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Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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2014 Officers

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- Secretary:** Rose-Marie Stevens
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- Parliamentarian:** Jerry Goad
- EPD Liaisons:** Captain Gary Landers and Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

August Speakers

Pete and Sandi Jones will share their African Safari photos from their trip to Zula Nyala, a trip they won at the 2012 ECPAAA BBQ Dinner/Auction Event. This trip will be available once again at the event scheduled for November 8th!

Members that attended the Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Law Enforcement and Training Convention in San Marcos will share some thoughts on the convention.



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>



*Euleless Citizens Police
and Fire Academy
Alumni Associations*



Presidential 2013 Volunteers Awards Ceremony
August 28, 2014
7:00 pm
Euleless City Hall
201 N. Fctor Drive
22 Award Recipients

From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

We made it through a rather mild July, it even rained a few times; something we are not used to. I hope your summer is going well and everyone has had a chance or will get a chance to get away for a little while. I know I did, I got to get away to Ruidoso, New Mexico. It sure was cool up in those mountains.

Thanks to those of you who have been able to come and help us keep up with all of our Vacation House Watches and those who have been able to come by and share a few minutes of your time with us this summer. We look forward to seeing more of you as we go through the summer. Our property crime rate has actually gone down from this time last year. I hope that means that we've removed the criminal element that's been responsible for our crime these past few years. I believe that it really means that we are doing a much better job as a community of watching out for each other.

For those of you who are involved in your neighborhoods with your Neighborhood Watch Program, or you just do your best to educate your neighbors about the things necessary to present a neighborhood that is tough on crime, I applaud your efforts and ask that you include us in your outreach. We have crime prevention information, strategies and materials that can go a long way in helping you keep your home and your neighborhood safe.

Be aware that the city has West Nile mosquito monitoring stations throughout the city. I do not believe that we have had any human cases of West Nile this summer; there have been mosquitoes caught in the traps that have tested positive for the virus. Please take every precaution you can when venturing out in the early mornings and evenings - that virus can be deadly and we depend on each of you so much we can't afford to lose you.

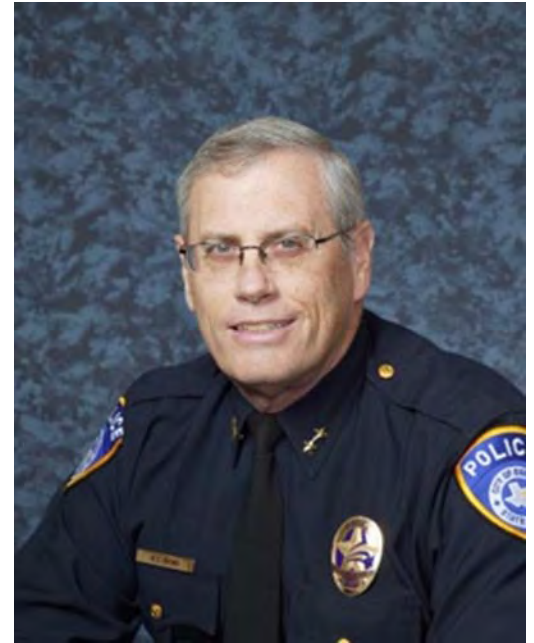
As I mentioned last month we have said goodbye to Detective Sal Lewis. She had a great going away lunch retirement reception. We wish her much success and happiness as she transitions into her new role as a Retired Police Officer.

School will be starting in the next few weeks which means school zones, increased pedestrian traffic and congestion around our schools for the first few weeks of school; until everyone learns the traffic flow. Please take your time as you drive in the neighborhoods, around our schools and through the school zones. The very last thing that we want to happen is to have a child injured as they are going to and from school. We may need a little help from some of you as we get into the school year with manning a School Crossing or two for a brief period of time. If you'd be interested in helping us in this area please let Tony know.

I would like to thank Judy Rick!! She came to the Police Academy Graduation ceremony where our 4 newest Police Officers graduated. It was a packed room, standing room only, but it was a great tribute to all of those who graduated that night. Those 4 have started their Field Training and we look for great things from all of them. Thanks to Don Martin and John Luna for coming to the swearing in ceremony the next morning. That is a very special time for us as a department and if you haven't witnessed that ceremony I invite each of you to attend one if you can.

