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April Speaker — Officer Michael Nafziger

**Topic — Reconstruction Mapping Accident/
Traffic Investigations**

Officer Nafziger started his career with Euleless in 1999 and his many titles are Sr. Police Officer, Department Armorer, Safety Officer, Child Safety Seat Tech, Accident Reconstructionist and Firearms Instructor. He was born in Sioux City, Iowa and currently lives in Bedford. His wife Charlotte is a Compliance Officer with T System in Farmers Branch. They have two grown children. One is pursuing a writing career and the other is an EMT with MedStar and is currently in the Paramedic program at TCC. Michael's hobbies are going to the movies, spending time with the family, shooting/keeping the local gun ranges in business. His favorite part of being a police officer is helping people. A little-known fact about Michael is that he has ten years of combined service in the Iowa National Guard and US Army (Military Police/Field Artillery-MLRS). He participated in Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and two deployments to Bosnia. And finally, when asked what is his favorite food – he loves a good steak!



In Loving Memory of Officer David Hofer



Our Mission: To provide the citizens of Euleless a better understanding of the dedication and integrity of the police department.

From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

I wanted to spend this time last month bragging about the men and women who were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Euless Police Department in 2015, but tragedy struck and in an instant we lost Officer David Hofer #554 to a senseless act of violence. I cannot add anything to what has already been said about the incident. I want to let you know what the department is doing right now, we are conducting two separate investigations, Criminal Investigation, Lt. Starnes and his Investigators, are looking at the criminal issues involved in the incident. We will have to present the criminal case to the District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney will present the criminal case to a Grand Jury. The Grand Jury will look at the police department's shooting of the suspect and determine in their judgment whether the shooting and subsequent death of the suspect was justified under Texas law. The ruling of the Grand Jury could be a "No Bill" which would mean that the Grand Jury agreed that the shooting of the suspect was justified and no charges will be brought against the Euless Police Officers who returned gun fire killing the suspect. They could return a "True Bill" which would mean that the Grand Jury did not believe the action taken by the officers that day was justifiable under current law. So, it is extremely important that we conduct a very thorough investigation leaving no stone unturned or no question unanswered. We must produce an air tight criminal case that clearly lays out the facts, circumstances and evidence that lead to the use of force taken by our officers.



Lt. Brett Morgan is conducting the other investigation which is internal in nature. He will be looking at the actions taken throughout the entirety of the incident from an internal perspective. He will be concerned with whether our internal policies were adequate for the situation, were our policies followed and were any of our policies violated. Did we have a policy failure, were our internal policies and controls adequate in this situation? Lt. Morgan will be looking at whether our training for a situation like this was adequate, do we need to revamp the way we train, or do we need to change our emphasis in any area that would have had a substantial impact on how we reacted to that situation.

As you can see, both of these investigations will produce conclusions that will paint a picture of the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident and hopefully answer most all of the questions that could be asked. I don't think we will ever know the motivating force that drove the suspect to kill Officer Hofer. I do believe that his intent was to inflict even more death, damage and destruction in the park than he did. Thank God his violent intent was met by the officers of the Euless Police Department who, knowing that one of our own was seriously injured, pressed the fight, refused to surrender to the emotions of the moment and stopped this cold blooded killer from harming anyone else.

I cannot thank each of you enough for all you have done. The support that we have received from the ECPAAA has been overwhelming. You were with us in the park that terrible Tuesday afternoon and you have not left our side. It is humbling to know that so many people are praying for you, lifting you up with their thoughts, providing financial support and freely giving of their personal time and talents. I can honestly say that your support has made this terrible journey a little easier, you have lightened our load and have provided a helping hand in the way you have supported us. You truly are a part of the Euless Police Department family and I cannot envision how we could ever recover from this event without you.

