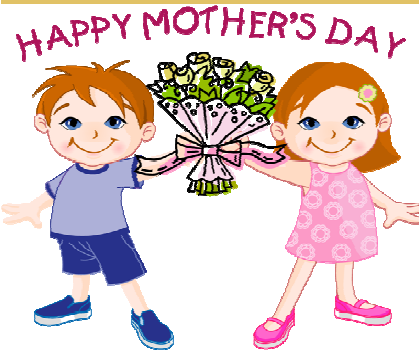




2018 Officers

President: Julie Watkins
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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>

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SPEAKER ECPAAA GENERAL MEETING—MAY 15, 2018

Ken Rawlinson, IAAI-CFI
Public Education Coordinator
Fire/Arson Investigator
Euleless Fire Department

Ken Rawlinson has been employed by the City of Euleless since 2002 and is the current Public Education Coordinator and lead Fire/Arson Investigator for the Euleless Fire Department. He is an IAAI Certified Fire Investigator and an active member of the Tarrant County Arson Task Force where he has worked on several high profile cases including multi-million dollar losses and numerous fatality fires. Ken owns and operates Rawlinson Fire Investigation Training Services where he teaches other fire investigators across the state using live fire demonstrations on vehicles and structures. Ken has been happily married to his beautiful wife Alex for 13 years and has two rambunctious boys, Ethan, 11 and Evan, 6.



Annual Presidential Awards Recipient Program

Monday, May 14th at 7:00 PM in the City Hall Council Chambers. There will be a surprise key note speaker. Everyone is encouraged to attend and support our volunteers.



Susanna Whitten



Irene Benavidez

ECPAAA & the Euleless Police Department

at Arbor Daze

April 28th, 2018

Thank you to everyone

who volunteered at Arbor Daze, it was a Hugh success!



Officers Rocky Fimbres and Carlos Perez

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

Summer is coming!!!

With summer coming and school letting out it's time for the David Hofer Police Summer Camp. I believe we are hosting two camps this summer. If you are interested in help us with those camps please get with Rocky or James, they can get you pointed in the right direction. We always need dedicated and motivated people to help us serve the great kids that come through our camps every summer. Even though it's only a half a day camp, I promise it will feel like you have put in a full day's work if you come out and help us.



With summer on the way we will also see an increase in our Vacation House Watch request. I know those of you who serve as Citizens on Patrol are well aware of our Vacation House Watch program. We can always use more people driving the neighborhoods in the COP car checking on the houses that are on the list. I cannot say it enough, whenever you volunteer your time to the department you immediately become a force multiplier. Your efforts are vital to us as we strive to keep our patrol units in service and free for calls and other law enforcement activities. If you have not taken the COP course, you can still team up with someone who has and be an extra set of eyes and ears in the car. Now is an exciting time to come on board and work alongside the patrol officers and other first responders as they serve the citizens of Euless.

With summer coming I want to remind everyone to be vigilant at home and in your neighborhood to help us prevent crime. Remember an open garage door might be convenient for you as you are working in your yard or on the house, but it is a HUGE invitation to a criminal. Criminals see an open door as an invitation to come into your home and help themselves to your tools and other belongings. Keep your doors and windows locked at all times. If everyone in town would do that, we could cut our burglary and theft rates in half. Don't forget to apply your crime prevention training to your cars as well. Keep them locked and free from any item that might catch the eye of a criminal. If you MUST leave something of value in your car, put it in the trunk or some other storage compartment, out of sight of anyone just looking for a quick score. If people would do this one simple thing, I believe we could cut our Burglary of Motor Vehicle rate by 80%. Please remember to take care of your property and spread the word to your neighbors, just think of how low our crime rate would be if we could get everyone to adopt these simple but very effective crime prevention strategies.

We have a lot of new faces around here. We have 6 officers in the academy with three of them scheduled to graduate in the next few weeks. We will be busy training new officers for the next year or more!! Stop in and say hello, we always enjoy having our volunteers stop by and spend a few minutes with us. I was recently at Grapevine Police Chief Eddie Salame's retirement reception. During that reception it was obvious that Grapevine has a very active volunteer program and that their volunteers are very active within the department and the community. It reminded me a lot of our program and all the fab-EULESS volunteers that we have here.

