



# Partners in Policing

## Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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### 2013 Officers

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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  
[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/>

Link to ECPAAA Calendar

<http://www.ecpaaa.org/cal.htm>

Link to ECPAAA Events List

<http://www.ecpaaa.org/event.htm>

## June Speaker — Larry Gilley

### Union Pacific / Operation Lifesaver

After finishing school Mr. Gilley joined the United States Navy and served two tours in Viet Nam as a Navy diver. Mr. Gilley began his career as a locomotive engineer with Cotton Belt Railroad in 1971. Cotton Belt then became the Southern Pacific, and finally Union Pacific. No matter what name was on the engine he drove. One thing became alarmingly clear to Larry and others in his position, there was an urgent need to educate the public about rail grade crossing safety. Operation Lifesaver is a non-profit, international public education program established in 1972 to end collisions, deaths, and injuries at highway rail grade crossings and on railroad rights of way. Larry became personally involved in Operation Lifesaver in 1977 after the tragic death of three teenagers that crashed into the side of his train. He has spoken across the United States and at international conferences in hopes that education concerning this grave situation will help to save lives.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013**

**ECPAAA'S 7TH ANNUAL  
BBQ DINNER AND AUCTION EVENT**

**TICKETS ARE \$10 FOR ADULTS**

**\$5 FOR AGES 5 TO 13**

**UNDER 5 EATS FOR FREE**

**TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL  
ECPAAA MEETINGS**

## From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

School is out so we are in the middle of our first Euless Police Activities League Summer Camp! We will have 125 kids come through our camp this summer and judging from the first group of campers I met on Monday morning they are primed and ready to have a great time.

Summer is a busy time for us around here. This is when most of our members try to take their vacations and spend a little time with their families. This would be a great time, if you have a few minutes, to come by and volunteer. I know each of you have plans for the summer and will be doing your best to find some time to rest, relax and recharge your batteries. But, if you find yourself looking for something to do, I know we would enjoy getting to see you if you have a few minutes to come lend a hand.

We just graduated another Citizens Police Academy class. I don't know how Tony, James and Chris keep making each class more interesting and fun than the last, but they do. I know that there are several other officers and members of the police department staff who help make this an enjoyable event, but it's up to those three to pull it all together and make it work. I could not be more proud of them and the great work they do. If you get a chance, make sure you tell them how GREAT they are!!!

Summer is also a time when we see an increase in our daytime burglaries and other property crimes. It's during the daytime hours that a lot of the criminal element is out victimizing our residents. We sure could use a few extra eyes and ears out on the street during these hours. If you are a member of the COPs program and have a few mornings or afternoons free, we have two COP cars and an entire city to patrol. We sure could use your help!

I hope each of you have had a chance to go by the Midway Recreation Center to see the newly opened Water Park. This is a tremendous place for you, your kids, grandkids, neighborhood kids or just about anyone to come and spend a relaxing day in the water. This is a great amenity to the community and one that will soon be a destination spot for people from all over the area. Citizens of Euless get reduced rates on daily and season passes! Come check it out!

Please make plans to attend the CPAAA convention in Arlington in July. This is a great place to meet people who share your interest in serving their community. You will get to hear speakers from all over the state bringing new and exciting ideas on how to become more involved in the life of your police department and how you can better serve your community. What you will find is that we are one of the most progressive and involved alumni associations in the state. You will walk around with a real sense of pride that you belong to the Euless Police Department's Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

I cannot say it enough! We appreciate the minutes you give us each month, and I am always excited to read the volunteer hour's summary that I get at the end of the month. I look at those numbers and am in awe of your commitment to this community and your dedication to this department. Thank you for all you do! I hope to get to see you this summer, but if your plans take you in another direction that's okay; we'll celebrate with you when you get back. If you are going to leave town for a few days or weeks, please put your house on the Vacation Watch list. That way we can help keep an eye out on it while you're gone.

Have a great summer!!

Your Servant,  
Mike



## From the President — Loretta Doty

Welcome new alumni, we are so delighted to have you join us! This month the police will host and staff a summer camp for Euless children. Everything and everyone is set and ready to go for a successful camp. CPAANT (Citizens Police Academy Alumni of North Texas) meets in Burleson on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Please take a moment to look at the interesting web site at <http://www.cpaant.org/> and if you wish to learn more about our regional organization, please contact Geri Sorg at [glsorg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:glsorg@sbcglobal.net). The BBQ committee has begun planning ECPAAA's annual BBQ and Silent Auction Fundraiser for Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Jerri Balkon - [balkonacademy@gmail.com](mailto:balkonacademy@gmail.com), Sandi Jones - [sandi\\_jones@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sandi_jones@sbcglobal.net) and Cynthia Schmidt - [schmidtsyn@yahoo.com](mailto:schmidtsyn@yahoo.com) are co-chairing for this fun-filled event and will welcome any additional participation in planning details and selling tickets.



