



# 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

**April Speaker** — Assistant Chief Bob Freeman will stop by and say a few words to the ECPAAA members. You can read more about Bob on page 4.

### Barney Snitz received City of Euleless' Lifetime Achievement Award

Hopefully everyone read the April Edition of the Euleless Today. If you have, then you read about Barney receiving this prestigious award. The Lifetime Achievement Award is given to a person or persons in Euleless that have given of their time and efforts to the City of Euleless throughout their life and we all know that Barney has certainly given his time freely.

### Congratulations Barney!



### 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/>

**Last chance to pay your 2014 ECPAAA Dues!** They are only \$20 and our Treasurer, Leah Benoit, will be collecting them at the April 15th meeting. Make check payable to ECPAAA or pay with Cash!

## From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

It was great getting to address the CPAAA meeting last month!! It's always great to get to spend some time with you and to see your smiling faces!!

Speaking of faces, we have 4 new ones that we just hired and they are busy learning all they need to know to be great police officers. They are all attending the Tarrant County Community College Police Academy, located on the TCCC Northwest Campus. They will have 18 weeks of intensive training and will then join us for another 18 weeks of even more intensive training as they go through the Field Training Program. Many of you know how that works, and many of you have seen some of our Field Training Officers while they are training. Each step of the way from the testing process, to the selection process, to the background investigation, further testing (polygraph, medical, psychological), through the academy and field training program is designed to weed out the applicants who cannot function at the level we require to become a Euless Police Officer. Each part of the overall process has its own set of challenges and each challenge must be met and successfully conquered before that person can be released from training. Oh, and after we finish with all the required training, they still serve a year's probation. During this year their performance, demeanor, work ethic and grasp of departmental goals and objectives are carefully scrutinized. If for any reason it is determined that they are not living up to the standards of the department, they are released from training and we start the process all over again.

It takes us right at a year to successfully get someone through this process. Once we identify that we have an opening and we start interviewing prospective recruits, it will be a year before that person has completed all the steps and are able to be released from training. Remember, once they have been released from training, they still have their probationary period to serve. I tell you all of this to remind you about how serious we are about only allowing the very best possible men and women to serve as Euless Police Officers. We have a great department full of truly good men and women who come every day to serve this community and make it the safest they possibly can, who care about this community and the people who choose to live, work and play here.

Speaking of people who serve this community. As you know, our Mayor, Mary Lib Saleh, is retiring from public service. I have known the Mayor long before she was the Mayor and long before I was a Euless Police Officer. I met Mary Lib Saleh when I was in high school and was allowed to date her daughter, Penny. I knew from the time I spent around the Saleh family that it was a truly remarkable family that cared deeply for one another and where service to others was something that was expected. I enjoyed the time I spent with the Saleh family and consider myself very fortunate to have been able to continue my relationship with each of them for all these many years. The Mayor has been a true friend of the Euless Police Department, and has always placed a great emphasis on maintaining the quality of the people who serve within its ranks. I will treasure the times the Mayor and I have shared together, the inside jokes we have and the absolute respect I have for her and her commitment to the City of Euless and everything that entails. We will get another Mayor, but we will never have another Mary Lib Saleh; they just don't make them like her anymore.

We will also be saying goodbye to Council Member Leon Hogg. Mr. Hogg has served this community in so many ways that I refuse to list them for fear of missing a few. All I know for sure is that he's become part of the fabric of Euless. His years of service and all the great things he has accomplished are so much a part of this city that his legacy will live forever. I could always count on him to be a part of anything we were doing here at the Police Department. It was always great to be somewhere and see his smiling face, get a very hardy handshake and know that he was there to support us. He came with no agenda, not wanting a thing, other than to show that he stood with us and was willing to do whatever we needed to insure our success. Friends like that are hard to find, and I will miss him being on the council. But I still expect he'll continue to come when we need him; that's just the way he is!!

Thanks for all you do for us!!

