

# **Partners in Policing**

## **Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter**

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#### 2014 Officers

President: John Luna

1st Vice President: Julie Watkins

**2nd Vice President:** Peggy Vandiver

**Secretary:** Rose-Marie Stevens

Treasurer: Leah Benoit

Parliamentarian: Jerry Goad

**EPD Liaisons:** Captain Gary Landers

and Senior Corporal Tony Burnett



### **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

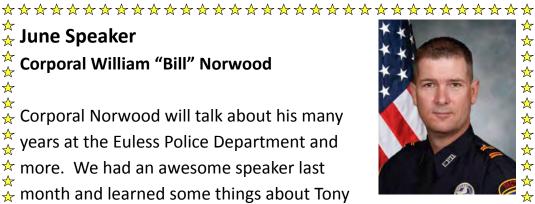
http://www.ecpaaa.org

## **June Speaker**

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Corporal William "Bill" Norwood

Corporal Norwood will talk about his many years at the Euless Police Department and more. We had an awesome speaker last 🙀 month and learned some things about Tony

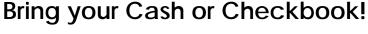


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that most of us alumni members didn't know before. So you never know what you may learn during our series of "getting to know our officers". You can read more about Bill on page 5 of the newsletter.

## Mini Auction on Two Home Depot \$25 Coupons at the June ECPAAA Meeting





The BBQ Dinner and Auction Committee will start meeting in July. If you would like to be part of the committee, please let Leah Benoit know at the June ECPAAA meeting or send an email to lbenoit@vha.com. Once Leah gets the dates set-up for the meeting with Celia in Administration, an email will be sent with meeting dates and times.

## From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

The year is just flying by!! It's already June and the temperature outside is heating up. Just a reminder to everyone that our Summer Camp starts on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a great time for the Department and the children of this community. Summer camp starts on the 9<sup>th</sup> and runs until the 13<sup>th</sup>, then again on June 16<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 stared 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 know I mentioned this last month, but it bears repeating, please help us if you can as we move into the vacation season by volunteering a little of your time to help us with our Vacation Watch program. I know each of you use this program when you leave town, and I know the feeling of security you have when you know that the police will be driving by your home while you are away. Please help us give other members of the public that same feeling of safety and security by lending a hand this summer.

As you are all aware, the elections for Mayor and City Council are over and we have two new faces on the council and a new Mayor. Congratulations to Mayor Linda Martin as she takes over from Mayor Saleh who retired from public office this year. Mayor Martin is a member of the ECPAAA and has been a supporter of this department and the ECPAAA for many, many years. Council Person Jeremy Tompkins was elected to fill the position that was vacated with the retirement of long time ECPAAA supporter Leon Hogg. Council Person Tompkins is no stranger to the ECPAAA and has even served as the President of the ECFAAA. It will be great getting to work with Council Person Tompkins as he transitions into a completely different role. Council Person Eddie Price was elected to the unexpired term left vacant when Council Person Linda Martin resigned her position to run for Mayor. The Price family is well known to the Euless Police Department, Council Person Price's son, Chris, worked in the Jail as one of our Public Service Officers for a few years. He was a very good young man and it was easy to tell that he came from a great family. This is an exciting time for us as we move forward in our service to the community and to each other.

We continue to bring new people into the department. We have 5 people in the academy right now, we are making job offers to two people to fill vacancies we have in Communications, we are trying to hire three new police officers and we will be having promotional testing coming up around October. Like I said, it's an exciting time around here. Come in and visit, catch some of the excitement and spend a few minutes helping us service this community.

Thanks for all you do for us!!

