

# Partners in Policing

## Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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### 2015 Officers

- President:** Sandi Jones  
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**2nd Vice President:** Shawna De Puente  
**Secretary:** Rose-Marie Stevens  
**Treasurer:** Leah Benoit  
**Parliamentarian:** Jerry Goad  
**EPD Liaison:** Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres



### Submissions Welcome!

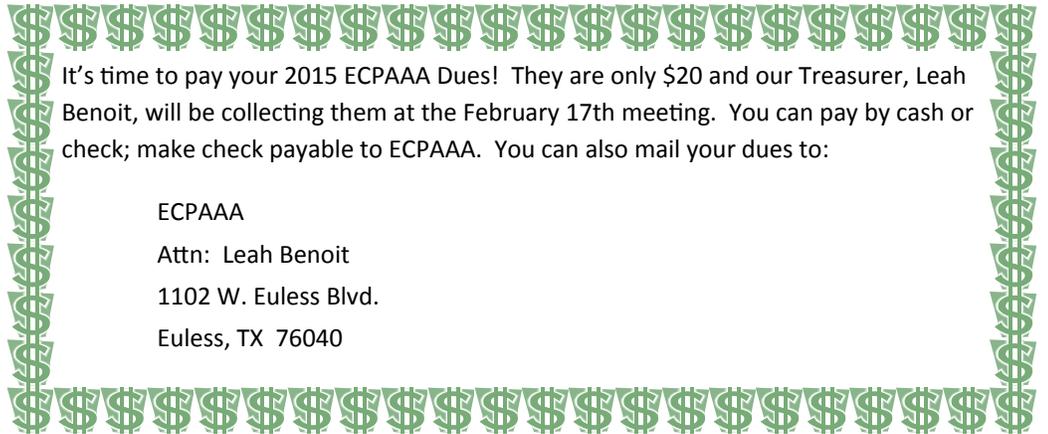
Do you have any funny stories, e-mails, or photos to share with our members?

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>



It's time to pay your 2015 ECPAAA Dues! They are only \$20 and our Treasurer, Leah Benoit, will be collecting them at the February 17th meeting. You can pay by cash or check; make check payable to ECPAAA. You can also mail your dues to:

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

### Valentine's Day Fun Facts

- ◆ Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentine's Day candy box in the late 1800s.
- ◆ California produces 60% of American roses, but the vast number sold on Valentine's Day in the United States are imported, mostly from South America. Approximately 110 million roses, the majority red, will be sold and delivered within a three-day time period.
- ◆ 73% of people who buy flowers for Valentine's Day are men, while only 27 percent are women.
- ◆ In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.
- ◆ The Italian city of Verona, where Shakespeare's lovers Romeo and Juliet lived, receives about 1,000 letters addressed to Juliet every Valentine's Day.
- ◆ About 3% of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.

### Valentine's Day Superstitions

- If you see a squirrel on Valentine's Day, you will marry a cheapskate who will hoard all your money.
- If you see a goldfinch on Valentine's Day, you will marry a millionaire.
- If you see a robin on Valentine's Day, you will marry a crime fighter.
- If you see a flock of doves on Valentine's Day, you will have a happy, peaceful marriage.
- If you find a glove on the road on Valentine's Day, your future beloved will have the other missing glove.



**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

A few surprises over the last month!! If you'd told me how this month was going to end back when it started I would have laughed at you and told you no way!! But I guess the truth is stranger than fiction at times. For those of you who have not heard the news I'll try to bring you all up to speed.

First, Tony Burnett came in about the middle of the month and told me of his decision to retire. Tony is such a tremendous part of the life blood of this organization and it took me a few days to really hear what he said. Tony has started his own business from home and he felt that the business was doing good enough and he was enjoying running it so much that he decided to retire and run the business full time. As you can imagine, that news hit me like a ton of bricks. We were already planning the retirement of our City Manager and former Police Chief Gary McKamie. So we then had to start planning for Tony's departure and all the things that goes along with that. As you all know, I counted on Tony for so many things that if I listed them all on his job description he would have never taken the job. The person who oversees our NPO office is the face of the Euless Police Department to the community.

Tony had a passion for his job, for service, and for the people in this community. Tony has left a legacy that will last for many years. His impact on this community, especially the youth in this community will continue to pay dividends well into the future. We held his going away reception yesterday and several of the youth who he had helped got up and spoke about the impact he had on their lives. I don't think a person could have a better tribute than that. I will miss Tony, this department and community will miss Tony, but I wish him all the success he so richly deserves as he closes one chapter in his life and opens another.