Your Servant,  
Mike



## From the President — John Luna

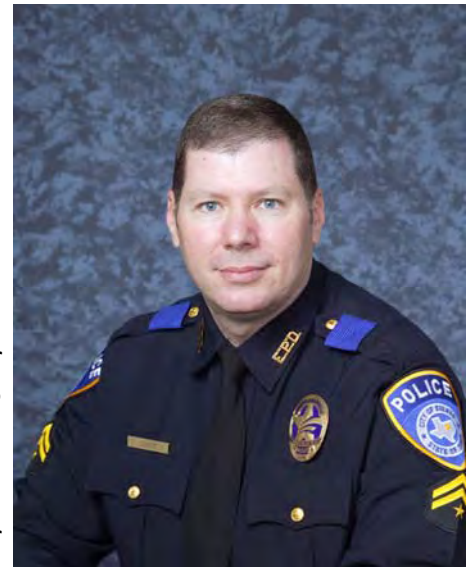
Spring is finally here and with it brings the 4<sup>th</sup> month of the 2014. Many thanks go to Officer Michael Moore for sharing his personal experiences as one of our police officers. Everyone has expressed how much they enjoyed getting to know our officers and look forward to visiting with other officers who make a difference in our community. We are fortunate to be able to get to know them as Euless Police Officers but also as our public ambassadors as they represent our city on the streets of Euless.

We are busy getting ready for Arbor Daze - April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. There are many ways to help (contact J. R. Goad at 817-229-4903) to find out how you can match the needs with your talents. If we all pitch in to help, then we can work shorter hours and have more time to enjoy Arbor Daze. Thanks to Julie Watkins for conducting the March meeting - I am told she was excellent. If you have not bought a remembrance brick, consider it and help our association raise funds (contact Leah Benoit). The point is -- if a great number does a little the few does not have to do a lot. I appreciate the folks who share a large number of hours. Please make time to make a difference in helping our police department make Euless a safe place to live, work and enjoy our parks.



## EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

One of the many benefits that come from our Citizens Police Academy is the relationships that we build with each other. In the beginning you may describe the relationship as an acquaintance between the Alumni Member and the Officer(s) but then it turns into a friendship on a first name basis, this is where you really get to know your Police Department. We have some damn fine officers who are good at what they do. Are we perfect? Nope we make mistakes but when we do - we own it, learn from it. Do you remember the moment that you realized that your teacher didn't live in the classroom? She/He went home and was a "normal person" like everyone else. Our Officers do the same and the hope is that they use that time to decompress and reenergize so they can come back next week and save the world all over again. What role do you play in that? Simple, your presence. Even without you saying a word or not recognizing one of the many new faces your presence speaks loudly. It shows support, understanding and the relationship that exists between this community and city. I love to see Faye, Helen and Betty set up in the briefing room when they fold and stuff envelopes, they are being seen and speaking loudly with their presence without saying a word. You all should have a code to the building, come be seen. I know many of you are busy and don't have much time outside of life's commitments but come be seen, even if it's for a few minutes. Sit through a roll call briefing, make a lap around the building and say hello. We need each other to be successful, like Sir Walter Peel said in 1829 "The Police are the people and the people are the police".







## Officer Biography

### Robert (Bob) Freeman

**Date of Biography:** March 28, 2014

**Current title with EPD:** Assistant Police Chief

**Year started and history with the EPD:**

Patrol Officer	1980 – 1985
Investigator	1985 – 1985
Patrol Sergeant	1985 – 1990
Service Sergeant	1990 – 1991
Patrol Sergeant	1991 – 1993
Patrol Lieutenant	1993 – 1996
Administrative Lieutenant	1996 – 1997
Administrative Captain	1997 – 1999
Patrol Captain	1998 – 1999
Interim Police Chief	1999 – 2000
Patrol Captain	2000 – 2001
Assistant Police Chief	2001 – 2007
Interim Chief	2007 – 2007
Assistant Police Chief	2007 - Present



**Where were you born?** Harris Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas

**In what city do you currently live?** Bedford

**Tell me a little about your family, spouse, children (ages), grandchildren, pets, etc.** Married to my wife Julie for 37 plus years. We were High School sweethearts that married at ages of 17 and 19. She is a Registered Nurse, currently retired. We have three children, Melanie is a 911 Dispatcher for Hurst Police Department for over 9 years, son Bobby, a Roanoke Police Officer for over 5 years, and a daughter-in-law, Mandy, who is a 911 Dispatcher for Bedford Police Department. No grandchildren yet, but two Yorkshire Terriers, Rowdy and Dolly.

**What are your hobbies?** We have a 60-acre ranch in Coleman, Texas where we camp, hunt, and ride ATVs'. Also like to fish, read, and go to movies. We have a fifth wheel travel trailer and like to travel and see the country.

**What is your favorite part of being a police officer?** Helping people and hopefully leaving the community a better place than when I started serving.

**Any interesting or little-known facts about yourself...** I'm 1/32 Cherokee Indian but never win at Winstar. Also my second cousin, through marriage, is George Machine Gun Kelly.