Your Servant,
Mike

EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

Hello ECPAAA Family,

Today, I am at a loss for words and I am still trying to get use to the “new normal”. March 1, 2016 will forever be a day that changed the lives of every employee from this Police Department. The entire Police Department has been extremely taken back by all the support and love our citizens, businesses, and numerous first responder departments have provided. I can personally say that I never expected something so tragic like the loss of our brother in blue, David Hofer, to ever happen in my police career at the Euless Police Department. I still think about the hurt and sadness I saw in everyone’s face when they heard about the shooting. I know I was not the only officer at Euless receiving numerous calls and text messages from friends and family making sure I was not the officer that was hurt.

I got the opportunity to spend a lot time with David’s family and friends. The Hofer family was very grateful and proud that David belonged to such a great organization as the Euless Police Department. David’s fiancé, Marta, and, father Helmut, could not believe the community support and generous donations that were being presented to them.

Now, I want to personally thank the entire ECPAAA organization for the outstanding job you all did during such a tragic time. First, the personal hugs and smiles that were given to officers was really appreciated. The countless amounts of food, desserts and drinks that were constantly being brought in by ECPAAA members was remarkable.

On the day of the funeral, a luncheon was provided to all first responders, family and friends that was organized by our outstanding ECPAAA members. As soon as I walked inside the building where the luncheon was being held, I was greeted by familiar faces in the crowd. Yes our very own ECPAAA members. I sat back and watched for a moment how every one of you catered, greeted, and spoke to every table as they were being seated. I know it was a huge project to organize the food and staffing for this event.

Finally, I now know what the meaning of “true servant” means. Everyone placed their busy lives, families, and work on hold to come together and provide comfort and support to our police family. For that I will always be grateful to you all and I am extremely blessed to personally know all the smiling and friendly faces. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!

Respectfully,
Rocky



Warrant Round Up

Thank you to the 13 volunteers that helped with Warrant Round-Up calling. We spent 41 hours calling people with warrants from 2013 through February 2016. We raised \$572.50 for our Police Department.

CRUD

Thank you to the 18 volunteers that helped with CRUD on April 2nd.

From the President — Sandi Jones

A special thank you goes out to each and every ECPAAA member for helping with the Hofer Funeral Reception. It went off without a hitch and we appreciate all the help and all the food we received in order to feed the throngs of people. It was a fine ending to a special tribute to a great officer from Euless.

CRUD Day is over and it too was a complete success. We had plenty of volunteers to get out early on a Saturday morning to collect other peoples' "stuff". The ECPAAA has the best volunteers, always willing to lend a helping hand.

Arbor Daze is coming up real soon and we will once again need people to work the ECPAAA Booth. Let us know if you are willing or able to help in any way; the more the merrier.

We should set our sights on looking toward making our November barbeque the best ever. It is always a lot of work, but well worth the efforts we put out. I know some of us don't have a lot of free time to help out, as much as we would like to, but if you can't work at the barbeque, try to sell tickets for it. We can always do something to aid in some way.



EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MARCH 15, 2016

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Jerri Balkon, Leah Benoit, Teresia Foreman, Jerry Goad, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Dana Nuber, Jean Nuber and Julie Watkins

Sandi called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m. She went over the agenda for the general meeting. New Business includes the date change for the BBQ and having the live auction while we eat because so many leave after they eat. Also we will be having much more advertising this year taking advantage of the Euless Today, Facebook, Next Door, the Senior Center, and the Recreation Center. The price of the tickets will increase for the first time ever but we will only have a limit of a total of 300 tickets. Sandi will announce the March Birthdays and the fund raiser at Fuzzy Taco for Officer Hoffer with the Jeep Group on Sunday, March 20th. Sandi will also discuss the need for refreshments when Mark Massey has his counseling sessions with the Police Officer's wives. We will have 3 speakers tonight Joe Hurth, Mark Massey and Mayor Linda Martin. Julie will discuss the T-shirts and having volunteers put signs up in as many businesses as possible to increase shirt sales. Leah will continue as our CPAANT representative but will no longer be their Treasurer due to personal reasons.

