



Partners in Policing

Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

Monthly Newsletter

Volume 36 Issue 1 | January 2018

2018 Officers

President: Julie Watkins

1st Vice President: Leah Benoit

2nd Vice President: Thomas Salmi

Secretary: Jerri Balkon

Treasurer: Dana Nuber

Parliamentarian: Jerry Goad

EPD Liaison: Sergeant Rocky Fimbres

CPAANT Liaison: Leah Benoit



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
susannawhitten45@gmail.com
 Submissions are due the 1st week of every month.

Link to ECPAAA Web Page

<http://www.ecpaaa.org>

FUN TIMES AT ECPAAA



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

We made it through the Holiday Season!! I hope your holidays were as full of fun, food and family as mine was. I know we are all excited when the holiday season comes around, and we are all equally relieved once we made it through them. I hope this New Year brings you much success, however you measure your success, and even greater happiness.

I know, as a department, we are off to a very quick start this New Year. We are starting the year with all of our newly sworn in Lieutenants, Sergeants and Sr. Corporals in their positions and off to a great start. We have two officers in training, three in the academy, and still have two open positions. We are needing to fill vacancies in our Cadet Program. If you know some outstanding college aged young men and women, who you think would make an outstanding addition to our organization, please pass their names on to us. We use our cadet program as a means to raise our next generation of police officers. This is a very successful program for us. As you can tell, we will be in the training mode around here for the foreseeable future. I will ask these new officers to come around and introduce themselves to you. I am sure you will join us in welcoming them to our organization.

We have a few things coming up in the next few weeks. First we have a Town Hall meeting scheduled for January 18th at City Hall. This Town Hall meeting is dedicated to community issues, and we always like to have a big turnout from our ECPAAA. During this meeting you will be able to bring up any issues that may concern you regarding crime, city services, any code issues or anything of interest to you. This meeting is specifically geared toward hearing from the citizens. There is usually time set aside during this meeting for the city to talk about any new residential or economic developments. Each city department will have a few minutes to tell about what is going on in their department.

We also have a new Citizens Police Academy class starting soon. I was talking to Rocky the other day and he was very pleased with the number of applications he had at this time. If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending this class please get their names to Rocky or Chris ASAP.

I just read the latest volunteer hours summary. I cannot believe the number of volunteer hours you, as an organization, give to this department and the community. Almost 7,000 hours of service to the community in 2017. What a tremendous statement of service and dedication to this community you make with the number of hours you freely give in service to others. I am in awe of the many great accomplishments you have achieved as an organization. I am humbled by the amount of TIME you give to serve this department and the citizens of the City of Euless.

I look forward to the challenges that we will face in 2018. Together we will do great things!!

Your Servant,

Mike



EPD Liaison — Sergeant Rocky Fimbres

Hello ECPAAA family,

First, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with their families. The Community Services Division is very excited about the New Year and the various events and activities in the future.

I want to give our very own Leah Benoit special thanks for coordinating the annual Citizen Police Academy Alumni of North Texas (CPAANT) meeting, Saturday January 6, 2018 at the Euless Police Department. Julie Watkins, Tom Salmi, Jerri Balkon , and other ECPAAA members brought out a delicious breakfast buffet for all the attendees. Chief Brown swore in all the new board members. CPAA members from all cities throughout the state of Texas were present. Guest speaker from the Tarrant County District Attorney's office spoke about violent family crimes. I briefly spoke with other alumni members who were very impressed with the event. It was a great turnout.

The Community Services Division will begin hosting "Coffee with a Cop" on Wednesday January 10, 2018 at Chick-fil-A (3003 Hwy 121, Euless, TX) from 0930-1030 hours. I want to introduce you all to Lieutenant Brenda Alvarado who is the newest member in our division. Again, we really appreciate everyone that has attended and we really enjoy the company.

In addition, January 18, 2018 will be our Town Hall Meeting at Euless City Hall (203 N. Ector Dr, Euless, TX 76039). The meeting starts at 7pm and this is a great opportunity to meet the Council Members, City Manager, and City Mayor. The meeting will address any upcoming/current developments and the council will answer questions or concerns from the citizens. I look forward in seeing you at the meeting.