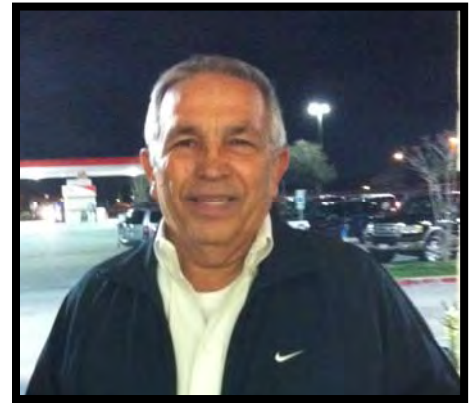
Thanks for all you do!! We couldn't do all the great things we do in the community without you!!

Your Servant,
Mike



From the President — John Luna

This has been a busy and fast month for the ECPAAA. We have enjoyed the record setting cool weather ever for July and the first day of 103 degrees. At our last meeting we had a good turnout to hear Officer Ed Pietrowski share his story regarding his family and his experience working on the streets of New York City. We are glad Officer Ed chose to work in Euless and share his street experience with us and his fellow officers. We are excited and look forward to hearing and knowing more of the personal side of our officers as they share and willingly answer questions. Please come to our next meeting August 19 at 7:00 and hear our next exciting speaker.



We had a Citizens on Patrol training class which 20 members attended. Way to go -- let us get the COP cars on the street. Please, we need your help. The ECPAAA BBQ Dinner and Auction Committee have the meeting dates scheduled - all Monday nights at 7:00 pm in the Police training room: August 11, September 15, October 13 and November 3. Everyone please help to make this one of the best ever fund raisers.

We look forward to an interesting report from the folks who attended the Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni and Law Enforcement Annual Training. Tony shared with me some interesting topics that were presented and look forward to hearing more about it. We are celebrating and are excited of the arrival of four new Euless Police Officers and mixed feelings (happy for her, sad for us) of the retirement of Detective Sal Lewis.

"Make a Difference in Someone's Life Every Day"



Pete and Sandi Jones at Dick's Classic Garage

Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni and Law Enforcement Training Convention

San Marcos—July 27th—July 29th

Over 340 alumni members and law enforcement personnel were in attendance this year.



Pete Jones, Leah Benoit & Tony Burnett at Convention

Future Convention Dates

- 2015 — El Paso
- 2016 — Corpus Christi
- 2017 — Waco
- 2018 — Open
- 2019 — Open
- 2020 — College Station

July 2014 Volunteer Hours

- CID Clerical – 18 Hours 0 Minutes
- Citizens On Patrol – 79 Hours 45 Minutes
 - Includes the following:
 - COP Car – 76 Hours 45 Minutes
 - COP Sky Tower – 3 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 4
- Courts – 12 Hours 45 Minutes
- Crime Victims Assistance Program – 6 Hour 30 Minutes
- Eules Radio Club – 4 Hours 0 Minutes
- Jail – 30 Hours 0 Minutes
- Meetings – 130 Hours 30 Minutes
 - Includes the following:
 - ECPAAA Meeting – 40 Hours 30 Minutes
 - TCPAAA Convention– 90 Hours 0 Minutes
- Miscellaneous – 22 Hours 0 Minutes
- Speed Trailer – 5 Hours 30 Minutes
- Training (Citizens On Patrol) - 57 Hours 0 Minutes
- Vehicle Maintenance – 125 Hours 30 Minutes
- Watering of Plants – 7 Hours 0 Minutes

Grand Total – 498 Hours 30 Minutes

July National Value of Volunteer Time – \$11,241.18

2014 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time – \$64,857.18

July Meeting – 25 Alumni Members Present

Upcoming Events

- Aug 11 — BBQ Dinner/Auction Event Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department
- Aug 12 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Aug 13 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- Aug 19 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department
- Aug 26 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Aug 28 — Presidential Volunteer Award Ceremony, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Sept 6 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 noon, Forest Hill (for location & directions visit www.cpaant.org)
- Sept 9 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Sept 10 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- Sept 15 — BBQ Dinner/Auction Event Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department
- Sept 16 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Melody Balkon — 8/3