Julie Watkins moved and Teresia Foreman seconded the motion to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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March Volunteer Hours Comparison by Lou Baum

Month	Year
2016 — 769 Hours	2016 — 1,845 Hours
2015 — 352 Hours	2015 — 970 Hours
118% Increase	90% Increase

How many "thanks" can one give to so many that served our servants during the terrible tragedy that struck down Officer David Hofer. This is what makes this City so great. One HUGE family pulling together in time of real need. My personal thanks and hugs for the many hours to all that served our Police Department. So proud, so proud.

Upcoming Events

April 12 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

April 13 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center

April 13 — Coffee with Cops, 9:30-10:30 am, Chick-fil-A, 3003 State Hwy. 121

April 19 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

April 23 — Arbor Daze Festival, 10:00 am— 9:00 pm, Midway Park, 300 W. Midway Drive

April 25 to May 3 — Early Voting, Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library

April 26 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

April 28 — Child Safety Seat, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, iT'Z, 1201 W. Airport Freeway

May 7 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 Noon, Arlington (for location & directions visit www.cpaant.org)

May 7 — Election Day, Mary Lib Saleh Eules Public Library

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

May 11 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center

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

March 2016 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical — 17 Hours 30 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol — 106 Hours 45 Minutes

Includes the following:

COP Car — 98 Hours 45 Minutes

COP Sky Tower — 8 Hours 0 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued — 10

Courts — 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program — 15 Hours 30 Minutes

Eules Radio Club — 80 Hours 15 Minutes

Jail — 27 Hours 30 Minutes

Meetings — 121 Hours 0 Minutes

Includes the following:

CERT Planning Meeting — 12 Hours 0 Minutes

ECPAAA Meeting — 109 Hours 0 Minutes

Miscellaneous — 221 Hours 30 Minutes

Speed Trailer — 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance — 154 Hours 15 Minutes

Warrant Round-Up — 17 Hours 45 Minutes

Watering of Plants — 6 Hours 0 Minutes

Grand Total — 769 Hours 0 Minutes

March YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$17,740.83

March YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$18,963.54

2016 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$42,564.15

2016 YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$45,497.70

March Meeting — 50 Alumni Members Present



Vicki Baum — 4/3



Annette Johnson — 4/6



Kay Goad — 4/10



Jerrie Keller — 4/10

**Happy Birthday
ECPAAA Members**

Kendall Hall — 4/12

Betty Overstreet — 4/16

Peggy Vandiver — 4/19

Shawna De Puente — 4/19

Jason Reyes — 4/20

Ruben Hernandez — 4/21



EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**MARCH 15, 2016****GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees: Kathy Ames, Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Barbara Brown, Brenda Brown, Curtis Brown, Sherri Browning, Shelly Capil, Shirley Daily, Shawna De Puente, Diana Deering, Roy Deering, Gary Fieldsend, Sharon Finnegan, Teresia Foreman, Jerry Goad, Paul Haberer, Reuben Hernandez, Val Hinde, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Leslie Kane, Geraldine Keller, John Koren, Molly Maddux, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Marla Martinez, Joyce Maxwell, Anniece McKanna, Dana Nuber, Jean Nuber, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Jason Reyes, Judy Rick, Thomas Salmi, Barney Snitz, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Tyler Van Horne, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Julie Watkins, Kristi Wynne and Nancy Zeheiski

The meeting opened at 6:59 p.m. with quiet prayer. JR Goad lead with prayer and pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas. It was mentioned that Rocky was in Ft. Worth trying to help catch the suspect who shot the Ft. Worth officer. It was also mentioned that he had been captured.

Old Business

Sandi thanked everyone for helping to get enough food for 3,000 people for the funeral and for the police station for the days immediately following the death of Officer Hofer. She mentioned that all of the restaurants, except one which she would not name, provided free food. Faye Stinneford asked permission to name that restaurant and said it was KFC on Hwy. 10 and added we should boycott them.

