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Suspicious Mail.....in Euleess?

Come to the ECPAAA monthly meeting on November 20, 2001 and listen as Police Chief Leonard Carmack tell us what the police and fire departments are doing when dispatch gets a call that someone has received suspicious mail in Euleess. At this meeting we will also discuss the 2002 election of officers, the raffle drawing for the Marquette Statue, plans for the Police Department Thanksgiving meal, and Christmas Providers. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and should be fairly short this month. It was great to see so many come for the tour of the new Police and Courts Facility and soon we will be meeting there. Watch the newsletter for further details.

Welcome

Welcome to Class 14. Sorry we did not get to do this earlier, but we did not receive your names until it was to late. I was really good to get to meet some of you at the last meeting. The PD is going to be really nice. Well we look forward to getting to know each of you. So Welcome!!

Mindy Burns	Patti Mims
Beverly Freeman	Suhel Momin
Erelene Hill	Faye Stinnerford
Amin Kurzee	Timothy Stinnerford
Joseph McCrary	Cherie Streeter


Your Invited

Chief Carmack and the Police Department are going to sponsor a social gathering during the November meeting. We will provide the food, (hamburgers, hotdogs, and whatever) and our good company. This will give all of you a chance to mingle with members of the department and get to know each other better. We want all who can be there to attend. We are looking forward to it. This is a time for us at the Police Department to say thanks again to all of you for all you do for us. This will be held at the large conference at the Euleess Public Library and cooking will start about 6:30 for anyone who wants to come a little early.

We have sold over
\$25,000 in bricks!!



PD BBQ



We have 73
paid members
For 2001

Leah's Perspective



Hi everyone. We survived another Baked Goods Fund Raiser. We raised \$580.68! I want to give a big thank you to Lou Baum, Sharon Finnegan and Helen Wagner for staying with me throughout the entire fund raiser. I also want to thank Judy and Dick Rick for helping setup and for feeding us breakfast. And finally, Rose-Marie Stevens for hanging with us a good part of the day. I also want to thank the following folks who baked all of the goodies: Lou and Vicki Baum, Byron and Leah Benoit, Karen Duncan, Sharon Finnegan, Dale and Martha Derstine, Patrick and Valerie Hinde, Marilee Hoth, Dick and Judy Rick, Mary Saunders, Amanda Sisk, Rose-Marie Stevens, Tipton's Restaurant, Susan Vest and Helen Wagner. Since Kathy and Gary Haecker and Linda and Don Martin could not bake goodies this year, they made very generous donations and I want to thank them for their donations. Thanks everyone for making the fund raiser a success!

Here's an update on the brick sales. At the writing of this article, our total is \$25,900 in sales. Don't forget, we have raffle tickets available to win a 12" Bronze Statue. Tickets are \$5.00 each. The drawing will be held at

the December 18, 2001 meeting. Tickets will be available at the November and December meetings. You can call either Lou Baum at (817) 685-3102 or myself at (817) 283-6703 for more information.

As promised, the results of the ECPAAA 2001 Survey are enclosed in the Newsletter. The Board will be making improvements within the Association next year. One being, starting in 2002 as part of your dues, you will receive an Alumni t-shirt to wear to our meetings and fund raisers. We will still sell our Golf Shirts also if you would like to purchase one.

Wanted to mention that we will be talking about Christmas Providers at the November meeting. I will need at least two volunteers to help this year. If anyone is wanting to make a donation, please do so at the November meeting. A donation box will be set up by the sign-in sheet.

Here's the breakdown of the Alumni's volunteer hours for the month of October:

CVC – 92 Hours 45 Minutes
 CID Clerical – 15 Hours 45 Minutes
 Citizens On Patrol – 67 Hours
 Total – 175 Hours 30 Minutes

See you at the meeting.

Sgt. Williamson



The year is almost gone and the holidays are upon us. As we get ready for this time of year many of us will be traveling, having family and friends over and shopping, and doing all those things we do for the holidays. Let me remind each of you how important it is that we protect ourselves from the crimes that take place this time of year.