Your Servant,

Mike

## From the President — John Luna

Wow!! Can you believe it is the beginning of the summer and we are half way through the 2014 year. Time is zipping by; soon it will be Thanksgiving, Christmas and 2015. But let me slow it down - thanks to everyone who made May a good month for the ECPAAA. We had a good meeting with Tony presenting a wonderful story of his life as a police officer, a wonderful police appreciation week, new memorial bricks placed out front (there were many), our fellow member Linda Martin elected and installed as Mayor of Euless, and we have graduated the CPA Class # 30. Welcome new members!! This is the time that many people will be taking time to enjoy the children and grandchildren and being on the road. Be safe and have fun. And if you are in town- remember there are many opportunities to spend "minutes" assisting the best police force in Texas.



"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday." John Wayne

## **EPD Liaison** — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

I had a great time being the guest speaker in May at the ECPAAA meeting! Thank you for all the kind words shared with me after the meeting. If you did not share kind words with me you still have time! June is upon us and that means summer camp. Each year we host 50 youths a week for two weeks in a camp that is designed to have fun, build teamwork and develop relationships. It is one of the most rewarding things we get to participate in. The logistics behind summer camp is handled by Officer Gordon who makes sure that we have all the supplies we need to have fun, bandage injuries, feed lunch and provide snacks to all the campers and the mentors. For many of these children it is the only vacation they will have so we make that our focus when we plan it. James does an excellent job moving this camp from paper to action. We would not be successful without the help from the Fire Department, the HEB ISD bus barn and many local businesses.



When I talk about summer camp today I use the word ministry a lot. Maybe not ministry in the sense of a religious experience but a community one. Years ago our camp was full of DARE kids who just graduated from fifth grade but today it is full of kids from all different backgrounds. The kids come back each year and then they age out (13) so we bring them back to help the younger ones, it's absolutely amazing to look around and see the mentoring going on. We get camp "helpers" all the way up to seniors in high school and beyond. The camp seems to be good for everyone in their own way. For Chris White, it's just another chance for him to brag about his bench press.

Class # 30 was awesome and the graduation was great. We already have several members from the group volunteering as Alumni Members inside the Police Department. Our new Mayor, Linda Martin, came through the CPA and is an Alumni Member today as well as several of our Council Members. I appreciate all of you for helping make the graduation an awesome event. Thanks to Brenda and Rusty Brown for putting our certificates together. JR, are you still the oldest man in Euless? See you at the June meeting; come hear Officer Bill Norwood talk about his 20+ years at the Euless PD and the Marine Corp before that!

## **May 2014 Volunteer Hours**

CID Clerical - 26 Hours 45 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol – 60 Hours 15 Minutes Includes the following:

COP Car – 57 Hours 15 Minutes COP Sky Tower – 3 Hours 0 Minutes Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 3

Courts - 13 Hours 15 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program – 13 Hour 15 Minutes

Euless Radio Club – 10 Hours 0 Minutes

Jail - 11 Hours 0 Minutes

Meetings – 34 Hours 30 Minutes
Includes the following:
ECPAAA Meeting – 31 Hours 0 Minutes

Miscellaneous - 80 Hours 0 Minutes

Speed Trailer – 7 Hours 0 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance – 77 Hours 30 Minutes

Watering of Plants – 8 Hours 30 Minutes

**Grand Total – 342 Hours 0 Minutes** 

May National Value of Volunteer Time — \$7,571.88

2014 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$44,622.06

May Meeting — 21 Alumni Members Present



## **Upcoming Events**

June 9-13 — Euless Police Department PALS Summer Camp, 9:00 am — 1:00 pm

June 10 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

June 11 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department Emergency Operations Center

June 12 — Town Hall Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

June 15 — **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!** Father's Day Brunch, 10:00 am— 1:00 pm, Raven's Grille, 1400 Texas Star Parkway

June 16-20 — Euless Police Department PALS Summer Camp, 9:00 am — 1:00 pm

June 17 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department

June 24 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

July 8 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

July 9 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department Emergency Operations Center

July 12 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 noon, Burleson (for location & directions visit www.cpaant.org)

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

Future Date for Your Calendar — November 8th ECPAAA BBQ Dinner and Auction Event 6:00 pm — Euless Family Life Center

# Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members Linda Martin - 6/2 Loretta Santos - 6/5 Katrina Thomas - 6/6 Dawn Nisbet - 6/12 Helen Voss - 6/14 Jozef Balint - 6/20 James Knighton - 6/22

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## Officer Biography

## William "Bill" Norwood

Date of Biography: June 4, 2014

Current title with EPD: Corporal in the Patrol

Division

Year started and history with the EPD: I was hired in June 1990. In the last 24 years with the Euless Police Department, I have worked in the Jail, been a Bicycle Officer, worked Criminal Investigations, Narcotics Task Force, SWAT (entry and sniper) and Patrol.