Lou Baum — 8/4

Joyce Maxwell — 8/5

Susan Vest — 8/12

Julie Watkins — 8/12

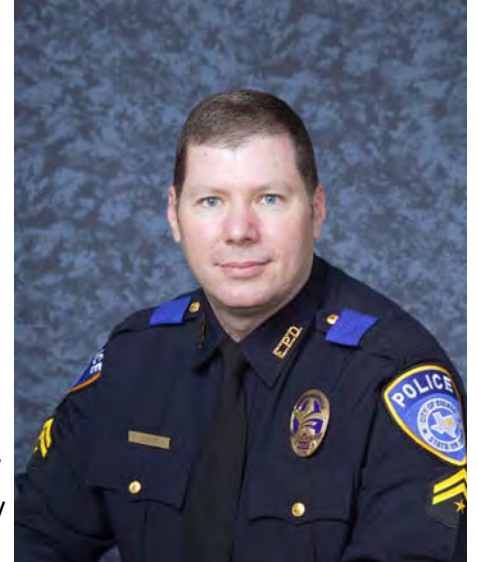
Loren Johnson — 8/14

Mark Hummert — 8/21

Shirley Dailey — 8/22

EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

I want to speak on why cops are easy to hate? More and more recently I read negative comments from readers who leave their thoughts and comments below the on-line articles. If you read a story on-line about a police officer or agency that is good or bad you will see many negative comments made below. Remember, I said good stories too. Some of those comments include the words corrupt, arrogant and lazy. It only takes one negative story to label all of us and years to overcome it. I was an officer when the Rodney King story broke and I was policing on 9/11. It was amazing how differently we were viewed and treated by the public after both of those events. Today, I blame a lot of the negativity towards police on current events. Right or wrong, many people are frustrated by decisions being made by those in power either at the national level or the state level. They mistakenly view police power as that same power that they have come to despise, the power that they view as creating inequalities. Police do not have power but authority granted to use only when necessary to do the job sworn to do. Police don't carry the sword in vain but they cannot demand respect just because they have the sword, that would be abuse of power. Respect comes from treating people fairly, administering justice equally and not becoming too infatuated with yourself; a great lesson for leaders and police. You are an advocate for us because of the way we treat others and not because we carry a sword. Tell others about us, invite them to a meeting, introduce them to a Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO), get them involved in the CPA, let them ride-out, it's a start to curve some of that negativity.



The conference was wonderful and I want to thank Leah, Pete and Sandi for sharing me with my family who also went to San Marcos. The speakers were some of the best I have heard at the state conference, the topics were interesting and the turnout was great! I think Leah and I have already discussed El Paso in 2015, we should go; so start planning now. Thank you to everyone who attended the COP class in July, it was a great class. A thank you goes out to Don Martin for helping me organize it. Remember to get with Don if you want to participate.

July and August are suppose to be the NPO's "slow" months but with so many officers in training and out on injury we have been filling the gaps. The guys are working hard for you and keeping me employed - thanks James and Chris. The School Resource Officers are finishing up their summer break that seemed like it just started. Come to the August meeting in order to hear Pete and Sandi's vacation tales!! I will also be bringing that infant picture of me bathing in the sink so you don't want to miss that!

How did the Summer Months get their names?



- ☀ June was named either for Juniores, the lower branch of the Roman Senate, or Juno, the wife of Jupiter, a Roman god.
- ☀ July was named by Marc Antony in honor of Julius Caesar.
- ☀ August was named for Julius Caesar's adopted nephew, Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus, who received the title Augustus, meaning "reverend." He named the month for himself.

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
July 15, 2014**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING — The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm.

Attendees: Leah Benoit, J. R. Goad, John Luna and Liaison Sr. Cpl. Tony Burnett

John Luna went over the general meeting agenda. John announced that the \$3,000 fund raising goal for the Euless Police Department's Team for the Memorial Stair Climb in September has been met.

Leah Benoit made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by John Luna. The meeting closed at 6:30 p.m.