**Who is your favorite celebrity?** I don't really have one.

**What is your favorite food?** Fried Chicken



### March 2014 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical – 18 Hours 45 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol – 77 Hours 15 Minutes  
Includes the following:  
COP Car – 72 Hours 15 Minutes  
COP Sky Tower – 5 Hours 0 Minutes  
Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 3

Courts – 12 Hours 45 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program – 10 Hour 30 Minutes

Eules Radio Club – 9 Hours 0 Minutes

Jail – 9 Hours 15 Minutes

Meetings – 46 Hours 15 Minutes  
Includes the following:  
ECPAAA Meeting – 46 Hours 15 Minutes

Miscellaneous – 49 Hours 0 Minutes

Speed Trailer – 14 Hours 0 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance – 70 Hours 30 Minutes

Warrant Roundup – 152 Hours 0 Minutes

Watering of Plants – 6 Hours 0 Minutes

**Grand Total – 475 Hours 15 Minutes**

**March National Value of Volunteer Time – \$10,419.82**

**2014 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time – \$25,973.54**

**March Meeting – 32 Alumni Members and  
4 Guests Present**

### Upcoming Events

April 12 — Hazardous Material Collection Day (CRUD), 9:00 am—11:00 am, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

April 15 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

April 20 — **HAPPY EASTER!** Easter Brunch, Raven's Grille, 1400 Texas Star Parkway, for reservations call 817-685-1847

April 22 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

April 25 — Child Safety Seat Check Point, 10:00 am—2:00 pm, Eules Super Target, 1401 W. Glade Road

April 26-27 — Arbor Daze Festival, 9:00 am—8:00 pm (April 26th) and 2:00 pm— 6:00 pm (April 27th), City Hall Complex

April 28—May 6 — Early Voting for City of Eules General Election, Eules Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive, see <http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/ElectionInformation.htm> for times

May 3 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 noon, Duncanville (for location & directions visit [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org))

May 10 — Election Day - City of Eules General Election, Eules Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive, 7:00 am—7:00 pm

May 11 — **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!** Mother's Day Brunch, 10:00 am—2:00 pm, Raven's Grille, 1400 Texas Star Parkway

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

May 14 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center

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

## Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Vicki Baum — 4/3  
Annette Johnson — 4/6

Kay Goad — 4/10  
Jerrie Keller — 4/10  
Kendall Hall — 4/12

Betty Overstreet — 4/16  
Peggy Vandiver — 4/19

## March 2014 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	March	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			\$0.00	\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00
Brick Sales			\$1,050.00	\$35.00	\$1,015.00
Craigslist Fundraiser			\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
CRUD Day			\$0.00	\$700.00	-\$700.00
Donations/Outside Income		\$862.32	\$862.32	\$500.00	\$362.32
Grocery Care Cards			\$41.71	\$40.00	\$1.71
Membership Dues		\$300.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,600.00	-\$400.00
Member Merchandise		\$22.00	\$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			\$0.00	\$250.00	-\$250.00
Warrant Roundup		\$1,900.00	\$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>\$3,084.32</b>	<b>\$5,376.03</b>	<b>\$27,705.00</b>	<b>-\$22,328.97</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,080.52</b>	<b>\$11,456.55</b>	<b>\$11,456.55</b>		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	March	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$325.00	-\$325.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Bricks			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
CPANNT Dues			\$0.00	\$25.00	-\$25.00
CPANNT Convention			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$15.99	\$250.00	-\$234.01
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Office Supplies			\$32.75	\$300.00	-\$267.25
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$0.00	\$600.00	-\$600.00
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			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
President Awards		\$128.82	\$128.82	\$150.00	-\$21.18
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Water by the Gallon		\$238.00	\$238.00	\$650.00	-\$412.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$366.82</b>	<b>\$415.56</b>	<b>\$27,705.00</b>	<b>-\$27,289.44</b>
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
<b>Funds Available in Checking</b>			<b>\$11,040.99</b>		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,327.69		\$19,327.69		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.65	\$1.89		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
<b>Funds Available in Savings</b>			<b>\$19,329.58</b>		
<b>Total ECPAAA Funds</b>			<b>\$30,370.57</b>		

Note: The Outside Donation consists of the following: \$350 RAD Equipment Donation / \$480 Outside Donation from VHA Inc. / \$32.32 ECFAAA Reimbursement for Awards

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
March 18, 2014**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** — The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm.

**ATTENDEES:** Leah Benoit, Jerry Goad, Chris Shanahan, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Peggy Vandiver, Julie Watkins and Liaison Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

Julie reviewed the plans for conducting the General Meeting.

