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Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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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 eulesscpa@sbcglobal.net

Submissions are due the first day of each month.



2009 Dues

2009 dues are due and can be given to Leah Benoit, Treasurer, at the January meeting or mailed in to:

ECPAAA
Attn: 2009 Dues
1102 W. Euleless Boulevard
Euleless, TX 76040

Town Hall Meetings

The Euleless Town Hall Meetings will be held on January 15th and January 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Euleless City Hall.

From Our Chief

CPAAA,

Thanks for a great year. I cannot express to you what an honor it is to be associated with such a tremendous group of servants. The hours that you give in service of this department are staggering; we could not accomplish the great things we do in this department without you. You have become such an integral part of our operation that the level of service we provide to the community is dependent on you.

I would like to thank you for the generous financial support you provided this year. It was such a blessing to be able to come before you with some real needs and then have those needs met. Please know that the items you purchased are items that were desperately needed to accomplish our mission.

Thanks for being such great partners and for caring for this community. I believe it was Gandhi who said, "Be the change you want to see in the world." Thanks for the months, weeks, days, hours and minutes you have given. When I challenge each member of this department to find greater ways to serve, I hold the CPAAA up as an example of how to serve. You truly are servant leaders and it is an honor to serve with you.

Your servant,
Mike



Sgt. Eric Starnes

This upcoming spring, as I said in the last alumni meeting, I was going to take the book on "Staying Safe" by Juval Aviv, and break it down into teaching points. For this newsletter, I want to give you a little more information on the author, and hopefully from this overview of him, you will see why I find this to be a worthwhile subject.

Juval Aviv was the Israeli Agent upon whom the movie 'Munich' was based. He was Golda Meir's bodyguard - she appointed him to track down and bring to justice the Palestinian terrorists who took the Israeli athletes hostage and killed them during the Munich Olympic Games.

He predicted the London subway bombing on the Bill O'Reilly show on Fox News stating publicly that it would happen within a week. At the time, O'Reilly laughed and mocked him saying that in a week he wanted him back on the show. But, unfortunately, within a week the terrorist attack had occurred.

Now for his future predictions . . . He predicts the next terrorist attack on the U.S. will occur within the next few months. Forget hijacking airplanes, because he says terrorists will never try and hijack a plane again as they know the people onboard will never go down quietly again. Aviv believes our airport security is a joke - that we have been reactionary rather than pro-active in developing strategies that are truly effective. For example:

Our airport technology is outdated. We look for metal and the new explosives are made of plastic.

He talked about how some idiot tried to light his shoe on fire. Because of that, now everyone has to take off their shoes. A group of idiots tried to bring aboard liquid explosives. Now we can't bring liquids on board. He says he's waiting for some suicidal maniac to pour liquid explosive on his underwear; at which point, security will have us all traveling naked. Every strategy we have is 'reactionary.'

We only focus on security when people are heading to the gates. Aviv says that if a terrorist attack targets airports in the future, they will target busy times on the front end of the airport when/where people are checking in.

It would be easy for someone to take two suitcases of explosives, walk up to a busy check-in line, ask a person next to them to watch their bags for a minute while they go to the restroom, and then detonate the bags before security even gets involved. In Israel, security checks bags before people can even enter the airport.

Aviv says the next terrorist attack here in America is imminent and will involve suicide bombers and non-suicide bombers in places where large groups of people congregate, (i.e., Disneyland, Las Vegas casinos, big cities (New York, San Francisco, Chicago, etc.) and that it will also include shopping malls, subways in rush hour, train stations, etc., as well as rural America this time (Wyoming, Montana, etc.).

The attack will be characterized by simultaneous detonations around the country (terrorists like big impact), involving at least 5-8 cities, including rural areas. Aviv says terrorists won't need to use suicide bombers in many of the larger cities, because at places like the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, they can simply valet park a car loaded with explosives and walk away.

Aviv says all of the above is well known in intelligence circles, but that our U. S. Government does not want to 'alarm American citizens' with the facts.

The world is quickly going to become 'a different place,' and issue like 'global warming' and political correctness will become totally irrelevant.

