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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



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/>
- Link to ECPAAA Calendar
<http://www.ecpaaa.org/cal.htm>
- Link to ECPAAA Events List
<http://www.ecpaaa.org/event.htm>

February Speaker — Lou Baum Biological and Chemical Warfare

Terrorism is our greatest security threat, and biological or chemical attacks are a particular menace. Small and easy to hide, biological weapons do not have the safeguards of nuclear weapons. A biological agent can sicken and kill its victims before they are even aware they have been attacked. The situation is made graver still by a critical shortage of medications for combating biological agents and a public health system that could be overwhelmed with massive numbers of casualties. For these reasons, rogue nations, terrorist groups or deranged "lone wolf" terrorists may now be more likely than ever to make biological or chemical agents their weapons of choice in their war against our government and our way of life. It is the thoroughly prepared government, business and society that will thwart an attempt by a terrorist group at disseminating a deadly biological or chemical weapon. Let's be prepared. Come listen to a very short but interesting presentation on this subject.

It's time to pay your 2014 ECPAAA Dues! They are only \$20 and our Treasurer, Leah Benoit, will be collecting them at the February 18th meeting. Make check payable to ECPAAA. You can also mail your dues to:

ECPAAA
Attn: Leah Benoit
1102 W. Euleless Blvd.
Euleless, TX 76040

From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

I look forward to working with all the newly sworn in members of the CPAAA Board. Thank you for inviting me to participate in the swearing in ceremony. It was a great night for everyone!!

I would like to mention that we had two of our very longtime members retire this last month. A huge thank you to everyone who came by and wished them well on their retirements. Lt. John Williams retired after 25 years with the Euless Police Department. John has spent time with the Arlington and Odessa Police Departments. I think you all have met John, he was our polygraph examiner and he always loved to teach in the CPA. He was also our departmental cartoonist, if you did something that he felt needed to be remembered, he would draw a very good likeness of you and soon those cartoons would be all over the department. As you might imagine, John had quite a collection of cartoons after 25 years of working around a police department. John was a go to guy, if you needed something done, and done right, you could always count on John. He inspired loyalty in those who worked with him and he served as a mentor and role model for many of the officers in the department.



Capt. Steve Eskew also retired last month. Steve is a larger than life guy whose dry wit and tremendous sense of humor brought us all through some tough times. You have all met Steve, he loved teaching the fire arms section of the CPA and was always ready to go to the range. Steve did an outstanding job as a captain for us. Among many other things, he is responsible for revamping our Field Training Officer Program. It's a tough program to get through, but when the officers who come out of the program hit the street there is no doubt that they are ready to meet any challenge they may face. Steve has left a true legacy in the way he served this community and led those around him. Steve was an outstanding Patrol Officer, great investigator, he spent time as a Sergeant and a Lieutenant. But I think Steve found his greatest job satisfaction as a Captain over Patrol. He did an outstanding job and I cannot say enough good things about him and the years of service he gave to this department and this community.

We are going to miss both John and Steve and it will be hard to go on without them. But one of the greatest things about this department is that we have a great group of leaders willing to step up and fill any gap that we might have. I am confident, that we have some people who are going to step into new leadership roles and show us just how outstanding they are and how well they can lead. This is an exciting time for the Euless Police Department and we all have a ringside seat.

Please remember that our Annual Awards Banquet is coming up on Friday, February the 21st at the Texas Star! This is the night we honor the truly outstanding members of the Euless Police Department family. It has turned into a tremendous community event and I would like for each of you to come and join us on this night. We will recognize our Officer of the Year, Civilian Employee of the Year and recognize some truly heroic and outstanding efforts by members of this department. I know you will leave this event with a greater appreciation for the men and women of the Euless Police Department and an even greater sense of pride knowing that you are a major part of the success of this department. I do believe this will be the best banquet we have ever had, and I do not want you to miss this very special evening.

The guest speaker will be the man who has done more to put Euless on the map than most any other person out there. Trinity High School's legendary football coach Steve Lineweaver has agreed to be our speaker. Steve is not your typical high school football coach, he's a man who uses football to teach the value of character and honor in young men. Do not miss Coach Lineweaver's message, he seldom speaks in public and he has graciously agreed to speak to us.

We will see you on the 21st, get your banquet tickets from Celia, you can call her at 817-685-1509, or you can stop by Administration and get them. Get them soon, we need to have an accurate count and you don't want to get there too late and be told there are no tickets left.

Your Servant,
Mike

From the President — John Luna

I want to thank everyone for your patience, kindness and understanding during my first official meeting as the president of ECPAAA. We were honored to have Chief Brown and Mayor Mary Lib Saleh attend our meeting and swear in our new board members. With your help, we will continue to grow our association. By focusing on our mission, "To provide the citizens of Euless a better understanding of the dedication and integrity of the police department", I feel excited about having our own men and women provide us their experience and knowledge of their daily job of serving and protecting us during our meetings. By learning more about our police, we can share correct information with our fellow citizens of Euless.



