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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.



September Speakers

Brad Buss and John Bryne Protection One

Representing Protection One will be Brad Buss and John Bryne. Brad, a native of the area, is the Commercial Sales Manager with 10 years experience in security services. Also from Protection One is Residential Manager, John Byrne. John has been in the Security Industry for 15 years and is relatively new to the North Texas area, moving here about 2 years ago.

Their 30 minute informal presentation will cover the latest basic security, fire, and safety concerns that business and home owners experience. After their presentation, the ECPAAA can ask questions and get answers to their security questions.



BBQ Dinner Desserts

Alumni Members – Don't forget to either make or buy a dessert for the BBQ Dinner.

Please have the desserts at the Ruth Millican Center no later than 5:45 p.m.



**Sgt. Eric
Starnes**

Principle-Centered Planning

By Dr. John C. Maxwell

If you've ever gone whitewater rafting, then you know the importance of planning. Whenever the raft approaches rapids, the guide has to plan the best route to navigate safely through them. If the guide fails to plan, then the raft can easily smash into a rock or capsize.

Four Types of Planning

Passive planning happens when leadership allows the raft to travel downstream at the mercy of the current rather than steering, rowing, and turning. This kind of non-planning eventually leaves you unprepared to face whitewater rapids. Worse yet, in the absence of a plan, the current may take the raft over the edge of a dreaded waterfall.

Panic planning happens only after the raft is in trouble. At this point, all of the organization's resources are scrambled in a reactionary pattern in an attempt to solve the problem. With panic planning, you may or may not come out alive and well, but you are guaranteed some bumps and bruises.

Scientific planning is viable, but can be laborious, mechanical, and often ends up abandoned in the process. Imagine if a raft guide constantly tried to measure the depth of the water, the distance between rocks, the wind speed, and the water current. Although the information might be helpful, oftentimes the water would be moving too swiftly to take the measurements. In a like manner, leaders often have to respond to change in an instant. There's no time to collect scientific data on all of the variables before deciding which course of action is best.

Principle-centered planning is the key to effectiveness. It is the artistic or leadership approach. Principle-centered planning recognizes that life in general (and people in

particular) can't be graphed on a chart, but sees that planning still remains essential.

Reasons Why People Don't Plan

You don't have to be in leadership very long to learn that planning pays off. Even so, many people don't plan. Here are four reasons why people neglect planning.

1) They don't possess planning skills or knowledge.

Some people don't have an innate ability to project themselves into the future. They've never been taught to prioritize their day or to prepare for tomorrow.

2) They're caught in the tyranny of the urgent, and they believe that they don't have time.

Some people allow themselves to be pulled into the vortex of minutiae. As a consequence, they end up buried under a sea of details, and they can't pull their heads above water long enough to plan.

3) They don't like the perceived hassle of planning.

Instead of planning one event at a time, they become overwhelmed by the mountain of things to plan.

4) Many people don't plan because the outcome varies greatly.

"After all," they say, "When I do make a plan, it normally doesn't end up happening, so why bother?"

Why Planning Is Essential

We all have desires and dreams, yet we'll never accomplish our dreams in life just by wanting them bad enough. Planning bridges the gap between our desires and dreams by calling us to action. As noted by William Danforth, "No plan is worth the paper it is printed on unless it starts you doing something." A concrete plan supplies us with tangible steps to take in the direction of our dreams.

Qualities of Principle-Centered Planning

- Principle-centered planning allows us to be flexible without losing focus.
- Principle-centered planning allows us to be creative without losing concentration.
- Planning is the structure. Principle-centered planning is the flesh.
- Planning is the roadmap. Principle-centered planning is the movement.

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FROM THE CHIEF

I hope everyone had a great summer! I'm sorry I missed the last issue, but I was on vacation and couldn't get to a computer to get my article in. I will try not be too long winded to make up for it.

I had a tremendous time at the State CPAAA Conference in San Marcos. Don't worry girls, what happens in San Marcos stays in San Marcos. All the craziness the three you got me into, I'm just now recovering from it all. Just kidding!! We had a very productive trip, met some great people doing some remarkable things in the service of their communities. It was great to spend a few days with people who share my passion for service to others. As I met new people and listened to how they proudly told about their communities and departments, I was struck by how similar we all are. We all believe we have the best department and serve the greatest community. All I can say is; that many people can't be all wrong. I do believe it is imperative that we all have a great sense of pride in where we come from and who we serve. I know I could not be more proud of this city, this department, the great volunteers we have and the citizens we serve. Some of the people at the conference were from large cities with lots of people involved in their alumni group. Some were from very small communities where they might be the only volunteer who could come and who's department was so small that they didn't have the staff to send anyone. But we all came together to focus on all the good things that are going on in each community. As I listened to the stories told by the various people and groups I was amazed that there were that many citizens who are willing to give of their time and talents to support their police department and their community. For me, it was a very humbling experience. Not many Police Chiefs go to those conferences, and I definitely understand the various things that demand your time as a Chief, but I can't help thinking that if more Chiefs would attend a CPAAA Conference they would come away with a greater appreciation for those dedicated volunteers who give their time.