Peggy Vandiver moved and Pete Jones seconded to approve the February minutes; they were approved.

Sandi announced the March birthdays and the members sang Happy Birthday. Sandi announced that we would have 3 speakers to bring us an update on the death of Officer Hofer.

The first speaker was Officer Joe Hurth who was the officer on duty in charge that day. He gave very detailed information including drawing a diagram on the board for how the event went from a routine "shots fired" call to an "all-out gun battle" that resulted in the death of both our officer and the suspect. He expressed thanks for all the help Euleless received from the County Constables to every Police Department in the Metroplex that helped us in any way with the investigation, planning and carrying out the massive funeral, and taking over all our patrols so our officers could deal with their grief.

The second speaker was Mark Massey who is our Chaplain. He told us his job started when he got the call to go to the ER. He mentioned that the Grapevine Police Department 'stood watch' at the hospital until our own police department could take over. There were so many officers at the hospital that the Chapel was too small and the hospital provided them a larger meeting area for Mark to make the announcement that Officer Hofer had died. David's Fiancé had to be pulled off an airplane in Denver and was escorted by the DFW Police Department and then the Grapevine Police Department to the hospital where Marta was allowed to sit with his body as long as she wanted. He explained the use of the Chaplains in training to provide transportation of David's very international family. He explained the use of our Care Support Team and is still offering counseling with our Officers and is now meeting with all the officer's wives as well to help them deal with their fears.

The third speaker was Linda Martin our mayor. She gave us details of all the honor and respect given to everyone traveling to New York to attend the funeral there – first by the airlines' honor Guard and then by the New York City Officers. Airline flights were donated and hotel accommodations were provided by Hyatt. Lucas Funeral Home donated the entire funeral. They were amazed our Mayor would attend not only one but both funerals. She was amazed at the outpouring of respect from the NYPD and especially the 9th Precinct where Officer Hofer worked for 5 years before working in Euleless for 2 years. They all were taken to the 9-11 Memorial and given a challenge coin. It was a very emotional time and they were 'treated like royalty'. You can order t-shirts at bluelivesmatterNYC.org. She thanked everyone for all their help and Pete Jones for acting as the volunteer coordinator.

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ECPAAA March 15, 2016 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES *continued from page 6*New Business

Sandi thanked Sharon Finnegan and Judy Rick for providing refreshments for tonight's meeting.

Molly Maddox mentioned that we gave Tony Burnett's 28 students and the staff that helped with the funeral from the Principal down to the 3 janitors that worked the funeral the ice cream cakes and the leftover ice cream bars. She also mentioned that Spring Creek BBQ served 385 plates, Olive Garden brought enough food for 700 people, and Starbucks served all the drinks at the funeral. The Chop House provided 25 \$25 gift cards to our officers on duty that day and Chick-Fil-A provided all the food at the Police Station for the first 2 days. We had so much food we even fed the New Crews outside our building and covering the funeral. We split all the leftover food among all the other Police Departments that assisted us in any way during this time and we delivered this food to them. Sandi invited anyone interested helping to write thank you cards to come to her house on Wednesday evening. Thank you cards will be written for everyone who provided food for the police station or the funeral. It was recommended that the newsletter contain the list of food providers so we can visit them and give them our business. We are also planning to begin having our socials again at all of these businesses not as a fund raiser but to repay them for their kindness.

The Fuzzy Taco Fundraiser for Officer Hofer on March 20th was mentioned and you must say you are with the Jeep Club; 95% of the profits will go to the Hofer's and this has been verified with the local Credit Union.

This year's BBQ fundraiser for the ECPAAA will be November 12th. We will conduct the live auction during while we are eating because so many people leave immediately after eating. We will be taking advantage of more forms of advertising this year. There will be a limit of only 300 tickets available so the membership is encouraged to purchase our tickets early. They will go on sale in August. We will be needing items for the live auction and 501C3 paperwork was handed out by Leah for anyone who is interested in trying to procure these items.

