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Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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2013 Officers

President: Loretta Doty
1st Vice President: John Luna
2nd Vice President: Leah Benoit
Secretary: Doris Hammond
Treasurer: Kyla Oberg
Parliamentarian: Jerry Goad
EPD Liaisons: Captain Gary Landers and Senior Corporal Tony Burnett



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/>

Link to ECPAAA Calendar

<http://www.ecpaaa.org/cal.htm>

Link to ECPAAA Events List

<http://www.ecpaaa.org/event.htm>

December Speaker — Chaplain Mark Massey

Chaplain Massey is one of the Euleless Police Department's Chaplains and is an Ordained Minister of the Gospel Ministry and an Ordained Deacon and Chaplain. He is a member of numerous civic organizations throughout the HEB area including the Bedford CPAA, CFAA, CART and Bedford's Amateur Radio Club. Mark also is Santa for local charities and not-for-profit organizations. He is currently the President of My Credit Union located at Harwood and Industrial in Euleless.

He will talk about the three main people he serves and give us examples of calls he has been asked to assist with. He will also talk about the training programs for Critical Incident Management.

Congratulations to Chief Mike Brown for being inducted into the Hurst-Euleless-Bedford Independent School District Hall of Fame as 2013's Distinguished Community Leader on November 9, 2013. We all know what a great leader you are to the ECPAAA and the EPD!

Congratulations to Mayor Mary Lib Saleh for receiving the highest honor from the Hurst-Euleless-Bedford Chamber of Commerce — the Clyde Mooney Award — at the Chamber of Commerce's Gala held on September 21, 2013. Mayor Saleh received this award for her strong leadership and because she is a champion of public art, historical preservation, health and education. She has spent years improving the quality of life not only in Euleless, but for the entire HEB community.

We're proud of both of you!

2014 ECPAAA Board

President — John Luna

1st Vice President — Julie Watkins

2nd Vice President — Peggy Vandiver

Secretary — Rose-Marie Stevens

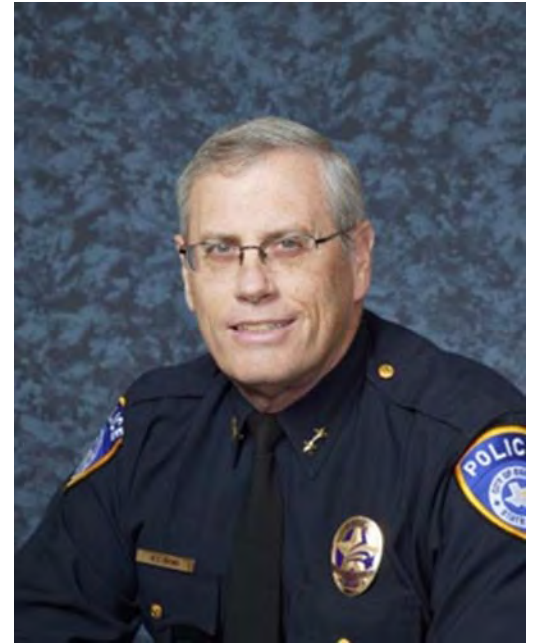
Treasurer — Leah Benoit

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 think winter has arrived!!! I hope you all enjoyed a great Thanksgiving Holiday, full of food, family and friends. Now that we are headed right into the Christmas Season, I want to remind you of all the crime prevention strategies and practices you've learned. I hope you will join us in spreading the word about keeping your belongings safe and secure this year.

As you know, we pay close attention to our crime statistics. What we are seeing for the last few months is a marked increase in our Property Crimes, with thefts and Burglary of Motor Vehicles leading the way. I tell you this because we need your help in deterring these types of crime. I hope you all will have just a few extra minutes to come out and help us this holiday season. Our Sky Tower will be deployed in various locations for the next few weeks and it is a very visible deterrent to crime and criminal activity. But it's also like a huge scare crow, in that if the criminal element doesn't believe someone actually manning the Sky Tower then it will lose its effectiveness and will become a beacon for criminal activity. We don't want it to become a place that attracts criminals because they know it's never manned. Please, if you can, help us by spending a few minutes manning the Sky Tower. It is fully heated and air conditioned, it has a great camera system with a great zoom capability. It's a great piece of crime fighting equipment, but it needs to have some real teeth this holiday season.