As you shop be aware who is around you, both in the stores and in the parking lots. Make sure you don't leave valuables in plain sight when you leave your car or leaving your car unlocked. Our crime statistics show that those who are victims of vehicle burglaries are those who leave valuables in plain sight or don't lock their cars. Don't make yourself a victim. Make sure your homes are locked when you leave. Remember the triangle that Lt. Brown preaches. It has opportunity, desire, and ability.

We control two of these and if we remove any one of the three the triangle falls and makes it more difficult if not impossible for a criminal to commit their crimes and make us victims. So again, protect yourselves so you have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.



Happy Birthday!!

David Acker
 Boyce Byers
 Dale Derstine
 David Shanahan
 Margaret Stowe
 Ruth Zavala
 Helio Rosental



Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Minutes of the Tuesday, October 16, 2001 Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER: None.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT: President, Leah Benoit; Vice President, Chris Shanahan; Secretary, Susan Vest; David Acker, Lou Baum, Bob Bouse, Dan Clark, Martha Derstine, Dale Derstine, Sharon Finnegan, Kathy Haecker, Marilee Hoth, Helen Lightbody, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Brian McGarry, Sara Munday, Sherrod Munday, Judie Nolden, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Kris Stull, Helen Wagner and guests Lt. Mike Brown and members of Class 14

LIAISON: Sgt. Ron Williamson

Leah Benoit asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Officer James Blount spoke about being Employee of the Month for the City and how it came about.

Leah Benoit mentioned that the cards for the ten officers had finally arrived. One of each officer was displayed at the meeting.

Chief Carmack swore in the members of COP for Handicap Parking violations. Anyone that has the training and was not present at the October meeting should get with Sgt. Williamson for further information.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Rose-Marie Stevens to accept the September minutes as stated in the Newsletter. Second by Geri Sorg. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tabled until next month due to not receiving financial report for newsletter printing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fund Raising Report:

1. Fundraising Report: Rose-Marie Stevens is still looking into other fundraising opportunities. She has found that some employers will donate a specified amount for volunteer work. Her company may donate up to \$500.

Membership Report:

1. Chris Shanahan reported that we have 73 paid members.

Newsletter Report:

1. No report.

EXECUTIVE UPDATES:

1. Leah Benoit mentioned that we need to form three committees and asked for volunteers:

Budget Committee: Linda Martin, Sara Munday, Pat Hinde & Judie Nolden

Thanksgiving Dinner
Committee:

Martha Derstine, Kris Stull & Valerie Hinde – this committee will be responsible for deciding what to serve on Thanksgiving Day for both shifts. Food to be delivered at 11:00 am & 11:00 pm.

T-Shirt Committee: Chris Shanahan, Barney Snitz & Byron Benoit.

2. A motion was made by Barney Snitz that the Alumni Association purchase t-shirts to give to each member when they pay their dues beginning with 2002 dues. Second by Sara Munday. Approved.
3. Leah Benoit reminded everyone about the Bronze Statue Marquette Raffle Tickets selling for \$5.00 each.
4. Leah also mentioned the Bake Sale. Setup to begin around 7:30 am; with the sale starting at 8:30 am. Bakers and helpers needed.
5. Parade of Lights will be December 1 beginning at 6:30 pm. A minimum of 12 people are needed. Anyone interested in

