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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.

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>

June Speaker

Tommy Le Noir

Arlington Police Department

Tommy Le Noir is a 30 year veteran with the Arlington Police Department in Arlington, Texas. Currently serving in Homicide Unit, Le Noir has dedicated the past 25 years to solving murders. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from The University of Texas at Arlington and was recently honored by the University of Texas at Arlington as distinguished Alumni. Le Noir joined the Arlington Police Department in 1980 and in 1982 he earned a spot in the narcotics division where he focused on undercover work. He was awarded "Police Officer of the Year" and selected to join the Homicide Division in 1985 where he was responsible for securing numerous capital murder convictions and solving several high profile cases. Le Noir is a certified instructor in basic and advanced courses in homicide investigation to outside police agencies at the North Texas Regional Police Academy and lectures extensively at colleges, high schools, civic groups and events and citizen police academies throughout the state. Several of Le Noir's homicide cases have earned national media attention - having been featured on CBS' "Cold Case Files," Dick Wolf's "Arrest & Trial" and A&E's "Forensic Files" among others. One of Le Noir's most famous cases was that of serial killer Jack Reeves, which has been featured in eight different documentary programs including HBO's America Undercover: Autopsy series and the subject of the book "Mail Order Murder" by true crime author Patricia Springer. Le Noir is also responsible for capturing one of the most notorious serial killers in North Texas history - Dale Devone Scheanette, known as the "Bathtub Killer", who is presently on Texas Death Row scheduled to be executed in 2009. In 2007, Le Noir hosted "Murder", a Bunim-Murray Production on Spike TV and was a guest on a variety of television and radio programs such as Court TV Radio, Court TV Open Court with Bloom and Politan, XM Radio's "Broadminded", Sirius Radio's "Maxim" and CBS Radio.

FROM THE CHIEF

What a great night it was in front of the City Council. With so many of you receiving the Presidential Service Awards it was a special night for the entire community. When we started this program there was no way to know the great things we could accomplish together. Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!

As I said at the end of the awards ceremony, everyone counts your time in hours, we appreciate the minutes. As we go forward, we will ask for even more minutes, your opportunities to serve will continue to grow as we face the future together.

Summer camp starts on the 7th and runs until the 11th, then again on June 21st through the 25th. It's going to be a hot two weeks in the Texas sun, but the memories we will be making and the impact we will have on the lives of the kids that come through those camps will be immeasurable. Thanks to each of you who will be playing a part in those camps. We started them many years ago, and had no idea they would still be going to this day. They are basically the same as the first one we did way back then. The focus is on life skills and helping each kid see how their contribution is a vital component of their team's success. Very much like it is in the CPAAA, everyone comes in with a special set of skills or knowledge and through your participation, and the sharing of your talents and skills, the organization and the community is made a better place to live.

I read about all of the problems other communities have to deal with and I am thankful I live where I live. What makes Eules so special? In this community there is a tremendous value placed on its greatest asset, its people. I don't know of another city where the citizens come out to serve the servants of their community like you do here. If you are a public servant in this city you have to be humbled by the support and service you receive from those you are sworn to serve. It makes it much easier to work in a community where you know you are appreciated.

As I am writing this article our former dispatcher Tammy Barnes is undergoing a double lung transplant. As most of you will remember, this is her second such operation. We are hoping that she will fully recover and might possibly be able to work again. If you have ever met her you will never forget her smile, her laugh, her clever wit or the way she will infect you with a positive outlook on life. Please say a prayer for her; she is one of a kind. This world needs more people like Tammy Barnes.

Thanks for all you do!

Your Servant,
Mike

P.S. It would be a crime if I did not mention that our great neighbors in the Morrisdale Home Owners Association were recognized as the 5th best crime prevention program in the nation. This is a true honor and a validation of all the crime prevention strategies we are employing on a city wide basis. Thanks to Lou Baum's leadership in the Morrisdale Home Owner's Assoc. Security Committee and his belief in the concepts and strategies of Neighborhood Watch, Citizens on Patrol and each homeowner taking personal responsibility, this neighborhood has proven just how effective citizens can be in safeguarding their neighborhoods from crime. JOB WELL DONE!!!!



**Sgt. Eric
Starnes**

No article this month.

**CPAANT - June 5, 2010
Weatherford, Texas
By Geri Sorg**

CPAANT monthly meeting was held in Weatherford on June 5th. We had 38 present with 12 CPAAA's represented. CPAANT welcomed our newest member Trophy Club, bringing our membership up to 18 member cities.

