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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

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Submissions are due 1st Saturday day of each month.

Link to ECPAAA Web Page

<http://www.ecpaaa.org>

Are You Accidentally Attracting a Burglar?

Rob Griffin was our speaker in July. He started out as a manager for a Block Buster Video store. One day he discovered that he had a person stealing from his store. Rob decided to do his own investigating and he caught the suspect. The Las Vegas police department was so impressed they encouraged him to apply to become a police officer. There were 800 applicants and a 6 month hiring process. He believes that things happen for a reason. Rob really didn't think he had a chance, but as fate has it, he made it and became a police officer for the Henderson Police Department in Las Vegas. Now retired, he teaches classes and free classes to any organization or group on Burglary and what you can do to avoid being attracted to these criminals. In the 12 years Rob worked for the Henderson Police Department he did it all; patrol, investigation, undercover for the ROPE unit and work on the terrorist task force. He attended UNLV and taught a lot of classes, one very interesting class on lie detection testing. When his two buddies got killed his wife told him it was time to quit the police department. Eight years ago he started a part-time business and moved here to Euleless, Texas. Rob is married and has 2 boys. He had some very interesting information that we can all benefit from:

When do most burglaries happen? Usually between 9:30 am to 3 pm. Criminals do crimes of opportunity. Most common things stolen are jewelry, electronics, guns and cash to name a few. The 1st place they go is the master bedroom, then to the master bedroom closet. In Las Vegas a good portion of burglaries are done by methamphetamine addicts. Most are young, male and live in your neighborhood. Burglaries are double in the summertime, (idle hands). Rob taught us the concept of C.P.T.E.D. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. Here are some of the tips he mentioned:

1. Do not leave your garage door opener in your car. Burglars go through the neighborhoods trying door handles on vehicles.
2. Do not be a target; get some good lighting around your home.
3. Cut bushes down around your windows. Bushes serve as a good hiding place.
4. The back door is the most common way in. They will ring your door bell to see if anyone is at home. Set up a video on your front and back porch that's hooked to your cell phone.
5. Do not leave boxes on the curb for trash pick-up that display expensive things you have purchased.
6. Doors are easily kicked in. Reinforce your doors with 3 ½" stainless steel screws in your door lock plate.
7. Record serial numbers on all items and e-mail it to yourself.
8. Have cameras in your home with 2 way communication. It becomes a high priority for the police if they know you have them in your home and watching them attempt a robbery.
9. Take valuables out of your jewelry box and put them in a Pringles cans or a hollowed out book.
10. Do not leave valuables in your chest of drawers.
11. If you have a safe make sure it is at least 1000 lbs or bolts to the floor.
12. If you see something, say something. You are not bothering the police department.
13. Door Stop Crimes prey on elderly and vulnerable people. Bad stuff will happen to good people, so be a good neighbor and be aware of your surroundings. Don't be complacent.
14. Have a plan. Know where your exits are. Make note of the surroundings in your area. You never know when you could be in an active shooter situation. Info: call/text Rob at 702-324-8072

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

Chief Brown is unavailable for an article this month but stay tuned for next month. 😊



August 15th MEAL FOR OUR GENERAL MEETING

Grilled hamburgers & hotdogs & all the trimmings cooked by Rocky Fimbres and the NPO Office, potato salad by Eric Brunstad, chips, baked beans, drinks and a surprise desert provided by Susanna Whitten.

TRIP TO THE BIG APPLE – FAYE STINNEFORD, SUSAN VEST AND KATRINA THOMAS



EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

ECPAAA Family,

Summer is almost over and I am sure looking forward to cooler weather. I hope everyone had a great summer and spent a lot of time with family and friends. HEB school district starts school August 23rd, and I have spoken to several parents who are ready for the kids to go back!

On August 3, 2017, the Neighborhood Patrol Officers taught the Citizen's on Patrol class to the ECPAAA members. It was very successful and we had a good turnout. I have personally spoken with some of our members to help teach some of the specialized areas of our volunteer programs. Our goal is to make everyone familiar and comfortable with all areas of our volunteer programs. I want to remind everyone that your personal time is very valuable and the Euless Police Department appreciates any contribution. There are no set times or mandatory length of hours to work/volunteer. I just want everyone to have fun and enjoy their time at the Police Department.

