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Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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**Euleless Citizens Police Academy
Alumni Association
is Celebrating its 20th Anniversary
September 15, 2015
7:00 pm
Euleless Police Department Training Room
Food, Desserts and Drinks will be provided!**



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>

**Congratulations to the
2014 Presidential Volunteer Award Recipients**

Bronze Awards	Bronze Awards	Lifetime Awards
Jerri Balkon Melody Balkon Minuet Balkon Lou Baum Leah Benoit Ken Denne Jerry "JR" Goad Jerrie Keller Sue Kosec Kenny Olmstead Betty Overstreet Jud Park David Shanahan	Barney Snitz Susan Vest Helen Voss	Euleless ECPAAA Euleless Police Dept.
	Silver Awards Victor Gaut Betty Priddy Faye Stinneford	There is a lot of behind-the-scenes work that goes into the preparation of the awards ceremony and a huge THANK YOU goes to Lou Baum for organizing this event.
	Gold Awards Eric Bessemer Don Martin ECFAAA	

From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown



From the Wife of a Euless Police Officer

I know this guy. From the time he was little, he knew what he wanted to be (except for one time when he was five and said he wanted to be a truck driver). He was an average student, from a small town. He played football and baseball. He had the same two best friends his whole childhood. He joined the military and served two tours in the Gulf and two tours in Bosnia. He married a girl who had a child with disabilities and treated that child as his own, later adopting him. He suffered with his wife through a miscarriage and later basked in the joy of a newborn son. He cried when his grandma died and stayed every night at the hospital when his dad was recently sick.

He's an everyday, average guy. He's my husband, a father, a son. And, he's a police officer. Being a cop's wife is not always easy. He has been in two work related car accidents that will cause him a lifetime of pain. He works nights most of the time and is frequently on call. He has missed many anniversaries, birthdays and Christmases. I'm often his priest and listen to the stories of what this person did to that person. Sometimes, those stories keep me awake at night.

But, I'm not generally scared for him. Sure, I've worried. I've played out the scenarios in my head when I've watched the news and thought about if that was my husband involved in that situation. I've shed tears for fallen officers, changed my Facebook photo to black-out badge and supported other wives as they dealt with fear. But I've always been pretty able to manage my fear associated with his job.

Until now. I'm finding myself obsessed with what is happening in our world and the assault on our officers. And tonight, when my husband goes to work, I will be afraid. He has never treated anyone differently because of the color of his skin but he may pay the price because of the color of his skin. He has never shot anyone but he may get gunned down. He has never brutalized a prisoner but he may get beaten. He has never looked at any profession and said "all of those people are bad" but he could die because his profession is seen this way by too many. He has never belonged to a radical group but could be targeted by one. He has never threatened anyone's family but his could be threatened.

Yes, I am afraid. I am afraid that hate is spiraling out of control. I am afraid that people don't understand his job. I am afraid that people attach blame to the wrong people. I am afraid that a few bad cops are ruining it for the masses of good cops. I am afraid he will make a mistake and be made to look like a criminal. I am afraid he will be nervous and overreact.

I am afraid he won't come home. And, I am afraid he will give up. Why should he continue to do what he does when he and his brothers and sisters in blue are under attack? Why should he keep doing a job that is generally thankless and pays less than its worth? Why should he keep doing a job where people who have never done his job constantly profess how it can be done better? Why would he just not just throw his badge out the window and go work in an air conditioned office where the media doesn't care what's happening? Why should he continue to put his ass on the line for people who will condemn him the moment he has to do the hard thing?

I am afraid that if the cops gave up what our world would be like. I think we know because we've seen it. Rioting, looting, raping, robbing...killing. But, you can all go to bed tonight not feeling my fears. Knowing that he, and his 800,000 peers, will go to work. They will do what they are sworn to do—protect and serve. They will push their fear deep down into their bellies and patrol your streets. They will continue to respond to the calls about loud music, the husband beating his wife, the alarm at the auto dealership, the woman selling drugs, the gas stolen at the gas station, the armed robbery at the bank and after responding to calls, they will hold the hands of a grieving mother as her child dies after a terrible accident. And, if one of their own is gunned down, they will respond to the hardest call of all.