For those of you who have a thing about heights, we still have the Citizens On Patrol car for you to drive, or just observe from. This is another tremendous crime fighting tool that we want to make sure is deployed as much as possible in the next few weeks. If you don't like to drive, you can team with someone else and just be the observer. You would not believe the benefits we get from this unit when it's on the streets. Our COP handle all of our vacation house watches, this frees the patrol officers from having to perform this task. That is a huge benefit for us, especially when they are being slammed with calls for service. We also need these cars driving our shopping center parking lots, apartment communities, assisting patrol when needed. This unit can handle a lot of different non-enforcement tasks that are usually performed by a patrol officer.

Some of you have been trained in working in the jail. Please don't forget to come help us in jail if you can. Anyone who has worked in there knows how busy it can get and how important that operation is to the overall success of the Euless Police Department. We never have an empty jail, so there is always some way you can help us there if you have been trained, or would like to be trained to work in there.

As you can see, we need your help. You are what we call a force multiplier, your contribution to our operation allows us to do more with less. Without your contribution to our operation we could not provide the services that we do to the public. PLEASE, if you have a few extra minutes over the next few weeks, consider coming out to help us have a direct and lasting impact on crime this holiday season.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Your Servant,
Mike

From the President — Loretta Doty

Alumni,

As our year together comes to an end, I hope you will look back and find memorable moments, recall speakers you especially enjoyed, fondly remember events in which you participated, and most of all cherish the friends you have made along the way. Our association this year has gained new members, lost members, lost loved ones, and had some happy times and some rough patches. We have a new year to look forward to and a chance to make the year an exciting and productive time for all. We are a family of volunteers.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Nominees for the Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Volunteer of the Year

Loretta Doty

Judy Rick

Jerry (JR) Goad

Faye Stinneford

Voting will take place at the January 21, 2014 ECPAAA meeting.

December Menu

Pizza

Salad

Drinks

Dessert Pizza

Feel Free to Bring a Dessert

November Volunteer Hours Comparison

By Lou Baum

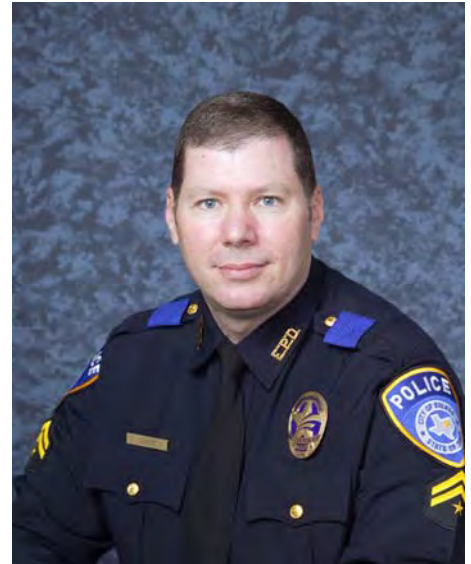
Month	Year-to-Date
2013 — 381 Hours	2013 — 6,387 Hours
2012 — 370 Hours	2012 — 5,530 Hours
Same!	14% Decrease

Thanks to all for your support for every hour you give. This City is much richer for your volunteer service.

Happy Holidays!

EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is preparing for an even better Christmas. It has been busy around the NPO Office but never too busy for our volunteers. Stop by and say hello when you get a chance. If we are not there when you are, leave us a note that you stopped by. The NPO office backs up our School Resource Officers and many times we are working in the schools during the day when the SRO's are not available. Some of you know Corporal Axton, the SRO for Trinity High School. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he has been in the hospital for five days (as of the writing of this letter) with back spasms. Scott lives for Trinity High School and cannot wait to get back there. James Gordon has been temporarily assigned to Trinity until Scott returns.



I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to our 2013 Executive Board and Officers. I have enjoyed working with each of you and am looking forward to working with the new Board. I know it's not an easy job and takes a lot of personal time and commitment to be successful so thank you! Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Also, Chris White has received a lot of interest in the next CPA class so tell your neighbors and friends to sign up soon if interested. There is a chance that we may not advertise it because the class is filling quickly.