On an encouraging note, he says the terrorists who want to destroy America will not use sophisticated weapons. They like to use suicide as a front-line approach. It's cheap, it's easy, it's effective; and they have an infinite abundance of young militants more than willing to 'meet their destiny.'

He also says the next level of terrorists, over which America should be most concerned, will not be coming from abroad. But will be, instead, 'homegrown' - having attended and been educated in our own schools and universities right here in the U. S. He says to look for 'students' who frequently travel back and forth to the Middle East.

These young terrorists will be most dangerous because they will know our language and will fully understand the habits of Americans; but that we Americans won't know/understand a thing about them.

Aviv says that, as a people, Americans are unaware and uneducated about the terroristic threats we will, inevitably, face. America still has only a handful of Arabic and Farsi speaking people in our intelligence networks, and Aviv says it is critical that we change that fact and soon.

So, what can America do to protect itself? From an intelligence perspective, Aviv says the U.S. needs to stop relying on satellites and technology for intelligence. We need to, instead, follow Israel's, Ireland's and England's hands-on examples of human intelligence, both from an infiltration perspective as well as to trust 'aware' citizens to help.

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We need to engage and educate ourselves as citizens; however, our U. S. government continues to treat us, its citizens, 'like babies.' Our government thinks we 'can't handle the truth' and are concerned that we'll panic if we understand the realities of terrorism. Aviv says this is a deadly mistake.

Aviv recently created/executed a security test for our Congress, by placing an empty briefcase in five well-traveled spots in five major cities. The results? Not one person called 911 or sought a policeman to check it out. In fact, in Chicago, someone tried to steal the briefcase.

In comparison, Aviv says that citizens of Israel are so well 'trained that an unattended bag or package would be reported in seconds by citizens who know to publicly shout, 'Unattended Bag.' The area would be quickly and calmly cleared by the citizens themselves. But, unfortunately, America hasn't been yet 'hurt enough' by terrorism for their government to fully understand the need to educate its citizens or for the government to understand that it's their citizens who are, inevitably, the best first-line of defense against terrorism.

Aviv also was concerned about the high number of children here in America who were in preschool and kindergarten after 9/11, who were 'lost' without parents being able to pick them up, and about our schools that had no plan in place to best care for the students until parents could get there. (In New York City, this was days, in some cases.)

He stresses the importance of having a plan, that's agreed upon within your family, to respond to in the event of a terroristic emergency. He urges parents to contact their children's schools and demand that the schools, too, develop plans of actions, as they do in Israel.

Does your family know what to do if you can't contact one another by phone? Where would you gather in an emergency? He says we should all have a plan that is easy enough for even our youngest children to remember and follow.

Aviv says that the U. S. government has in force a plan that, in the event of another terrorist attack, will immediately cut-off everyone's ability to use cell phones, blackberries, etc., as this is the preferred communication source used by terrorists and is often the way that their bombs are detonated. How will you communicate with your loved ones in the event you cannot speak?

You need to have a plan.

From the President — Rose-Marie Stevens

First of all, I want to thank those tireless workers who made the time to work at Bass Pro last year. Although fewer were able to participate than in the past, we actually earned more money than ever before. This was a surprise since the economy is currently ill, and people are spending less. Nevertheless, the Bass Pro fund raising effort was a success, and we were fortunate to have been able to work with members of the Hurst CPAAA.

I want to extend a special thank you to J. R. Goad who devotes a great deal of time and effort into working with the Bass Pro management team in setting things up for us. As I understand it, Lou Baum was a tremendous help to him, so I thank Lou as well.

Since the membership voted to discontinue the Bass Pro fund raising effort, the Board is looking to you for other recommendations for earning money. Please put on your thinking caps and share your fund raising ideas at the next meeting.

For those who signed the sheet that Denise circulated at the last meeting in which you offered to serve on various committees, thank you. Members of the Executive Board will be in touch.

Let's make this year a good year for all!