So, this guy I know, this guy I love, this guy who loves me—spread the word about not hating this guy. Tell your children the truth about him. Don't tell your kids you'll call the cops if they aren't good. Tell anyone who says cops are "bad" that that isn't true—all professions have bad seeds and good cops don't like bad cops either. Don't tolerate racism—in any direction. Don't believe everything the media tells you. Don't promote hate of cops by posting negative news stories. Be nice to them if they pull you over—you don't know what they just got done dealing with. Support them when they have to do the hard thing. Accept that they aren't perfect. Pray for them because they've earned it.

I know this guy...and I want him to come home to me.

EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

Hello ECPAAA family,

I hope everyone has enjoyed the warm weather, but I am ready for fall season and football. Once again we had a great turnout at last month’s meeting and I really appreciate all the continued support. I wanted to introduce a new member of the Police Department.

Kaitlyn O’Pry is our new intern for the Crime Victim’s Assistance Liaison and will be assisting Courtney Janes with the victim assistance program. You all met Courtney Janes in July as she was the guest speaker. Kaitlyn is a graduate of Grapevine High School and is currently enrolled at Tarrant County College. She also plans to pursue a career in forensic psychology and she seems very motivated in this field. Kaitlyn will also be working closely with MHMR representative Ken Bennett.

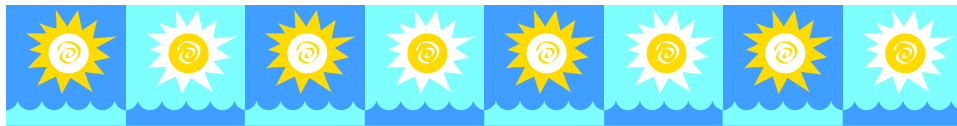


September is going to be a very busy month and the Community Services Division is actively organizing upcoming events. Some of the events that we want to remind our members about are September 10, 2015, which will be the COP class in which we are expecting 30-35 attendees. This class gives everyone a small taste of what officers experience, what makes a good witness, and how to communicate on the police radio. We will have current members of the ECPAAA/ COP graduates assisting in teaching the class.

September 12, 2015 will be the Wounded Warrior 5K at Bob Eden Park and everyone is invited to participate. Also, the 1st annual Car/Motorcycle Show “Giving Back to Our Heroes” is on September 20, 2015 in Bedford, TX at HEB/ISD Pennington Field 11am-4pm. There will be beautiful cars, motorcycles, and numerous “First Responder” booths from various Police and Fire Departments. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Last, but not least, everyone please remember September 15, 2015, which is the 20th year celebration of the ECPAAA. The event will be at our normal meeting time and catering will be provided by the alumni. All past and present Neighborhood patrol officers will be encouraged to attend. Everyone is doing a great job, and please let the Community Services Division assist you with any questions or concerns.

Rocky



August Volunteer Hours Comparison by Lou Baum

Month	Year
2015 — 616 Hours	2015 — 3,135 Hours
2014 — 350 Hours	2014 — 3,226 Hours
76% Increase	Almost Break Even

Thanks for all those super hours in August. Lets welcome in the fall with more minutes given to our servants.

