



# Partners in Policing

## 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>

## May Speaker

### Carol Miller

Carol is the Coordinator of Volunteer Recruitment with Meals On Wheels, Inc. Tarrant County. She has been with Meals On Wheels for one year. Carol received her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Political Science from the University of North Texas in 2009.

Carol says she is a native Fort Worthian. She is married to her high school sweetheart Kent and has two dogs, Chloe and Stella. She enjoys doing anything crafty or involving party planning. Carol has a strong passion for serving the non-profit community in Tarrant County.



## New ECPAAA Fund Raiser

During the March CPAANT meeting, our Euleless representative learned about a fund raising activity using Craig's List. Items that you were planning to donate to the Salvation Army, Goodwill, etc., could be donated to ECPAAA instead. They would be advertised on Craig's List, and the funds received would be used to support the Police Department. This idea was approved by the Executive Board and the General Membership in April. Tyler Van Horne volunteered to be our coordinator.

We would appreciate any donation you wish to make; however, we understand that gently used power tools, lawn equipment, small appliances and furniture sell the best. So please, check your closets, garages and storage sheds for those items that can be used by others and then contact Tyler. His contact information follows:

Email: [tylervanhorne@hotmail.com](mailto:tylervanhorne@hotmail.com)

Phone Number: (817) 901-0774

**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 are about to graduate another class of from our Citizens Police Academy. This is an exciting time for us, we always look forward to welcoming all these new alumni into the CPAAA. I know they won't all join, but I hope that most of them will choose to continue their relationship with us through the CPAAA. I know that Tony, Chris and James have worked hard to make this another successful class and one where all the students felt welcomed and their contributions to the class were appreciated.

We are in the process of hiring some new police officers, it's a little too early to name any of them but I believe we have chosen some very outstanding recruits to help us further our mission in the community. Before we hire anyone we ask the question, "Will this person help make us a better organization?"; if we can't all agree on the answer to that question being yes we won't hire them. So, rest assured that we hire what we believe to be the very best men and women possible to fill the ranks of the Euless Police Department. We will not settle for just anyone who comes along looking for a job, they must meet our standards and be the kind of person who will come into this organization and work well with the community and their fellow officers.

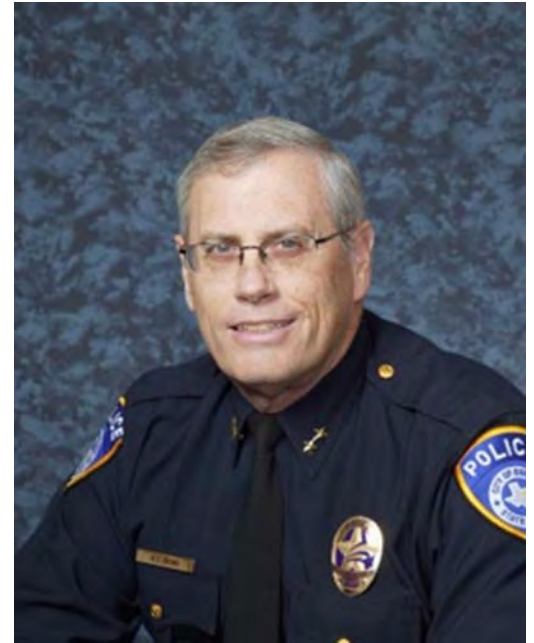
We recently said goodbye to Lt. Danny Neil. Danny retired after serving this department for about 37 years. Danny was an outstanding police officer and had a great career serving the citizens of Euless and the Euless Police Department. Danny spent most of his career in various investigative roles. However, he was an outstanding Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant and Watch Commander. He was very good at undercover investigations and excelled in that area. I don't think you could find anyone inside or outside the department that would have one negative thing to say about him. He was just an all-around great guy. As the City Manager, McKamie, says about Danny, "If you don't know him, you should!" We are all hoping that Danny will come back and work the front desk or any other part time assignment that might interest him. If you ever get the chance to meet him, do yourself a huge favor and take a few minutes to visit with him. Once you talk to Danny for a few minutes you will realize what a true and committed servant he is. I am so happy that he is able to move on into retirement, but I am saddened that he won't be with us on a daily basis as we continue to plow new ground and move forward.