It is that time of month again for our "Coffee with a Cop" event on August 9, 2017 from 9:30 am-10:30 am at 105 W. Airport Freeway (McDonalds). I'm sure all of you have noticed the brand new remodeled building. I look forward to seeing every one of you there to visit this new location. I want to remind everyone that Coffee with a Cop program is just friends socializing with each other with no police agenda. The atmosphere is very relaxed and casual, but the Euless Police Department will answer any questions or concerns regarding the city.

On August 12, 2016, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm, 6 Stones will be having their annual Operation Back 2 School event where the community and volunteers provide school supplies to children. Our very own Dana Nuber is helping coordinate this event by contacting volunteers, police, and fire agencies to assist with the event. This year the goal is to provide school supplies to 6,000 students and currently they still have 1817 kids remaining. I have been to this great event in the past and seeing young children with smiles on their faces when they are given school supplies is worth the hard work.

Lastly, I have an important social event for all ECPAAA members. On August 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm, the NPO office will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers at the monthly membership meeting. Julie Watkins wanted to have something a little bit different and give Eric and Nan a break from cooking all that delicious gourmet food. I hope to see everyone there!

Once again, summer time is typically the time when criminal activity is at its peak. Remember to keep all garage doors closed and lawn equipment always within your view. Please report all suspicious activity and persons to the Police Department. Enjoy the warm weather and remember to always keep hydrated.

Respectfully,

Rocky



From the President — Julie Watkins

The Lazy Hazy Days of Summer – Where did they go and when do I get to be lazy???? It seems like I blinked and we are seeing Christmas decorations in the stores!! School is starting in a couple weeks and it is time for back to school shopping! Time sure has flown and I hope everybody had a chance to get away and had some “downtime” for the Summer. I personally love the Summer and hate to see it end. Our events will really start rolling now and we will be needing all our volunteers to be rested up and ready to pitch in these next few months.

We are closing in on our big fundraiser – the BBQ and Live Auction. I can’t wait for the Dine and Dash to see if I can’t score a bigger gift card to a great restaurant. It is actually only weeks away now and if you haven’t purchased your tickets, they are available at the meetings. Also, several of our members have checked out a block of tickets to sell. You may purchase them at Stitch ‘N Tyme Embroidery at 706 S. Main.



To end our Summer, our August meeting will be a casual picnic. Rocky and some of the NPO officers are cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for us. All the fixins’ are provided. I have talked Eric and Nan into making their famous potato salad. If you haven’t tried it, you will love it!! They love serving a dinner for us at the meetings but this will give them a little break. If you haven’t attended a meeting in awhile, I encourage you to come and meet our new members. I have been excited to learn that several of our new members from the last class have already become very active with the Police Department. We will have a brief business meeting. Sandi and Pete Jones attended the State Convention in Waco last week. They will give us a short summary of the classes they took and will have info on the convention dates and venue for next year. I would like to offer special prayers for some of our members that are going through tough times. Please keep them in your prayers as well as our Officers and First Responders that serve us each day. Julie

EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Executive Board Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2017

Attendees: Julie Watkins, J.R. Goad, Leah Benoit, Susanna Whitten

Meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm

Jerri Balkon is on vacation in Hawaii. Dana’s at the hospital with her Mom and J.R.’s wife is in Parkwood Rehabilitation. Please keep these folks in your prayers.