Our speaker was Cpl. Jason Hayer, he is also a certified diver. He spoke on boat safety and how they patrol the lake by boat during holiday weekends. At break, we went out to see the patrol boat they had brought in by trailer; he gave us additional information about the equipment on the boat.

Our next Regional meeting will be held in Burleson on July 10th. Please visit www.cpaant.org for additional information or feel free to give me a call.

**From the
President —
Pete Jones**



Summer has come with a hot wind from the south. It was only getting to the 70's a month ago and now we're seeing days of 100+. Soon the lazy days that call for afternoon naps in a hammock or by a slow stream filled with catfish will be on us. But before that can happen, this month we take two groups of kids to summer camp, June 7-11 and June 21-25. I'm sure you can still volunteer to help with the kids.

If you missed either of our socials, you have a chance to make it up. On June 14th, Faye has another great ECPAAA gathering planned. This time we meet at the Texas Roadhouse on 121. Like before, we will have outstanding food and exceptional fellowship.

On May 25th we met at the city hall to recognize the volunteers who received the President's Volunteer Service Award. This year we had twenty-one people who worked enough hours to qualify for an award. Congratulations and thanks to all award recipients and to those who came out to see the awards presented. If you didn't receive an award for service in 2009 there is still plenty of time available in 2010.

Be sure to mark down July 17th. It is the day we makeup the CRUD day that was cancelled. See J.R. if you want to help.

The BBQ committee is working hard planning for the September event. Please do what you can to help them and make the BBQ a great fundraiser.

See you all at the monthly meeting on June 15th.

Pete

Who have you asked back to the ECPAAA?

Upcoming Events

June 14 – ECPAAA Social, Texas Roadhouse, 4-10 pm, Restaurant off of 121 in Bedford (Bring Your Flyer)

June 15 – ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7 pm, Police Station

June 18 – Eules Can Film Festival – "The Wizard of Oz", Villages of Bear Creek Amphitheater, Starts at Dusk. Event will benefit the Tarrant Area Food Bank. Free sodas and popcorn for everyone! Admission is one canned food item.

June 21-25 – Eules Police Department Summer Camp, 9 am–1 pm

June 22 – City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

July 10 – CPAANT Meeting, Burleson (location & directions can be found on www.cpaant.org)

July 17 – CRUD Day, 9-11 am, Eules Municipal Complex

May 2010 Volunteer Hours

CFPA/CERT Class - 14 Hours 30 Minutes

CID Clerical - 10 Hours 0 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol - 107 Hours 45 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued - 0

Number of Handicap Warnings Issued - 0

Number of Junk Vehicles Written - 0

Courts - 24 Hours 0 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program - 12 Hours 15 Minutes

Jail - 32 Hours 0 Minutes

Meetings/Training - 244 Hours 30 Minutes

Includes the following:

CERT Training - 120 Hours 0 Minutes

CPAANT Regional Meeting - 8 Hours 0 Minutes

ECPAAA General Meeting - 77 Hours 0 Minutes

R.A.D. Training - 35 Hours 45 Minutes

Miscellaneous - 34 Hours 45 Minutes

Speed Trailer - 39 Hours 0 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance - 88 Hours 30 Minutes

Watering of Plants - 7 Hours 0 Minutes

Total - 614 Hours 15 Minutes

Value of Volunteer Time – \$12,805.03

Year-to-Date Value of Volunteer Time – \$55,157.63

May Meeting – 35 Alumni Members and 2 Guests Present

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Linda Martin – 6/2

Dick Rick – 6/4

Russell Hennigh – 6/6

Dawn Nisbet – 6/12

Helen Voss – 6/14

Jerry Goad – 6/16

Clarence Davis – 6/16

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 * SPRING HAS SPRUNG, *
 * FALL HAS FELL, *
 * SUMMER IS HERE, AND *
 * IT'S HOT AS.....(USUAL)! *
 * So, salads will be the fare for our meeting *
 * night, including a frozen salad for dessert. *
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ALUMNI CORNER



Spotlight on Leah Benoit

by Rosemarie Stevens

When I first joined ECPAAA, Leah had just been recognized by the Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association as the best CPAAA member in the State. That was an impressive recognition.

As I watched her then and now, her organization skills, her can-do attitude, and her warmth became obvious. In my humble opinion, she has improved with age.

She was born in Napoleonville, Louisiana on December 18, 1962, but lived in Labadieville until she married Byron and moved to Eules in 1992. Since I have only heard of Shreveport, Baton Rouge and Monroe, I had to look these places up on the map to get some idea of where my friend is from. I'm still not sure, but the closest major city that I saw was Baton Rouge.