Chief Brown brags on each of you and our Alumni group every chance he can. When we are in a small setting or large it does not take him long to bring up our group of volunteers and everything you do for us. He played a big role in the beginning, as some of you remember, with the creation of our Alumni and many of our community programs. I am very fortunate and thankful to have learned from him way back in the beginning of my career. Officer Landers and Burnett worked for Sergeant Brown in Community Services before the NPO office was established. We were teaching DARE and attending community events. Mike Brown mentored us on the value of community and the important bond that exists between us and the people we serve. He made it clear that neither one of us could be successful without the other. It should be no surprise to you that Chief Mike Brown was recently inducted into the HEB ISD Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Community Leader. Take a minute to congratulate him on a very deserving honor. His e-mail is mbrown@eulesstx.gov. Congratulations Chief!





Interesting Facts About Christmas

The traditional three colors of Christmas are green, red, and gold. Green has long been a symbol of life and rebirth, red symbolizes the blood of Christ, and gold represents light as well as wealth and royalty.

The world's largest Christmas stocking measured 106 feet and 9 inches (32.56 m) long and 49 feet and 1 inch (14.97 m) wide. It weighed as much as five reindeer and held almost 1,000 presents. It was made by the Children's Society in London on December 14, 2007.

Each year there are approximately 20,000 "Rent-a-Santas" across the United States. "Rent-a-Santas" usually undergo seasonal training on how to maintain a jolly attitude under pressure from the public. They also receive practical advice, such as not accepting money from parents while children are looking and avoiding garlic, onions, or beans for lunch.

Alabama was the first state in the United States to officially recognize Christmas in 1836.

Christmas wasn't declared an official holiday in the United States until June 26, 1870.

Oklahoma was the last U.S. state to declare Christmas a legal holiday, in 1907.

The poinsettia is native to Mexico and was cultivated by the Aztecs, who called the plant *Cuetlaxochitl* ("flower which wilts"). For the Aztecs, the plant's brilliant red color symbolized purity, and they often used it medicinally to reduce fever. Contrary to popular belief, the poinsettia is not poisonous, but holly berries are.

In 1962, the first Christmas postage stamp was issued in the United States.

Commissioned by Sir Henry Cole (1808-1883), British illustrator John Callcott Horsley (1817-1903) invented the first Christmas card in 1843.

There are approximately 21,000 Christmas tree farms in the United States.

Christmas trees have been sold in the U.S. since 1850.

Christmas trees usually grow for about 15 years before they are sold.

Approximately 30-35 million real (living) Christmas trees are sold each year in the U.S.

The first person to decorate a Christmas tree was reportedly the Protestant reformer Martin Luther (1483-1546). According to legend, he was so moved by the beauty of the stars shining between the branches of a fir tree he brought home an evergreen tree and decorated it with candles to share the image with his children.

There are two competing claims as to which president was the first to place a Christmas tree in the White House. Some scholars say President Franklin Pierce did in 1856; others say President Benjamin Harrison brought in the first tree in 1889. President Coolidge started the White House lighting ceremony in 1923.

President Teddy Roosevelt, an environmentalist, banned Christmas trees from the White House in 1912.

November 2013 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical – 18 Hours 45 Minutes
 Citizens On Patrol – 98 Hours 30 Minutes
 Includes the following:
 COP Car – 98 Hours 30 Minutes
 COP Sky Tower – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
 Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 6
 Courts – 16 Hours 45 Minutes
 Crime Victims Assistance Program – 9 Hour 0 Minutes
 Eules Police Club – 29 Hours 0 Minutes
 Jail – 9 Hours 0 Minutes
 Meetings – 82 Hours 0 Minutes
 Includes the following:
 ECPAAA Meeting – 82 Hours 0 Minutes
 Miscellaneous – 20 Hours 0 Minutes
 Speed Trailer – 7 Hours 30 Minutes
 Training – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
 Vehicle Maintenance – 73 Hours 0 Minutes
 Watering of Plants – 6 Hours 0 Minutes

Grand Total – 369 Hours 30 Minutes

November National Value of Volunteer Time — \$8,180.73

2013 National Value of Volunteer Time — \$122,422.02

November Meeting — 38 Alumni Members Present and 1 Guest



Upcoming Events

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

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

Dec 14 — Breakfast with Santa, 9:00—11:00 am, Texas Star Conference Centre, 1400 Texas Star Parkway

Dec 14 — Historic Heritage Park Christmas Celebration, 1:00—5:00 pm, Heritage Park, 201 Cullum Drive

Dec 14 — Icefest Holiday Ice Show, 2:00—6:00 pm, Dr Pepper StarCenter, 1400 South Pipeline