Lastly, we are currently taking applications for the upcoming 2018 Citizen's Police Academy that begins in February. Please contact Senior Officer Chris White (817)685-1536 with any question about the program. Thank you for all you do in making this city *FABEULESS!*

Respectfully,
Rocky



**January 16th General Membership Meeting Speaker
will be our very own Chief Mike Brown**

From the President — Julie Watkins

Happy New Year to all the members of the ECPAAA, the Euless Police Department and staff! I hope you all enjoyed family and friends this Christmas and stayed warm and well. With all the activities of the holidays, all the racing and chasing, it was very easy to forget the real reason for the season and just go from event to event. Things have slowed down now and it is time to reflect and regroup. The Watkins household didn't have much choice because Christmas Day evening we got hit badly with the true Type 1 flu! That really will stop you in your tracks. I hope, if you have been lucky enough to avoid this "plague", as we call it in our house, continue what you are doing and stay well. I've almost become a germaphobe now! Watch out, I'm really going to deep clean one of these days, well someday when I get around to it!!



Anyway, I want to remind you that your dues of \$20 are due. We are able to accept them by cash, check and even using our Square device so that will make it much easier. There is a slight charge if using the Square to offset the charges we are charged by the company. Dana will be accepting your dues so mark that off your January "to do" list.

We traditionally provide lunch meals for our Officers, Dispatchers and Jail personnel on Christmas Day. We use Pot Belly Sandwiches and they did not disappoint to say the least. They provided sandwiches for 14 staff members for the AM shift and then 14 for the PM shift. We were expecting the weather on Christmas Day to be pretty cold so I also ordered their famous chili and broccoli/cheese soup. They always give our department a wonderful deal and throw in many extras. I am happy to report that we came in waaayyyy under budget. So, when you are deciding where to eat, give them a try. I would like to encourage you to mention to them how grateful we are for their continued support. Also, a special thank you to the members that took the time out to set up the lunches that day. The extra desserts and goodies that were provided over the holidays was much appreciated.

I hope to see you at the January meeting on the 16th at 7:00 pm. Chief Brown will be swearing in the new Board and will also be our speaker. He always makes me realize that all the "little things" we do on a daily basis for the PD, are truly noticed and appreciated by everyone. Please join us and make attending the meetings a resolution. We are hoping to secure great speakers for the meetings this year. If you have any suggestions of topics or speakers you have heard through different groups that you may be a member of, please give us a call to try to set them up to speak to our group.

Have a great January and as always, please keep our first responders and members that are needing extra strength, in your thoughts and prayers.

Here's to making 2018 the best yet!!!

Julie

December Volunteer Hours Comparison by Lou Baum

Month of December

2016 — 423 Hours
2017 — 750 Hours
+327 hours +77%



Year to Date

2016 — 7079 Hours
2017 — 6864 Hours
-(231) hours -(3%) year

Year end results in December were great. The biggest gains were Radio Club had a +53% increase over last year, we had a +20% gain in meetings, but a disappointing loss in our COP program of -(38%) and a -(34%) loss in vehicle maintenance. Thanks for all the hours you served our servants. A new year a new start. Be safe and be kind to one another. Regards Lou

CPAANT Liaison — Leah Benoit - January 2018

The January 6th CPAANT meeting was hosted by Euless. There were approximately 40 people representing 10 cities in attendance. Our own Chief Mike Brown swore in the new CPAANT Board and Rocky also attended the meeting. Thanks to our ECPAAA members who cooked/donated the yummy food and attended the meeting. The guest speaker was Art Clayton from the Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's office and he spoke on Intimate Partner Violence. He talked about some of the cases that went to trial in the past and upcoming 2018 cases.



Members from various cities gave updates on past and upcoming events. The February 3rd CPAANT meeting place will be announced mid-January. For more information on CPAANT, visit their website at www.cpaant.org.

EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Executive Board Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2017

Present: Julie Watkins, Jerri Balkon, J.R. Goad, Susanna Whitten, Dana Nuber, Leah Benoit, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, James Knighton

Meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m.

J.R. will do the pledge and prayer. The November minutes and treasurer's report will be presented for approval. The 2018 Budget Proposal will be made and a request for approval. Need an Audit Committee of at least 3 people. The audit needs to be done by February 15, 2018. A vote needs to be done on changing the By-Laws on the Audit Committee. Dana has a person that will do the audit for \$250.00. Dana proposed giving members the option of paying their dues by credit card. There would be a 3% or \$1.00 handling fee. Total dues paid by credit card would be \$21.00. 2018 Membership Dues are now due. You can also mail them to the ECPAAA, 1102 W. Euless Blvd, Euless, TX 76040. Susanna finished the notebook she developed of volunteer jobs, tasks and committees, their descriptions and sign-up's. The current membership list will be added. Julie was given the notebook so the information can be reviewed and edited if need be. The plan is to have the notebook available in our office and at meetings for reference and sign-up for those members looking to do volunteer work, change what they are currently doing or increase their volunteer work. All the volunteer work is done to help our Euless Police Department and the Citizens of Euless. There are 9 sets of lights left over from the Euless Parade of Lights. They will not be able to be used next year because they are not LED lights. Julie agreed that they could be auctioned at the General Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm with a motion from Leah Benoit and was seconded by Susanna Whitten.