I wish you all a great summer, and I hope each of you will find the time to come and volunteer a few minutes with us in the coming months. I do understand how frantic it can be during the summer and how everyone would like to get away for a few days, so even if you can't come serve with us please stop in and let us know how you are doing.

Thanks for all you do!!

Your Servant, Mike

EPD Liaison — Sergeant Rocky Fimbres

Hello ECPAAA family,

The month of April was an extremely busy month for the Community Services Division and all the volunteer help was greatly appreciated. The Arbor Daze event went very well with perfect sunshine weather. Several new ride additions including a Zip-Line that attracted many people in the crowd. It appeared that all the citizens of Euless were having a great time and enjoying the vendor foods, especially the Polynesian tacos and drinks. I also want to thank Jerri Balkon and the ladies of ECPAAA who came and endured the hot sun with us at our community trailer to hand out special event and informational flyers.



The Euless Police Department has been teaching the HEB Law Enforcement student program, felony traffic stops and other aspects of police work, to Trinity and L.D. Bell high school students who are interested in a possible law enforcement career. I have spoken numerous times with the program coordinator and he has been extremely impressed with the quality of officers that are selected to teach the program. All the interactions have been positive and the students and instructors are really engaged in the topics.

The Citizen's Police Academy class #34 is about to graduate and Senior Officer Chris White is the academy coordinator. The academy is a 12-week program. Euless citizens are taught the different aspects of law enforcement and instructors from every police division teach each course. May 12, 2018 the class will be attending the DFW Airport outdoor gun range and will get to train with different types of firearms. I encourage everyone to attend and experience the great training our Euless firearms instructors provide. We always have a great turnout and everyone makes new and lasting friendships.

Once again, I want to give a special thanks to all the volunteers that attended Arbor Daze. I am sure I was not the only one that came home with a sunburn. I really enjoyed seeing all the ECPAAA faces in the crowd, making a difference and sacrificing their valuable time to help the Euless Police Department. Loren and Roy thank you for taking care of our Police Sky Tower!

Respectfully,

Rocky



ECPAAA GENERAL MEETING MEAL—TUESDAY, MAY 15TH

Stuffed shell dish, summer squash, rolls and chocolate chip cookies.....

yum..yum!!! Thanks Eric & Nan

From the President — Julie Watkins

I hope all of you are enjoying our beautiful Spring. Time is moving faster and faster each month. I saw on Facebook, the other day, "Only XXX Fridays until Christmas and I was appalled! Really????



Well this month already has been a busy one for the Police Department and all our great ECPAAA Volunteers. Arbor Daze was well attended and the ECPAAA looked so professional with our new banners! Thank you to Jerri, Susanna and the crew for getting all the materials together and manning the table. Also, we sold a good amount of the magnets and bracelets so that helps the "kitty". I hope we were able to generate some interest from the community for our Fall Classes.

Speaking of classes, we will have a new class graduating next week. Word has it from a reliable source, that several of the class members are very interested in joining the Alumni and getting very involved. We certainly will welcome them and look forward to working with them on our various volunteer opportunities.

The week of May 13th is Police Appreciation week and we will be assembling the goodie bags for each of the sworn officers after the meeting on Tuesday, May 15. This year we are doing something different. We asked several officers for suggestions and feedback. We hope they like our change. During that week, we encourage the ECPAAA members to stop by and visit, bake some special goodies and just let our Officers know they are truly appreciated and THEY are the reason our organization exists.

If you were not able to attend the last meeting, you may have missed the explanation of the expenditure for the Honor Guard. The request that we were able to fulfill for them this year, was to fund the trip for our Honor Guard to attend the ceremonies in Austin this week. Many of the members of the Honor Guard will be going to DC to participate in the national ceremonies. We are all so incredibly proud of our Honor Guard and they represent our City so well. The amount of work and hours they put in truly shows!!