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

Dec 25 — *Merry Christmas*

Jan 1 — *Happy New Year*

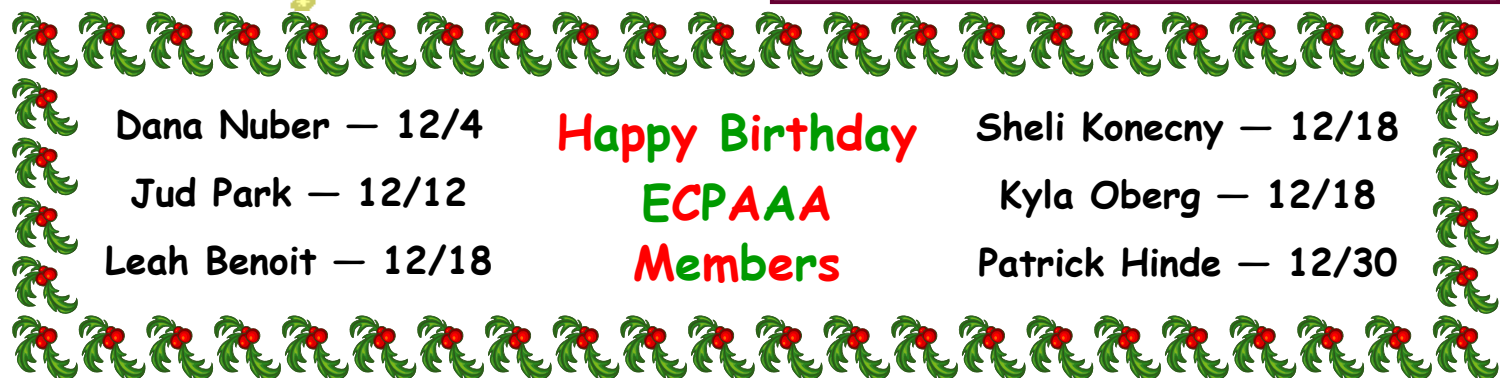
Jan 4 — Eules Family Life Center Pancake Breakfast, Open House and Indoor Pool Grand Opening, 9:00 am—12:00 Noon, 300 W. Midway Drive

Jan 8 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center

Jan 11 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 noon, Coppell (location & directions can be found on www.cpaant.org)

Jan 14 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Jan 21 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department



Dana Nuber — 12/4

Jud Park — 12/12

Leah Benoit — 12/18

Happy Birthday
ECPAAA
Members

Sheli Konecny — 12/18

Kyla Oberg — 12/18

Patrick Hinde — 12/30

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2013**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING — Meeting called to order at 6:16 pm.

ATTENDEES: Leah Benoit, Loretta Doty, Jerry Goad, John Luna, Kyla Oberg, Geri Sorg and Liaison Officer Chris White

Discussed Parade of Lights – Stacey Foust will be driving the COP car. JR Goad needs a few more volunteers.

Elections for new Board – Jerri Balkon (Nominating Committee Chair) will hand out ballots and Officer White will help count the ballots with the Nominating Committee.

Geri Sorg will ask if there are any questions on the proposed 2014 Budget. If not, she will ask for a motion to accept the proposed budget.

Food for the ECPAAA December meeting was discussed and it was decided that pizza and salad will be purchased from Domino's – budget is \$300. Loretta will take care of ordering the food.

Kyla Oberg made a motion to adjourn. John Luna seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

GENERAL MEETING — Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jozef Balint, Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Sherri Browning, John Deithloff, Loretta Doty, Sharon Finnegan, Jerry Goad, Mark Hummert, Annette Johnson, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Jerrie Keller, John Luna, Molly Maddux, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Anniece McKanna, Dana Nuber, Jean Nuber, Kyla Oberg, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Judy Rick, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rosemarie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Helen Voss, Helen Wagner, Julie Watkins and guest Marian Holden.

SPEAKER: Sandi Jones introduced Veronica Pompas with Liberty Mutual Insurance. Veronica gave safety tips for the holidays.