Upcoming Events

Jan 20 – ECPAAA General Meeting,
7 pm, Police Station

Jan 29 – Town Hall
Meeting, 7 pm, City
Hall



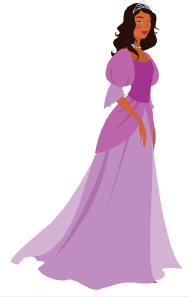
Jan 2 – Feb 15, Texas
Star Baseball Registra-
tion, 817-685-1838



Feb 7 – CPAANT Meeting

Feb 10 – City Council Meeting, 7 pm,
City Hall

Feb 13 – Once Upon a
Princess Party, 6 pm, Mid-
way Rec Center



December 2008 Volunteer Hours

- Bass Pro Shops - 244 Hours 15 Minutes
- CID Clerical - 17 Hours 0 Minutes
- Citizens On Patrol - 128 Hours 30 Minutes
- Number of Handicap Citations Issued - 3
- Number of Handicap Warnings Issued - 0
- Number of Junk Vehicles Written - 0
- Courts - 35 Hours 0 Minutes
- CPA/CERT Class - 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Crime Victims Assistance Program - 7 Hours 30 Minutes
- Meetings/Training - 116 Hours 0 Minutes
- Miscellaneous - 42 Hours 0 Minutes
- (includes 21 Hours - Parade of Lights)*
- Selective Vehicle Parking - 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Speed Trailer - 23 Hours 30 Minutes
- Vehicle Maintenance - 71 Hours 30 Minutes
- Warrant Roundup - 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Watering of Plants - 13 Hours 30 Minutes
- Total – 698 Hours 45 Minutes**

33 Alumni Members Present at the December Meeting



**Happy Birthday
ECPAAA
Members!**

Don Martin – 1/2
Jim Adair – 1/4
Sonny Sizemore – 1/6
Bob Bouse – 1/10
Denise Miles – 1/10

Ken Denne – 1/18
Michael Moifolley – 1/19
Jeremy Tompkins – 1/22
Valerie Hinde – 1/24
Nadine Barnes – 1/30



Officer Biography

Cpl. James Gordon

Date of Biography: January 6, 2009

Current Title/Position with EPD: Corporal
- Community Services Division

Year Started with EPD: 1996

Where were you born? Key West, Florida

In what city do you currently live? DFW Area



Family Life: I have a great wife Tracy, who I met while she was working here at the Eules Police Department as the Records Supervisor. We have three children: Zane (5), Anna (4) and Finn (2 in April). Diapers and lack of sleep have been a large part of our lives. Zane, Anna and Finn have a big yard to play in - Zane and Anna play soccer and Finn runs around. Tracy signed me up to coach for Zane's team - "Flash" - and I have enjoyed watching the players grow. Scout is the family pet and he is a two year old yellow lab. Scout takes a lot of abuse from Finn and Scott is a wonderful dog. Our children are all different with their own personalities and attitudes. Zane talked to a neighbor who was graduating high school and has been attending the Coast Guard Academy. She gave Zane her pet snake "Checkers". Now I have to say at this point I am one of those people that believe a good snake is a dead snake. Zane wanted this snake so I have read about snakes and since June, we have been keeping alive in Zane's room in a cage. It is as nice an area as the Fort Worth Zoo would have. I never thought I would have a snake in my house. My only response to this now is I am a Dad and trying to be the best one I can be.

What are your hobbies? I like to fish with my children at the local ponds and lakes. I like camping and bicycling with our family.

What is your favorite part of being a police officer? Teaching

Are there any interesting or little-known facts about you? I am an Eagle Scout and graduated from Texas A&M University in 1991.

Who is your favorite celebrity? John Wayne and American Icon!

What is your favorite food? Whatever my wife cooked for dinner. I don't know that it is the food so much as the fellowship.

Alumni Association Honors Mrs. Willie Mae McCormick A Special Lady in Eulesse History

On a beautiful day, November 19, 2008, the Eulesse Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association honored a very special lady in Eulesse history. Mrs. Willie Mae McCormick was the ultimate public servant. She was the first women on the city council in 1973, served 12 years on the council and was Mayor Pro Tem from 1975 to 1985. Willie Mae served on the charter review committee, the civil service commission, the historical preservation committee, the industrial development authority and the library board. Willie Mae earned her Math degree in 1929 from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Temple and a Masters degree in Chemistry in 1932 from Hardin Simmons University in Abilene. During World War 11, she worked as a chemist for Dow Chemical in Freeport while her husband served in the army. In 1948 the couple moved to Eulesse. Willie Mae worked as an engineer at Ling-Temco Vought where she retired in 1973.