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- helping at the Trinity High School parking lot area needs to contact Al Simmenroth or Lou Baum. The COP car will also be in the parade. Don Martin will be driving and there is room for three riders. If anyone is interested in riding in the COP car, please contact Don.
6. Leah Benoit mentioned that she has received the results from the Survey that was sent out last month. The results will be printed in the November Newsletter.
 7. Barney Snitz mentioned that the ballot for 2002 Officers will be in the November Newsletter. Leah asked that a Second Vice President be added to the ballot.
 8. Regional News: None.
 9. Crime Victims Assistance: None
 10. C.O.P. – Don mentioned that he still needed a couple of volunteers for November.
 11. Lou Baum mentioned that the brick monogramming has progressed nicely and the first 500 have been placed in the courtyard. Lou said there is a lot of room for brick fundraising. Lou Baum made a motion that the Alumni purchase 1 X 1 bricks for Quick Copy and Willie Mae McCormick as an “In Kind Recognition” for all they have done for the City and Alumni Association. Each brick will cost the Association \$50.00. Second by Linda Martin. Approved.
 12. Chris Shanahan handed out the Thank You cards for members to hand out for outstanding service received.
 13. Sgt. Williamson gave an update on crime. Everything is status quo. Mostly residential burglaries through open garages and unlocked doors. Sgt. Williamson mentioned that regular updates are received by the FBI regarding terrorist information. The Police Department is on heightened alert, however, there have not been any specific threats in the Metroplex. A few questions regarding the Sky Marshal positions were asked. Sgt. Williamson mentioned he would be holding another COP class after the first of the year. They hope to have everything in place by November 1 so we can begin writing citations for Handicap Parking. He also thanked us for all we do and the Police Department is grateful for everything we do. Anyone wanting to know what is going on in their community, can email their respective Neighborhood Watch Patrol Officer.
 14. Lt. Mike Brown mentioned that he will be holding another Neighborhood Watch meeting on Tuesday, October 23, at 7:00 pm in the PD Conference Room. Lt. Brown also thanked us for doing his trading card this year.
 15. Asst. Chief Bob Freeman mentioned that they are very excited about the new Police & Courts Facility.
 16. Chief Leonard Carmack gave directions on parking at the Police & Courts Facility for the upcoming tour. He mentioned that the facility is 55,000 square feet and that we would need to split up into four groups.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Linda Martin wanted to let everyone know that Kathy Haecker was featured in both the Dallas Morning News and Fort Worth Star Telegram regarding her outstanding work with Crime Victims Assistance.

Kris Stull mentioned that the HEB ISD would be holding a Book Swap at Central Jr. High on Saturday, October 27. The monies generated would benefit all schools.

A motion was made by Geri Sorg to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Second by Pat Hinde. Passed.

C.O.P.S.

As we predicted, the September 8th COPS II class provided us with many new challenges and opportunities. Sgt. Williamson trained over 30 people to issue handicapped citations and identify junk vehicles among other things. The class was exciting and informative and we are looking forward to applying our knowledge to actual experiences. We learned how and when we can legally issue citations and tag junk vehicles. We now have another opportunity to take some the burden off of our patrol officers and add a little bit of revenue to the city at the same time. Our training was officially sanctioned at the October CPAAA meeting when Chief Carmack conducted a swearing in of the course attendees.

There are some changes in the COP car as well. In the car

you will now find a checklist. We have listed the condition of the car and the equipment that should be in place. Please complete the form and leave it for Sgt. Williamson at the end of your patrol. (In the section asking about citations/warnings, please be certain you include the actual number issued.) We are trying to maintain the car and equipment in top shape, so please let us know if something is amiss.

Remember, it is *not* necessary for you to have completed COPS II training in order for you to patrol on Friday nights! If you are riding with someone who has completed the training, they can issue the citations and/or warnings. If no one on that particular evening has had the training – *no problem* - you can still patrol just as we have all along.

Since handicapped parking enforcement is frequently easier to do during daylight hours, feel free to put together your group of three on any day, at any time and call me to schedule

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Euless Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association 2001 Survey Results

Number of total surveys received: 39

Non-members: 4

Members: Active: 27

Inactive: 8

Non-members (3) Reason

3 too busy 75%

1 moved 25%

Inactive Members (8) Reason

3 too busy 43%

Inactive Members Responses (8 Total)

Like Best About the ECPAAA

3	Education	43%
2	Fund Raising	29%
2	People you met at EPD	29%
3	COP Program	43%
3	Insight into EPD	43%
2	Socialize with other members	29%
4	Fulfill community responsibility	50%

Like Least About the ECPAAA

	Education	
3	Fund Raising	38%
1	People you met at EPD	13%
	COP Program	
	Insight into EPD	
	Socialize with other members	
	Fulfill community responsibility	
1	Other: The meeting day	13%

Improve Attendance and Quality of Monthly Meetings

2	Different meeting day	29%
	Different meeting time	
2	Meeting too long	29%
	Meeting too short	
2	Babysitter available at each meeting	25%
2	Hold meeting in a restaurant once or twice a year	29%

Suggestions/Comments:

Ask that children not attend meetings. Request in advance for babysitter and person using service be responsible for cost.