Speaking of time, what a great time we had celebrating the Presidential Volunteer and Service Awards the other night. It was great to have our Congressman there with us, but the real stars of the evening were all of you who give so much. It was great to spend that evening with you!!

A big swoop of the cowboy hat to each and every one of you, for all you do.

Sgt. Eric Starnes – Continued from Page 2

- Planning is the idea. Principle-centered planning is the action.
- Planning is the paper. Principle-centered planning is the power.

Summary

It's been said, "By failing to plan, you plan to fail." I wholeheartedly agree. People who ignore planning handicap themselves and stifle their effectiveness. The good news about planning is that it's a relatively simple discipline. Anyone can do it. No PHD is required to make a solid plan - only a window of uninterrupted time for focused thought. By now I hope you've been persuaded about the imperative of planning. In the next edition of *Leadership Wired*, I'll unwrap seven principles to guide your planning process and help you achieve your dreams.

Upcoming Events

- Sept 11 - 9-1-1 Appreciation Day
- Sept 12 – ECPAAA BBQ Dinner and Silent Auction, 6-9 pm, Ruth Millican Center
- Sept 12 & Oct 10 – Heritage Park Free Tour, 1-5 pm, 201 Cullum Drive
- Sept 15 – ECPAAA General Meeting, 7 pm, Police Station
- Sept 19 – FabEules Trails of Treasure, 7:30 am-5:30 pm. Visit <http://www.eules.org/calendar> for more information.
- Sept 19 – Pet Fair, 10 am-1 pm, Trinity High School Parking Lot, Visit <http://www.eules.org/calendar> for more information.
- Sept 22 - City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall
- Oct 3 – Open House – Fire (202 S. Main St.), Parks (1997 S. Pipeline Rd.) and Police (1102 W. Eules Blvd.), 10 am–2 pm
- Oct 3 – CPAANT Meeting, Arlington (location & directions can be found on www.cpaant.org)
- Oct 9-11 – Friends of the Library Book Sale, Visit <http://www.eules.org/news/BookSale.htm> for more information on times and entry fee on Friday
- Oct 13 - City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

August 2009 Volunteer Hours

- CID Clerical - 7 Hours 30 Minutes
- Citizens On Patrol - 91 Hours 15 Minutes
 - Number of Handicap Citations Issued - 0
 - Number of Handicap Warnings Issued - 0
 - Number of Junk Vehicles Written - 0
- Courts - 19 Hours 30 Minutes
- CPA/CERT Class - 36 Hours 30 Minutes
- Crime Victims Assistance Program - 12 Hours 45 Minutes
- Jail - 39 Hours 0 Minutes
- Meetings/Training - 139 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Includes the following:
 - ECPAAA General Meeting - 61 Hours 0 Minutes
 - CERT Training - 78 Hours 0 Minutes
- Miscellaneous - 105 Hours 0 Minutes
- Selective Vehicle Parking - 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Speed Trailer - 9 Hours 0 Minutes
- Vehicle Maintenance - 111 Hours 0 Minutes
- Watering of Plants - 8 Hours 0 Minutes

Total – 575 Hours 30 Minutes

Value of Volunteer Time – \$11,714.63

Year-to-Date Value of Volunteer Time – \$77,830.88

August Meeting – 36 Alumni Members Present

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Terry Martin – 9/3

Chris Marz – 9/14

Pete Jones – 9/17

Jeff Keller – 9/19

Byron Benoit – 9/22

John Deitloff – 9/27

Marian Goethe – 9/27

Mary Selcer – 9/28

Officer Biography

David Chaney

Date of Biography: August 27, 2009

Current title with EPD: Sergeant

Year started and history with the EPD:

I started in 1993 and have served in the following areas:
 Patrol (Bike Unit, FTO, Tactical Team and Traffic Unit)
 Criminal Investigations and Gang Unit
 Patrol Supervisor
 Community Services
 Patrol Administration Supervisor

Where were you born? South Bend, Indiana

In what city do you currently live? Arlington

Tell me a little about your family, spouse, children (ages), grandchildren, pets, etc.