Willie Mae will long be remembered for her hand written notes to all city employees for any awards or recognition they might have received. In 1980 a city park was named for Mrs. McCormick. In 1998 Willie Mae donated a historical barn on her property to Heritage Park. Willie Mae's daughter Elizabeth Wilcox and her grandchildren were on hand for the dedication of a beautiful tree and bronze plaque which was placed in a special area in front of the police department. Mrs. Willie Mae McCormick was a wonderful supporter of the Police Department and its Alumni Association. Always first to participate in any fund raising events the Alumni Association sponsored on behalf of the department. Willie Mae McCormick, a very special lady in Eulesse history, will never be forgotten.



**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 16, 2008

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

Members Present: Lou Baum, Byron Benoit, Leah Benoit, Renee Bierschenk, Sherri Browning, Loretta Doty, Steve Doty, Karen Duncan, Sharon Finnegan, Carolyn Goad, J. R Goad, Marian Goethe, Valerie Hinde, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Jerrie Keller, Sue Kosec, Helen Lightbody, Pat McDowell, Denise Miles, Dawn Nisbet, Judy Rick, Richard Rick, Al Simmenroth, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Susan Vest, Jeremy Tompkins, Julie Watkins, John Woodall, Wes Weeks.

INVOCATION & PLEGE OF ALLEGIANCE: J. R. Goad

CHIEF BROWN: Wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thanked everyone for all of the volunteer hours and accomplishments which were nothing short of amazing. Challenged members for an even better year next year.

NOVEMBER MINUTES: Tim Stinneford motioned we accept the November minutes, 2nd by Pete Jones. After voting motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT: Pete Jones made motion to approve the November Treasurer's report, 2nd by Tim Stinneford. After voting motion carried.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: Voss Parts & Supply

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR: Bill Ridgway. Letters went out to both recipients to advise of the honor.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Julie Watkins passed our Christmas cards received from the City as well as ABC's written by Kay Goad.

BOYCE BYERS: Expressed our sympathy regarding the passing of Boyce Byers. Card will be sent to family.

BASS PRO: JR advised of the following openings available for Bass Pro: Thur 12/18 10-2 shift; Fri 12/19 2-6 shift; Sat 12/20 10-2, 2-6, 6-9 shifts; Sun 12/21 12-4 shift; Mon 12/22 2-6 and 6-9 shift; Tue 12/23 2-6 shift and Wed 12/24 10-2 shift.

VOLUNTEERS: Passed around signup sheet listing volunteer opportunities for 2009. Julie issued a challenge to members to pick at least two categories they would like to be involved in the coming year. Discussion on the lack of interest in Bass Pro gift wrapping. Held vote on whether or not we will participate in the event next year. Based on Majority vote, we will not participate in the event next year.

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS: Lou advised about 15-16 to receive awards. Several on the bubble and encouraged to get in any last minute hours. Lou advised it will be a special evening, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson to attend.

2009 BUDGET: Heavy discussion on the proposed agenda. Items that felt needed to be removed from expenses are the Bass Pro as well as the Website since the PD is now paying for internet. Concerns over the cut in proceeds toward Chief wish list and increase in social events as well as postage expense. Eric Starnes advised that we need to keep in mind that as much as the PD appreciates all we do for them, they want us to remember to give back to ourselves as well. It's important to keep up our camaraderie. 911 Appreciation vs. Police Appreciation, per person amount is much higher for the 911 appreciation.

Faye made motion to increase the amount for police appreciation to \$900.00, 2nd by Pete Jones. After voting motion passed.

Tim Stinneford advised that the alumni did not have in their bylaws to vote on line by line items. We should be voting to approve or reject the budget as a whole as written. Byron Benoit motioned to approve the 2009 Budget as written, 2nd by Pete Jones.

Tim Stinneford motioned to rescind the previous vote to increase the Police Appreciation to \$900.00, 2nd by Byron Benoit. After voting motion passed.

LOU BAUM: Lou read letter he received on encouragement of volunteering.

ROSE-MARIE STEVENS: Rose-Marie discussed H&R Block fundraiser. For 501c3 organizations. They will donate \$25.00 per new referral.