JR Goad reminded us about Crud on April 2nd and Arbor Daze on April 23rd. For Arbor Daze we will need to staff our ECPAAA information table and the security Sky Tower. Sign-up sheets were passed around for people to sign-up for this event.

Julie Watkins asked for 2 volunteers to place posters for the Back the Blue T-Shirt sales in businesses and convenience stores in Euless. Jerri Balkon and Shelly Capil volunteered to do this. The deadline for this batch of T-shirts will be March 31st. We also discussed the tan colored ECPAAA shirts. Julie offers T-shirts for \$18, polo shirts for \$22 and button-down shirts for \$28. See Julie if you need to order one of these. Faye Stinneford is selling Back-the-Blue Bracelets for \$3.22.

Mark Massey is meeting with the wives of the Officers tomorrow evening. He has refreshments for this event but may ask us to help with refreshments he needs for the next one of these meetings. Sandi will let us know if this is the case.

Peggy Vandiver moved and Sherri Browning seconded the motion to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg on behalf of Leah Benoit

CPAANT HOST: Cedar Hill CPAAA

April 2, 2016

There were approximately 52 people in attendance representing 19 Member CPAAA's. Our speaker was Jana Rogers-Family Youth & Victim Services, she gave us a "case" story. CPAANT voted to give \$100 to Marta Danylyk and a donation on behalf of Euless Officer David Hofer; check was given to Plano CPAAA Representative to give to her. The 2016 COP/VIPS DFW Regional Training Conference's schedule, being held in Forest Hill on April 23, 2016, will be sent along with the newsletter. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP by April 15, 2016 by calling Tammy Wanzor at 817-905-9494. The next meeting will be hosted by the Arlington CPAAA. For more information on CPAANT, see the new website at www.cpaant.org.



ECPAAA March 2016 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	March	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/15 Balance in Checking	\$7,175.96				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
Back the Blue Fundraiser		\$638.00	\$1,252.00	\$250.00	\$1,002.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$2,000.00	\$15,000.00	-\$13,000.00
Brick Sales			\$175.00	\$35.00	\$140.00
CRUD Day			\$0.00	\$700.00	-\$700.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$129.25	\$500.00	-\$370.75
Fundraisers			\$23.26	\$200.00	-\$176.74
Grocery Care Cards			\$17.07	\$50.00	-\$32.93
Membership Dues		\$265.00	\$1,385.00	\$1,800.00	-\$415.00
Member Merchandise		\$24.00	\$24.00	\$100.00	-\$76.00
Recycle (Cans, Cartridges & Electronics)			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Warrant Roundup			\$0.00	\$750.00	-\$750.00
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
Total Income		\$927.00	\$5,005.58	\$32,875.00	-\$27,869.42
Total	\$7,175.96	\$12,181.54	\$12,181.54		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	March	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Back the Blue Fundraiser		\$20.61	\$26.81	\$50.00	-\$23.19
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$8,250.00	-\$8,250.00
Bricks			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
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		\$94.67	\$94.67	\$500.00	-\$405.33
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Office Supplies		\$175.93	\$175.93	\$500.00	-\$324.07
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$4,500.00	\$12,445.00	-\$7,945.00
Police Honor Guard			\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$450.00	-\$450.00
President Awards			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Social Events			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
TCPAAA Convention			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Water by the Gallon			\$33.02	\$800.00	-\$766.98
Total Expenses		\$291.21	\$4,855.43	\$32,875.00	-\$28,019.57
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$4,500.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$11,826.11		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$16,341.61		\$16,341.61		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.10	\$0.32		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$4,500.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$11,841.93		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$23,668.04		

Note: \$529.25 of Outside Donations is ear-marked for RAD Equipment