My parents retired a couple of years ago and are having a great time sleeping in and visiting all the places they have wanted to see. My brother and sister are two siblings who are always there for the rest of the family. I have a niece who wants to be a nurse and nephew who wants to be a Radiologist. Both are two well grounded, young adults.

What is your favorite part of being an Officer?

There are several things that come to mind but seeing the dissatisfaction on a suspect's face when he or she knows they have been caught is one. The flip side is seeing the satisfaction on a victim's face when they hear a suspect has been caught.

Any interesting or little-known facts about yourself... Yes...loyalty is a characteristic I admire.

Who is your favorite celebrity? Don Rickles!

What is your favorite food? The annual Thanksgiving Day feast! The runner up is the best pizza in the country...“Luigi's” in Mishawaka, Indiana.



From the President — Rose-Marie Stevens

As I write this, I acknowledge that this is 9-1-1 week, the time when we honor our Dispatchers. Those of you who have taken the COP training have had the opportunity of sitting with them in their control room on the second floor. In case of emergency, when anyone calls 9-1-1, they reach dispatchers. The dispatchers have to question each caller carefully to determine the seriousness of the emergency so that they can prioritize the call to the first responders – our police officers and firefighters. Those who have been certified for emergency medical services can stay on the line to help the caller with their emergency until the EMT arrives. They may also stay on the line to help calm the caller until help arrives.

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ALUMNI CORNER



Spotlight on Sue Kosec

Interviewed by Jerrie Keller and Faye Stinneford

Sue is a graduate of ECPA Class 24. She was born in Erie, Pennsylvania on July 25th and she claims that was Christmas in July. Sue has been happily married to Cliff for 15 years. She has one son Donald who lives in Ohio and one daughter Alescia who lives in Euless.

Sue lived in Euless from 1995 to 1998; then when she came to her senses, she returned to Euless in 2005. Let's hope she does not make that dreadful mistake again.

Sue says her favorite things are reading and owns her own business of paper crafting called **Suzeq Creations**. Sue is very generous with her creations often donating items for the ECPAAA Benefit Barbeque. Ask her sometime to see some of her creations, they are very unique.

Her favorite book is *They Cage the Animals at Night*, and her favorite places to travel are the Las Brisas Resort in Acapulco, Mexico and San Francisco, California.

She said what made her join the Alumni Association is to assist in making money for the police department and participating in civic minded projects. We asked her what she enjoyed most about the class and she said meeting new friends, learning about the law, ride-outs and going to the firing range. She expressed her favorite part about being part of the alumni is participating where and when she is able.

We lastly asked her what would she like the members to know about her, and she replied she makes one of a kind, beautiful, artistic items that are all for sale at a reasonable price. She requests that you please keep her in mind for gifts for people that are difficult to buy for.



From the President — Rose-Marie Stevens — *Continued from Page 5*

Their jobs can be hectic and extremely stressful. A mistaken decision on how quickly to dispatch help could result in someone's injury or harm. We rarely see our dispatchers because they must remain in their work area to handle the calls.

If you can, please go upstairs to thank them for the work they do. They deserve a pat on the back. During are next meeting, Betty Overstreet and her team will let you know what ECPAAA has done to recognize these special people.

On a sad note, you have probably been notified that Chief Mike Brown's mother passed away on September 4th. May I ask that we continue to remember Mrs. Charlene Brown, the Chief and their family in our prayers. Thank you.

EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2009

Meeting called to order 6:55 pm

Members Present: Lou Baum, Leah Bennett, Byron Benoit, Leah Benoit, Renee Bierschenk, Perry Brockmeyer, Sherri Browning, Ken Denne, Loretta Doty, Steve Doty, Karen Duncan, Sharon Finnegan, J. R Goad, Marian Goethe, Valerie Hinde, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Jerrie Keller, Sue Kosec, Helen Lightbody, Pat McDowell, Gena Natho, Betty Overstreet, Jud Park, Renee Potter, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rose Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Scott Thomas, Susan Vest, Helen Voss, Helen Wagner and John Woodall

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
J.R Goad

GUEST SPEAKERS: Two of our own, Sr. Cpl. Brett Morgan and Detective John Haecker, told how they solved the only cold case Eules had back from 1993.