Where were you born? Odessa, Texas

In what city do you currently live? North Fort Worth

Tell me a little about your family, spouse, children (ages), grandchildren, pets, etc. I have been married for 24 years to my lovely wife Diane. We have a 14 year old son that plays select ice hockey and the family spends a lot of quality time traveling and watching hockey. We have a precious 2-1/2 year old girl that came into our lives about a year and a half ago.

What are your hobbies? Hunting, Fishing and Camping

What is your favorite part of being a police officer? I like that it is not a routine job. As Police Officers we never know what will happen during a shift.

Any interesting or little-known facts about yourself... I enlisted in the Marines straight out of High School and served six years active duty. I travelled all over the world and have lived in Ankara, Turkey / Mexico City / and Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso (West Africa).

Who is your favorite celebrity? John Wayne

What is your favorite food? A Good Steak







# EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES May 20, 2014

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** — The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm.

Attendees: Leah Benoit, J. R. Goad, John Luna, Rose-Marie Stevens, Peggy Vandiver, Julie Watkins and Liaison Sr. Cpl. Tony Burnett

John went over the agenda for the general meeting. He also talked about an article that had appeared in the Star-Telegram two Sundays ago; it was about the Euless Police Department. There was a general discussion about the favorable article and the Chief's comments.

Leah made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Julie. The meeting closed at 6:40 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING - The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and opened with prayer and the Pledge.

**Members Present:** Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Shelly Capil, John Deithloff, Jerry Goad, John Koren, John Luna, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Anniece McKanna, Betty Overstreet, Judy Rick, Barney Snitz, Rose-Marie Stevens, Peggy Vandiver, Julie Watkins

#### **General Comments**

John mentioned that the farewell celebration for Mayor Mary Lib Saleh held Friday, May 16, was well attended by members of ECPAAA. He also acknowledged the presence of our new Mayor, Linda Martin. He described the celebration as a classy event which showed that Mary Lib Saleh was well loved and respected. Don Martin then announced that Linda will be formally sworn in as Mayor the following Tuesday during the City Council Meeting.

John invited everyone to go to the courtyard to view the commemorative bricks that have been installed and encouraged those who had not purchased a brick to do so.

John reminded us that Police Appreciation Week was last week and acknowledged that Julie Watkins and her team had done a fine job of recognizing each officer. Tony Burnett said that our gifts were well received and very much appreciated. He also invited those who could to participate in tomorrow's golf tournament which is sponsored by the Police Benevolent Association.

Two new members from the last CPA class attended this meeting, and John asked them (Shelly and Joyce) to talk about why they had decided to join the Alumni Association.

#### **Old Business**

Peggy Vandiver moved and Melody Balkon seconded the motion to approve the minutes; they were approved.

John explained that the treasurer's report did not required approval since it was a report; it is presented to the membership to give them the opportunity to discuss or ask questions about any of the data.

## **Guest Speaker**

Peggy introduced our guest speaker, Senior Corporal Tony Burnett. He first showed us his "big olé' rifle" and then he shared some anecdotal stories about his activities as a patrol officer, a detective, a neighborhood police officer and human being. It was truly interesting. He then reminded everyone of the Texas Conference scheduled for July 27-29 in San Marcos; he invited everyone to consider attending as the conferences were both informative and fun.

#### **New Business**

JR Goad initially tried to auction off a \$25 coupon from the Home Depot; however, it was decided that he would auction it off next month as most of us was short of funds.