OLD BUSINESS: October Minutes: Tim Stinneford made a motion to accept the October meeting minutes. Jerry Goad seconded the motion. Minutes approved. October Treasurer's Report: Sandi Jones made a motion to accept the October Treasurer's Report. Faye Stinneford seconded the motion. Report approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Jerri Balkon and Melody Balkon (Nominating Committee) passed out the ballots for the 2014 ECPAAA Board. Ballots were counted by Jerri and Melody along with Officer White and the following are the 2014 ECPAAA Board Members: President – John Luna, 1st Vice President – Julie Watkins, 2nd Vice President – Peggy Vandiver, Secretary – Rosemarie Stevens and Treasurer – Leah Benoit.

Officer White announced the results from the Drug Take Back held in October – 309 lbs. of drugs were dropped off by the public.

Loretta passed out forms for ECPAAA Alumni of the Year. Nominations are due back by December 31st. Will vote on the nominees in January.

Jerry Goad needs a few more volunteers for the Christmas Parade of Lights. Announced that Chief Mike Brown was honored at the HEB Hall of Fame Banquet as the Distinguished Community Leader.

Julie Watkins will take care of the food for the Police Department on Christmas Day. Feel free to bring desserts anytime during the day or evening.

Geri Sorg asked if there were any questions on the 2014 Proposed ECPAAA Budget. No questions and a motion was made by Faye Stinneford to accept the proposed budget as is. Helen Voss seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Geri announced that the December CPAANT meeting will be in Burleson on December 14th.

Motion to Adjourn: Jerrie Keller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Loren Johnson seconded the motion. Motion approved and meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

November 2013 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	November	December	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/12 Balance in Checking	\$30,729.67					
Afghan Fundraiser				\$30.00	\$35.00	-\$5.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction				\$4,515.00	\$10,000.00	-\$5,485.00
Brick Sales				\$35.00	\$150.00	-\$115.00
CRUD Day				\$563.89	\$700.00	-\$136.11
Donations/Outside Income				\$1,020.00	\$500.00	\$520.00
Grocery Care Cards		\$62.24		\$94.34	\$50.00	\$44.34
Membership Dues		\$20.00		\$1,820.00	\$1,600.00	\$220.00
Member Merchandise				\$167.00	\$100.00	\$67.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)				\$171.23	\$250.00	-\$78.77
Recycle Program (Electronics)				\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers		\$3.00		\$799.00	\$250.00	\$549.00
Warrant Roundup				\$843.13	\$850.00	-\$6.87
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects				\$0.00	\$3,390.00	-\$3,390.00
Total Income		\$85.24	\$0.00	\$10,058.59	\$17,925.00	-\$7,866.41
Total	\$30,729.67	\$40,788.26	\$40,788.26	\$40,788.26		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	November	December	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day				\$195.00	\$250.00	-\$55.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records				\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
BBQ Silent Auction				\$702.21	\$5,000.00	-\$4,297.79
Bricks				\$524.00	\$524.00	\$0.00
Checking Account Expenses				\$23.95	\$100.00	-\$76.05
CPANNT Dues				\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers				\$622.73	\$1,000.00	-\$377.27
Expenses Not Categorized				\$3,000.00	\$3,250.00	-\$250.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts				\$38.90	\$100.00	-\$61.10
Member Merchandise Items				\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Memorials and Gifts				\$50.00	\$300.00	-\$250.00
Office Supplies				\$588.17	\$300.00	\$288.17
PALS Summer Camp				\$1,129.80	\$1,000.00	\$129.80
Police Appreciation Week				\$393.27	\$400.00	-\$6.73
Police Chief Wish Projects				\$14,137.00	\$8,620.00	\$5,517.00
Police Honor Guard				\$3,747.36	\$3,750.00	-\$2.64
Police Officer Christmas Meals				\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters		\$59.79		\$59.79	\$200.00	-\$140.21
President Awards				\$126.27	\$150.00	-\$23.73
Social Events				\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Water by the Gallon				\$714.00	\$650.00	\$64.00
Total Expenses		\$59.79	\$0.00	\$26,077.45	\$27,019.00	-\$941.55
Money Transferred to Savings				\$21,250.87		
Money Transferred from Savings				\$12,000.00		
Funds Available in Checking				\$5,459.94		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT						
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$10,065.48			\$10,065.48	\$500 in office supplies Covered by \$500 donation for computer	
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.61		\$10.67		
Savings Deposit				\$21,250.87		
Savings Withdrawal				\$12,000.00		
Funds Available in Savings				\$19,327.02		
Total ECPAAA Funds				\$24,786.96		

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