Second, we all knew that Asst. Chief Bob Freeman was retiring at the end of next month, or so we thought. With the retirement of City Manager Gary McKamie and the appointment of Loretta Getchell as the new City Manager there was an opening in the City Manager's office for a Deputy City Manager. Loretta asked Bob, and he agreed to postpone his retirement and accept the Deputy City Manager's position. Bob has become the person that the Fire and the Police Departments report to in the City Manager's office. Bob has many other duties but he is now my boss. Please pray for him having to supervise me. Just kidding!! Bob and I have worked together for 35 years and there have been times in that span that I've worked for him and he's worked for me. I don't think we ever saw it as one working for the other, we always approached it as we worked together. I am excited for Bob and his new position, and I am excited for the police department because he knows exactly what we do and how hard we try to always get it right. Please congratulate him the next time you see him on his promotion and new leadership role in the community.

Thirdly, City Manager Gary McKamie retired at the end of January. Gary came to work for the city of Euless as a Police Dispatcher in 1973. He was fresh out of high school looking for a job. He worked for a while as a Dispatcher, then moved into Patrol as a Police Officer, he served as a patrol officer, then as an investigator, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Assistant Chief of Police and Chief of Police. Gary was the Chief of Police for 6 years when he accepted the position of Deputy City Manager. He served as Deputy City Manager for several years until he was appointed to the City Manager position. Gary served for about 7 years as City Manager and retired as the longest tenured employee the City of Euless ever had. When Gary retired he had served this community for 42 years and has left a legacy of service, compassion and caring. It was an honor to work alongside Gary for the better part of his 42 years of service and we all wish him and his family the very best that retirement has to offer.

So, as you can see it's been a really busy month for us. Please stop in and meet Sr. Corporal Rocky Fimbres who will be taking Tony's place in the NPO office. He's a great guy and one who I believe will fit right in with the community and all the great programs that are run out of the NPO office. More on Rocky next month.

Thanks again for all you do for us!

Your Servant,  
Mike



## EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

Thanks to Chief Mike Brown and the Alumni Board for allowing me this opportunity to write in the newsletter for the last time. Let me begin by making another mention of the Citizens Police Academy Class that starts February 19<sup>th</sup> and urge you to invite your neighbors to attend. Everyone that is reading this has been through the class and knows the value that it brings to themselves and the community. It creates glass walls around our building and allows us to be transparent with the people we serve and in government today, transparency is important. James is running another RAD class and attendance is high as usual. I cannot emphasize enough how much Chris and James care about this city. I had the privilege of working for these two guys over the last several years and seeing it first-hand. I could not have asked for two better people to spend my last years with at Eules PD and seeing the passion they have for serving you. They are tremendous men and I learned a lot from them. They are the reason that office has been so successful and will continue to be one of the best parts of Eules PD.



Now with my retirement there will be several changes in the office. Rocky Fimbres will be taking my place as the Senior Corporal over the NPO's and the vacant desk will be filled with another NPO. Rocky will bring fresh ideas and new perspectives to the office. He has worked in all areas of the Police Department including Patrol and CID. He is extremely intelligent and approachable so please make him feel welcome by introducing yourself and getting to know him, his office number is 817-685-1685.

I could not have asked for a nicer sendoff retirement party! The lunch and the ceremony was everything one could hope for. The food was great, the participation was great and the kind words were overwhelming. There were just too many people to thank and I will cherish every part of it for the rest of my life. I am so blessed that my life crossed paths with all of yours, you have made me a better person. Thank you for making me an Honorary Member of the Alumni, you will see me at the meetings. I may not be able to make them all but it's a great way for me to stay connected so thank you. Oh, by the way... get with Ken Denne he has some great ideas how we can make traffic flow smoother at CRUD Day.

Well, I guess this is it. Thank you Alumni for everything you have done for me personally and this Police Department; you are simply amazing people and I cherish all of you!!

**280 is 10-7**

**We will miss you Tony -  
wish you all the best on  
your new journey in life!**

## From the President — Sandi Jones

February brings sadness to the ECPAAA with Tony Burnett leaving us. We are all truly sorry to see him go, but realize each year of our lives brings new opportunities and we realize that Tony is seeking to spread his wings and aim for a new volume in his life. He is a great leader and associate to all of us and we will miss him dearly. We wish him well in all his endeavors to come.

February not only brings us Valentine's Day, but our annual Police Awards Banquet. This year it is on Friday night, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Texas Star. Food there is always delicious and I am sure it will be a wonderful night of good tastes and great fellowship. It would be great if everyone could show up to support our officers and to let our ECPAAA Volunteer of the Year know how much they are appreciated.

Our January meeting brought Chief Brown to swear in our new board members. We appreciate his attendance and hope he will surprise us with another visit a time or two throughout the year. Our February meeting will be in the Police Training Room, as usual, at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Call and invite an old member to visit with us. I hope to see you all there.



## CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg

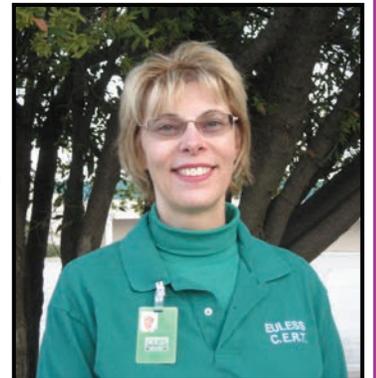
CPAANT HOST: Dallas CPAAA

February 7, 2015

The February meeting was hosted by Dallas CPAAA. There were 15 Member CPAAA's with a total of 37 were present. The Meeting was held at the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center; our speaker was Director Dianna Smoot.

We learned that 1 in 10 children will tell someone about their abuse. More than 90% of the time children are abused by someone they know, trust and love. 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys may be sexually abused by the time they are 18; and that is only the ones that are actually reported. Ms. Smoot also showed us a short video. After our CPAANT Meeting we were given a tour the Center.

The March 7, 2015 CPAANT Meeting will be hosted by Flower Mound CPAAA. For additional information please see <http://www.cpaant.org/>.



## January Volunteer Hours Comparison By Lou Baum

Month	
2015 — 310 Hours	We appreciate the 310 hours of service to our City. Have a safe February!
2014 — 376 Hours	
17% Decrease	

Chief Mike Brown,

May Jesus take you by the hand and help you find relief throughout this time of sadness as you journey through your grief.

And may you feel the healing touch of every thought and prayer that's sent with love and sympathy from friends who truly care.

ECPAAA

### Upcoming Events

- Feb 10 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Feb 11 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- Feb 13 — Daddy/Daughter Valentine’s Dance, 6:30 pm—8:30 pm, Eules Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive, Eules
- Feb 14 — Mother/Son Valentine’s Brunch, 10:30 am—12:30 pm, Eules Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive, Eules
- Feb 14 — Valentine’s Day Dinner, 6:00 pm—9:00 pm, Raven’s Grille, 1400 Texas Star Parkway, Eules
- Feb 17 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department
- Feb 19 — Eules Citizens Police Academy Class 31 Begins, 7:00 pm; Eules Police Department
- Feb 20 — Eules PD Awards Banquet, 7:00 pm, Texas Star Conference Center, 1400 Texas Star Parkway, Eules
- Feb 24 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- March 7 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 Noon, Flower Mound (for location & directions visit [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org))
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### January 2015 Volunteer Hours

- CID Clerical – 28 Hours 0 Minutes
- Citizens On Patrol – 56 Hours 45 Minutes  
Includes the following:  
COP Car – 56 Hours 45 Minutes  
COP Sky Tower – 0 Hours 0 Minutes  
Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 11
- Courts – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Crime Victims Assistance Program – 11 Hours 15 Minutes
- Eules Radio Club – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Jail – 8 Hours 30 Minutes
- Meetings – 39 Hours 30 Minutes  
Includes the following:  
ECPAAA Meeting – 38 Hours 0 Minutes
- Miscellaneous – 21 Hours 30 Minutes
- Speed Trailer – 1 Hour 15 Minutes
- Vehicle Maintenance – 137 Hours 30 Minutes
- Watering of Plants – 6 Hours 0 Minutes
- Grand Total – 310 Hours 15 Minutes**

**January National Value of Volunteer Time — \$6,993.88**  
**January Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$7,257.51**  
**2015 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$6,993.88**  
**2015 YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$7,257.51**

**January Meeting — 31 Alumni Members Present**



## Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

**Paul Kuhar — 2/3**

**Ricki Riddle — 2/24**

**Faye Stinneford — 2/11**

**Perry Brockmeyer — 2/26**

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
JANUARY 20, 2015**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees: Leah Benoit, J. R. Goad, John Luna, Jason Reyes, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Julie Watkins

John went over the agenda for the general meeting.

Julie moved and Leah seconded the motion to donate \$500 toward the purchase of boots for Gary McKamie's retirement. It was approved. This recommendation will be taken to the membership for consideration.

The membership will also be asked to vote on the "volunteer of the year." Julie then recommended that we revise our method for nominating the volunteer of the year. She suggested that a three-member committee be established to develop a process to ensure that the selection is made more equitably. She expressed concern that the same people are nominated each year.

