



# Partners in Policing

Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

Monthly Newsletter

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## 2016 Officers

- President:** Sandi Jones
- 1st Vice President:** Julie Watkins
- 2nd Vice President:** Teresia Foreman
- Secretary:** Jerri Balkon
- Treasurer:** Dana Nuber
- Parliamentarian:** Jerry Goad
- EPD Liaison:** Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

## Back The Blue Shirt Fundraiser

We will be taking orders at the January 19th ECPAAA meeting. There are four types of shirts you can purchase and below is the price breakdown.

### T-Shirt—V-neck and Crew Neck

- S-XL — \$15.00
- 2XL — \$16.00
- 3XL — \$17.00
- 4XL — \$18.00

### Long Sleeved T-Shirts

- S-XL — \$18.00
- 2XL — \$19.00
- 3XL — \$20.00

### 1/4 Zip Sweatshirt—*picture shown at right* (may offer a hooded sweatshirt if there is interest and would be the same price)

- S-XL — \$28.00
- 2XL — \$29.00
- 3XL — \$30.00
- 4XL — \$31.00



You can call Julie Watkins at Stitch 'n Tyme Embroidery Shop at 817-267-6588 if you need further information or have any questions. Julie will be taking orders at her shop if you are unable to attend the ECPAAA meeting. If you would like to see the shirts before ordering, you can visit Julie's shop located at 706 S Main Street, Euleless, TX 76040.



## 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](mailto: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 2016 ECPAAA Dues! They are only \$20 and our Treasurer, Dana Nuber, will be collecting them at the January 19th meeting. You can pay by cash or check; make check payable to ECPAAA. You can also mail your dues to:

ECPAAA  
Attn: Dana Nuber  
1102 W. Euleless Blvd.  
Euleless, TX 76040

**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

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.

In the coming year we will face many challenges, some we know about and are prepared for, some we have no idea what they will be or when we will run across them. But it's the great foundation we have that will allow us to weather any storm, face any challenge and succeed in the face of any adversity. We all know the tragedy our neighbors to the east faced last month. As sure as I write this article, I know that our day will come and it will be us and our neighbors facing adversity. I have great faith that this community has an army of servants ready to help this community face and recover from any challenge, no matter the source. I ask you to continue to volunteer, to help us continue our mission of service to the citizens of Euless and ask you to be prepared and to help us to continue to prepare for the future. If you haven't gone through the CERT training I ask that you take the time to receive this valuable training. I ask that you stay involved in the community through your volunteerisms and find ways you can have a positive impact on the lives of your friends and neighbors.

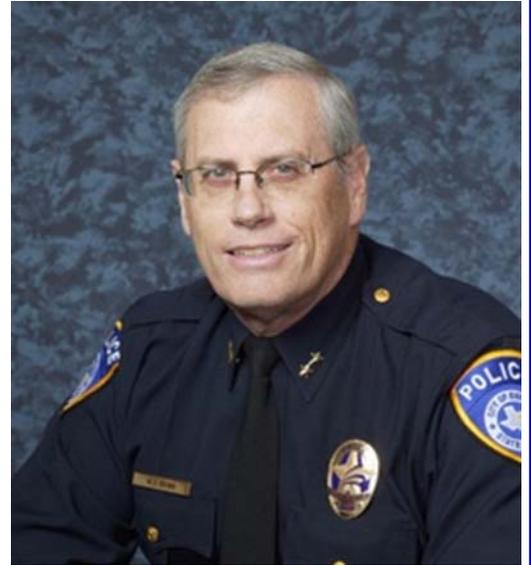
We have sworn in three new Police Officers since the first of the year: Brandon Allison, Russell Thiel and Billy McNeece. Brandon is our first Police Cadet to become a police officer, we are very proud of him. Russell Thiel came to us fresh out of the Army where he had spent the last 6 years. Billy McNeece is another of our NYPD transplants. Billy retired from his position as a Sergeant with NYPD after a very successful career in the Big Apple.