Eules Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

General Membership Meeting - December 19, 2017

Attendees: Kathy Ames, Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Leah Benoit, Eric Brunstad, Shawna De Puente, J.R. Goad, Paul Haberer, Ruben Hernandez, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Geraldine Keller, James Knighton, Molly Maddux, Anniece McKanna, Nan Moulton, Dana Nuber, Betty Overstreet, Judy Rick, Thomas Salmi, Cynthia Schmidt, Barney Snitz, Faye Stinneford, Vince Trevino, Susan Vest, Julie Watkins, Susanna Whitten, Kristi Wynne.

The General Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

J.R. led the prayer and pledges. We lost a long term member, Warren Hinkley. Our prayers go out to family and friends. Prayers are also needed for those struggling with illness, Vicki Baum, Kaye Goad, Jean Nuber and "Billy Bob" our NPO Officer in rehabilitation. Lieutenants Brenda Alvarado was introduced and is now the head of the NPO and Code Enforcement Offices. Two corrections were made to the November newsletter. A motion was made by Jerry Keller to accept the Minutes and Treasurers report and was seconded by Sandi Jones. Sandi presented and talked about the 2018 ECPAAA Budget. A motion was made by Faye Stinneford to accept the 2018 Budget and was seconded by Pete Jones. An Audit Committee is needed. The following people volunteered to serve on the Audit Committee: Leah Benoit, Sandi Jones, Pete Jones, Jerry Balkon and Dana Nuber. We are serving Pot Belly sandwiches to the Eules Police Officers on the AM and PM shift on Christmas Day. Leah Benoit and Betty Overstreet volunteered to serve the 10 am shift and Kristi Wynne and Shawna DePuente volunteered to do the 10 pm shift. It would be nice if the ECPAAA could get the Police Department a little oven. January ECPAAA Membership Dues need to be paid. 2018 credit card payments will be offered for a total of \$21.00 (\$20 for dues and \$1.00 for the credit card processing fee). You may also mail your payments to ECPAAA, 1102 W. Eules Blvd, Eules, TX 76040. Julie presented the Volunteer Notebook Susanna has written and developed. She worked very long and hard on this notebook. Julie will review the information and make any changes if needed. We will add the ECPAAA Membership Listing and present it to the ECPAAA Member's after it's reviewed. Plans are to have the notebook available in our office, at meetings and for reference and sign-up for those members looking to do volunteer work, change what they are currently doing or increase their volunteer work. We had 9 sets of lights available for purchase, left over from the Eules Parade of Lights, that we will not be able to use next year. Kristi and Shawna agreed to buy them for \$27.00. Pot Luck dinner was awesome and Dana had games and lots of fun stuff for the rest of our time together.

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm with a motion from Faye Stinneford and seconded by Pete Jones.

January 16th Membership Meeting Meal

Spicy Chicken Pasta, Regular Chicken Pasta, Steamed Vegetables and Rolls. A Big THANK YOU to Eric and Nan for making our yummy meals and for our anonymous donor who pays for our meals.

January – March Upcoming Events

Jan 9 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector.

Jan 10 — Coffee With a Cop, 9:30—10:30, Chick-fil-A, 3003 TX -121

Jan 10 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7 pm, Euless Police Department meeting room, 1102 W. Euless Blvd.

Jan 18 — Town Hall Meeting, 7 pm, Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector Dr.

Jan 23 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector.

Jan 26 — Volunteer of the Year nominations deadline

Jan 27 — Free Fitness Day — 8 am—6 pm, Euless Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Dr.

Feb 1 — How to Attract Monarch Butterflies to Your Yard—7 pm, Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive.

Feb 2 — April 13 — Free AARP Tax Aide, 9 am—1 pm, Euless Family Life Senior Center, 300 W. Midway Drive.