One other project that our budget committee funded for this year is a Safe Room for the Police Department. One of the interview rooms will be converted into a room that victims or children can be interviewed, a more comfortable, less sterile environment. You will be hearing more about that project in the next few months. We are excited to be involved with this project and are so glad that the funds that we raise through the BBQ and various other fundraising events, are being put to such good use. I know that I hear constantly how much our officers and staff appreciate all our efforts. Thank you so much and keep up the good work. I hope to see all of you at the May 15th meeting and that your month is a great one! Have a great holiday weekend and please be safe! Julie

April Volunteer Hours Comparison by Lou Baum

Month of April

2017 — 464 Hours

2018 — 495 Hours

+31 Hours (+6%)

A little plus on hours, great!



Year to Date

2017 — 1760 Hours

2018 — 1636 Hours

-124 hours (-7%)

A little short, but gaining!

Thanks to all who have served our servants this past month. We are gaining ground over last year so keep it up. All you new members in both the Fire Academy and Police Academy there is much to do in both departments. Spend some time in both serving the best. Until next month be kind to one another. Lou

CPAANT Liaison — Leah Benoit - March 2018

No report on the CPAANT meeting this month because Leah and several other members went to Africa. Here are some pictures. Looks like they are having a great time. Stay tuned next month for another exciting CPAANT article.

For more information on CPAANT, visit their website at www.cpaant.org.



Pictured: Leah Benoit, Susan Vest, Kristie Wynne, Shawna De Puente.



ECPAAA Executive Board Meeting 4/17/2018

Attendees: Jerri Balkon, Leah Benoit, JR Goad, Dana, Nuber, Tom Salmi, Julie Watkins, and Office Rocky Fimbres

6:11 p.m. Meeting called to order

Old Business

- ☼ Arbor Daze still need volunteers. Julie suggested we just ask, not to pass a sign-up sheet. Need banners and tables (Rocky will bring tables, Susanna will deliver banners and copy all pamphlets for Jerri since she is first on premises. We will set-up the table next to the Police Trailer. Julie would prefer the new pamphlets be in black and white for this event in case they end up on the ground. The cost of having the company who made the banner change the design to 14 inches for the tablecloth is \$35. Julie will do it herself. If she does not get it finished in time we will use the hanging banner on the table as well as using the new standing banner next to the table. Jerri will bring a blue tablecloth as a back-up. Julie will see if Faye Stinneford has items she will let us sell like the Back The Blue bracelets and the Hofer bracelets.
- ☼ Police Appreciation Week will be the middle week of May. The cookies are ordered and the shopping for the other items will happen the week before we put together the goodie bags. We have a committee already in place and Julie will call them the week of May 13th. We may just do the stuffing of the bags after the ECPAAA General Meeting, since it falls in the same week. Julie just needs to find some sort of container for the cookies to go into for protection.
- ☼ Julie wants to do a quick commercial for the Fall Prosecutors Class that she is attending.

New Business

- ☼ Leah Benoit is moving to Tennessee next year because she has been approved by her company to work remotely from her home. She will be building a new home close to her sister on a lot she has already purchased and living with her sister until it is completed. This will be her last BBQ and it will be necessary to get a new CPAANT representative for 2019 for ECPAAA. She will be moving by the end of the year or at the latest the end of the first quarter.
- ☼ Dana will take over the volunteer hours that Leah has been doing.
- ☼ Total expenses for the Honor Guard are \$5,976.64. We budgeted \$5,000, but agreed to give them the entire amount needed.
- ☼ The total cost of the RAD uniform was \$1,531.37. Over the past couple of years, we received donations of \$649.25 towards the suit from participants in the classes. It is currently included in the Police Chief Wish Projects on the Treasurer Report.
- ☼ Still seeking information on the "safe room" status.
- ☼ Scott Peterson was paid \$5,000 for the retirement project, (the retiree pictures). This amount should take us through the next 5 years.
- ☼ We discussed a "welcome packet" for new people who will be graduating at the banquet on May 17th. They will be given them once they join and it will be a booklet without names. The executive board members will be the main contacts.

Leah Benoit made the motion to end the meeting and Dana Nuber seconded it. The meeting ended at 6:40 p.m.