Several ECPAAA members attended the City Council Town Hall meeting Thursday night, January 23rd and were recognized by the Mayor and the City Council. The meeting was informative, interesting and fun. I am looking forward to the Awards Dinner on February 21st at the Texas Star. It should be a lot of fun and to award our ECPAAA volunteer of the year. I hope we will have a large representation at the dinner. I close with a quote by Robert Bryne that reminds me of the ECPAAA, "The purpose of life is a life of purpose".

See you at the February meeting.

EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

This is a great time of year! February is the month that we celebrate our achievements and recognize police employees at the annual awards banquet. You are invited so call Celia at 817-685-1509 and make arrangements to get your tickets. The banquet is Friday, February 21st at the Texas Star Conference Center, 7:00 start. Also, the 30th Citizens Police Academy Class is starting on Thursday, February 20th. Currently we have 16 people signed up to attend and there is still room for more so tell your neighbors to get involved; call Chris White at 817-685-1536 to get an application. Call James Gordon about RAD in March at 817-685-1686.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the Board Members again who served last year. After attending the January meeting and seeing the new Board Members sworn in, I can't help but be excited about 2014. There will be some learning curves but this board is eager to move forward and that emotion is contagious.

I have to mention an Alumni member who has gone above and beyond this month to help with some unforeseen issues. Scott Thomas is a good man with a great heart. I cannot go into detail about how he has served this month but I can tell you that he cares about all people and that includes members of this Association. If someone has a need, he does not hesitate to give what he has to help. Scott, I really appreciate you and your friendship.

Don't forget to say Happy Birthday to Gary Landers and Bob Freeman.





Top Photo — ECPAAA 2014 Board — From left to right: Rose-Marie Stevens, Secretary; Leah Benoit, Treasurer; Peggy Vandiver, Second Vice President; Julie Watkins, First Vice President; John Luna, President



Left Photo — Chief Mike Brown and Mayor Mary Lib Saleh receiving Certificates of Special Congressional Recognition from the office of Congressman Kenny Marchant

January Volunteer Hours Comparison By Lou Baum

Month	Year-to-Date
2014 — 376 Hours	2014 — 376 Hours
2013 — 395 Hours	2013 — 395 Hours
5% Decrease	5% Decrease

Lets support and embrace our new Board with super duper volunteer hours when you have a few minutes to give to the Police Department. Lets continue to serve our servants as we have these past 18 years.

January 2014 Volunteer Hours

- CID Clerical – 30 Hours 15 Minutes
- Citizens On Patrol – 77 Hours 0 Minutes
Includes the following:
 - COP Car – 74 Hours 0 Minutes
 - COP Sky Tower – 3 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 5
- Courts – 25 Hours 45 Minutes
- Crime Victims Assistance Program – 11 Hour 0 Minutes
- Eules Radio Club – 9 Hours 0 Minutes
- Jail – 14 Hours 15 Minutes
- Meetings – 82 Hours 0 Minutes
Includes the following:
 - ECPAAA Meeting – 82 Hours 0 Minutes
- Miscellaneous – 33 Hours 30 Minutes
- Speed Trailer – 17 Hours 0 Minutes
- Vehicle Maintenance – 68 Hours 0 Minutes
- Watering of Plants – 8 Hours 30 Minutes

Grand Total – 376 Hours 15 Minutes

January National Value of Volunteer Time — \$8,327.96

2014 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$8,327.96

January Meeting — 49 Alumni Members Present



Upcoming Events

- Feb 11 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Feb 12 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- Feb 14 — Valentine’s Day Dinner, 6:00—9:00 pm, Raven’s Grille, 1400 Texas Star Parkway
- Feb 15 — Mother/Son Valentine’s Brunch, 10:30 am —12:30 pm, Eules Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive
- Feb 15 — Daddy/Daughter Valentine’s Dance, 6:30 pm —8:30 pm, Eules Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive
- Feb 18 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:00 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department
- Feb 18—28 — Early Voting for Primary Election, Eules Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive, see <http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/PrimaryElection.htm> for times
- Feb 22 — Dallas Stars Practice, 10:30 am, Dr Pepper StarCenter, 1400 S Pipeline Road W
- Feb 25 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Feb 28 — Eules Citizens Police Academy Class 30 Begins, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department
- March 1 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 noon, Denton (for location & directions visit www.cpaant.org)
- March 11 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- March 12 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- March 18 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:00 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

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| Paul Kuhar — 2/3 | Scotty Scott — 2/12 | Ricki Riddle — 2/24 |
| Faye Stinneford — 2/11 | Loretta Doty — 2/14 | Perry Brockmeyer — 2/26 |
| | Leo Neal — 2/24 | |

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2014**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING — The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

ATTENDEES: Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Leah Benoit, Jerry Goad, John Luna, Kyla Oberg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Peggy Vandiver, Julie Watkins and Liaison Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

John Luna expressed his desired that we focus on the ECPAAA mission statement. He also expressed the need for us to focus on the future and not the past.