Feb 10 — Daddy/Daughter Valentine's Dance — 6:30 pm — 8:30 pm, Euless Family Life Senior Center, 300 W. Midway Dr.

Feb 13 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector.

Feb 14 — Valentine's Day Dinner—Raven's Grille, 5:30 pm — 9 pm, 1400 Texas Star Parkway.

Feb 14 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7 pm, Euless Police Department meeting room, 1102 W. Euless Blvd.

Feb 27 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector.

Mar 13 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector.

Mar 14 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7 pm, Euless Police Department meeting room, 1102 W. Euless Blvd.

Mar 27 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm — Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector.

Mar 30 — City Holiday

December 2017 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical — 27.25 Hours

Citizens On Patrol — 125.5 Hours

COP Car — 110.5 Hours

COP Sky Tower — 15 Hours

Number of Handicap Citations Issued — 6

Crime Victims Assistance Program — 3 Hours

Euless Radio Club — 130.5 Hours

Jail — 3.75 Hours

Meetings — 50.5 Hours — Includes the following:
CPAANT Meeting — 0 Hours
ECPAAA Board & General Meeting — 50.5 Hours

Miscellaneous — 91.5 Hours - Includes the following:
Euless Parade of Lights — 12 Hours

Speed Trailer — 0 Hours

Training — 270 Hours (CERT = 269, Sky Tower = 1)

Vehicle Maintenance — 56 Hours

Total – 758 Hours

December National Value of Volunteer Time - \$18,298.12
December Texas Value of Volunteer Time - \$19,063.70
2017 National Value of Volunteer Time - \$165,696.96
2017 Texas Value of Volunteer Time - \$172,629.60

28 Alumni Members present at September Meeting

JANUARY ECPAAA BIRTHDAYS

Don Martin	1/2	Adleen Ginorio	1/11	Glenda Harsell-Shelton	1/12
Diana Williams	1/13	Jeremy Tompkins	1/22	Terri Balkon	1/23
Valerie Hinde	1/24	Nadine Barnes	1/30	LuAnn Portugal	1/31

ECPAAA December 2017 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	December	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/16 Balance in Checking	\$24,683.18				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Back the Blue Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$16,194.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,194.00
Brick Sales - Officer of the Year Fundraiser			\$1,675.00	\$0.00	\$1,675.00
Brick Sales - Other			\$140.00	\$300.00	-\$160.00
CRUD Day		\$611.96	\$1,088.49	\$1,100.00	-\$11.51
Donations/Outside Income			\$851.64	\$500.00	\$351.64
Fundraisers			\$126.07	\$200.00	-\$73.93
Grocery Care Cards		\$25.19	\$69.93	\$25.00	\$44.93
Membership Dues		\$45.00	\$1,815.00	\$2,000.00	-\$185.00
Member Merchandise			\$751.00	\$250.00	\$501.00
Recycle (Cans, Cartridges & Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Warrant Roundup			\$587.50	\$600.00	-\$12.50
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
Total Income		\$682.15	\$23,298.63	\$28,335.00	-\$5,036.37
Total	\$24,683.18	\$47,981.81	\$47,981.81		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	December	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$217.32	\$400.00	-\$182.68
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$275.00	\$500.00	-\$225.00
Back the Blue Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$5,682.06	\$8,000.00	-\$2,317.94
Bricks			\$302.00	\$300.00	\$2.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$25.00	\$30.00	-\$5.00
CPAANT Dues			\$0.00	\$25.00	-\$25.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$250.00	-\$250.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$540.00	\$500.00	\$40.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$411.00	\$150.00	\$261.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$66.22	\$200.00	-\$133.78
Office Supplies			\$291.10	\$500.00	-\$208.90
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$1,106.20	\$1,000.00	\$106.20
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$1,695.00	\$3,255.00	-\$1,560.00
Police Honor Guard			\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$450.00	-\$450.00
President Awards			\$227.29	\$200.00	\$27.29
Social Events			\$220.21	\$400.00	-\$179.79
TCPAAA Convention			\$110.00	\$125.00	-\$15.00
Water by the Gallon			\$1,142.00	\$800.00	\$342.00
Total Expenses		\$0.00	\$22,310.40	\$28,335.00	-\$6,024.60
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$25,671.41		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$11,842.82		\$11,842.82		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.09	\$1.17		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$11,843.99		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$37,515.40		

Note: \$649.25 of Outside Donations is ear-marked for RAD Equipment. \$3,550 BBQ Donation from a member.