ECPAAA General Meeting Notes 4/17/2018

Attendees: Jerri Balkon, Lou Baum, Byron Benoit, Leah Benoit, Eric Brunstad, Diana Deering, Roy Deering, Bill Dufinetz, Mia Estella, Cathy Galloway, Kay Good, Jerry Goad, Pete Jones, Molly Maddox, Don Martin, Linda Martin, Anniece McKanna, Nan Moulton, Dana Nuber, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Judy Rick, Thomas Salmi, Cynthia Schmidt, Barney Snitz, Faye Stinneford, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Julie Watkins, Nancy Zehelski, and Harry Zimmer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Opened with prayer and pledges led by JR Goad. Our Speaker was our own Chief – Mike Brown giving us an updates and some encouragement. By design or by default they are setting the culture of our department and will be holding themselves accountable to it. Our motto is “if service is below you, then leadership is beyond you!” The talk ended at 7:45 p.m. and we went back to the business meeting.

- Any questions about the newsletter and the minutes? Betty Priddy made a motion to accept the minutes as presented in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Faye Stinneford.

-Briefly discussed the Wish List we are given each year:

- * Total expenses for the Honor Guard are \$5,976.64. We budgeted \$5,000. - but agreed to give them the entire amount needed.
- * Scott Peterson – pictures of retirees – 10 behind \$200 each requested \$5,000 and this should last for several years. Scott Peterson was paid \$5,000 for the retirement project.
- * “Safe Room” for children with couches and play area is still in the plans but has not happened yet.

- Arbor Daze – Jerri Balkon and Susanna Whitten are manning the ECPAAA booth. Still need more volunteers. If you can help, please give Jerri your name and the time slot you can fill after the meeting.

- Police Appreciation Week will be the middle of May. We have \$1,500 to spend on 97 officers which is an increase of \$500. Special “Back The Blue” cookies have been ordered. Shopping and assembling the bags will occur in May. We will probably assemble the bags after the ECPAAA General Meeting, in the meeting room and put them in the mailboxes before we leave that evening.

- Bill Dufinetz is doing the aluminum cans for the Police Department. Just a few are showing up and he is coming 2X a week to check on them.

- We usually make about \$600 on the Warrant Roundup which is in our budget. Because we did not do that this year, we hope to make up that income with other fundraisers.

- The members that are attending the Prosecutor's Class are, Helen, Glenda and Julie. It is a 12 week class. It meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and parking is free. Amy still needs people to enroll in the fall classes.

- May 17th we have an ECPA class graduating and we are trying to get them to come and join the ECPAAA. We will need to assist them with badges/name tags/door codes once they have joined.

- We still have water left on the card and 500 more-gallon card on file. Eric and Nan are getting 8 jugs on Saturday and 3 more bottles give us a total of 14 bottles now.

- Julie mentioned that she and her husband are ordering a brick as a memorial for Ken Denne's wife, Vickie, who recently passed away. Ken has been very active in the past with our organization and known by many members of both the Police Department and Alumni. Julie mentioned that if any other members are interested personally in contributing to the brick, please contact her.

- Monday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. are the Presidential Awards at the City Hall Council Chambers. Come support the 34 recipients and enjoy a few surprises!

- We announced Leah Benoit leaving the organization at the end of the year or first quarter of next year. She is moving to Tennessee.

- Dues are only 50% paid so far.

- We read the birthday's and sang “Happy Birthday” to all the April birthday recipients.

Faye Stinneford made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Betty Priddy seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

May Upcoming Events

May 9 — Amateur Radio Euless, 7 pm, Euless Police Department, 1102 W. Euless Blvd.

May 12—Plant & Seed Swap, 1—5 pm, Historic Heritage Park, 201 Cullum Dr.

May 12—DFW Outdoor Gun Range — Class #34 firearms training. All ECPAAA members all welcome to attend. Call Chris White to attend.

May 11, 12, 18, 19 — Fill the Boot for MDA

May 13th — Police Appreciation Week. Assemble goodie bags May 15th after our General Meeting. Also, bake something special this week, send a card or just stop by and let our Euless Police Officers know how much they are appreciated.