Don't forget our Awards Banquet is on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at The Texas Star at 7:00 pm. This will be a great evening of honoring those who have gone above and beyond over the past year. Please get with Eva in my office at (817) 685-1509 to get your tickets. We are looking forward to a great evening and would like for you to be a part of it.

Thanks for all you do!

Your Servant,

Mike



### EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

Hello ECPAAA Family,

First, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with their families. The Community Services Division is very excited about the New Year and the various events and activities in the future.

I want to remind everyone that on January 1, 2016 legislation passed a new law regarding the right to “Open Carry” (Texas Penal Code 30.07). The new law allows concealed handgun license holders the right to openly carry a firearm on a belt or shoulder holster on their person. I want everyone to educate themselves on the new law to avoid any confusion or discomfort. There are still certain criteria that license holders must comply with and the Euless Police Department has been properly trained to deal with situations regarding firearm owners.

The Community Services Division will begin hosting “Coffee with a Cop” on Saturdays once a month to make sure everyone has an opportunity to attend. Again, we really appreciate everyone that has attended and we really enjoy the company.

I want to give a special thanks to all the members who have made my transition to this new office enjoyable. We look forward to working with all of you this year. We appreciate all the hard work and volunteer hours you provide the Euless Police Department.

Lastly, we are currently taking applications for the upcoming 2016 Citizen’s Police Academy that begins in February. Please contact Senior Officer Chris White (817) 685-1536 with any questions about the program.



### CPAANT Liaison — Leah Benoit

CPAANT HOST: Euless CPAAA

January 9, 2016

There were approximately 45 people in attendance representing 16 cities. Captain Gary Landers was the guest speaker and he spoke about the history of Euless, the Euless Police Department family and the volunteers of Euless and volunteerism in cities in the Metroplex. He gave statistics on America’s volunteers—62.8 million volunteers, giving 7.9 billion hours for a total value of \$184 billion. The February 6, 2016 meeting will be hosted by the Duncanville CPAAA. For more information on CPAANT, see the website at [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org).



### 2016 ECPAAA Proposed Budget

The budget committee met on December 22, 2015 and presented the 2016 budget to the ECPAAA Board via email. The budget was unanimously approved by the Board and it will be voted on by the membership at the January 19, 2016 general meeting. Please see page 6 of the newsletter for the details.

# From the President — Sandi Jones

Happy New Year,

Hope the holidays were happy and healthy for everyone. I know our family had a great time but we are looking forward to the new year. 2016 should be exciting and eventful for the ECPAAA. First off thank you to the ECPAAA members that attended the CPAANT meeting on January 9th and provided food and drinks.



This year we will be having our money making event, the barbeque dinner/silent auction. We always have some great items to auction off both silently and with an actual auction for bigger items. We will need lots of help and we want everyone to think of people to sell tickets to. We want this event to be the best ever. Every year it gets better so let's start thinking and planning early to get everyone involved.

Thanks so much to everyone who helped during Christmas for the parade, the police goodies and the Christmas party. We truly are appreciated and it is nice to let the policemen, the jailers and the dispatchers know how much we appreciate what all they do.

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**REMINDER — AmazonSmile Fundraiser**

If you shop on Amazon, please consider bookmarking Amazon with the web address below. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to our organization as long as you use the website below.

I've registered our organization and we are all set-up to start receiving donations. When you click on the link below, it will take you to the ECPAAA's page (screenshot right). Just use your Amazon sign in and password and start shopping! Feel free to send this to your family and friends who love to shop on Amazon! <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-2606380>

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December Volunteer Hours Comparison by Lou Baum	
Month	Year
2015 — 457 Hours	2015 — 5,199 Hours
2014 — 324 Hours	2014 — 4,808 Hours
41% Increase	8% Increase

Wow, what a turn around toward the end of the year and without Arbor Daze. Many thanks for those who had the time to serve our servants. Don Martin for his many hours of patrol, Eric Bessemer and his crew for their dedicated hours in maintenance keeping the patrol cars running and serviced 100%, and for the many other wonderful Alumni Members who served our City. Remember, take care of each other and be safe in 2016.

