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Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

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ECPAAA BBQ - \$11,072.94

Congratulations to our hard-working ECPAAA members who made \$11,072.94 for our Euleless Police Department during the ECPAAA BBQ and Dine n Dash event!



We did great on the Live Auction as we only made \$150 less than last year – 2017 \$5,835 / 2016 \$5,985. Total tickets sold was 236 for a total of \$3,410. Dine 'N Dash brought in \$2,000 and the leftover meat sales was \$710. Thank you to everyone that helped make this event a great success!

*October is
Breast
Cancer
Awareness
Month*

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
susannawhitten45@gmail.com
Submissions are due 2nd Saturday day of each month.

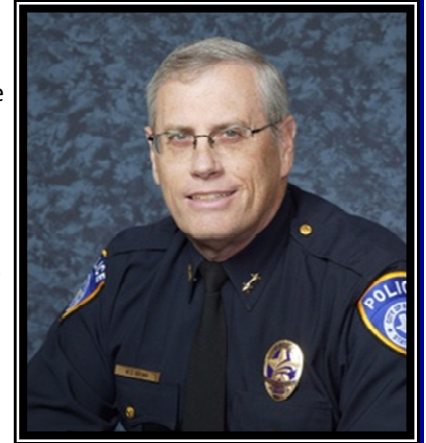
Link to ECPAAA Web Page

<http://www.ecpaaa.org>

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 was a great National Night Out, a little soggy at the end, but overall it was a great evening to be out with your neighbors. The Euless Police Department went to 24 NNO events across the city. Our brothers in the Fire Department were rolling out of our gathering point at Fire Administration when they received a call of a structure fire on Martha St. They were busy the rest of the night fighting that fire and providing emergency services to that business owner. That just goes to show you, the best laid plans of Firemen and Police Officers can go completely astray with the ringing of the phone. Thank goodness all the Fire Fighters returned to their station uninjured and ready for the next call to serve. We missed them out there Tuesday night, but we were proud to explain where they were and what they were doing. Overall, NNO was another tremendous success thanks to you. Thanks to each of you who came out with us, and a huge thanks to those of you who stayed in your neighborhoods and hosted or attended an event there.



The success of NNO set us up perfectly for the biggest and best Open House we've ever had. Both the Police and Fire Departments held open houses on Saturday, and speaking for the Police we could not have had a better event. All the members of the Euless Police Department play a role in making this year's event the best ever. We cooked and gave away 960 hot dogs, 40 pounds of ice was used for the "Great Snow Cone Give Away" we lost count of the pounds of popcorn we popped and gave away. But the real hit of the day was the free face painting. Miss Eva found some true face painting artist. They were busy from the time they started until we finally had to put an end to the line, or I fear we would still be here painting faces. It was a tremendous community event, and we have plans to make it even bigger next year!! Thanks to our brave volunteers who came out and shared the day with us. We would not have been able to do as much as we did without you.

I do not want to forget to mention what a tremendous time we all had at the CPAAA BBQ and Auction. I left there heavy with food but lighter in my bank account. Again, another great event where our volunteers stepped up and showed this community what great things can be accomplished when people work together and stay focused on their goal. I know that each dollar raised during that event will come back to the police department in the form of equipment, training, travel and awards. I speak for myself and my entire family when I say that we cannot wait until the next one, this one was truly a night to remember.

The Michael Ray Williamson Golf Tournament was also hosted a few weeks ago, and we had a great day at the Texas Star Golf Course. The weather was great golfing weather, if you count raining during the last few hours of the tournament as good weather. This year we had a new sponsor come on board with us. In-N-Out Burger was there to cook a great hamburger for all of the golfers. As many of you know, we usually cook for that event ourselves. It was so great to have IN-N-Out Burger come and spend the day with us. Thanks to all of volunteers who came out and played golf or helped us cover all of the many different tasks that needed to be done that made this year's golf tournament such a success.

Thanks to those of you who came out and spent a few minutes with us at Coffee with a Cop at Chick-fil-A. It's always great to spend a few minutes with our citizens and bring the department to a section of the community that doesn't always feel that they had direct access to the department or the officers who serve here.

Thanks for supporting us in all of the various things we've done over the last month. As you can see, it's been a very busy month. I would like to thank Rocky, James, Chris, Carlos and Robert, all the guys in the NPO office for their hard work and dedication to duty this past month. I would also like to thank each of you again for your support and the minutes you give us each month. We could not do all we do without you!!!