For all who helped assemble the police appreciation goodie bags and all who had the opportunity to deliver a treat to the station during National Police Appreciation Week – May 12-18, thank you. Please thank Julie Watkins for coordinating the gift bags to the police officers. Please be proactive and register your neighborhood on the newest police tool, Nextdoor.com. It's a way to stay in touch with neighbors, receive updates on the city and notifications from your police department of anything going on in your neighborhood. Also revitalize your Neighborhood Watch Group or be the driving force in your neighborhood and organize a Neighborhood Watch meeting. Neighborhood Watch is vital for Euless and we as CPA alumni need to lead in this important project for the Euless Police Department. I hope that everyone will be safe and have the best days possible ahead. I hope you have a good summer and possibly we'll see each other at the new Family Life Center Water Park. You can cool off too in the library enjoying reading and viewing the art exhibits. See you all at our next meeting, Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the police training room.

### May Volunteer Hours Comparison

By Lou Baum

#### Month

2013 – 410 Hours

2012 – 523 Hours

27% Decrease

#### Year-to-Date

2013 – 2,326 Hours

2012 – 2,829 Hours

17% Decrease

**Thanks for all the hours you volunteers have given this organization. Keep up your great service to your City.**

## June Menu

**LASAGNA  
HOMEMADE TOSSED SALAD  
GARLIC BREAD  
OREO COOKIES  
BEVERAGES**

**NO NEED TO BRING A THING. JUST COME AND ENJOY BEING WITH YOUR FRIENDS OF ECPAAA.**

## EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

Summer has arrived and that means one more CPA class in the books. I hope that you welcome CPA Class # 29 into the Alumni Association with the same warmth that you were. First impressions are everything and I hope to see many of them at our June meeting. I want to thank Chris White on a superb job of handling the latest CPA class. It was obvious at the graduation that everyone came away from the class with a new respect and appreciation for their Police Department. A lot goes into the planning, coordinating and implementation of the material so it comes together at the right place and the right time. Chris did a great job and is to be commended. Of course, our Instructors had a lot to do with the success as well. I heard nothing but praise for our Instructors and Chris from Class # 29.



Summer has arrived which also means another Summer Camp is underway. Week one began on June 3 and week two will finish on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Camp is running great and the kids are having a blast, only second to the Mentors. Sometimes it's hard to tell who is having more fun, the kids or the Mentors. This year we have many different divisions representing camp Mentors. We have 911 Operators, a Detention Officer, Neighborhood Patrol Officers, a Code Enforcement Officer and our friends at the Fire Department mentoring 60 kids in the first week and 58 in the second. We also have 6 kids from the Trinity High School Law Enforcement Program helping us as well. I cannot express to you the difference that these Mentors make to the kids. Some of the kids need more attention than others. We feed them breakfast and lunch with a snack in between and know that for many of them, it's the best they will eat all summer. Many of them have no resources to enjoy places like It's Pizza or Ice Skating or a sports league and it's awesome to see them having fun and enjoying their summer. I cannot say enough about the job that James Gordon does organizing and implementing the summer camps. There are many, many moving parts to a summer camp and he does an outstanding job putting them into motion. If you know James, he is a big kid himself.

You may see a blonde girl in our office sitting at the desk near the window, that's Officer Jodie Mabry, who is married to Officer Brian Mabry. Jodie will be working with us for the rest of the year and is trying to keep us and our projects organized, wish her good luck!

Next newsletter let's talk about National Night Out, Open House, Nextdoor.com and please friend us on Facebook, Euless Police Department (badge).

## CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg

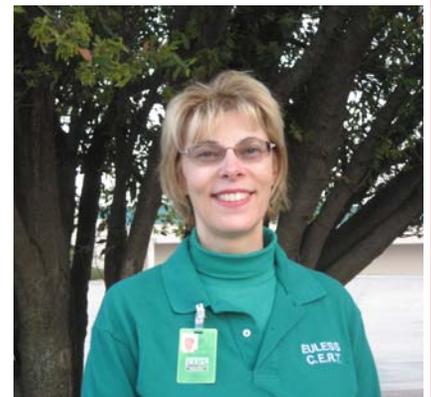
CPAANT Meeting  
Forest Hill – June 1, 2013

The June meeting was hosted by Forest Hill CPAAA. We had 40 present with 17 Member CPAAA's represented.