Upcoming Events

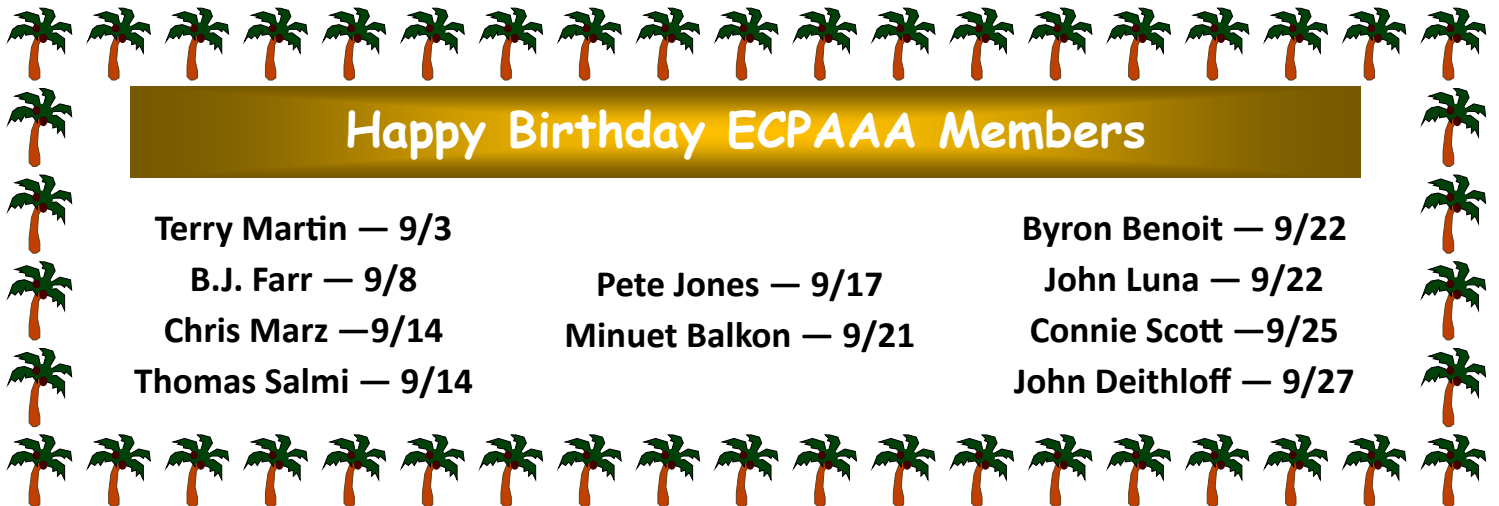
- Sept 11 — September 11 Observance, 9:00 am, 201 N. Ector Dr.
- Sept 12 — Firefighters for Wounded Warriors 5K and Fun Run, 8:00 am, Bob Eden Park, 901 Mid-Cities Blvd.
- Sept 15 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department
- Sept 22 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Oct 3 — Eules Police Department Open House, 10:00 am—2:00 pm, 1102 W. Eules Boulevard
- Oct 6 — National Night Out, 7:00 pm
- Oct 9-11 — Eules Library Foundation Book Sale, see <http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/EulesLibraryFoundationBookSale.htm> for more information
- Oct 10 — Household Hazardous Waste Collection (CRUD), 9:00 am—11:00 am, Eules Municipal Complex, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Oct 10 — CPAANT Chiefs Round Table, 9:30 am Breakfast, 10:00 am—12:00 Noon, Lunch Immediately Following, Lewisville (for location & directions visit www.cpaant.org)
- Oct 13 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Oct 14 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- Oct 20 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

August 2015 Volunteer Hours

- CID Clerical — 25 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Citizens On Patrol — 88 Hours 0 Minutes
Includes the following:
COP Car — 76 Hours 45 Minutes
COP Sky Tower — 11 Hours 15 Minutes
Number of Handicap Citations Issued — 6
 - Courts — 0 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Crime Victims Assistance Program — 2 Hours 45 Minutes
 - Eules Radio Club — 147 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Jail — 7 Hours 30 Minutes
 - Meetings — 153 Hours 30 Minutes
 - Miscellaneous — 75 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Speed Trailer — 4 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Training (Lewisville Active Shooter) — 4 Hours 0 Minutes
 - Vehicle Maintenance — 103 Hours 30 Minutes
 - Watering of Plants — 6 Hours 0 Minutes
- Grand Total — 616 Hours 15 Minutes**

August National Value of Volunteer Time — \$14,214.58
August Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$15,194.26
2015 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$72,312.92
2015 YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$77,296.77

August Meeting — 31 Alumni Members Present



Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Terry Martin — 9/3

B.J. Farr — 9/8

Chris Marz — 9/14

Thomas Salmi — 9/14

Pete Jones — 9/17

Minuet Balkon — 9/21

Byron Benoit — 9/22

John Luna — 9/22

Connie Scott — 9/25

John Deithloff — 9/27

From the President — Sandi Jones

HAPPY 20th ANNIVERSARY ECPAAA,

Congratulations to us for making it 20 years. We can be proud to be part of an organization that has run constantly for the last 20 years and become #2 in the nation for service to our police department and city.

Our September meeting will be a 20th Anniversary party and we hope everyone will attend. We will have dinner, cake and lots of fun and surprises. Plan to attend and see what I am talking about. I think you will be pleasantly surprised.