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 generally a busy month for the Community Services Division. First, I want to thank everyone who volunteered their time for the Euless Police Department's Open House. The event was a huge success and the temperature and weather were perfect. Special thanks to Maria Lopez and Chance Boyd from the police department who cooked approximately 960 hotdogs this year. We also used 428-pounds of ice for the snow cones, and popped 20-pounds of popcorn that were gone in just four hours. Until I became involved with the Community Services Division, I had no idea how much planning, staging, and prep work this event commanded. The NPO office did a great job in cleaning and organizing the event.

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 20 high school kids eager to help with setting up, breaking down, and especially clean up. ECPAAA members Julie, Betty, and Jeri also had a nice table representing the Alumni with all kinds of goodies and program information.



October 3, 2017 was our annual National Night Out event, which had 26 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. The late night thunderstorm showers did not keep everyone from having a good time. I am glad I was not the only officer that forgot his raincoat! 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, Saturday, October 28th is the City of Euless Halloween Trunk or Treat festival that will be held at the Euless Aquatic Center from 4pm-6:30 pm. 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. No activities and programs would exist without your support. Please remember to be extremely vigilant during Halloween hours for children walking on the streets without any lighting devices.

Respectfully,

Rocky

October 17th Meal for our General Meeting

Steak tips in gravy, broccoli cheese casserole, macaroni and cheese and croissant rolls
with a secret desert.

From the President — Julie Watkins

Happy Fall Ya'll!! I hope everyone has been enjoying our "cooler" weather!! I'm still waiting!! This is a super busy month and so many events planned. I was trying to figure out how I could clone myself and be in about four different places at one time!! This is a month when our City has so many activities planned – my calendar is full!!



We had a great turnout for the Open House!! I usually work on the first Saturday of each month, so I realized that all these years I have missed so much. I worked the ECPAAA table and Jerri Balkon and I talked to so many citizens. We were able to share with them the Citizens Police Academy topics and give them examples of the activities that we are able to participate in along with our Officers. Many were impressed with just how interactive our Police Department is and how they welcome the citizens. We passed out applications and I hope to see many of those faces next year for the classes, (and hopefully, join the Alumni Association). On a personal note (a cute Grandma story). My son and his wife brought their family. I have a very inquisitive granddaughter, Abby. She was just mesmerized by the jail!!! At 3 years old, she is just learning about CHOICES. Well they explained to her that when you make enough bad choices, you will probably end up in jail, behind those bars. So, being that Abby is not usually too shy, she proceeded to ask every officer that she made contact with, "why does everybody go to jail?" She was so serious and concerned. I really did appreciate the time and patience that many of our officers took to explain, at her level of understanding, just how choices are so important. But, of course, being a 3 year old, she also enjoyed the hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones and the bounce house.

I hope to see you at the other activities we have planned for October. Saturday, October 14, is Crud Day and I think we are pretty well staffed with about 14 of our volunteers. This month we will have a speaker from the District Attorney's office. Jerrie has done an excellent job this year securing great speakers for this year.



I mentioned at the last meeting to start thinking about the nominations for the Alumni Member of the Year. This award is announced at the Banquet. Please start thinking of who you would like to receive this award. If you have already given this thought and would like to nominate someone you feel deserves this acknowledgement, please email your candidate, with a short paragraph or two describing why you think they deserved it, to Susanna Whitten at susannawhitten45@gmail.com. We have several of our members in need of our special prayers. Please include all our members and first responders in your prayers.

Julie

EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Executive Board Meeting Minutes – September 19, 2017

Present: Jerri Balkon, Leah Benoit, Jerry Goad, Julie Watkins and Officer Chris White

Meeting called to order at 6:22 p.m.

Old Business - Discussed the speaker – Jerri will introduce him. JR Goad will do the pray and pledges. Mention the Car Show, Lou – brick update, BBQ Results – Leah \$11,072.94. Will be asking membership if they want to do a smaller venue every other year and the larger venue the opposite year or just switch to the smaller venue. Will be discussing it.

New Business - Need Volunteers for the nominating committee. Need Volunteers for the budget committee. Open House 10/7 9 to 3. Workers need, at least 10, passing out brochures. JR will get volunteers. Pete will bring his CERT bag. Crud is 10/14, JR is getting volunteers. Julie mentioned someone telling her that a regular attendee complained that he/she couldn't stand the way things were being run anymore so they would not be coming back. She has no idea who it was. She would like to find out who said it. Leah made the motion to dismiss and Jerri seconded it. Meeting ended 6:40 p.m.