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

Members Present: Kathy Ames, Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Shelly Capil, Shawna De Puente, John Deithloff, Sharon Finnegan, Jerry Goad, Mark Hummert, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, John Luna, Don Martin, Joyce Maxwell, Dana Nuber, Jean Nuber, Betty Overstreet, Barney Snitz, Faye Stinneford, Susan Vest, Kristi Wynne

Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker Officer Ed Pietrowski was on a burglary call at the time he was supposed to speak. So Senior Corporal Tony Burnett entertained us a little bit and then found Officer Jake Airhart and introduced him to the Alumni. Ed made it to the meeting and he shared some stories from his career as a New York Police Officer, family background and his most memorable moment while working in New York.

Old Business

Loren Johnson moved and Faye Stinneford seconded the motion to approve the June minutes; they were approved.

New Business

John announced that the \$3,000 fund raising goal for the Euless Police Department's Team for the Memorial Stair Climb in September has been met. John announced the dates for the future BBQ/Auction Committee – August 11th, September 15th, October 13th, November 3rd and the event date of November 8th.

Senior Corporal Burnett spoke about crime and there were more juvenile related random acts of crime due to school being out for the summer. He also reminded everyone about the Citizens On Patrol training scheduled for Saturday, July 19th starting at 9:00 am. He also talked about the possibility of the COP members helping to shoot radar around the City for information gathering only.

John Luna read a thank you note from the Scott family for flowers sent to Carroll Scott's memorial service.

Since there was no further discussion, Melody Balkon moved and Perry Brockmeyer seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned as 8:30 p.m.

The ECPAAA BBQ Dinner and Auction Committee Meeting Schedule

September 15th / October 13th / November 3rd

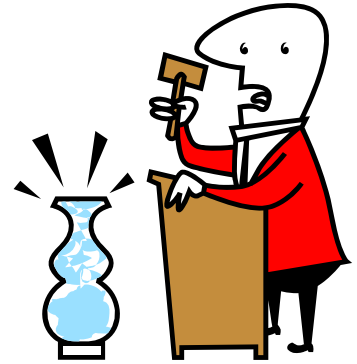
All meetings are on Monday nights and will start at 7:00 pm and usually last about an hour or two. If you would like to be on the committee, please feel free to attend any of the meetings.



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

Tickets will be available starting at the
August 19th ECPAAA Meeting

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



Theme Baskets

Home and Garden

Outdoor Fire Pit

Lawn Mower

AUTOGRAPHED EMMITT SMITH FOOTBALL

Trip to Gun Shooting Range with EPD
Gift Cards

CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg

Next meeting will take place in Forest Hill on September 6th.

For additional information on the Citizen Police Academy Alumni of North Texas, please visit <http://www.cpaant.org/>.



July Volunteer Hours Comparison By Lou Baum

Month	Year-to-Date
2014 — 498 Hours	2014 — 2,876 Hours
2013 — 560 Hours	2013 — 3,222 Hours
10% Decrease	11% Decrease

Thanks to those who had the time to serve your community. Let's get involved with our next major fund raising event — BBQ/Auction event. Contact Leah if you have some spare moments.

July 2014 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	July	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/13 Balance in Checking	\$6,080.52				
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			\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$928.31	\$500.00	\$428.31
Grocery Care Cards		\$34.48	\$104.28	\$40.00	\$64.28
Membership Dues			\$1,660.00	\$1,600.00	\$60.00
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
Total Income		\$34.48	\$6,690.59	\$27,705.00	-\$21,014.41
Total	\$6,080.52	\$12,771.11	\$12,771.11		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	July	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$325.00	-\$325.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$150.00	\$500.00	-\$350.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Bricks		\$650.00	\$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		\$1,005.00	\$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			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
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	\$49.00	\$200.00	-\$151.00
President Awards			\$128.82	\$150.00	-\$21.18
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
TCPAAA Convention			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Water by the Gallon		\$238.00	\$476.00	\$650.00	-\$174.00
Total Expenses		\$1,942.00	\$3,355.08	\$27,705.00	-\$24,349.92
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$9,416.03		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,327.69		\$19,327.69		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.65	\$4.45		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$19,332.14		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$28,748.17		

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