### Upcoming Events

- Jan 12 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Jan 13 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- Jan 19 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department
- Jan 21 — Town Hall Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Jan 26 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Feb 6 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 Noon, Duncanville (for location & directions visit [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org))
- Feb 6 — Daddy/Daughter Valentine’s Dance, 6:30 pm—8:30 pm, Euless Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive, Euless
- Feb 9 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Feb 10 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- Feb 16 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department
- Feb 19 — Euless Police Department Awards Banquet, 7:00 pm, Texas Star

### December 2015 Volunteer Hours

- CID Clerical – 36 Hours 15 Minutes
- Citizens On Patrol – 145 Hours 45 Minutes  
Includes the following:  
COP Car – 118 Hours 15 Minutes  
COP Sky Tower – 27 Hours 30 Minutes  
Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 10
- Courts – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Crime Victims Assistance Program – 3 Hours 0 Minutes
- Euless Radio Club – 41 Hours 30 Minutes
- Jail – 7 Hours 0 Minutes
- Meetings – 30 Hours 30 Minutes  
Includes the following:  
ECPAAA Meeting – 24 Hours 0 Minutes
- Miscellaneous – 79 Hours 30 Minutes  
Includes the following:  
Euless Parade of Lights – 23 Hours 0 Minutes
- Speed Trailer – 6 Hours 0 Minutes
- Vehicle Maintenance – 99 Hours 0 Minutes
- Watering of Plants – 8 Hours 0 Minutes