Julie showed pictures of what our banners are going to look like. One 24 x 72 banner with grommets and a 24 x 60 pull-up banner. Both have the ECPAAA logo and the Euless Police Department logo. Julie will buy the fabric to make the table cloth. We discussed her idea to put a gold runner down the center and work with the vendor to put the logo on it. Everyone liked the idea, so she will go forward with it. Faye wants to get window decals. It would be \$350.00 for 500 or \$500.00 for 1000 with the vendor we are currently using for our banners. It was discussed that the best place to put these expenses was in the “Expenses Not Categorized”. An estimate of \$400 for the banners and it was suggested we get 500 decals for \$350.00. A motion was made by Leah Benoit and seconded by Julie Watkins to go forward with the purchases. Leah purchased some plates for the BBQ Dine n Dash. She will show our members so they can have an example of what kind of plates we need. The new members need codes to get into the building. Julie is now aware of what the procedure is to get those codes and will send the appropriate e-mails. J.R. will mention the 4 upcoming events. He also has a \$25.00 gift card to sell at the general meeting from Home Depot. We will ask Lou for an update on the brick fundraiser. Leah said the ECPAAA BBQ and Dine n Dash is fast approaching. She has tickets for sale and the next committee meeting is next Wednesday. J.R. got another mower for the auction. Next month food will be provided by ECPAAA and Rocky volunteered to cook hamburgers. We asked Eric to make his delicious potato salad. We will not have a speaker next month. Rocky will BBQ hamburgers and our time will be spent in fellowship and enjoying a great meal together.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm with a motion from Leah Benoit and 2nd by Julie Watkins.

CPAANT Liaison — Leah Benoit - August 2017

Due to the Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Convention, there was no CPAANT meeting in August. Pete and Sandi Jones are attending the convention and will be representing Euless. The next CPAANT meeting will be in Forest Hill on September 9th.



The Police Chiefs Roundtable will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017 in Coppell. If you are planning on attending, I will need to get a head count at the ECPAAA August 15th meeting at the latest since seating is limited. For more information on CPAANT, visit their website at www.cpaant.org.



ECPAAA BBQ Dinner and Dine 'N Dash Event

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Tickets are now available for the ECPAAA BBQ Dinner/Dine n Dash event. Ticket prices are as follows:

Adults — \$15

Ages 5 to 10 — \$10

Under 5 — Free

Please contact Leah Benoit or stop by Stitch n Tyme to pick some up to sell or buy for your family.

You're Invited to a



Having fun at the
Shooting range. 😊
Recipients of the Shooting
Range Passes—ECPAAA Auction



July Volunteer Hours Comparison by Lou Baum

Month of July

2016 — 507 Hours

2017 — 436 Hours

-14% for the month



Year to Date

2016 — 4086 Hours

2017 — 3163 Hours

-22% YTD over last year

Congratulations to the COP Team for having a +174% increase in parking violations. Great work-- citizens need to know they cannot park in handy cap areas. Thanks also for the 436 hours of service to our servants. So glad to see Eric is back serving the PD. Stay well my friend. Until next month be kind to one another and keep serving the finest Police and Fire Departments. They are the finest anywhere. Lou

Eules Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association
General Membership Meeting - July 18, 2017

Attendees: Kathy Ames, Melody Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Eric Brunstad, Bill Dufinetz, Mia Estella, Adleen Ginorio, Jerry Goad, Loren Johnson, Don Martin, Anniece McKanna, Nan Moulton, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Judy Rick, Barney Snitz, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Julie Watkins, Susanna Whitten, Kristi Wynne

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

James Gordon filled in for Rocky. E-mail Rocky at rfimbres@eulesstx.gov if you are having any issues with your code. Julie will e-mail Rocky everyone's e-mail that needs a code. Julie gave out the Hofer t-shirts that were ordered and had several left over for purchase. J.R. said a prayer and pledges. Please keep Kaye Goad and Jean Nuber in your prayers. Julie introduced Mr. Rob Griffin, retired Las Vegas Police Officer to our ECPAAA meeting. The subject was: "Are You Accidentally Attracting a Burglar?" Mr. Griffin was a very entertaining speaker and full of excellent information on how we can keep our homes safe from burglars. A summary of his information is on page one of the newsletter. Julie asked if everyone read the newsletter and if there were any changes? No changes were mentioned. The meeting minutes were approved with a motion from Faye and 2nd by Melanie. Financial report was brought up for approval and there seems to be an error in the "membership dues line". Susanna will look into it and send out a correction. A correction was e-mailed to all members the same evening at 9:57 pm. Julie showed everyone the banners we are going to be purchasing. She indicated that the expense along with the decal expense would be taken out of the "Expenses Not Categorized". The table cloth will be made by Julie and the artwork by the vendor. The cost would be \$350 - \$400. Everyone liked the idea. The same vendor can do the decals, 500 for \$350 or 1000 for \$500. Julie seemed to think 500 would be plenty and everyone agreed it would be a great fundraiser. Lou said he did not get any new brick requests, but that the mail had not been checked. James got the key and checked the mail for us and gave the mail to Leah. No word on the sword. Leah said the BBQ Dinner tickets will be on sale this month and next. You can get a bunch from Leah to see or just buy them for your family and friends. You can also purchase your tickets at Julie's shop, Stitch n Tyme. There is a BBQ committee meeting next Wednesday. There will be another RAD class coming up. It is free now, but James said they may have to start charging in the future. Last time they had @18 people sign up and only 4 showed up. If you know anyone who is interested in attending the classes please contact Jerry Keller or James Gordon. There is a total of 4 classes, August 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd. Next meeting we will have no speaker, but a summer ECPAAA BBQ with hamburgers cooked by Rocky and Eric's delicious potato salad. Please come and enjoy fellowship and food. J.R. outlined the upcoming events: October 7th - Eules Police Department Open House, October 14th - CRUD, October 30th - Trinity High School Homecoming parade, and the volunteer sign-up sheets were put out. J.R. auctioned off the Home Depot card for \$25. Everyone was reminded that the Chief's Round Table is Saturday, October 7th. Leah said she needs a head count if you are planning on attending.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by a motion from Betty Priddy and 2nd by Faye.