Thanks for all the help with Arbor Daze. I haven't heard how much money we raised selling Pizza, but I know I saw a lot people eating it as I walked around on Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to all of you who volunteered your time to work the Pizza booth, the Sky Tower and our information table. As you can see, we can't do all the great things we do without your support and your willingness to get involved. I know how tough it is to make time for all the things that must be done, and for you to then find some more time to help us is nothing short of awesome. You are truly an awesome group of people who make Euless a great place to live!

I thank you for your service to this community and for your willingness to put aside your own needs to lend a helping hand or to just speak a word of comfort and support. Thanks again for all you do!!

It is an honor serving with you!

Your Servant,  
Mike



## From the President — Loretta Doty

Thank you to everyone who had the opportunity to volunteer in the fundraising pizza booth. I feel we became better acquainted and had a really good time. We fed the masses and everyone seemed to enjoy the pizza. The ECPAAA organization was well represented. The bulletin board of pictures at our information booth drew lots of inquiries about our organization. Magen, Loren and J.R., all your hard work in organizing and overseeing was very much appreciated by all. Thanks to Barney and Magen for setting up the Pizza Booth and thanks to the many who were involved in closing down. If we decide to try again next year for a booth to get our organization's name out into the public eye and if we decide to sell pizza again, I'm sure we'll have better luck getting the pizza delivered earlier in the morning. I might even call the manager and wake him up. Our new CPA class is coming to a close. Please take a moment to thank Chris for all his hard work. Have a good month and I'll see you at the next meeting.



**April 27, 2013**

**Drug Take Back Program**

**John Luna and Corporal James Gordon**

## May Menu

Spring and  
Salads are in  
the air.

NO NEED  
to bring  
desserts.

Just bring  
your appetites  
and your time.



## EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

I broke away from my booth at Arbor Daze to walk the grounds. As I walked by the food vendors I heard some heckling coming from my left. It was John Luna and Leo working the ECPAAA fund raiser and putting pressure on me to buy a slice of pizza, I think even Sandi Jones got into it. (You guys are not a good influence on her!) I looked up to see Leah looking down on me from the sky tower waiting to see what I was going to do next. I was completely covered, they even had the high ground, I was caught in an ambush and there was no escape. That's when I realized "we're going to sell a lot of pizza out here"! I eventually made it back to the safety of my booth, you know over by the radio club, to hear Al Simmenroth winding up his pitch "Tony, let me tell you the benefits of being a licensed radio operator". Oh, how I love Arbor Daze. Thank you to all the folks that volunteered at the fund raiser, in the tower and at the radio club. It was good to see everyone there and Megan Morton, you did a great job too!



Hey folks we got some very important dates coming up, July 24-25. It's the state CPA conference and registration deadlines are fast approaching. Your NPO's, Chief Mike Brown and Captain Gary Landers will be there. We would like to see our Association represented well because, as you know, we are the best in the state and it's in our backyard. Also, I want to remind you that CPA class # 29 will be graduating 18 people on May 23rd. The Alumni members are welcome to attend the May 16th class to support John Luna and Leah Benoit as they speak to the new graduates about joining the Alumni Association.

I also wanted to mention Nextdoor.com, hopefully you received my e-mail about it. Our efforts with Nextdoor is to bring community back to our neighborhoods. It's an issue that we struggle with today because people are so busy and technology has replaced face to face communication. We therefore have to go where the people are, social media. I know not everyone uses Facebook and Twitter but maybe you would consider Nextdoor. It is a free service for you and the Police Department but what's so cool about it is the interaction with your neighbors. Your address is verified and only your neighbors can see your post. You can even create a neighborhood with just the people on your street, all online. Does this sound familiar? It is like a virtual crime watch. More important than the information that I share with you on Nextdoor.com, is information that you share with each other. This builds community. I hope that you join and encourage your neighbors to join. See you around town!

## CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg

CPAANT Meeting  
Richardson – April 4, 2013

The May meeting was hosted by Richardson CPAAA. There were 26 present with 11 Member CPAAA's in attendance. CPAANT has two new members, Denton CPAAA and Plano CPAAA.