We have accomplished much in the past 20 years and have much more to succeed in attacking. Not only have we been able to provide many hours to aiding the police but have been able to purchase many items that the department needed but wasn't able to obtain on their own, because of their tight budget. We can be proud that we spend many hours doing the mundane tasks that release an officer to continue doing their dangerous job on the streets.

Many of our members have been here since day 1, working right alongside the police, in their pursuits to be the best Police Department in the world. Many of our members have joined along the way and no matter how long you have been part of us, I think we all agree that what we do as members of the Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is not only enjoyable but productive, and that we are part of the Euless Police Department (The BEST IN THE WORLD).



National 911 Day

We appreciate our Euless 911 Dispatchers and we thank them for the tough job they do every day.



Kathy Bowden

Ashlee Farrell

Courtney Flory

Kelsey Griffith

Michael Martin

Lakisha Morris

Monica Murphy

Cynthia Pena

Kym Pitman

Cathy Pruitt

Debra Riley-Torrez

Mary Sanchez

Adrienne Stewart

Marsha Stewart

Melissa Van Winkle

Jeron Whalen

Beverly Williams

Darla Wilson

Feel free to bring them treats this week.

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
AUGUST 18, 2015
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees: Leah Benoit, Sherri Browning, Shirley Dailey, Shawna De Puente, Jerry Goad, Sandi Jones, Jason Reyes, Sr. Corporal Rocky Fimbres

The meeting opened at 6:15 p.m.

Sandi gave an update on the 20th Anniversary Party plans. There will be no speaker in September.

Leah asked for a head count for the CPAANT Chief's Round Table scheduled for October 10th. ECPAAA will be donating \$50 in gift cards to use as door prizes for the CPAANT 20th Anniversary Party scheduled for September 12th. ECPAAA will also provide the fruit for the Chief's Round Table. Both of these expenses will be taken from the budget item of "Expenses Not Categorized".

Sandi discussed the Euless Police Department picture project. The Board decided to do half the project in 2015 and half in 2016. A motion was made by Jason Reyes and seconded by Shawna De Puente to spend up to \$6,000 in 2015 and up to \$6,000 in 2016 for the picture project. Motion approved by the Board.

Sandi discussed the following volunteer events: September 12th Euless Firefighters for Freedom Fighters 5K Run; September 20th Car Show at Pennington Field; October 3rd Open House; October 6th National Night Out; October 31st Evans Street Block Party.

Sandi discussed getting ECPAAA and RAD banners made for community events as well as purchasing a canopy tent requested by James Gordon.

Sandi announced the Citizens On Patrol (COP) class is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th starting at 6:30 pm.

JR Goad will talk about upcoming volunteer events in the general meeting.

Leah moved and Jason seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting ended at 6:28 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Kathy Ames, Jerri Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Sherri Browning, Shelly Capil, Shirley Daily, Shawna De Puente, Sharon Finnegan, Jerry Goad, Paul Haberer, Ruben Hernandez, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Geraldine Keller, Don Martin, Anniece McKanna, Dana Nuber, Jean Nuber, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Timothy Quinn, Jason Reyes, Judy Rick, Jim Rogerson, Barney Snitz, Peggy Vandiver, Julie Watkins, Kristi Wynne

NPO: Sr. Corporal Rocky Fimbres

The meeting opened with prayer and pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas at 7:00.

Shawna introduced our guest speaker Ken Bennett, Mental Health Coordinator for Hurst, Euless and Bedford. Ken gave us a brief overview of what he does every day, shared some stories and answered questions.

Loren Johnson moved and Judy Rick seconded the motion to approve the July minutes; they were approved.

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Sandi announced that the Board approved to spend up to \$6,000 in 2015 and up to \$6,000 in 2016 to finance the picture project introduced by Sgt. Scott Peterson last month. Paul Haberer moved and Jerrie Keller seconded the motion to spend up to \$6,000 in 2015 and up to \$6,000 in 2016 to finance the project; motion passed.

Sandi acknowledged the birthdays for August after which everyone sang "Happy Birthday."

Sandi brought up the topic of getting ECPAAA and RAD banners made for community events as well as purchasing a canopy tent requested by James Gordon. Julie Watkins announced that she may be able to get a discount on the banners/table clothes.

