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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
eulesscpa@sbcglobal.net

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](http://www.ecpaaa.org/event.htm)

OCTOBER SPEAKER

CHIEF MIKE BROWN, Euless PD

If you are interested in learning what the “4 Rules of Life” are and what the “100-0 Principle” is all about, then come to the October 19th meeting to find out. The Chief spoke about these two topics at the Citizens Police Academy Alumni of North Texas (CPAANT) meeting that was held on September 11th in Euless. He did such a great job that we have asked him to come and give the speech to the ECPAAA. To learn a little more about the Chief, read his biography on page 5.

Thank You from Lt. Joe Kraft

I just want to pass on that I spent September 15th with a team of people from FEMA, SBA, Texas Division of Emergency Management, and Tarrant County Emergency Management. They remarked over and over again how great it was to be handed a spreadsheet with all the residential addresses and the damage assessments and the overall accuracy of it. They asked who was responsible for it and I told them that it was a team effort of our City Building Official and his Inspections Team, our City GIS Manager and our CERT Volunteers. They assured me that their being impressed and grateful was sincere and they had never experienced such a complete and helpful product in any jurisdiction before.

Thank you to each of you who had a part in working on that and putting it together!!

BBQ DINNER/SILENT AUCTION

The September 18th event was a huge success. This was our biggest turnout — with around 200 in attendance. We were able to raise **\$7,714** for our Police Department — so Chief send us your wish list! Thanks to everyone on the committee and to all of the extra helpers in setting up for the event and cleaning up afterwards. We are looking forward to next year's event and hope you are too!

Our Mission: To provide the citizens of Euless a better understanding of the dedication and integrity of the police department.

FROM THE CHIEF

What an event filled few weeks we've had. In my estimation, I think we made it through it all with flying colors. The BBQ Fund Raiser was a tremendous success!! A huge THANKS to everyone who sold tickets, stacked chairs, cooked, cleaned or just leaned on their friends and neighbors to attend. The auction items were the best yet. I do not know how you are going to top this next year, but I have every confidence that you will find a way. It was a great night for me. Anicia got so excited and started bidding on something that she had no idea of what it was. She bid over \$300 on an item that turned out to be a brief case made out of a pair of men's underwear. That was the funniest thing I'd seen in a long time. Thanks Judy and Dick for the great laugh. It was a magical night of fun, food and friends. I feel sorry for you if you missed it.

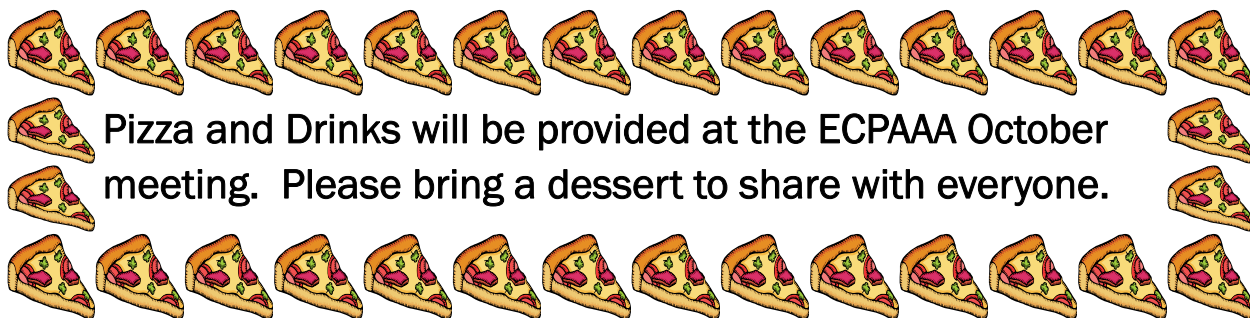
Our Open House went off without a hitch. We cooked over 600 hot dogs, gave away pounds of pop corn and an ocean of snow cones. Thanks to each of you who were able to share that special day with us. I told the staff here at the PD that this was the first time that I went through the entire day of greeting the public that I didn't run into someone who had a concern, suggestion or gripe about the police department. All I heard all day was, "Thank You for what you do for us!" I can't tell you what a great day that was for me. I think it speaks volumes to the tremendous servants that make up the Euless Police Department. When I talk about the people who make up the Euless Police Department I am talking about you too. If it were not for you we could never pull off half the things we do. I accepted the thanks for a lot of work that I didn't do, but was done by a group of people who are willing to remain in the background and be simply satisfied that their hard work was greatly appreciated by everyone.

National Night Out was another great event. Thanks to each of you who were able to host an event. I hope we made it by your NNO observance; what a special evening for this entire community. And another big thanks to those of you who came out and help us spread crime prevention message that night. It's always great to have our COP car out and about on NNO! It's even better to see the number of volunteers who were driving from group to group taking the time at each stop to spread the message of community involvement and safety.