**Grand Total – 456 Hours 30 Minutes**

**December National Value of Volunteer Time — \$10,531.46**

**December Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$11,257.29**

**2015 National Value of Volunteer Time — \$119,929.40**

**2015 Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$128,195.01**

**December Meeting — 36 Alumni Members and 1 Guest Present**

## Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

**Don Martin — 1/2**  
**Diana Williams — 1/13**

**Jesse Rocha — 1/16**  
**Jeremy Tompkins — 1/22**  
**Jerri Balkon — 1/23**

**Valerie Hinde — 1/24**  
**Nadine Barnes — 1/30**

## ECPAAA Proposed 2016 Budget

	YTD Income (as of 12/22/15)	2015 Budget	2015 Over/ Under Budget	Proposed 2016 Budget	2015/2016 Budget Difference
<b>INCOME</b>					
Afghan Fundraiser	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
Back the Blue Fundraiser				\$250.00	\$250.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Brick Sales	\$150.00	\$35.00	\$115.00	\$35.00	\$0.00
CRUD Day	\$1,001.52	\$700.00	\$301.52	\$700.00	\$0.00
Donations/Outside Income	\$1,842.34	\$500.00	\$1,342.34	\$500.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers	\$132.00	\$200.00	(\$68.00)	\$200.00	\$0.00
Grocery Care Cards	\$62.04	\$50.00	\$12.04	\$50.00	\$0.00
Membership Dues	\$1,890.00	\$1,600.00	\$290.00	\$1,800.00	\$200.00
Member Merchandise	\$149.00	\$100.00	\$49.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Recycle (Cans, Cartridges & Electronics)	\$0.00	\$150.00	(\$150.00)	\$150.00	\$0.00
Warrant Roundup	\$531.25	\$1,000.00	(\$468.75)	\$750.00	-\$250.00
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects	\$0.00	\$13,310.00	(\$13,310.00)	\$13,310.00	\$0.00
<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>\$6,288.15</b>	<b>\$17,675.00</b>	<b>-\$11,386.85</b>	<b>\$32,875.00</b>	<b>\$15,200.00</b>
Carryover from 2015	\$10,554.63				
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$16,842.78</b>				
	YTD Expenses (as of 12/22/15)	2015 Budget	2015 Over/ Under Budget	Proposed 2016 Budget	2015/2016 Budget Difference
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
9-1-1 Day	\$360.00	\$350.00	\$10.00	\$400.00	\$50.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records	\$200.00	\$500.00	-\$300.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Back the Blue Fundraiser				\$50.00	\$50.00
BBQ Silent Auction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00
Bricks	\$120.00	\$500.00	-\$380.00	\$300.00	-\$200.00
Checking Account Expenses	\$8.00	\$30.00	-\$22.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
CPAANT Dues	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers	\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Expenses Not Categorized	\$550.00	\$1,050.00	-\$500.00	\$500.00	-\$550.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts	\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Member Merchandise Items	\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Memorials and Gifts	\$217.77	\$150.00	\$67.77	\$200.00	\$50.00
Office Supplies	\$285.29	\$500.00	-\$214.71	\$500.00	\$0.00
PALS Summer Camp	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00
Police Appreciation Week	\$598.71	\$800.00	-\$201.29	\$1,000.00	\$200.00
Police Chief Wish Projects	\$6,000.00	\$5,295.00	\$705.00	\$12,445.00	\$7,150.00
Police Honor Guard	\$2,752.00	\$5,000.00	-\$2,248.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals	\$398.50	\$400.00	-\$1.50	\$450.00	\$50.00
President Awards	\$192.32	\$200.00	-\$7.68	\$200.00	\$0.00
Social Events	\$245.23	\$400.00	-\$154.77	\$400.00	\$0.00
TCPAAA Convention	\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
Water by the Gallon	\$714.00	\$650.00	\$64.00	\$800.00	\$150.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$12,666.82</b>	<b>\$17,675.00</b>	<b>-\$5,008.18</b>	<b>\$32,875.00</b>	<b>\$15,200.00</b>
<b>Funds Transferred from Savings</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>				
<b>Total Funds Available in Checking 12/18</b>	<b>\$7,175.96</b>				
<b>Savings Account</b>					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$16,341.47				
<b>ECPAAA Funds Available as of 12/22/15</b>		<b>\$23,517.43</b>			

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
DECEMBER 15, 2015**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees: Leah Benoit, Shawna De Puente, Jerry Goad, Sandi Jones, Geri Sorg, Julie Watkins

Sandi called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. She went over the agenda for the general meeting. New business will include asking for volunteers to be on the budget committee. The proposed budget will be included in the January 2016 ECPAAA newsletter.

Julie Watkins gave an update on the Christmas food for the police department. She also brought the idea of a new fundraiser – Back the Blue shirts. We will offer four different types of shirts – crewneck t-shirt (\$15), V-neck t-shirt (\$15), long sleeve t-shirt (\$20) and long sleeve sweatshirt (\$30). Prices will increase after the size of XL. The ECPAAA will make a profit of approximately \$5 per shirt. Julie talked to her contact in Haltom City and they said there will be no charge for the design since it already exists.

Geri Sorg gave an update on CPAANT.

Leah moved and Shawna seconded the motion to adjourn; the meeting was then adjourned at 6:35 pm.

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees: Kathy Ames, Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, Shawna De Puente, John Deithloff, Gary Fieldsend, Sharon Finnegan, Teresia Foreman, Jerry Goad, Ruben Hernandez, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Molly Maddux, Joyce Maxwell, Anniece McKanna, Dana Nuber, Jean Nuber, Betty Overstreet, Jason Reyes, Jim Rogerson, Thomas Salmi, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Helen Wagner, Julie Watkins, Diana Williams, Kristi Wynne and guest Tom Williams

The meeting opened at 7:05 pm with JR Goad leading the prayer and pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas.

Old Business

Shawna De Puente moved and Jason Reyes seconded the motion to approve the November minutes; they were approved.

Sandi announced the December birthdays and the members sang Happy Birthday.