Leah has two brothers. Her older brother is still a bachelor; her younger brother is married with four children. They both live in Louisiana. Her younger sister lives in Madisonville, Tennessee, and has four 4-legged children (Leah's description, not mine). The children's names are Gumbo, Iris, Gator and Brandy; they are adorable Jack Russell terriers.

Now Leah and Byron have an adopted child named Hank. Hank is as cute as he can be, very sweet and loving. Hank lives about two blocks from the Benoit's and is always happy when they visit him, especially since they play with him, take him for walks in the neighborhood and even take him to the Eules Dog Park where he gets to meet other cool dogs.



Leah's Backyard Garden

Leah was a member of CPA Class Four. She and Byron joined the Alumni Association to meet new people. She wrote that she enjoyed her instructors and her fellow classmates, and she liked learning about the different departments within the Police Department. As a member of the Alumni Association, she has made herself invaluable. One of her tasks for the police department is watering their plants. She finds that an enjoyable activity, which should come as no surprise to anyone who has seen her garden.

She loves putting in her garden and getting her hands dirty; she calls that communing with nature. Gardening is her stress reliever and her passion, and the results of her efforts are beautiful. She also loves to read, watch movies, build jigsaw puzzles and volunteer wherever needed.

If you would like your bio to appear in the newsletter, please contact
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Officer Biography

Brenda Buske

Date of Biography: May 24, 2010

Current title with EPD: Senior Corporal – CID Investigator

Year started and history with the EPD: Euless Police Department thankfully decided to hire me in January 2000. I worked in patrol for nine years. I have been in CID for about a year and a half.

Where were you born? Arlington, Texas

In what city do you currently live? I have lived in Arlington since I was born, but I try to live on a ship in the middle of the ocean for at least a week every year.

What are your hobbies? My passion in life is to travel. I have been fortunate enough to visit many other countries, and have learned to speak a little Spanish, Italian and Portuguese. I'm still working on it though and mix the languages at times. I also love scuba diving and weightlifting. I also compete in triathlons, biking, running, or whatever I can find that sounds fun and challenging.

What is your favorite food? Peanut Butter. I couldn't live without it!



Congratulations to the Presidential Award Recipients for 2009

Bronze Award

Lou Baum	Jerry Goad
Nadine Barnes	Pete Jones
Leah Benoit	Sandi Jones
Ken Denne	Jerrie Keller
Loretta Doty	Sue Kosec
Steve Doty	Jud Park

Tim Stinneford
Gerri Sorg
Al Simmenroth
Scott Thomas
Helen Voss

Silver Award

Don Martin
Faye Stinneford

Gold Award

Eric Bessemer
ECPAAA

EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2010

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

Members Present:

Lou Baum, Leah Bennett, Leah Benoit, Renee Bierschenk, Perry Brockmeyer, Sherri Browning, John Deitloff, Ken Denne, Loretta Doty, Steve Doty, Sharon Finnegan, Kay Goad, JR Goad, Marian Goethe, Valerie Hinde, Marian Holden, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Jerrie Keller, Sue Kosec, Don Martin, Pat McDowell, Donna Mickan, Dawn Nisbet, Betty Overstreet, Judy Rick, Dick Rick, Chris Shanahan, Wanda Siebern, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Faye Stinneford, Susan Vest, and Julie Watkins members and guests, Doug Patterson and Mayor Mary Lib Saleh.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

J R Goad

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Minutes of last meeting – Dawn Nisbet said the Bylaws Committee had decided on one year terms for officers, not two years as the minutes of last meeting stated. Pete Jones said to change them in last month's minutes. Faye Stinneford made a motion to accept the minutes from last meeting. Donna Mickan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report of last meeting - Ken Denne made a motion to accept the report. Geri Sorg seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

James Gordon talked about the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) class he put on for ECPAAA women. He requested we pay half of the charge for an aggression pad suit and protective pads for four (4) students. Charge for the whole package would be \$2050 and our part would be half of that

(\$1,025).

Faye Stinneford made a motion that we purchase the suits for Officer Gordon and pay for all of it. Many women seconded the motion, but after much discussion it was finally decided we only pay for half and let the Police Department pay for half, since it is in their budget.

Pete Jones then made a motion to pay for half the needed equipment. Pat McDowell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sgt. Gary Landers, speaking for Eric Starnes (who was not at the meeting),

let us know to pay special attention when we are driving around in the COP Cars.