May 13th — Mother's Day Brunch, Raven's Grille, 10:30 — 1:30, 1400 Texas Star Parkway.

May 14 — Annual Presidential Award Recipient Program, 7 pm, City Hall Council Chambers, 201 N. Ector Dr.

May 15 — ECPAAA General and Executive Board Meetings, 7 pm, Euless Police Department, 1102 W. Euless Blvd.

May 17 — Class #34 graduation banquet.

May 22 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm, Euless City Hall, 201 N. Ector Dr.

May 28 — City Holiday

SAVE THESE DATES:

Aug 1—4, Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni and Law Enforcement Annual Training in Allen, TX. For more info check the website at:

<http://texascpaaa.net/convention/>

Sept 29, ECPAAA BBQ/Dine n Dash/Auction Fund Raising Event, 6 pm, Euless Family Life Senior Center

BBQ Committee Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, June 6th

Tuesday, July 10th

Tuesday, August 7th

Tuesday, September 11th

Wednesday, September 26th

April 2018 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical — 11.75 Hours

Citizens On Patrol — 45.25 Hours

COP Car —

COP Sky Tower —

Number of Handicap Citations Issued — 8

Crime Victims Assistance Program — 1.25 Hours

Arbor Daze - 46.50 Hours

Euless Radio Club — 67 Hours

Jail — 0 Hours

Meetings — 55.5 Hours — Includes the following:

CPAANT Meeting — 4 Hours

ECPAAA Board & General Meeting — 51.5

Miscellaneous — 77.75 Hours

Speed Trailer — 0 Hours

Training — 72 (CERT)

Vehicle Maintenance — 117.5 Hours

Total — 494.50 Hours

April National Value of Volunteer Time - \$11,937.23

April Texas Value of Volunteer Time - \$12,436.68

2018 National Value of Volunteer Time - \$39,493.04

2018 Texas Value of Volunteer Time - \$41,145.40

31 Alumni Members Present at March Meeting

MAY ECPAAA BIRTHDAYS

Mary Lib Saleh

5/4

Brenda Brown

5/9

James Grau

5/11

Barney Snitz

5/19

John Koren

5/27

ECPAAA April 2018 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	April	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/17 Balance in Checking	\$25,671.41				
Back the Blue Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00
Brick Sales - Officer of the Year Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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CRUD Day		\$545.48	\$545.48	\$1,100.00	-\$554.52
Donations/Outside Income		\$65.00	\$336.56	\$500.00	-\$163.44
Fundraisers			\$17.35	\$150.00	-\$132.65
Grocery Care Cards			\$23.44	\$50.00	-\$26.56
Membership Dues		\$280.00	\$980.00	\$1,500.00	-\$520.00
Member Merchandise		\$25.00	\$62.00	\$350.00	-\$288.00
Recycle (Cans, Cartridges & Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Warrant Roundup			\$0.00	\$600.00	-\$600.00
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$14,340.00	-\$14,340.00
Total Income		\$915.48	\$1,964.83	\$28,940.00	-\$26,975.17
Total	\$25,671.41	\$27,636.24	\$27,636.24		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	April	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			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$8,000.00	-\$8,000.00
Bricks			\$0.00	\$800.00	-\$800.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
CPAANT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$81.17	\$500.00	-\$418.83
Office Supplies			\$34.71	\$500.00	-\$465.29
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$0.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
Police Chief Wish Projects		\$5,000.00	\$6,531.37	\$7,500.00	-\$968.63
Police Honor Guard			\$5,976.64	\$5,000.00	\$976.64
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$232.45	\$450.00	-\$217.55
President Awards			\$240.29	\$300.00	-\$59.71
Social Events			\$199.52	\$500.00	-\$300.48
TCPAAA Convention			\$0.00	\$135.00	-\$135.00
Water by the Gallon			\$400.00	\$1,000.00	-\$600.00
Total Expenses		\$5,000.00	\$13,721.15	\$28,940.00	-\$15,218.85
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$13,915.09		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$11,843.99		\$11,843.99		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.10	\$0.40		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$11,844.39		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$25,759.48		