Due to shift work, it is not always possible (most times) to attend meeting which precludes opportunities to become active. Not sure if changing meeting dates periodically would make situation any better.

Any other Tuesday except first (husband has meeting on first and third Tuesdays and I have no sitter.

If you attend meetings, what do you like best about the meetings?

	Refreshments	
	Socializing with other members	
1	Update on EPD activity	14%
	Speaker/Educational Presentations	
	Community Involvement	

Active Members Responses: (27 Total)

Like Best About the ECPAAA

12	Education	44%
6	Fund Raising	23%
11	People you met at EPD	41%
10	COP Program	38%
23	Insight into EPD	85%
9	Socialize with other members	37%
18	Fulfill community responsibility	67%

Like Least About the ECPAAA

	Education	
8	Fund Raising	31%
	People you met at EPD	
4	COP Program	15%
	Insight into EPD	
1	Socialize with other members	4%
	Fulfill community responsibility	

Improve Attendance & Quality of Monthly Meetings If you attend meetings, what do you like best about the meetings?

	Different meeting day	
1	Different meeting time	4%
7	Meeting too long	27%
	Meeting too short	
1	Babysitter available at each meeting	4%
8	Hold meeting in a restaurant	31%

4	Refreshments	15%
10	Socializing with other members	38%
18	Update on EPD activity	69%
19	Speaker/Educational Presentations	70%
13	Community Involvement	50%

**Eules Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association
2001 Survey Speaker Topics and General Comments**

Topics you would like the Association to get a Speaker on that has not been covered:

Body Language	Drugs and Gangs
Community Communications	First Aid Training
Community Emergency Preparedness	High Tech Crime
Consumer Protection	Home Security
Counter Terrorist Activity	Important Police Topics
County Judge/Constable/Highway Patrol	Neighborhood Watch Efforts
Current Events	Programs offered through the Police Dept.
Defensive Driving Course	Public School Security
Driving/Auto Safety	Getting some of the patrol officers and/or CID officers to talk about their challenges and frustrations and what we could do more to help.

General Comments:

- * Have a yearly function recognizing members' contributions to the ECPAAA. Examples; a. Person donated the most hours to our fund raisers; b. An outstanding contribution; and c. volunteer of the year.
- * I like the association. I just wish more folks would get involved in their community. I also think Leah does a terrific job.
- * On a one time basis, the membership fee would include a T-shirt and (maybe) a cap. The T-shirt and cap would have a special ECPAAA logo and/or design. The logo and design would be developed and approved by the membership. The T-shirt would be required dress code at all ECPAAA activities. This would install pride, ownership, Esprit De Corp, and would be outstanding publicity.
- * It would behoove us to hold workshops to brain storm specific topics, i.e., increase membership, fund raisers, improve meetings, etc.
- * Leah, you are doing a great job, keep doing what you are doing.
- * For police to inform us on things we could be of help to them. We do not know what is going on except the night we patrol and what Tony informs us on.
- * Welcome committee for new alumni members.
- * "Buddy" system until new members feel "adjusted" to group First 3 meetings.
- * Let the new alumni members feel wanted, accepted, and welcomed i.e., annual convention- new members felt left out!
- * Leah, I sincerely apologize for not getting back with you on this survey. Please keep up the good work!
- * T-shirt along with dues. T-shirts could be worn to our fund raisers and meetings.
- * Attend church as a group.
- * Recruit more committee involvement from new members.
- * Police Department require officers to attend at least one

meeting per year. Pay overtime if necessary for one hour.