Our speaker was the Honorable Ruben Gonzalez, Tarrant County 432nd District Court. He was a Defense Attorney and then served as Tarrant County Assistant District Attorney; the questions we had crossed all lines.

Don't forget the Texas CPAAA Convention will be July 24-July 26 held in Arlington at the Sheraton Hotel. The Biennial Police Chiefs' Round Table will be on Saturday, July 27, 9:00 - Noon; our Chief Mike Brown will be the moderator, with over 50 Chiefs attending. I am sure we will have many of you come out Saturday to support our Chief!

The July meeting will be hosted by Burleson CPAAA on July 13, 2013. Please visit CPAANT's Web site [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org) for additional information.



### May 2013 Volunteer Hours

- CID Clerical – 18 Hours 15 Minutes
- Citizens On Patrol – 38 Hours 45 Minutes
  - Includes the following:
    - COP Car – 38 Hours 45 Minutes
    - COP Sky Tower – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
  - Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 0
- Courts – 31 Hours 45 Minutes
- Crime Victims Assistance Program – 25 Hour 0 Minutes
- Eules Radio Club – 41 Hours 0 Minutes
- Jail – 11 Hours 0 Minutes
- Meetings – 60 Hours 15 Minutes
  - Includes the following:
    - CART Meeting – 9 Hours –0 Minutes
    - CPAANT Meeting – 5 Hours 45 Minutes
    - ECPAAA Meeting – 35 Hours 0 Minutes
- Miscellaneous – 165 Hours 15 Minutes
- Speed Trailer – 11 Hours 30 Minutes
- Vehicle Maintenance – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Watering of Plants – 7 Hours 0 Minutes

**Grand Total – 409 Hours 45 Minutes**

**May National Value of Volunteer Time – \$8,921.92**  
**2013 National Value of Volunteer Time – \$50,672.65**

**May Meeting – 30 Alumni Members Present**

### Upcoming Events

- June 10-June 14 — Eules Police Summer Camp—Session II
- June 11 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Dr.
- June 12 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- June 13 — Town Hall Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Dr.
- June 18 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department
- June 25 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Dr.

### July 4 — Independence Day

- July 9 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Dr.
- July 10 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- July 13 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am — 12:00 noon, Burleson (location & directions can be found on [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org))
- July 16 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department — Speaker from Meals On Wheels

**Craig’s List Fund Raiser**

Don’t forget about our ongoing fund raiser! We would appreciate any donation you wish to make; however, we understand that gently used power tools, lawn equipment, small appliances and furniture sell the best. So check your closets, garages and storage sheds for those items that can be used by others and then contact Tyler Van Horne. His contact information follows:

Email: [tylervanhorne@hotmail.com](mailto:tylervanhorne@hotmail.com)

Phone Number: (817) 901-0774

Thank you for your help.

**Happy Birthday**  
**ECPAAA Members**

- Linda Martin — 6/2
- Loretta Santos — 6/5
- Magen Morton — 6/6
- Katrina Thomas — 6/6
- Dawn Nisbet — 6/12
- Helen Voss — 6/14
- Jerry Goad — 6/16
- James Knighton — 6/22

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
May 21, 2013**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Melody Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, John Deithloff, Loretta Doty, Sharon Finnegan, Stacy Foust, Jerry Goad, Marian Goethe, Doris Hammond, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Molly Maddux, Leo Neal, Kayla Oberg, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Judy Rick, Albert Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Jeremy Tompkins, Helen Wagner and Julie Watkins

**OLD BUSINESS:**

April Minutes: Sandi Jones made a motion to accept the April meeting minutes. Julie Watkins seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

April Treasurer's Report: Pete Jones made a motion to accept the April Treasurer's report. Sherri Browning seconded the motion. Report approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Euless Police Department Honor Guard needed an extra \$250 to cover expenses for the trip to Austin due to extra people joining the Honor Guard. Sherri Browning made a motion to spend the \$250 to cover the additional expenses. Melody Balkon seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The City of Euless is working on the new Web page for the ECPAAA. Board members are looking at content on the Web site.

Arbor Days Pizza Booth – made a profit of \$133.27.

Eleven members from CPA Class 29 joined the ECPAAA.

Since only two people are going to TCPAAA convention in July, Leah Benoit advised there will be no ECPAAA booth at the convention.

Prescription Drug Take Back Program – A total of 70 lbs. of drugs were collected. Next collection will be in October. Super Value Pharmacy will take unwanted prescriptions all year.