Tony Burnett and the Board agreed with the need for the membership to become better acquainted with the officers, especially since the number of police officers has increased.

Tony asked if the Board would prefer that he attend the monthly meetings rather than have a different NPO attend each month. It was decided that Tony would be the one who would be expected to attend the meetings.

Faye Stinneford attended the meeting to ask if RAD participants could contribute to the purchase of new equipment for the classes through the Alumni Association. Although it was decided that the Association could be a conduit for earmarked contributions from RAD, contributions of this type need the Chief's approval.

The Audit Committee reported that the treasurer's records were approved.

Tony was asked if there could be a mini auction held at the Awards' Banquet; he said he would check on this and get back to Leah.

It was decided that the membership should be asked for its opinion on how the organization should move forward; Julie Watkins agreed to take the lead in developing a questionnaire for this purpose, and Kyla Oberg offered to assist her.

The meeting closed at 6:51 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Lou Baum, Vicki Baum, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, John Deithloff, Ken Denne, Sharon Finnegan, Stacey Foust, Kay Goad, Jerry Goad, Kendall Hall, Mark Hummert, Loren Johnson, Jerrie Keller, John Koren, Mary Lib Saleh, John Luna, Molly Maddux, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Anniece McKanna, Leo Neal, Barbara Niziolek, Dana Nuber, Jean Nuber, Kyla Oberg, Kenny Olmstead, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Judy Rick, Loretta Santos, Barney Snitz, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Timothy Stinneford, Scott Thomas, Jeremy Tompkins, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Helen Voss, Helen Wagner, Julie Watkins

Leah Benoit announced that a \$50 gift certificate from Texas Star had been purchased for Loretta Doty as a show of appreciation for her service as President during the past year. Since Loretta did not attend because of illness, the certificate will be mailed to her.

Chief Brown installed the new Alumni Association officers and then shared some encouraging words of wisdom. He reminded us that fellowship, service and friendship formed the foundation of our organization and that we should strive to remain true to those characteristics by working together.

OLD BUSINESS

Tim Stinneford moved that the minutes be approved; Melody Balkon seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

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Jerri Balkon reported on behalf of the Audit Committee that they had reviewed the treasurer's records line by line and month and found only two small items that were fixed. Helen Voss moved the report be accepted; Peggy Vandiver seconded that motion. The report was approved by voice vote.

Faye Stinneford moved and Jeremy Tompkins seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report. The report was approved by voice vote.

Prior to voting for Volunteer of the Year, John asked that someone speak on behalf of Loretta Doty and Judy Rick as little had been written in the newsletter. Faye made warm comments about both. James Gordon added his appreciation of the organization in general and Judy Rick specifically for the assistance she gave him and his family during a difficult time. The vote was then taken, and Tony Burnett and Rose-Marie Stevens were tasked with counting the votes.

NEW BUSINESS

It was reported that the organization had received a \$250 contribution from J C Penney's on behalf of Jerry Goad's volunteer service.

John Luna indicated that he was focused on working closely with the Police Department. He also talked about his desire to have more officers coming to our meeting to share their experiences.

Tony announced that Lt. John Williams would be retiring at the end of the month after 25 years of service; John stopped by to say goodbye.

Jerry Goad announced that volunteers would be needed for the Trash Off scheduled for April 5; Crud Day scheduled for April 12 and Arbor Days scheduled for April 26 and 27. We will be responsible for manning the Tower and working in our booth during Arbor Days.

James Gordon announced that RAD was being moved to Friday so that he could attend his daughter's birth celebration. He also shared some other future dates:

January 23 – Town Hall Meeting
June 9 – 13 and June 16 – 20 – PAL Summer Camp
October 4 – Open House
October 7 – National Night Out

James asked that the Police are called about a problem before sending emails to the city leadership complaining about the lack of police response to the problem they knew nothing about.

The program originally scheduled for tonight had to be cancelled due to equipment malfunction. It is now planned for the February meeting.

Faye Stinneford moved and Helen Voss seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. It was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



January 2014 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	January	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			\$0.00	\$35.00	-\$35.00
CRUD Day			\$0.00	\$700.00	-\$700.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Grocery Care Cards			\$0.00	\$40.00	-\$40.00
Membership Dues		\$660.00	\$660.00	\$1,600.00	-\$940.00
Member Merchandise			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
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			\$0.00	\$840.00	-\$840.00
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
Total Income		\$660.00	\$660.00	\$27,705.00	-\$27,045.00
Total	\$6,080.52	\$6,740.52	\$6,740.52		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	January	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			\$0.00	\$250.00	-\$250.00
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			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
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			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Water by the Gallon			\$0.00	\$650.00	-\$650.00
Total Expenses		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,705.00	-\$27,705.00
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$6,740.52		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,327.69		\$19,327.69		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.65	\$0.65		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$19,328.34		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$26,068.86		