Since there was no further discussion, JR Goad moved and Melody Balkon seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting was adjourned as 8:11 p.m.

## **CPAANT Liaison** — Geri Sorg

**CPAANT HOST: Dallas CPAAA** 

June 7, 2014

This month's meeting is hosted by Dallas CPAAA. Our scheduled speakers are Chief David Brown and Diane Gibson, South Oak Cliff Community Court.

Don't forget State Convention...how many are headed for San Marcos?

For additional information, please visit <a href="http://www.cpaant.org/">http://www.cpaant.org/</a>.



## Here are some little known, interesting facts about Texas:

- 1. El Paso is closer to California than to Dallas.
- 2. World's first rodeo was in Pecos, Texas, July 4, 1883.
- 3. Amarillo has the world's largest helium well.
- 4. The King Ranch in South Texas is larger than the state of Rhode Island.
- 5. The Flagship Hotel in Galveston is the only hotel in North America built over water. Destroyed by Hurricane Ike 2008!
- 6. The Heisman Trophy was named after John William Heisman who was the first full-time coach at Rice University in Houston, Texas.
- 7. Brazoria County has more species of birds than any other area in North America.
- 8. Aransas Wildlife Refuge is the winter home of North America's only remaining flock of whooping cranes.
- 9. Jalapeno jelly originated in Lake Jackson in 1978.
- 10. The worst natural disaster in US history was in 1900, caused by a hurricane in which over 8,000 lives were lost on Galveston Island.

## May Volunteer Hours Comparison By Lou Baum

Month 2014 — 342 Hours

Year-to-Date
2014 — 2,015 Hours

2013 — 409 Hours

2013 — 2,325 Hours

1.5% Decrease

13% Decrease

Thanks to those volunteers who gave us hours and minutes. If you have a few minutes any day there is always something we can contribute to the Department. Tony Burnett, James Gordon, or Chris White can always use our help. Have a safe month. Watch for the announcement for our 2013 President's Volunteer Award Presentation. Stay tuned.

## May 2014 Treasurer's Report

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INCOME	Carry Over	May	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/13 Balance in Checking	\$6,080.52				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00
Brick Sales			\$1,050.00	\$35.00	\$1,015.00
Craigslist Fundraiser			\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
CRUD Day		\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
Donations/Outside Income		\$50.00	\$928.31	\$500.00	\$428.31
Grocery Care Cards			\$69.80	\$40.00	\$29.80
Membership Dues		\$270.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,600.00	\$50.00
Member Merchandise		•	\$22.00	\$150.00	-\$128.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers			\$26.00	\$250.00	-\$224.00
Warrant Roundup			\$1,900.00	\$840.00	\$1,060.00
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
Total Income		\$1,020.00	\$6,646.11	\$27,705.00	-\$21,058.89
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Total	\$6,080.52	\$12,726.63	\$12,726.63		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	May	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$325.00	-\$325.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$150.00	\$500.00	-\$350.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Bricks		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$300.00	-\$200.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
CPAANT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$15.99	\$250.00	-\$234.01
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Office Supplies		\$125.98	\$158.73	\$300.00	-\$141.27
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Police Appreciation Week		\$596.54	\$596.54	\$600.00	-\$3.46
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$0.00	\$6,000.00	-\$6,000.00
Police Honor Guard			\$0.00	\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
President Awards			\$128.82	\$150.00	-\$21.18
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
TCPAAA Convention			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Water by the Gallon			\$238.00	\$650.00	-\$412.00
Total Expenses		\$822.52	\$1,413.08	\$27,705.00	-\$26,291.92
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		Oonation of \$50 is to be
Funds Available in Checking			\$11,313.55	used for RA	D equipment only.
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,327.69		\$19,327.69		
Interest from Savings Account	Ψ±3,327.03	\$0.63	\$3.15		
Savings Deposit	1	70.03	\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$19,330.84		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$30,644.39		