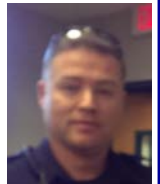
CPAANT Liaison — Leah Benoit - October 2017

The Chiefs Round Table was held on October 7th at the Coppell Life Safety Park. There were 18 member cities, 7 guest cities and 19 police departments represented with approximately 125 in attendance. A “Cowboy” breakfast was served until 10:00 and the Chiefs Round Table started a few minutes after 10:00. There was great discussion on a variety of topics including volunteer activities, provisions provided to alumni or COP members by the police department, chain of command for volunteers and education on mental health issues police officers encounter while on the job. A tour of Life Safety Park was given after the meeting. The next round table will be in 2019. The next CPAANT meeting will be in Arlington on November 4th. For more information on CPAANT, visit their website at www.cpaant.org.



Bio of the Month—Officer Ramon Fraticelli

Senior Police Officer Ramon Fraticelli has been with the Euless Police Department for just over thirteen years. He is assigned to the traffic division and is one of only two CVE officers in the department. In addition, he is a certified Accident Reconstructionist and serves on the regional CRASH Team. Ramon is also a certified TCOLE instructor and teaches traffic, DWI, accident investigation and CVE. He proudly serves as the lead for the Honor Guard team and considers carrying Officer David Hofer's remains back to New York City as one of the greatest honors ever entrusted to him. In 2016, he was awarded the Chaplains Award for his handling of Officer Hofer's funeral and ceremonial duties. Ramon holds his Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and was a DPS Trooper in Ellis County before joining the Euless Police Department. Prior to his law enforcement career, he served his country honorably in the United States Marine Corps. He and his wife Angie have been married fifteen years and have two sons, Alex (12) and Christian (8). In his spare time, Ramon coaches his oldest son's football team in Aledo. He volunteers as an HEB ISD mentor and in 2011 represented the city of Euless in the Guns and Hoses Charity Boxing Tournament where he raised \$4000. Ramon has a passion for aviation and even has his pilot's license. His dream is to one-day take a ride in a military fighter jet.



Speaker – Gene McGuire - ECPAAA September 19th Meeting

In 1977, Gene McGuire's life as a free man ended. He was one of three persons involved in the late-night robbery of a bar. One of the men, his cousin, stabbed and killed the bar owner. Gene was sentenced to life in prison without parole, on a second-degree murder charge. He was 17 years old. Nearly ten years later, after achieving influence in the prison culture of drugs, power, money, pornography and disdain for authority, Gene humbled himself and experienced a Christ-transformation. After submitting to years of discipleship, Gene became a spiritual leader to thousands of inmates. With no hope for release himself, Gene instead developed a fruitful, fulfilling ministry within his world of incarceration. He became an elder in the prison church, developed small groups and yard Bible studies and led others who were also without freedom to true freedom in Christ. Then, almost 35 years into his prison sentence, came an unexpected miracle. On April 3, 2012 Presiding Judge Russell D. Shurtleff addressed the crowded Wyoming County Courtroom in Pennsylvania. He ruled that Gene had been wrongfully charged, that his life sentence was reversed and that he had already served the appropriate sentence due. Gene was released a free man — no parole. His story is riveting — from a life sentenced to imprisonment to one filled with the power of God's love, forgiveness and freedom, bringing hope to all. He is the author of Unshackled – From Ruins to Redemption, speaker and community advocate.

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September Volunteer Hours Comparison by Lou Baum

Month of September

2016 — 495 Hours

2017 — 878 Hours



Year to Date

2016 — 5217 Hours

2017 — 4649 Hours

Thanks for the many hours of service in September. The BBQ event was another success thanks to a bunch of super servants. Let's keep the momentum going with Open House and City Re-cycle event. Until next time take care of each other. Lou

Eules Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association General Membership Meeting - September 19, 2017

Attendees: Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Lou Baum, Vicki Baum, Irene Benavidez, Leah Benoit, Eric Bumstead, Diana Deering, Roy Deering, John Deithloff, Bill Dufinetz, Mia Estella, Shannon Finnegan, Adleen Ginorio, Jerry Goad, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Geraldine Keller, Anniece McKanna, Nan Moulton, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Judy Rick, Thomas Salmi, Rose Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Susan Vest, Julie Watkins, Diana Williams, Nancy Zehelski, and Harry Zimmer. Guest attendees: Jim Grau, Alex Klooster, and Arisha Sumar

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. JR Goad led the pray and the pledges to the American and the Texas flags. Jerri Balkon introduced the speaker who was Gene McGuire. The Meeting was called back to order at 8:13 after the speaker finished and a rest room break was given. There were no questions or changes to the minutes from last month's meeting and Tim Stinneford made the motion to accept them and Sandi Jones seconded them. The minutes were passed. There were no problems or questions regarding the treasure's report.