Our speaker was attorney Mr. Bart Bevers; he spoke on Criminal Defense and Health Care Law. Richardson Police Chief Spivey attended and he asked questions along with others; there are many "gray areas".



Please visit CPAANT's Web site [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org) for additional information and directions to the June monthly meeting hosted by Forest Hill.

## April 2013 Volunteer Hours

Arbor Daze – 136 Hours 45 Minutes

Includes the following:

COP – 13 Hours 0 Minutes

COP Sky Tower – 27 Hours 0 Minutes

ECPAAP Information Booth – 14 Hours 15 Minutes

Euless Radio Club – 39 Hours 0 Minutes

Pizza Booth – 43 Hours 30 Minutes

CID Clerical – 16 Hours 0 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol – 74 Hours 30 Minutes

Includes the following:

COP Car – 67 Hours 0 Minutes

COP Sky Tower – 7 Hours 30 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 4

Courts – 32 Hours 0 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program – 52 Hour 45 Minutes

CRUD – 53 Hours 45 Minutes

Euless Radio Club – 27 Hours 0 Minutes

Euless Trash-off – 20 Hours 15 Minutes

Jail – 8 Hours 0 Minutes

Meetings – 138 Hours 0 Minutes

Includes the following:

CPAANT Meeting – 46 Hours 0 Minutes

ECPAAP Meeting – 92 Hours 0 Minutes

Miscellaneous – 49 Hours 30 Minutes

Speed Trailer – 4 Hours 15 Minutes

Training (NCIC/TCIC) – 12 Hours 30 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance – 3 Hours 0 Minutes

Watering of Plants – 6 Hours 0 Minutes

**Grand Total – 634 Hours 15 Minutes**

**April National Value of Volunteer Time — \$13,818.13**

**2013 National Value of Volunteer Time — \$41,737.66**

**April Meeting — 42 Alumni Members Present**

## Upcoming Events

May 14 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Dr.

May 17-19 — Friends of the Library Book Sale, see Page 6 for more details

May 18 — 6 Stones Black and Blue Run for Hope, 8:00 am, Pennington Field, 1501 Central Drive, Bedford

May 18—Trinity GAP Club Pet Fair, 10:00 am—2:00 pm, Trinity High School Parking Lot, 500 N. Industrial Blvd.

May 21 — ECPAAP Board Meeting, 6:00 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department

May 22 — Michael Williamson Memorial Golf Tournament, 8:00 am; Texas Star Golf Course

May 25 — Euless Aquatic Center Grand Opening, 10:00 am, Euless Family Life Center, 300 W. Midway Drive

May 27 — Memorial Day

May 28 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Dr.

June 1 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am — 12:00 noon, Forest Hill (location & directions can be found on [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org))

June 3-June 7 — Euless Police Summer Camp—Session I

June 10-June 14 — Euless Police Summer Camp—Session II

June 11 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Dr.

June 12 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department Emergency Operations Center

June 13 — Town Hall Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Dr.

June 18 — ECPAAP Board Meeting, 6:00 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Euless Police Department — Speaker from Union Pacific

## Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Mary Lib Saleh — 5/4

Stacey Foust — 5/8

Brenda Brown — 5/9

Barney Snitz — 5/19

Julie Ratliff — 5/26

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**April 16, 2013**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:10 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, John Deithloff, Loretta Doty, Misty Engelmann, Jerry Goad, Marian Goethe, Doris Hammond, Lorri Henderson, Loren Johnson, Sue Kosec, John Luna, Molly Maddux, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Magen Morton, Leo Neal, Barbara Niziolek, Kyla Oberg, Lisa Renee Potter, Betty Priddy, Wayne Priddy, Judy Rick, Cynthia Schmidt, Albert Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Tim Stinneford, Tyler Van Horne, Helen Wagner and Julie Watkins

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Todd Murphree, Senior Corporal, Euless Police Department

**OLD BUSINESS:**

March Minutes: Tim Stinneford made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes. Melody Balkon seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

March Treasurer's Report: Geri Sorg made a motion to accept the March Treasurer's report. Minuet Balkon seconded the motion. Report approved.