Barney Snitz inquired about the monogrammed pavers in the ECPAAA office. Leah Benoit informed Barney that they will be put in the ground in the spring.

Teresia Foreman brought up the subject of the Parade of Lights and the miscommunication regarding the ECPAAA's part in helping with parking. JR Goad announced that the Parks will be handling all of the parking in the future and the ECPAAA's service will no longer be needed.

New Business

Sandi asked for volunteers to serve on the budget committee. Jerri Balkon, Pete Jones and Geri Sorg volunteered. Leah Benoit will be in touch regarding the meeting date and time.

Julie Watkins talked about the Back the Blue fundraiser and that we will be taking orders starting in January. The prices of the shirts will be in the ECPAAA January newsletter.

Geri Sorg gave a CPAANT update. Eules will be hosting the January CPAANT meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Volunteers are needed to bring breakfast items and to help set-up for breakfast. Geri announced that Leah Benoit will be the new CPAANT representative for Eules and she will also be serving as CPAANT's Treasurer in 2016. She also gave a high level overview of CPAANT.

Julie Watkins told the membership that she ordered sandwiches, chili and soup from Pot Belly for the Christmas meals for the Eules Police Department. She asked for members to bring desserts.

Sandi thanked Teresia Foreman for acquiring the sliders and Sherri Browning for helping with the food for the December meeting.

Sherri Browning thanked Sandi Jones for her service in 2015 as President.

Pete Jones moved and Geri Sorg seconded the motion to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

## December 2015 Treasurer's Report

<b>INCOME</b>	Carry Over	December	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
<b>12/31/14 Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$10,554.63</b>				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Brick Sales			\$150.00	\$35.00	\$115.00
Craigslist Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CRUD Day			\$1,001.52	\$700.00	\$301.52
Donations/Outside Income			\$1,842.34	\$500.00	\$1,342.34
Grocery Care Cards			\$62.04	\$50.00	\$12.04
Membership Dues			\$1,890.00	\$1,600.00	\$290.00
Member Merchandise		\$2.00	\$149.00	\$100.00	\$49.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers			\$132.00	\$200.00	-\$68.00
Warrant Roundup			\$531.25	\$1,000.00	-\$468.75
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$2.00</b>	<b>\$6,288.15</b>	<b>\$17,675.00</b>	<b>-\$11,386.85</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,554.63</b>	<b>\$16,842.78</b>	<b>\$16,842.78</b>		
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Carry Over	December	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$360.00	\$350.00	\$10.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$200.00	\$500.00	-\$300.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bricks			\$120.00	\$500.00	-\$380.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$8.00	\$30.00	-\$22.00
CPAANT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$550.00	\$1,050.00	-\$500.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$217.77	\$150.00	\$67.77
Office Supplies		\$61.31	\$187.29	\$300.00	-\$112.71
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$598.71	\$800.00	-\$201.29
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$6,000.00	\$5,295.00	\$705.00
Police Honor Guard			\$2,752.00	\$5,000.00	-\$2,248.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals		\$398.50	\$398.50	\$400.00	-\$1.50
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$98.00	\$200.00	-\$102.00
President Awards			\$192.32	\$200.00	-\$7.68
Social Events		-\$153.86	\$245.23	\$400.00	-\$154.77
TCPAAA Convention			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Water by the Gallon		\$238.00	\$714.00	\$650.00	\$64.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$543.95</b>	<b>\$12,666.82</b>	<b>\$17,675.00</b>	<b>-\$5,008.18</b>
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$3,000.00		
<b>Funds Available in Checking</b>			<b>\$7,175.96</b>		
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,335.36		\$19,335.36		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.14	\$6.25		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$3,000.00		
<b>Funds Available in Savings</b>			<b>\$16,341.61</b>		
<b>Total ECPAAA Funds</b>			<b>\$23,517.57</b>		

Note: \$400 of Outside Donations is earmarked for RAD Equipment/\$1,000 for EPD Picture Project