Stealing and crime is way up. Make it a point to drive by and check cars in the LA Fitness parking lot and that whole mall area, as well as Texas Star.

Dr. Kay Goad gave a highly entertaining talk on "Her Life in the Texas Prison System". She had us enthralled with her stories from her 10 years working for the Texas Corrections Corporation of America in Venus, Texas. She also brought some examples of things the prisoners make and sell.

Geri Sorg made a report on CPAANT and the meeting this past month in Decatur with the speaker being from the Wise County Sheriff's Office, speaking about "Wise Eyes", a program similar to Neighborhood Watch but in airplanes. The next CPAANT meeting will be in Weatherford on June 5th and the September meeting will be held in Eules.

Our next ECPAAA meeting will be held on June 15th and we may have to change rooms as the speaker is Tommy Le Noir out of Arlington, who solved the "Bathtub Murders". It is anticipated there will be a large crowd to hear him.

Pete Jones congratulated the group for having 833 hours and 30 minutes in volunteer hours for the month of April 2010.

Pete thanked the Rick's for another wonderful dinner, this time brisket sandwiches, potato salad, beans, cake and cookies.

Pete thanked Julie Watkins for handling the Police Appreciation Day. There was \$400 in the budget and she and Faye Stinneford purchased snacks and goodies for each of the Police Officers.

Pete congratulated all people with birthdays: Renee Bierschenk, Barney Snitz, Julie Ratliff and Helen Lightbody.

Julie Watkins brought a navy blue shirt to show for us to order for the CPAAA members who might want them.

July 17 is CRUD Day – JR will bring a list to sign up to volunteer next month

October 2 is Police Open House and CRUD Day

October 5 is National Night Out

September 11 is CPAANT here in Eules

September 18 is our Annual Barbeque – We need people to bring baked goods as we plan to auction them off.

Pete Jones brought up the idea of purchasing a GPS unit for each of our two COP cars.

A Citizens on Patrol member, Scott Thomas, asked Pete to bring it up at the CPAAA Meeting. There was discussion and then Pat McDowell made a motion to purchase two GPS units at no more than \$150 each; Ken Denne seconded the motion - 13 Yes's - 11 No's. Motion passed. JR and Lou will go to Computer USA and Radio Shack to check out pricing and to see if we can get a good deal.

Pete asked if there was any more business and no one responded.

Pat McDowell made a motion at 8:40 PM to adjourn the meeting. Val Hinde seconded the motion. Motion passed.

REMINDER

Bring your aluminum cans and printer cartridges to the ECPAAA monthly meeting to recycle.

May 2010 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	May	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/09 Balance in Checking	\$13,459.87				
Afghan Fundraiser		\$120.00	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$170.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$4,000.00	-\$4,000.00
Brick Sales			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
CRUD Day			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Donations/Outside Income		\$607.00	\$1,175.01	\$0.00	\$1,175.01
Grocery Care Cards			\$40.60	\$100.00	-\$59.40
Membership Dues			\$1,480.00	\$1,200.00	\$280.00
Member Merchandise			\$31.25	\$0.00	\$31.25
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$100.00	\$500.00	-\$400.00
Note: Funds from the Electronics Recycling Program are allocated to the PALS Summer Camp.					
Restaurant Fund Raisers		\$320.77	\$454.03	\$0.00	\$454.03
Warrant Roundup		\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,300.00	-\$250.00
Total Income		\$2,097.77	\$4,500.89	\$8,700.00	-\$4,199.11
Total	\$13,459.87	\$17,960.76	\$17,960.76		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	May	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$250.00	-\$250.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$1,300.00	-\$1,300.00
Bricks			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CPANNT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$67.00	\$200.00	-\$133.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Office Supplies			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Police Appreciation Week		\$394.95	\$394.95	\$400.00	-\$5.05
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$5,890.00	\$2,875.00	\$3,015.00
Police Clown Program			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$46.21	\$200.00	-\$153.79
President Awards			\$93.00	\$50.00	\$43.00
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Water by the Gallon			\$210.00	\$1,000.00	-\$790.00
Web Site/Domain Name			\$204.68	\$75.00	\$129.68
Total Expenses		\$394.95	\$6,930.84	\$8,700.00	-\$1,769.16
Funds Available in Checking			\$11,029.92		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Savings Account			\$10,003.63		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.30	\$1.58		
Funds Available in Savings			\$10,005.21		

Total ECPAAA Funds**\$21,035.13**