Rose Marie Stevens made a motion to donate \$3,000 to the Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Convention to use for the Chief's Round Table that will be held on July 27, 2013. Judy Rick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Leah Benoit presented a new fund raiser using Craig's List. John Luna asked for a volunteer to be the coordinator of the fund raiser and Tyler Van Horne volunteered.

Motion to Adjourn: Marian Goethe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Geri Sorg seconded the motion. Motion approved and meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

**April Volunteer Hours Comparison  
By Lou Baum**

**Month**

2013 – 634 Hours

2012 – 751 Hours

16% Decrease

**Year-to-Date**

2013 – 1,916 Hours

2012 – 2,305 Hours

17% Decrease

Thanks to those who volunteered for  
Trash-off, CRUD and Arbor Daze!

**TCPAAA REMINDER**

If you are planning on attending the Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Convention in July, please make sure you register before June 1st. Otherwise, there is a \$35.00 late fee in addition to the \$110 normal fee. Please see <http://www.cpaant.org/id69.html> for the registration forms and more information on the convention.

**Euless Library Foundation Book Sale  
May 17–19, 2013**

The book sale is just around the corner. All proceeds benefit the Library.

Friday, May 17th  
2 to 5 pm (\$5 Entry)

Saturday, May 18th  
10 am to 5 pm (Free Entry)

Sunday, May 19th  
1 to 3 pm (Free Entry)



## CRUD — APRIL 20, 2013



Al Simmenroth and Lou Baum



Loren Johnson



CRUD Gang



John Deithloff and Molly Maddux



Minuet Balkon, Misty and Marc Engelmann

## ARBOR DAZE — APRIL 27-28, 2013



Cynthia Schmidt, Misty Engelmann and Julie Watkins



Leah and Geri



Leo Neal and John Luna



Loren Johnson, Sherri Browning and Jerrie Keller



Sharon Finnegan

## April 2013 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	April	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
<b>12/31/12 Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$30,729.67</b>				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$30.00	\$35.00	-\$5.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00
Brick Sales			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
CRUD Day			\$0.00	\$700.00	-\$700.00
Donations/Outside Income		\$40.00	\$1,020.00	\$500.00	\$520.00
Grocery Care Cards			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Membership Dues		\$220.00	\$1,580.00	\$1,600.00	-\$20.00
Member Merchandise		\$9.00	\$113.00	\$100.00	\$13.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$171.23	\$250.00	-\$78.77
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers		\$741.00	\$741.00	\$250.00	\$491.00
Warrant Roundup			\$843.13	\$850.00	-\$6.87
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$3,390.00	-\$3,390.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$1,010.00</b>	<b>\$4,498.36</b>	<b>\$17,925.00</b>	<b>-\$13,426.64</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,729.67</b>	<b>\$35,228.03</b>	<b>\$35,228.03</b>		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	April	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$250.00	-\$250.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Bricks			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$23.95	\$100.00	-\$76.05
CPANNT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers		\$457.73	\$607.73	\$1,000.00	-\$392.27
Expenses Not Categorized		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$250.00	\$2,750.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$38.90	\$100.00	-\$61.10
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Office Supplies			\$572.50	\$300.00	\$272.50
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$5,120.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,620.00
Police Honor Guard		\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
President Awards		\$126.27	\$126.27	\$150.00	-\$23.73
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Water by the Gallon			\$238.00	\$650.00	-\$412.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$7,084.00</b>	<b>\$13,252.35</b>	<b>\$17,925.00</b>	<b>-\$4,672.65</b>
<b>Money Transferred to Savings</b>			<b>\$21,250.87</b>		
Money Transferred from Savings		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		
<b>Funds Available in Checking</b>			<b>\$5,724.81</b>		
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$10,065.48		\$10,065.48		
Interest from Savings Account		\$1.35	\$4.25		
Savings Deposit			\$21,250.87		
<b>Savings Withdrawal</b>		<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>		
<b>Funds Available in Savings</b>			<b>\$26,320.60</b>		
<b>Total ECPAAA Funds</b>			<b>\$32,045.41</b>		

Note \$5,120 Over budget on  
Chief's wish list approved  
In January's Meeting  
\$500 in office supplies  
Covered by \$500 donation  
for computer