She then invited our former and current NPOs to come forward and to introduce themselves. They included James Gordon, Joe Hearth, Kim Parker, David Parker, Debbie and Ron Williamson, Melissa and Tony Burnett, Cristina and Eric Starnes, Bob Freeman, Mike Brown and Rocky Fimbres.

Leah asked that the minutes for the August 18 meeting be amended as follows: There was an anonymous donation of \$1000 made toward the picture project. Tim Stinneford moved and Pete Jones seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended; they were approved.

Sandi asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee and the auditing committee. Faye Stinneford, Jerri Balkon and Barbara Niziolek volunteered to serve on the nominating committee. Dana Nuber, Jerri Balkon and Barbara Niziolek volunteered to serve on the auditing committee.

COP: Sandi asked that those who wanted to drive the COP car sign up for no more than two times a week the first two weeks of a month to allow everyone the opportunity to go out. After the 15th of the month, anyone can sign up as often as desired. She has detailed instructions for class attendees describing how to sign up online.

CPANNT: Geri Sorg talked about the last meeting during which their members celebrated their 20th anniversary. The Chiefs' Roundtable is scheduled for October 10, and Mike Brown will definitely be attending. She asked for a show of hands from those members who will also be attending as CPANNT will be providing lunch.

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VOLUNTEERS: Jerry Goad talked about the need for volunteers at the Trinity High School Homecoming Parade on September 28, the Open House on October 3 and CRUD on October 10.

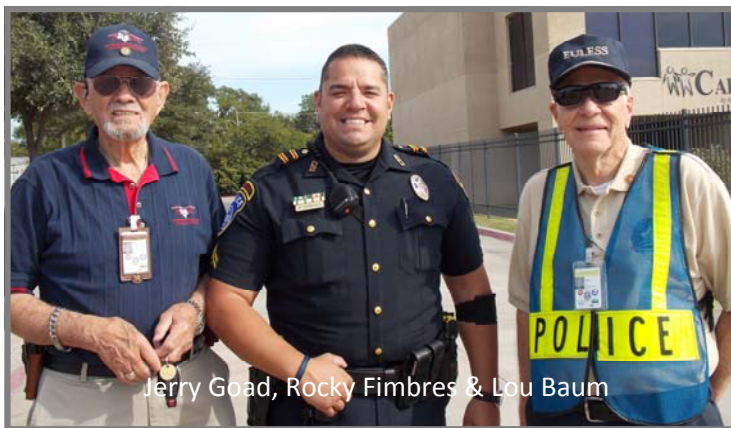
Sandi read the names of those celebrating their birthdays in September and wished them a Happy Birthday.

Lou Baum presented the President's Award for volunteering to Susan Vest who was unable to attend the August ceremony.

Geri Sorg moved and Shawna De Puente seconded the motion to adjourn; the formal meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The members proceeded to enjoy the feast that was provided to celebrate the 20th anniversary of ECPAAA.

Police Department Open House

October 3rd



Jerry Goad, Rocky Fimbres & Lou Baum



Joyce Maxwell & Betty Overstreet



Loren Johnson



Loren Johnson in Sky Tower



Sandi Jones & Melody Balkon



Tim Quinn



Barney Snitz

September 2015 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	September	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/14 Balance in Checking	\$10,554.63				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
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			\$560.00	\$700.00	-\$140.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$1,842.34	\$500.00	\$1,342.34
Grocery Care Cards			\$62.04	\$50.00	\$12.04
Membership Dues		\$10.00	\$1,870.00	\$1,600.00	\$270.00
Member Merchandise		\$31.00	\$127.00	\$100.00	\$27.00
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		\$41.00	\$5,774.63	\$17,675.00	-\$11,900.37
Total	\$10,554.63	\$16,329.26	\$16,329.26		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	September	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day		\$360.00	\$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	\$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		\$62.99	\$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	\$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	\$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		\$6,450.08	\$11,742.87	\$17,675.00	-\$5,932.13
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00	Note: \$400 of Outside Donations is earmarked for RAD Equipment/\$1,000 for EPD Picture Project	
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$4,586.39		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,335.36		\$19,335.36		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.63	\$5.73		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$19,341.09		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$23,927.48		