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Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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2015 Officers

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EPD Liaison: Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

July Guest Speaker

Courtney Janes, Crime Victim Coordinator

Courtney earned a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology and Criminal Justice and a Master's of Science in Psychology. Courtney is a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Certified Anger Resolution Therapist. Courtney currently works as the Crime Victim Coordinator at the Hurst, Euleless, and Bedford Police Departments and works as a psychotherapist in private practice. Courtney is a trained hostage negotiator and provides specialized trainings to several police departments. Courtney has experience in working with chronically mentally ill, persons in crisis and specializes in working with trauma victims.



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>

Fun Facts about America's Independence Day

How many people signed the Declaration of Independence on July Fourth? Two

What day did most signers of the Declaration of Independence actually sign the document? August 2, 1776

Did you know which president was born on July 4?
It was Calvin Coolidge, the 30th president, in 1872.

Which three presidents died on the Fourth of July?

They were three of the first five presidents: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe.

When did the Fourth of July become a legal federal holiday?

1870. Then, in 1938, Congress reaffirmed the holiday to make sure all workers received full pay.

The Nathan's Fourth of July Hot Dog Contest has become an annual tradition. How did it start?

It's a pretty cute story: Legend has it that four immigrants got into an argument over who was most patriotic. To prove themselves, they ate as many hot dogs as they could handle -- because nothing says America like excess.

When were fireworks first used to celebrate July Fourth?

1777. Congress chose fireworks as a way to celebrate the first anniversary. They were ignited over Philadelphia. The celebration also included bonfires and bells.

How many people lived in the U.S. when the Declaration was signed?
2.5 million

Which newspaper first printed the Declaration of Independence?

The Pennsylvania Evening Post

Which president first held a Fourth of July celebration at the White House?

Thomas Jefferson

Which country gained independence from the United States on July Fourth? The Philippines did in 1946.



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

Well we just finished a tremendous celebration of this country's independence. Hope you and your family and friends had an awesome 4th of July! If yours was like mine it involved all the essentials of life; family, friends, hamburgers and hot dogs and fireworks with a little watermelon added in at the end.

Sorry I missed last month's newsletter. We had a lot of things going on that caught me at my procrastinating best. I waited until the last minute to write my article and found out I didn't have enough time to get it all done. It was a great newsletter and I don't think I could have added one thing that would have made it any better.

There have been a few changes around here over the last month, you can tell if you've been around during the day. We welcomed our 3 new Police Cadets. This is a new program that we are starting that will allow us to basically grow the next generation of Eules Police Officers. The program is targeted at young men and women between the ages of 18 and 25. It's our hope to get these Cadets as soon as they graduate from high school and plug them into the program. We are looking for outstanding young men and women who have a passion for serving others and true interest in law enforcement as a career. They will have a part time job with us and they will attend college. The department will assist with college expenses and provide leadership and mentoring to these Cadets. We currently have three outstanding people in this program, in fact one of them will be transitioning out of the program and will be headed to the Police Academy toward the end of the month. So we will soon have an opening in the program. If you know of an outstanding young person who has a passion for service and a true interest in law enforcement as a career send them our way. We are looking for great things to come from this program.

Some of you knew Mike Duff. He was with us for well over 31 years. He is a tremendous instructor and many of you have taken your CHL class from him. Mike retired at the end of June and is headed off to run his teaching and consulting business. Mike was an awesome servant for the citizens of Eules. He was an outstanding officer who would go way out of his way to help anyone. He was very well skilled in undercover operations. He spent many years working narcotics for us on various task forces. Later in his career he returned to patrol where he served on the tactical team and as a Field Training Officer. The legacy that he leaves was built in the hearts and minds of the officers he trained, mentored and lead. I cannot say enough great things about Mike Duff! He will be greatly missed and this community was fortunate that Mike decided to spend his professional life serving the citizens of the City of Eules and his fellow members of the Eules Police Department.

We have another change to report. Senior Officer Carlos Peralez has just been selected to replace Senior Officer Scott Morgan as the School Resource Officer at KEYS / AEP. Officer Morgan resigned from the Eules Police Department and is looking forward to the next challenge in his life. Officer Peralez is an outstanding officer and will serve the students, staff and faculty at KEYS /AEP with the same outstanding passion, determination and professionalism as he has applied to his current duties in patrol. Carlos is a very well respected member of the Eules Police Department and has been a Crime Scene Tech for the past few years.

As the summer winds down you still have a chance to come and help up with a few volunteer hours. We still have a lot of houses to keep an eye on. Our Vacation House Watch list is long and needing some extra attention.



CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg

CPAANT HOST: Burlson CPAAA

July 11, 2015

Myself and Leah Benoit attended the meeting and there were 16 cities represented with approximately 37 members present. The guest speaker was Officer Don Adams from Burlson. Officer Adams spoke about Drug Awareness and Narcotics Enforcement and about Highway Interdiction. What is Interdiction you ask? Interdiction is a military term for the act of delaying, disrupting, or destroying enemy forces or supplies en route to the battle area. Officer Adams was part of the S.T.O.P. Special Crimes Unit (S.T.O.P. stands for Stop the Offender Program). There are two types of Highway Interdiction stops—Intel Based Stops (they know who they are stopping due to intel on the person) and Random High Volume Stops (cold traffic stops). Besides Highway Interdiction, there is also Bus and Train Interdiction and Hotel/Motel Interdiction.

Next month's meeting will be hosted by the Roanoke CPAAA on August 1, 2015. Please see the website for location and additional information — www.cpaant.org. Remember the Chiefs Round Table is on October 10th and would like to see Eules represented well!



EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

I want to start by thanking all the members for volunteering at this year's PALS summer camp. We had over 120 campers which were a little more than we expected. I personally want to thank Faye Stinneford and Julie Watkins for jumping through hoops to get extra camp shirts delivered the next day when we ran out of t-shirts for the kids. Overall, the summer camp was a huge success due to all the hard work and dedication everyone provided for the kids. I believe for some kids that the camp may have been the highlight of their summer. I know they all went home with smiles on their faces and the parents were very appreciative.

On July 4, 2015 I was given the privilege to lead the annual *Morrisdale 4th of July Parade*, which I thoroughly enjoyed being able to attend. I was very impressed in the great pride the Morrisdale Community took in this event, and just making it a big social event for all families. Lou Baum and Curtis Brown did a great job in organizing this annual event.

I want to remind everyone about the 6 Stones Back to School Event on August 22, 2015 from 9am-3pm. This event provides school supplies and back packs to underprivileged kids. This year at the event, 6 Stones is expecting 400 kids an hour! The Eules Police Department Community Services Division will assist in this event and I hope to see all of you there.

The new Cadet Program has been a real success and the cadets are actively learning all avenues of law enforcement. Officer Robert Bryan coordinates all training and daily activities with the cadets, and all the cadets are held accountable in the completion of each division. Cadet Brandon Allison has been diligently working hard in gaining knowledge and experience to become an officer. Allison had the opportunity to take the Eules Police Department hiring exam which consist of a physical fitness and written test. After completing and passing the tests, Allison was offered a position as an officer. I will continue to keep all of you updated in the new cadet program in the future.



From the President — Sandi Jones

Well, a third of summer is over with and still no excruciating heat. We can be thankful for that! With the 4th of July just passing us by, we should be thinking about how lucky we are to live in this great United States of America. Sure, we have lots of problems here; people don't like the Washington elected officials, the Federal laws being passed, and/or the way the U.S. is heading, but believe me, we are lucky to live here. The U.S. is beautiful. As we drove out West to see our grandkids, we went through Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and California. The beauty is magnificent - each state more scenic than the other.

Other countries don't have the same freedoms that we do. Most Americans have a strong sense of national strength and loyalty. Only in America will you be offered more opportunity and social mobility. Work and trade are generally respectful and honest. Here we have greater social equality and people actually live longer because our medical abilities are so much better than other places. So, in spite of its flaws, American life as we know it today has the best our world has to offer. I am proud to be an American and I hope you are too!

That being said, volunteerism is actually rising in America. People are starting to see that we need to help each other. We in ECPAAA know how important it is to volunteer our time. With the hours we give, to help out our police officer, it saves them time to do actual police work, making our city safer and us more valuable.

Rocky is trying to set up a date sometime in October to start another COP class. I still have the list where everyone signed up, and as soon as we get an actual date I will let everyone know. Thanks for hanging in there and in between time there are many other opportunities to volunteer for. You can work at the jail, sit in the sky tower, or just keep your ears and eyes peeled for trouble brewing to let the Police know. If everyone did that, we would probably have a lot less trouble in the U.S.