There was some discussion about the BBQ/Auction. Leah agreed to chair the committee, and we are still going to try for a September date.

It was reported that the golf tournament will be one of the last events at Texas Star as Texas Star will be closing for the summer for renovation. The prize for winning the golf tournament will be an iPad Air.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

**GENERAL MEETING** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with prayer and the Pledge.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, John Deithloff, Jerry Goad, Marian Goethe, Mark Hummert, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Jerrie Keller, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Leo Neal, Barbara Niziolek, Judy Rick, Chris Shanahan, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Jeremy Tompkins, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Julie Watkins

We had special visitors this evening. Tony Burnett introduced his wife Melissa and son Andrew.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Police Awards Banquet**

Julie remarked that many alumni members well represented the association. She also mentioned thank you notes we received from those who won the coupons to nice area restaurants.

##### **Web Site**

Chief Mike Brown, Ms. Betsy Deck and Mr. Chris Shanahan shared information about the ECPAAA web site. We learned that there had been an issue between the person who built the web site for the ECFAAA and the organization. It was then decided that the City should be responsible for the web site to ensure that personal issues would not interfere with its functioning as a source of information to the public. Chris will still have access to the ECPAAA web site and will be able to post updates as needed. Since several of us had not seen the revised web site, Becky gave us an overview of the redesigned web site.

##### **Other**

Judy Rick moved and Peggy Vandiver seconded the motion to rescind last month's decision to reclaim the ECPAAA web site from the city. The motion was approved.

Faye Stinneford moved and Melody Balkon seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

Loren Johnson and Sandi Jones moved and seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was approved.

Tony reported that the current CPA class was going well; there are 15 attendees. He also indicated that the HEB ISD law enforcement class starts tomorrow, and that are now installing safes in area schools. Tony asked that all members consider attending the Texas Conference be held in July at San Marcos.

##### **Committee Reports**

Geri Sorg invited members to join her in attending the next CPANNT meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 5, in Cedar Hill.

It was reported that the Afghans were now being sold for \$25 each as we have gotten our money back on them.

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**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES *continued from page 7***

**NEW BUSINESS**

In line with the plan to get to know our officers better, Tony Burnett introduced Michael Moore who has been a police officer in Eules for about two years. He was hired July 2011. He was originally from New York but was raised in Plano. He talked about his love of police work and shared the fact that he was getting married March 22.

J. R. talked about various volunteer opportunities and circulated sign-up sheets. These events include the following: Trash Off, April 5; CRUD, April 12 and September 27; Trinity High School Parade, September 22; Open House, October 4; Christmas Parade, December 6.

**Announcements**

It was reported that Leah Benoit had agreed to chair the BBQ and Auction committee.

It was reported that raffle tickets to be used at the golf tournament were available for sale; the cost \$2 each and three for \$5. The benefit supports the Eules Police Benevolent Association. The tournament is scheduled for May 21.

Julie announced that Loretta Santos has moved into an assisted living facility and asked the membership to contact her if at all possible.

Leah reported that the warrant roundup ran for four nights and that she had submitted an invoice for \$1,900.

Pete Jones moved and Melody Balkon seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**CPAANT Liaison**

**Geri Sorg**

CPAANT HOST: Cedar Hill CPAAA

April 5, 2014

The presentation at Cedar Hill was on Warrant Calling. Each city does it just a little bit differently; some CPAAA's are paid a percentage/hourly/or nothing at all. The timing of Warrant Calls vary too, from every Friday/once a month/quarterly/annually. We had total of 47 with 3 officer's present; Member representatives was 15.

Duncanville CPAAA will host the May 3 meeting. Please visit <http://www.cpaant.org/> for additional information.



**Eules Police Benevolent Organization**

**Golf Tournament**

**May 21, 2014**



The EPBO has asked the ECPAAA to help sell raffle tickets for the event. The grand prize is an iPad Air! The EPBO will split the profits of the raffle 50/50 with ECPAAA.

So let's get on board and help sell these tickets. You can pick up your tickets from Celia Carrillo in Police Administration or tickets will be available at the ECPAAA April 15th meeting as well.

**March Volunteer Hours Comparison By Lou Baum**

Month	Year-to-Date
2014 — 475 Hours	2014 — 1,173 Hours
2013 — 413 Hours	2013 — 1,282 Hours
1-1/2% Gain	8% Decrease

We had a super turn out for Warrant Roundup. Thanks for those who had the time to give. Lets pick up the 8% this month working Trash-Off and Arbor Daze. Stay safe!