- * You're doing a great job. (comment from an inactive member)
- * Some members have time to commit and I feel they act "superior" to those that don't.
- * Maximum time for meeting including guest speaker and business should be one and half hours. It can be done. To retain members it must be done.
- * Meetings are generally the right length except when some tend to monopolize, preach and occasionally behave in an all-knowing manner.
- * The meetings are great to me - I've been frustrated a couple of times when people don't seem to be open for new ideas, however, most people don't like change. However, if you keep doing the same things over and over with no results, then it's time to try something different.
- * We were told by the Chief that different officers could come to our meetings so we could meet them each month. Why aren't they coming?
- * If we could get together as a group and have some fun instead of working all the time when we get together.
- * Need more openness to suggestions from members.
- * If possible become aware of individuals retired to members still employed.
- * EPD needs to learn how to effectively use volunteers.
- * Some of us are not retired and therefore don't have all the extra time to donate right now & we hope this won't be misconstrued that we don't care. Frankly, I look forward to having more time to participate in more events & especially the COP program.
- * There are no Standard Operating Procedures for the COP Program. The COP program needs to be standardized where the COP and police are on the same page. There are times when the police don't seemed to know what to do with us.
- * We need some of the members speaking to say what they

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need to and go.

* I think we should continue to have refreshments. I'm not sure how we could continue to do this unless we take volunteers each month.

* It seems like sometimes the P.D. expects an awful lot out of the Association. Some of the members have mentioned a lot of the officers act like you don't even exist. Then there are about a dozen of them that are so nice and friendly and let you know how much they appreciate you. More of the officers should let the members know that we are appreciated. Several members have mentioned that they are not interested in coming to the meetings or being active because several people from Class 1 think they are the only ones who know how to do anything and are the only ones who are right. (Not to mention other reasons.)

* Updates on city activity such as trends, hot spots/areas. Have officers share experiences – both humorous as well as serious in nature.

* Newsletter to include a different officer's profile/biography along with a photo. In addition, follow the officer during a period of time with photos to include with the bio – his responsibilities and some of the activities or calls they handled during his shift.

* I am sorry I have not been much help due to my inactive status. I am trying to rework my current work schedule in hopes of becoming an active member in the near future. Thanks for the monthly newsletter. It is good to read, but you miss out by not being able to participate with other members. Hope to see you soon.

* I enjoyed the Euless CPA very much; however, shortly after graduation I moved to Denton, Texas.

* Thanks for the survey Leah. I really would like to be more involved, unfortunately by the time I get the newsletter reading that month's activities, most of them are over. A change of day or providing a babysitter (I'll even take referrals for here at the house!) would help me.

This is a picture of a statue we are raffling off. Tickets are \$5.00 each. If you would like to see a color picture of the statue you can visit the Association Web Page www.ecpaaa.org/bricks.htm



This picture of Kathy Haecker appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Saturday, September 15, 2001. She was received reorganization for her work with Crime Victims Assistance. She spends about 100 hours a month helping victims in Euless. For a color picture you may visit the Association Web Page. www.ecpaaa.org/photos.htm

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the patrol. (If there are only two of you, let me know and I will try to find a third.) We have no restrictions on when the car can go out, just the number of people. By the time you read this, Chris Shanahan, Al Simmenroth and I will have done a trial daytime patrol of handicapped parking. We will let you know in the next article how the "outing" went!

We still have plenty of nights available to patrol...please let me know if you have an open Friday night. We still need one more person on November 23rd and all of December has open slots. Call Don Martin - 817-283-7038, write Don Martin -305 Lark Lane, Euless 76039, email Don Martin - lilipp2@home.com or send a carrier pigeon, but please get in touch with me.



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Next Meeting:

PD BBQ, / SURVEY RESULTS

Reminders...

- ⇒ **ECPAAA Meeting Tuesday, November 20, 2001**
 - ⇒ **Library Conference Room at 6:30 PM!**
 - ⇒ Ed was not in town to complete the treasures report on time for publication. He will have a copy of the report at the November meeting
 - ⇒ ECPAAA's web page address <http://www.ecpaaa.org>
- Look for the changes to come to the Alumni Association's Web Page!!



Newsletter Submissions

If anyone would like to include an article in the newsletter, there are a few easy ways to accomplish this.

- 1) you can e-mail it to news@ecpaaa.org
 - 2) type it in MS Word, save it on a disk and/or print it and leave it in the ECPAAA box in Ron's office
 - 3) hand write it and leave it in the box in Ron's office.
- The deadline for the article is the 5th of the month!!