Upcoming Events

July 18 — Movies in the Park—Frozen, 9:00 pm, Leon Hogg Amphitheater, 1951 Bear Creek Parkway

July 21 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

July 31 — Masterworks Concert Series: Havana NRG, 7:00 pm, Leon Hogg Amphitheater, 1951 Bear Creek Parkway

Aug 1 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 Noon, Roanoke (for location & directions visit www.cpaant.org)

Aug 8 — Heritage Park Tours, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Heritage Park, 201 Cullum Drive

Aug 11 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Aug 12 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center

Aug 18 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

UPCOMING: Oct 10 — Police Chiefs Round Table, Hosted by Lewisville CPAAA

June 2015 Volunteer Hours

- CID Clerical – 25 Hours 30 Minutes
- Citizens On Patrol – 78 Hours 45 Minutes
Includes the following:
 - COP Car – 76 Hours 45 Minutes
 - COP Sky Tower – 2 Hours 0 Minutes
- Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 11
- Courts – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Crime Victims Assistance Program – 7 Hours 15 Minutes
- Eules Radio Club – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Jail – 8 Hours 15 Minutes
- Meetings (ECPAAA) – 38 Hours 0 Minutes
- Miscellaneous – 20 Hours 45 Minutes
- Speed Trailer – 2 Hours 0 Minutes
- Training (CERT) – 52 Hours 0 Minutes
- Vehicle Maintenance – 62 Hours 30 Minutes
- Watering of Plants – 7 Hours 0 Minutes

Grand Total – 302 Hours 0 Minutes

June National Value of Volunteer Time — \$6,810.10

June Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$7,066.80

2015 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$44,884.65

2015 YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$46,576.53

June Meeting — 32 Alumni Members Present

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

- Teresia Foreman — 7/10**
- Rose-Marie Stevens — 7/16**
- Tim Stinneford — 7/22**
- Kathy Ames — 7/24**
- Rachel Rocha — 7/26**
- Cynthia Schmidt — 7/28**

June Volunteer Hours Comparison By Lou Baum

Month	Year
2015 — 302 Hours	2015 — 1,991 Hours
2014 — 362 Hours	2014 — 2,377 Hours
16% Decrease	16% Decrease

To all volunteers, thanks for your time. Have a safe summer and when you have a few minutes, spend it with the Police Department. They always appreciate our time.

EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
JUNE 16, 2015
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Leah Benoit, Shawna De Puente, Jerry Goad, Jason Reyes, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Officer Rocky Fimbres

The meeting opened at 6:17 p.m.

Sandi was away on vacation; therefore, Jason officiated the meeting. He went over the agenda for the general meeting.

There was a question about the COP class, i.e., when will there be one. Rocky indicated that the earliest time a class could be scheduled was early August. He will let us know.

There was a discussion about how to honor the request of Perry Brockmeyer's family to contribute to a charitable organization of our choice in his memory. The American Red Cross and Meals On Wheels were suggested; and, when no other suggestion was forthcoming, it was moved that the Board present these two organizations to the membership for a vote. The amount that will be suggested is \$50.

Geri told us that the next CPANNT meeting is scheduled for July 11 in Burleson, and she invited anyone who may be interested to join her.

Leah then moved and Shawna seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Kathy Ames, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, Shawna De Puente, Roy Deering, John Deithloff, B. J. Farr, Cathy Galloway, Jerry Goad, Paul Haberer, Ruben Hernandez, Annette Johnson, Loren Johnson, Leslie Kane, Geraldine Keller, Don Martin, Marla Martinez, Anniece McKanna, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Timothy Quinn, Jason Reyes, Judy Rick, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Tyler Van Horne, Peggy Vandiver, Kristi Wynne, Nancy Zehelski

NPO: Sr. Corporal Rocky Fimbres

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

Jason introduced our guest speaker, Brad Carignan, President of Rescue Her and Senior Pastor of New Life Family Church, Euless. Pastor Carignan talked about how his organization helps young girls and young women who have been victims of human trafficking. It was a very interesting presentation which generated several questions from the membership.

Old Business

Upon request, Rocky gave an update regarding the Pals Camp currently in progress and said it was going well. He told us that they ran out of tee shirts, but Faye Stinneford and Julie Watkins solved the problem. Faye and Julie have been very helpful overall. There are about 120 children and 10-15 mentors participating. The children are mostly from low-income households.

Jason announced that those who had signed up for a COP class will be contacted by Sandi. He also indicated that a class would likely be held in early August.

Geri talked about CPANNT and indicated that she had missed the last meeting to attend the CERT class but plans to attend the next meeting scheduled for July 11 in Burleson. She invited anyone interested in going with her to give her a call.

Jason brought up the request from Perry Brockmeyer's family to contribute to a charitable organization of our choice in his memory. The membership was asked to choose between the American Red Cross and Meals on Wheels. Meals On Wheels was chosen, and Leah said she would send them a check for \$50, the amount agreed upon.

Jason announced that a City Town Hall meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 18, starting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. He encouraged us to attend if at all possible.

J. R. talked about upcoming volunteer opportunities – CRUD, the Trinity High School Homecoming Parade and the Parade of Lights. He said he would be passing out sign-up sheets closer to the events. He then auctioned off a \$25 gift certificate from Home Depot. Judy Rick bought it for \$25 and asked J.R. to give the gift certificate to our guest speaker, Brad Carignan.