AFGHANS: Eules Afghans are \$40.00 now instead of \$50.00.

PRESIDENT APPRECIATION GIFT: Julie Watkins presented Denise Miles with a crystal clock / picture frame.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Tim Stinneford advised of possible guest speaker for next year - Joint Commander at Carswell Air Force Base. Eric advised of book Staying Safe, written by Counter Terrorist Intelligence Officer on avoiding Terrorist. He will present segments at future meetings.

LOCAL RING BUST: Eric Starnes advised of ID theft ring that was busted up involving local officer. Eric advised he would speak with officer involved and see if he would come and speak at January meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Geri Sorg, 2nd by Byron Benoit.

Meeting Adjourned 8:55

December Treasurer's Report	Carry Over	November	December	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/ UnderBudget
INCOME	\$16,933.91					
Beginning Balance	\$16,933.91					
Afghan Fundraiser			\$80.00	\$950.00	\$2,500.00	-\$1,550.00
BBQ FUNDRAISER				\$5,705.80	\$3,000.00	\$2,705.80
Bass Pro Events			\$4,568.47	\$4,568.47	\$2,500.00	\$2,068.47
Brick Sales		\$50.00	\$35.00	\$380.00	\$300.00	\$80.00
Member Merchandise		\$14.00	\$15.00	\$51.00		\$51.00
City Crud Pick-Up		\$650.00		\$1,250.00	\$900.00	\$350.00
Donations/Outside Income		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$1,645.00	\$1,250.00	\$395.00
Harley Raffle				\$5,200.00		\$5,200.00
Grocery Care Cards			\$43.94	\$152.17	\$100.00	\$52.17
Membership Dues				\$970.00	\$1,200.00	-\$230.00
Recycle				\$280.00	\$500.00	-\$220.00
Warrant Roundup			\$587.50	\$2,562.50	\$500.00	\$2,062.50
Reimbursement Brick installation				\$150.00		\$150.00
Meeting Raffle				\$18.00		\$18.00
Total Income	\$0.00	\$734.00	\$5,349.91	\$23,882.94	\$12,750.00	\$11,132.94
Total	\$16,933.91	\$35,466.94	\$40,816.85	\$40,816.85		
EXPENSES						
9-1-1 Day				\$255.00	\$250.00	\$5.00
Awards & Gifts			\$161.68	\$216.68	\$300.00	-\$83.32
Arbor Daze Booth				\$200.00		\$200.00
Audit - Treasurers records		\$150.00		\$150.00	\$350.00	-\$200.00
Awards - Association				\$184.11		\$184.11
Bass Pro Gift Wrapping Partners			\$2,467.98	\$2,481.05	\$1,250.00	\$1,231.05
BBQ Silent Auction				\$1,041.67	\$700.00	\$341.67
Bricks				\$200.00	\$150.00	\$50.00
Computer Repair				\$162.00		\$162.00
Crud Days						\$0.00
CPANNT Dues			\$25.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	-\$25.00
Directories						\$0.00
Harley Refund		\$132.00		\$4,432.00		-\$4,432.00
Netzero					\$150.00	\$150.00
Member Merchandise Items				\$20.00		-\$20.00
Memorials & Gifts				\$56.00	\$200.00	\$144.00
Office Supplies				\$185.66	\$100.00	-\$85.66
Pals Summer Camp		\$1,416.05		\$1,416.05	\$1,500.00	\$83.95
Police Annual Award Banquet				\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Police Appreciation Week (May)				\$353.46	\$450.00	\$96.54
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$125.00	\$125.00	\$200.00	\$75.00
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$6,518.24	\$7,268.24	\$5,000.00	-\$2,268.24
Robot Repair				\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Postage / Envelopes for Newsletters			\$126.00	\$415.00	\$500.00	\$85.00
Social Events						\$0.00
TCPAA						\$0.00
Texas CPA Convention				\$492.86		-\$492.86
Water by the Gallon				\$406.00	\$600.00	\$194.00
Web Site/Domain Name				\$0.00		\$0.00
Arbor Days (Water, ice, drinks)				\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Expenses		\$1,698.05	\$9,423.90	\$20,110.78	\$13,125.00	-\$6,985.78
Funds Available				\$20,706.07		