MINUTES: Faye Stinneford made a motion we accept the July Minutes, second by Jerrie Keller. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Pete Jones made motion to approve the July Treasurer's Report, second by Tim Stinneford. Motion passed.

BBQ FUNDRAISER: Rose-Marie made an urgent plea for members to purchase tickets and/or sell tickets for the BBQ. Less than one month and we had only sold 6 tickets. Leah needs a head count by August 31 for the cooks.

SGT. LANDERS: Sgt. Landers asked for volunteers to help out the last week of September for National Certification in CART. Al Simmenroth has volunteered to head up with Faye Stinneford, Sue Kosec and Helen Voss as backups. A signup sheet was passed around.

JAIL: Lt. Danny Neill, along with jailers Howard Smith, Alisha Johnson and Goose Wall talked about the opportunity for members to volunteer in the Control Tower and window to help out the jailers. Preferred shirts would be from 3:00 to 11:00 pm with people doing two or four hour shifts. Calendars were passed around for members to sign up.

MISCELLANEOUS: J.R Goad thanked everyone for their prayers and cards for Kay.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Proclamation 5696 -- 9 - 1 - 1 Emergency Number Day, 1987

August 26, 1987

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Protecting the lives and property of citizens is one of government's fundamental responsibilities. In times of emergency, citizens must have a quick and easy way to summon police and other rescue services. The 9 - 1 - 1 emergency telephone number fulfills this need and proves its value hundreds of times every day throughout our country.

In 1968, 9 - 1 - 1 was designated the universal emergency telephone number in North America. Today we can see with satisfaction that much has been done to implement this system. Thousands of municipalities have established the 9 - 1

- 1 telephone system, making it possible to save more lives and to increase the public's confidence in local emergency response systems. The 9 - 1 - 1 system has enabled communities to respond to a greater number of emergency calls with added efficiency and lower costs to the public.

State and local governments have made a commitment to implement the 9 - 1 - 1 telephone system across our Nation as soon as possible. Some States have mandated that the system be operational by a certain date, while others have made much progress on a voluntary basis. These efforts to enhance the welfare and safety of our citizens deserve public recognition and every commendation.

The Congress, by Public Law 99 - 448, has designated September 11, 1987, as "9 - 1 - 1 Emergency Number Day" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this occasion.

Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 11, 1987, as 9 - 1 - 1 Emergency Number Day. I call upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twelfth.

Ronald Reagan
[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 11:23 a.m., August 28, 1987]

Note: The proclamation was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on August 27.

August 2009 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	August	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
General Fund	\$20,706.07				
Afghan Sales			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bass Pro Events			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction		\$440.00	\$455.00	\$4,000.00	-\$3,545.00
Brick Sales			\$525.00	\$0.00	\$525.00
CRUD Day			\$600.00	\$1,300.00	-\$700.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$760.00	\$0.00	\$760.00
Grocery Care Cards			\$99.56	\$100.00	-\$0.44
Meeting Raffle			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership Dues			\$1,420.00	\$1,200.00	\$220.00
Member Merchandise			\$49.00	\$0.00	\$49.00
Recycle Program			\$89.40	\$400.00	-\$310.60
Reimbursement Brick Installation			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Warrant Roundup			\$1,430.62	\$1,300.00	\$130.62
Total Income		\$440.00	\$5,428.58	\$8,300.00	-\$2,871.42
Total	\$20,706.07	\$26,134.65	\$26,134.65		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	August	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$250.00	-\$250.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
Bricks			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$115.16	\$0.00	\$115.16
Computer Repair			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Corrections to Checking Account			\$152.00	\$0.00	\$152.00
CPANNT Dues - Paid Dec. 2008			\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$0.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts		\$113.42	\$113.42	\$300.00	\$186.58
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Office Supplies			\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
PALS Summer Camp		\$816.40	\$816.40	\$1,000.00	\$183.60
Police Appreciation Week			\$383.57	\$400.00	\$16.43
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$4,453.73	\$2,525.00	-\$1,928.73
Police Clown Program			\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$6.07	\$300.00	\$293.93
President Awards			\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Savings Account Transfer			\$10,000.00		
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Water by the Gallon			\$607.98	\$600.00	-\$7.98
Web Site/Domain Name			\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Total Expenses		\$929.82	\$16,798.33	\$8,300.00	-\$8,498.33
Funds Available in Checking			\$9,336.32		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Savings Account			\$10,000.00		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.33	\$2.33		
Funds Available in Savings			\$10,002.33		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$19,338.65		