August & September Upcoming Events

Aug 9 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7 pm, Eules Police Department meeting room, 1102 W. Eules Blvd.

Aug 9 — "Coffee With a Cop", 9:30—10:30 am, McDonalds, 105 W. Airport Freeway.

Aug 12 — 6 Stones Operations Back to School event ,9 am—5 pm, Campus West, 205 N. Industrial, Bedford

Aug 15—ECPAAA Membership Meeting, Eules Police Department meeting Room, 1102 W. Eules Blvd.

Aug 15 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Eules City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive.

Aug 19—2nd annual Drive-in-Movie, "Grease" 8 pm, Parks at Texas Star parking lot, 1501 Pipeline Road.

Aug 23 — Back to School

Aug 29 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Eules City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive.

Sept 4 — City Holiday

Sept 12 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Eules City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive.

Sept 13 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7 pm, Eules Police Department meeting room, 1102 W. Eules Blvd.

Sept 16 — ECPAAA BBQ Dinner, Mini Live Auction and Dine 'N Dash Event , Eules Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive.

Sept 15 — Season of Sounds—Colt and the Old 45s a 60s & 70s Rock Band, 7-8 pm, Leon Hogg Amphitheater, 1951 Bear Creek

Sept 26 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Eules City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive.

July 2017 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical — 22.25 Hours

Citizens On Patrol — 80 Hours

COP Car — 70.5 Hours

COP Sky Tower — 9.5 Hours

Number of Handicap Citations Issued — 11

Victims Assistance Program — 0.75 Hours

Eules Radio Club — 49.5 Hours

Jail — 12 Hours

Meetings — 53.5 Hours — Includes the following:

CPAANT Meeting — 4 Hours

ECPAAA BBQ Dinner/Dine 'N Dash Meeting — 13 Hours

ECPAAA Board & General Meeting — 36.5 Hours

Miscellaneous — 60.25 Hours

Speed Trailer — 9.5 Hours

Training — 45 Hours (CERT and DFW Lifesaver Drill)

Vehicle Maintenance — 99.5 Hours

Watering of Plants — 4 Hours

Total — 436.25 Hours

July National Value of Volunteer Time - \$10,064.29

July Texas Value of Volunteer Time - \$10,757.93

2017 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time - \$72,958.88

2017 YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time - \$77,987.25

26 Alumni Members and 1 guest present at July Meeting

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Melody Balkon 8/3
Stephan Cohen 8/12
Mark Hummart 8/21
Nan Moulton 8/15

Lou Baum 8/4
Diana Deering 8/24
Loren Johnson 8/14
Susan Vest 8/12

Irene Benavidez 8/16
Cathy Galloway 8/6
Joyce Maxwell 8/5
Julie Watkins 8/12

ECPAAA July 2017 Financial Report

**Due to illness in Dana's family the ECPAAA Financial Report will be provided in a
separate mailing at a later time.**