Sandi announced the following upcoming volunteer events: September 12th Euleless Firefighters for Freedom Fighters 5K Run; September 20th Car Show at Pennington Field; October 3rd Euleless Police Department Open House; October 6th National Night Out; October 31st Evans Street Block Party (would like a table set-up at the block party with 3 or 4 volunteers handing out information).

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Betty Overstreet and Sharon Finnegan will take care of 9-1-1 Day.

Sandi thanked all of the volunteers that received Presidential Awards on August 17th. Lou Baum talked briefly about the program and announced that the ECPAAA is #2 in the nation for lifetime gold awards; #1 is the Veterans Affairs. He also mentioned the special Lifetime Gold Award that was presented to Chief Mike Brown for the Euleless Police Department.

Old Business

Sandi talked briefly about the TCPAAA Convention that was at the beginning of the month in El Paso. Next year's convention will be in Corpus Christi. She also gave an update on the ECPAAA 20th Anniversary Party.

Sandi announced the Citizens On Patrol (COP) class is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th starting at 6:30 pm.

JR Goad announced the following upcoming volunteer events: September 28th Trinity High School Homecoming Parade; October 3rd Euleless Police Department Open House; October 10th CRUD; December 5th Euleless Christmas Parade of Lights.

Pete Jones moved and Peggy Vandiver seconded the motion to adjourn; the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

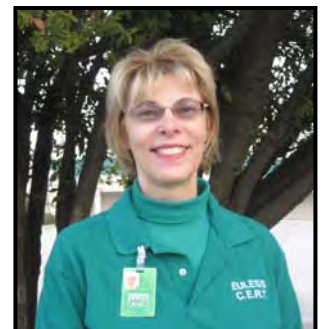
CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg

CPAANT HOST: Grand Prairie CPAAA

September 12, 2015

The September CPAANT Meeting, CPAANT's "20 Year Anniversary" will be hosted by Grand Prairie on September 12. Special Guest Speakers will be Retired Chief Mike Courville (Duncanville) and Retired Officer Buck Tatum (Gainesville). There will also be brief statements from Current and Past President's of CPAANT along with door prizes. This will be a fun event!

Next month's meeting will be hosted by Lewisville and is the Chiefs Round Table, Liaison Officers will also be present on October 10th. Our Chief Mike Brown will be attending and we have 7 ECPAAA members confirmed. For additional information - www.cpaant.org.



August 2015 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	August	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/14 Balance in Checking	\$10,554.63				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Brick Sales			\$150.00	\$35.00	\$115.00
Craigslist Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CRUD Day			\$560.00	\$700.00	-\$140.00
Donations/Outside Income		\$1,057.34	\$1,842.34	\$500.00	\$1,342.34
Grocery Care Cards			\$62.04	\$50.00	\$12.04
Membership Dues			\$1,860.00	\$1,600.00	\$260.00
Member Merchandise			\$96.00	\$100.00	-\$4.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers			\$132.00	\$200.00	-\$68.00
Warrant Roundup			\$531.25	\$1,000.00	-\$468.75
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
Total Income		\$1,057.34	\$5,733.63	\$17,675.00	-\$11,941.37
Total	\$10,554.63	\$16,288.26	\$16,288.26		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	August	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$350.00	-\$350.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$200.00	\$500.00	-\$300.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bricks			\$120.00	\$500.00	-\$380.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
CPAANT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Expenses Not Categorized		\$50.00	\$550.00	\$1,050.00	-\$500.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$217.77	\$150.00	\$67.77
Office Supplies			\$62.99	\$300.00	-\$237.01
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$598.71	\$800.00	-\$201.29
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$0.00	\$5,295.00	-\$5,295.00
Police Honor Guard			\$2,752.00	\$5,000.00	-\$2,248.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters		\$49.00	\$98.00	\$200.00	-\$102.00
President Awards		\$38.96	\$192.32	\$200.00	-\$7.68
Social Events			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
TCPAAA Convention			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Water by the Gallon		\$238.00	\$476.00	\$650.00	-\$174.00
Total Expenses		\$375.96	\$5,292.79	\$17,675.00	-\$12,382.21
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$10,995.47		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,335.36		\$19,335.36		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.65	\$5.10		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$19,340.46		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$30,335.93		

Note: \$400 of Outside Donations is ear-marked for RAD Equipment / \$1,000 for EPD Picture Project