Loren moved and Geri seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

CERT Grid and Line Search Exercise — June 20th at DFW Airport Bedford, Euless, Hurst, Keller and Saginaw CERT Teams

Scenario: High winds and torrential rains suddenly interrupted a training exercise with the State Guard Reserves and another group from East Texas at the DFWAFTC two days ago. Because the units were immediately dispatched to help with the flooding and aftermath of the storm, many items were left behind at the training area. The exercise participants returned to their bases when released from storm response and had no opportunity to recover training items. We have been asked to please scour the area for equipment and items that were left during sudden dispatch of the exercise teams.

Approximately 65 CERT members from five cities participated in the CERT exercise that Bedford hosted. A command staff was chosen from the volunteers and three of our CERT members were part of the staff—Ricardo Vigil (Operations Manager), James Knighton (Staging) and Geri Sorg (Scribe). Teams were chosen and then dispersed by Operations to do a line search in the grass, a grid search in the woods and a search on a hill. Around 12:30, a “hot wash” was done with all members to go over the morning’s exercise. Here are some photos from the exercise.



Frank Knox — Bedford



Val Roach — Bedford



Listening to Scenario and Rules — Euless Group



Command Staff
James Knighton, Ricardo Vigil and Geri Sorg



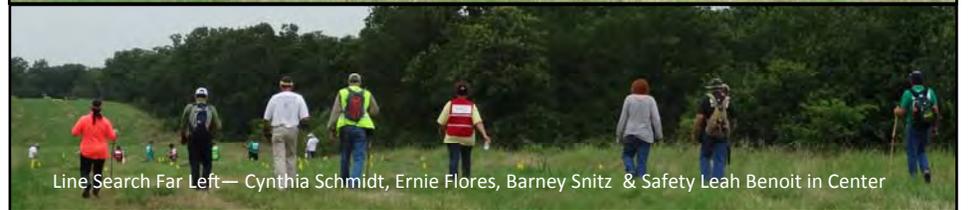
Line Search — Renee Potter



Line Search Far Left — Tim Quinn, Safety Ken Rawlinson and Donna Quinn



Command Staff
Ricardo Vigil, Geri Sorg and James Knighton



Line Search Far Left — Cynthia Schmidt, Ernie Flores, Barney Snitz & Safety Leah Benoit in Center



Leah Benoit & Pat Lane with Bedford



Ernie Flores & Cynthia Schmidt at Registration



Ernie Flores



Frank Knox, Ken Rawlinson & Leah Benoit

CERT Grid and Line Search Exercise



Euleless Group

Leah Benoît, Geri Sorg, Ernie Flores, Barney Snitz, Cynthia Schmidt, Donna Quinn, Tim Quinn and Ken Rawlinson



Command Staff

Geri Sorg, James Knighton and Ricardo Vigil



Grid Search in Woods — Kristen Cayey with Euleless 3rd from Left



CERT Teams waiting for Assignments



Grid Search in Woods — Safety Leah Benoît



Leah Benoît



Ernie Flores, Ken Rawlinson, Leah Benoît, Barney Snitz and Frank Knox



Grid Search in Woods — Safety Leah Benoît

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Woodland Critter



Barney Snitz



James Knighton



Group Hot Wash

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Cynthia Schmidt, Barney Snitz and Leah Benoît

June 2015 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	June	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/14 Balance in Checking	\$10,554.63				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
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			\$560.00	\$700.00	-\$140.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$785.00	\$500.00	\$285.00
Grocery Care Cards		\$25.95	\$62.04	\$50.00	\$12.04
Membership Dues		\$40.00	\$1,860.00	\$1,600.00	\$260.00
Member Merchandise			\$65.00	\$100.00	-\$35.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers		\$25.00	\$72.00	\$200.00	-\$128.00
Warrant Roundup			\$531.25	\$1,000.00	-\$468.75
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
Total Income		\$90.95	\$4,585.29	\$17,675.00	-\$13,089.71
Total	\$10,554.63	\$15,139.92	\$15,139.92		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	June	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$350.00	-\$350.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$200.00	\$500.00	-\$300.00
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			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$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		\$50.00	\$217.77	\$150.00	\$67.77
Office Supplies			\$62.99	\$300.00	-\$237.01
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$598.71	\$800.00	-\$201.29
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$0.00	\$5,295.00	-\$5,295.00
Police Honor Guard			\$2,752.00	\$5,000.00	-\$2,248.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$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			\$238.00	\$650.00	-\$412.00
Total Expenses		\$50.00	\$4,643.47	\$17,675.00	-\$13,031.53
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$10,496.45		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,335.36		\$19,335.36		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.67	\$3.80		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$19,339.16		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$29,835.61		

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