Old Business - BBQ was an awesome event and we raised \$11, 072.94 with around 200 in attendance. People seemed more relaxed and certainly ate more. Next year we need to have two lines to pay money for the meat purchases. Leah thanked Tim Stinneford for being our auctioneer. Leah mentioned doing it again next year or skipping a year and said we will vote on it next month and will also vote on whether to include the silent auction or not. This will be put in the newsletter so we can discuss it and vote on it. Faye did thank you notes for all the help. It was much better this year. Tim mentioned that because it was the same night as the Chamber Dinner we lost all our 'big wigs'. We may need to look at moving it to the spring in the future. Betty Overstreet recapped the 911 gifts for the Dispatcher Appreciation (we have been doing this for our 911 operators since before the 9/11 event occurred). She thanked Anniece and Sharon for their help. They had \$400 budgeted and only spent \$337.32, saved us \$62.68. We have 16 dispatchers – 14 full- timers and 2 part-timers. They gave each one a blue zippered tote bag with a shooting star on it like the design on our police cars. They also gave each one a blue stainless steels cup that was personalized and can fit in the side pocket of the zipper tote. Eules merchants were used to purchase these items: Shield and Big Frog.

New Business - Open House 10/7 need more volunteers see JR. Crude 10/14 mostly full of volunteers. 11/2 THS Homecoming Parade need more volunteers. 12/2 Christmas Parade need 3 volunteers. For open house we will have pamphlets on all the programs we offer and we are trying to get more of the original ones instead of just the copies we made for Arbor Daze. Start thinking about "Volunteer of the Year". The form will be e-mailed to you and will include a list of names that have gotten it previously. Budget Committee – Jerri Balkon, Leah Benoit, Sandi Jones, and Melody Balkon. Nominating Committee – Melody Balkon, Faye Stinneford, and Mia Estella. The September Birthdays were read but no one in the room had a birthday since Pete Jones had to go to a meeting in another part of the building, so we did not sing happy birthday. CERT is now under the leadership of Pete Jones so if you have not attended this yet sign up to take this class. We have some bracelets that Kyla O'berg gave us so they will be pure profit for us. The cost is \$3 each or 2 for \$5. We also have the window stickers at the same price. See Faye Stinneford for these items after the meeting. Faye made the motion to dismiss the meeting and Susan Vest seconded it. Meeting ended at 8:49 p.m.

911 Appreciation

ECPAAA presentation made to the on duty dispatchers on September 7th. The ECPAAA provided the funds to purchase gifts for our Eules Police Department 16 dispatchers. Items presented were zipper tote bags (from Big Frog) with individualized/personalized mugs (from Shield Awards) and packages of lifesavers. Dispatchers left to right: Cathy Pruitt, Cynthia Pena, Darla Wilson, ECPAAA Volunteers: Anniece McKanna, Betty Overstreet, (not pictured Sharon Finnegan).



October & November Upcoming Events

Oct 13—Seasons of Sound, Brave Combo a Rock Polka Band, 7– 8 pm, Texas Star Pavilion, 1400 Texas Star Parkway.

Oct 14 — CRUD Day, 9—11 am, Euless Municipal Complex, 201 N.Ector

Oct 21 — Steak Dinner at the Fire Station, 4—7:30 pm, Fire Station #3, 202 S. Main Street.

Oct 23 — Nov 3 Early Voting, Mary Lib Saleh Euless Public Library, 201 N. Ector Dr.

Oct 24 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector.

Oct 28 — Euless Halloween Trunk or Treat Celebration, 4—6:30 pm, Euless Family Life Center , 300 West Midway Drive.

Nov 2 — Trinity High School Home Coming Parade

Nov 8 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7 pm, Euless Police Department meeting room, 1102 W. Euless Blvd.

Nov 11 — Paper Shred Day, 9—11 am, Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector.