Loren Johnson and Lou Baum talked about NextDoor.com. Sign up to keep connected to your neighborhood.

Motion to Adjourn: Sherri Browning made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Melody Balkon seconded the motion. Motion approved and meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

## Basic Summer Heat Safety Tips

Everyone should follow these basic heat safety tips in order to avoid the dangers of heat exposure. Keep these suggestions in mind:

- ◆ During the hottest hours of the day, stay inside. If possible stay inside an air-conditioned building. The hottest hours of the day are typically from mid morning to mid afternoon.
- ◆ Dress lightly, and when sleeping, use lightweight, breathable covers.
- ◆ Drink plenty of water and other fluids. According to the Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stress page provided by the Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service, when temperatures climb above 90 degrees, it's important to drink at least a gallon of liquid per day, preferably water. Those who are overweight and in humid conditions needing even more.
- ◆ Avoid drinking alcohol and beverages that are carbonated or contain caffeine when temperatures are high, as they can lead to dehydration.
- ◆ Keep blinds and curtains closed from morning until the late afternoon to block extra direct heat from sunlight.
- ◆ Move your exercise routine to early morning or later in the evening.
- ◆ Never ever leave a person or a pet in the car in hot conditions while you run to do a quick errand. People and animals can succumb to heat exposure and death very quickly in a hot car. Cars can become overheated quickly and when overheated become like ovens. It's never safe.
- ◆ Properly supervise children during outdoor play, being sure to monitor them closely and frequently.
- ◆ Seek medical care right away if you become nauseous, start vomiting or experience cramps.
- ◆ Stay on the lowest level of your home.
- ◆ Use a fan. Don't place the fan directly in front of a window because it may push hot air in. Try placing the fan so that it blows in the room and out the window instead.
- ◆ Use small appliances like slow cookers and tabletop grills rather than your traditional oven or stove to keep kitchen heat to a minimum.
- ◆ Verify that seat belts and car seat restraints are not too hot before buckling yourself or anyone else into a car.



## May 2013 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	May	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
<b>12/31/12 Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$30,729.67</b>				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$30.00	\$35.00	-\$5.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction		\$2,885.00	\$2,885.00	\$10,000.00	-\$7,115.00
Brick Sales		\$35.00	\$35.00	\$150.00	-\$115.00
CRUD Day		\$563.89	\$563.89	\$700.00	-\$136.11
Donations/Outside Income			\$1,020.00	\$500.00	\$520.00
Grocery Care Cards		\$32.10	\$32.10	\$50.00	-\$17.90
Membership Dues		\$140.00	\$1,720.00	\$1,600.00	\$120.00
Member Merchandise		\$10.00	\$123.00	\$100.00	\$23.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$171.23	\$250.00	-\$78.77
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers			\$741.00	\$250.00	\$491.00
Warrant Roundup			\$843.13	\$850.00	-\$6.87
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$3,390.00	-\$3,390.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$3,665.99</b>	<b>\$8,164.35</b>	<b>\$17,925.00</b>	<b>-\$9,760.65</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,729.67</b>	<b>\$38,894.02</b>	<b>\$38,894.02</b>		
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	\$500.00	-\$500.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Bricks			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$23.95	\$100.00	-\$76.05
CPANNT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers			\$607.73	\$1,000.00	-\$392.27
Expenses Not Categorized			\$3,000.00	\$3,250.00	-\$250.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$38.90	\$100.00	-\$61.10
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Office Supplies			\$572.50	\$300.00	\$272.50
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Police Appreciation Week		\$393.27	\$393.27	\$400.00	-\$6.73
Police Chief Wish Projects		\$1,675.00	\$6,795.00	\$8,620.00	-\$1,825.00
Police Honor Guard		\$250.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	\$0.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
President Awards			\$126.27	\$150.00	-\$23.73
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Water by the Gallon			\$238.00	\$650.00	-\$412.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$2,318.27</b>	<b>\$15,570.62</b>	<b>\$26,795.00</b>	<b>-\$11,224.38</b>
Money Transferred to Savings			\$21,250.87		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$5,000.00		
<b>Funds Available in Checking</b>			<b>\$7,072.53</b>		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$10,065.48		\$10,065.48		
Interest from Savings Account		\$1.11	\$5.36		
Savings Deposit			\$21,250.87		
Savings Withdrawal			\$5,000.00		
<b>Funds Available in Savings</b>			<b>\$26,321.71</b>		
<b>Total ECPAAA Funds</b>			<b>\$33,394.24</b>		

In January's Meeting  
\$500 in office supplies  
Covered by \$500 donation  
for computer