Leah made a motion to adjourn; Julie seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
JANUARY 20, 2015**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present: Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Shelly Capil, John Deithloff, Sharon Finnegan, Teresia Foreman, Kay Goad, J. R. Goad, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, John Luna, Molly Maddux, Terry Martin, Joyce Maxwell, Anniece McKanna, Barbara Niziolek, Dana Nuber, Jean Nuber, Betty Overstreet, Jason Reyes, Judy Rick, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Tyler Van Horne, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Julie Watkins

NPOs: Sr. Corporal Tony Burnett

Police Officer(s): Chief Mike Brown

The meeting opened with prayer and pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas at 7:00 p.m.

Peggy Vandiver moved and Sandi Jones seconded the motion to approve the minutes for December; the motion passed.

Volunteering

Jerry informed us of the upcoming volunteer opportunities; they include the Trash and CRUD on April 11, Arbor Days on April 24 and 25.

The members were reminded of the need to select a "Volunteer of the Year." Election forms were passed out for the vote. The winner will be announced at the Awards Banquet scheduled for February 20. Tony was asked to count the vote and let the secretary know the name of the winner. John then let the membership know that in future three volunteers will be asked to participate on a committee to establish a process for selecting the volunteer of the year so that we will no longer wait until the last minute to vote on a member and everyone can be considered for the honor.

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
JANUARY 20, 2015  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Gary McKamie

The membership was asked to consider contributing money toward the purchase of custom-made boots for retiring City Manager Gary McKamie. Judy Rick moved and Sharon Finnegan seconded the motion to donate \$500 toward the purchase.

Chief Mike Brown

Chief Mike Brown swore in the members of the Executive Board for 2015.

The Chief then spoke briefly about the service the organization provides and the growth of the police department. He reviewed the changes that had occurred within the police department and told us more changes would be forthcoming including the upcoming retirement of Assistant Chief Bob Freeman.

Mike then introduced our guest speaker, Senior Officer Mike Nafziger, who joined the police force after serving in the Army. The Chief told us that Mike Nafziger was a member of the area crash team and was considered part of the foundation of the police department.

Senior Officer Mike Nafziger

Officer Nafziger told us that he had always wanted to be a police officer and that he most appreciated the opportunities to help people that being a police officer gave him. He then answered several questions from the membership.

Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

Tony gave us the sad news that he will be leaving the police department as of January 30. After his retirement, Tony will be focusing on his business, selling firearms online. He will be leaving the department earlier than originally planned because his business requires more of his time. No one was happy to hear of Tony's planned departure as he has been an integral part of us for a very long time.

After Tony spoke, John Luna told us that Tony was very influential in convincing him to become a member of ECPAAA. Leah moved and everyone seconded the motion to make Tony an honorary member of ECPAAA. The motion passed.

Comments from Executive Board Members

John thanked the members for allowing him to be president of the organization in 2014.

Sandi then spoke and thanked the members for trusting her enough to elect her president. She emphasized her desire to keep the lines of communication opened. She said she planned to send a letter to past members to invite them to return.

Peggy Vandiver offered her thanks to everyone for their support last year as she served as vice president.

General

Judy Rick suggested that we discuss having people perform acts for the membership just for fun. This would not be a talent show, just something to do for fun.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

## January 2015 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	January	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
<b>12/31/14 Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$10,554.63</b>				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Brick Sales			\$0.00	\$35.00	-\$35.00
Craigslist Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CRUD Day			\$0.00	\$700.00	-\$700.00
Donations/Outside Income		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	-\$300.00
Grocery Care Cards		\$36.09	\$36.09	\$50.00	-\$13.91
Membership Dues		\$520.00	\$520.00	\$1,600.00	-\$1,080.00
Member Merchandise			\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Warrant Roundup			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$756.09</b>	<b>\$756.09</b>	<b>\$17,675.00</b>	<b>-\$16,918.91</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,554.63</b>	<b>\$11,310.72</b>	<b>\$11,310.72</b>		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	January	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$350.00	-\$350.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bricks			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
CPAANT Dues			\$0.00	\$25.00	-\$25.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Expenses Not Categorized		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,050.00	-\$550.00
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	\$800.00	-\$800.00
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$0.00	\$5,295.00	-\$5,295.00
Police Honor Guard			\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters		\$49.00	\$49.00	\$200.00	-\$151.00
President Awards			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Social Events			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
TCPAAA Convention			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Water by the Gallon			\$0.00	\$650.00	-\$650.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$549.00</b>	<b>\$549.00</b>	<b>\$17,675.00</b>	<b>-\$17,126.00</b>
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
<b>Funds Available in Checking</b>			<b>\$10,761.72</b>		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,335.36		\$19,335.36		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.63	\$0.63		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
<b>Funds Available in Savings</b>			<b>\$19,335.99</b>		
<b>Total ECPAAA Funds</b>			<b>\$30,097.71</b>		

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