Nov 11 — Diabetes Fun Walk and Presentation, 9:30 am, Mary Lib Saleh Euless Public Library, 201 N. Ector Dr.

Nov 14 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector.

Nov 23 — 24 City Holiday

Nov 28 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector.

Dec 2 — Euless Christmas Parade

September 2017 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical — 19.5 Hours

Citizens On Patrol — 32 Hours

COP Car — 20 Hours

COP Sky Tower — 12 Hours

Number of Handicap Citations Issued — 1

Crime Victims Assistance Program — 0 Hours

Euless Radio Club — 134 Hours

Jail — 3.75 Hours

Meetings — 69 Hours — Includes the following:

CPAANT Meeting — 0 Hours

ECPAAA BBQ Dinner/Dine 'N Dash Meeting — 18 Hours

ECPAAA Board & General Meeting — 51 Hours

Miscellaneous — 378.5 Hours

Includes ECPAAA BBQ Dinner/Dine 'N Dash — 299 Hours

Speed Trailer — 11.25 Hours

Training — 132 Hours (CERT)

Vehicle Maintenance — 93.75 Hours

Watering of Plants — 4 Hours

Total — 877.75 Hours

September National Value of Volunteer Time - \$21,188.89

September Texas Value of Volunteer Time - \$22,075.41

2017 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time - \$ - 112,226.86

2017 YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time - \$ - 116,922.35

32 Alumni Members and 3 guest present at September Meeting

Happy October Birthday's — ECPAAA Members

Jo Wells	10/2	Rusty Brown	10/5	Tony Burnett	10/5	Leslie Kane	10/6
Rocky Fimbres	10/7	Harry Zimmer	10/9	Curtis Brown	10/10	Vince Trevino	10/10
Gary Fieldsend	10/21	Geri Sorg	10/22	Linda Eilenfeldt	10/23	James Rogerson	10/31

ECPAAA September 2017 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	September	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/16 Balance in Checking	\$24,683.18				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Back the Blue Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction		\$6,910.00	\$10,822.00	\$10,000.00	\$822.00
Brick Sales - Officer of the Year Fundraiser			\$1,675.00	\$0.00	\$1,675.00
Brick Sales - Other			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
CRUD Day			\$476.53	\$1,100.00	-\$623.47
Donations/Outside Income			\$826.64	\$500.00	\$326.64
Fundraisers			\$94.23	\$200.00	-\$105.77
Grocery Care Cards			\$44.74	\$25.00	\$19.74
Membership Dues			\$1,720.00	\$2,000.00	-\$280.00
Member Merchandise			\$683.00	\$250.00	\$433.00
Recycle (Cans, Cartridges & Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Warrant Roundup			\$587.50	\$600.00	-\$12.50
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
Total Income		\$6,910.00	\$16,929.64	\$28,335.00	-\$11,405.36
Total	\$24,683.18	\$41,612.82	\$41,612.82		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	September	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day		\$217.32	\$217.32	\$400.00	-\$182.68
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$275.00	\$500.00	-\$225.00
Back the Blue Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Silent Auction		\$4,414.83	\$4,419.03	\$8,000.00	-\$3,580.97
Bricks			\$302.00	\$300.00	\$2.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$25.00	\$30.00	-\$5.00
CPAANT Dues			\$0.00	\$25.00	-\$25.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$250.00	-\$250.00
Expenses Not Categorized		\$540.00	\$540.00	\$500.00	\$40.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$411.00	\$150.00	\$261.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$66.22	\$200.00	-\$133.78
Office Supplies			\$291.10	\$500.00	-\$208.90
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$1,106.20	\$1,000.00	\$106.20
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$1,695.00	\$3,255.00	-\$1,560.00
Police Honor Guard			\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$450.00	-\$450.00
President Awards			\$227.29	\$200.00	\$27.29
Social Events			\$220.21	\$400.00	-\$179.79
TCPAAA Convention			\$110.00	\$125.00	-\$15.00
Water by the Gallon		\$200.00	\$942.00	\$800.00	\$142.00
Total Expenses		\$5,372.15	\$20,847.37	\$28,335.00	-\$7,487.63
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$20,765.45		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$11,842.82		\$11,842.82		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.09	\$0.88		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$11,843.70		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$32,609.15		

Note: \$649.25 of outside donations is ear-marked for RAD Equipment. \$3,550 BBQ donations from a member; \$1,200 of which is slated for gift cards for Dine N Dash.