Another huge thanks to each of you for all you do!

Your Servant,

Mike



Pizza and Drinks will be provided at the ECPAAA October meeting. Please bring a dessert to share with everyone.

Voting on ECPAAA Code of Conduct will occur at the October meeting. Please visit our website to look over the Code of Conduct — <http://www.ecpaaa.org/docs/conduct.pdf>.



**Sgt. Eric
Starnes**

Respect Will Carry You Home
An Excerpt from
Finish Strong: Teen Athlete...Developing the
Champion Within
by Dan Green

Western Oregon University's Sara Tucholsky had no idea that the first - and, as it turns out, only - homerun of her career would cause ripples that would make her last swing of the bat as a college softball player a national media sensation.

With two runners on and her team down a run to Central Washington University, Sara hit a homerun to centerfield. As she rounded first base, she missed the bag. When she turned to tag the base, she injured her knee. Able only to crawl back to the base, Sara was told that she would be called out if her teammates came to her aid. If a pinch runner checked into the game, her homerun would count only as a single.

Players and fans alike were stunned when Central Washington first baseman Mallory Holtman, the conference's all-time home-run leader, asked the umpire if there was any rule against opponents helping an injured player around the bases.

She was told that there was not. Together, Holtman and short-stop Liz Wallace picked up Tucholsky and carried her around the bases, stopping at each bag to allow Sara to touch it with her good leg. "It was the right thing to do," Holtman said in an interview on national television, after the respectful act of sportsmanship had been witnessed by millions on ESPN and had become a YouTube sensation.

The three runs sent Western Oregon to a 4-2 victory, ending Central Washington's chances of winning the conference and advancing to the playoffs.

"It's a great story," Western Oregon coach Pam Knox said, "something I'll never forget - the game's about character and integrity and sportsmanship, and it's not always about winning and losing."

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**From the
President —
Pete Jones**



I want to thank all the members of ECPAAA for making this year's BBQ a resounding success. A special thanks to the BBQ team under Leah Benoit's leadership. A good team and leader always mean success and we had a "great" team. Those attending noted that we have outgrown our old meeting place. Next year we will move to a new location and I'm sure we can fill it again.

Thanks to all who volunteer. We put in 511.75 hours of volunteering in September. That brings our total hours for 2010 to 4,627, with a value of \$96,472.95.

Sandi and I will not be at the October meeting on the 19th. We have a previous commitment that we must attend. Our thoughts will be with you as you hear Chief Brown speak. He gave an excellent message to the CPAANT group at their September meeting and I'm sure his talk with you will be inspiring. I'm sure I'll hear about it when we get back.

The yearly nominations for ECPAAA officers will begin in October with elections following in November. Open offices are: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Those wishing to serve on the board please contact one of the nominating Committee Members listed below.

Renee Bierschenk - rmb21@sbcglobal.net - (817) 571-5270
 Bobbie Davis - b.j.davis1@att.net - (817) 267-4120
 Clarence Davis - c.r.davis1@att.net - (817) 267-4120
 Sue Kosec - kosec@sbcglobal.net - (817) 358-0488

Remember, without your involvement nothing is possible; with you, the sky's the limit.

Sandi and I will see you in November.

Pete

Who have you asked back to the ECPAAA?

Upcoming Events

Oct 16 — Stars Over Eules—Noble Planetarium, 8 pm, Bob Eden Park, 901 W. Mid-Cities Blvd. (see <http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/StarsOverEules.htm> for more information on event)

Oct 18 — ECPAAA Social at Freddy's Frozen Custard, 4:00—8:00 pm; Highway 121 and Glade Road (last social of the year —will resume with socials next year)

Oct 19 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7 pm, Police Station

Oct 26 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

Nov 6 — CPAANT Meeting, Flower Mound (location & directions can be found on www.cpaant.org)

Nov 9 — City Council Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall

Nov 11 — CERT Training, Refresher on Medical Ops and Triage by EMS Fire Chief Jeff Morris, 6:30 -10:00 pm, Eules Municipal Court Room

Nov 16 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7 pm, Police Station

September 2010 Volunteer Hours

CFPA/CERT Class - 34 Hours 0 Minutes

CID Clerical - 13 Hours 0 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol - 68 Hours 45 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued - 0

Number of Handicap Warnings Issued - 0

Number of Junk Vehicles Written - 0

Courts - 22 Hours 30 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program - 6 Hours 45 Minutes

Jail - 40 Hours 0 Minutes

Meetings/Training - 63 Hours 30 Minutes

Includes the following:

CPAANT Meeting - 20 Hours 30 Minutes

ECPAAA General Meeting - 39 Hours 0 Minutes

Miscellaneous - 180 Hours 30 Minutes

Includes the following:

CERT Damage Assessment - 21 Hours 15 Minutes

Speed Trailer - 17 Hours 15 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance - 59 Hours 0 Minutes

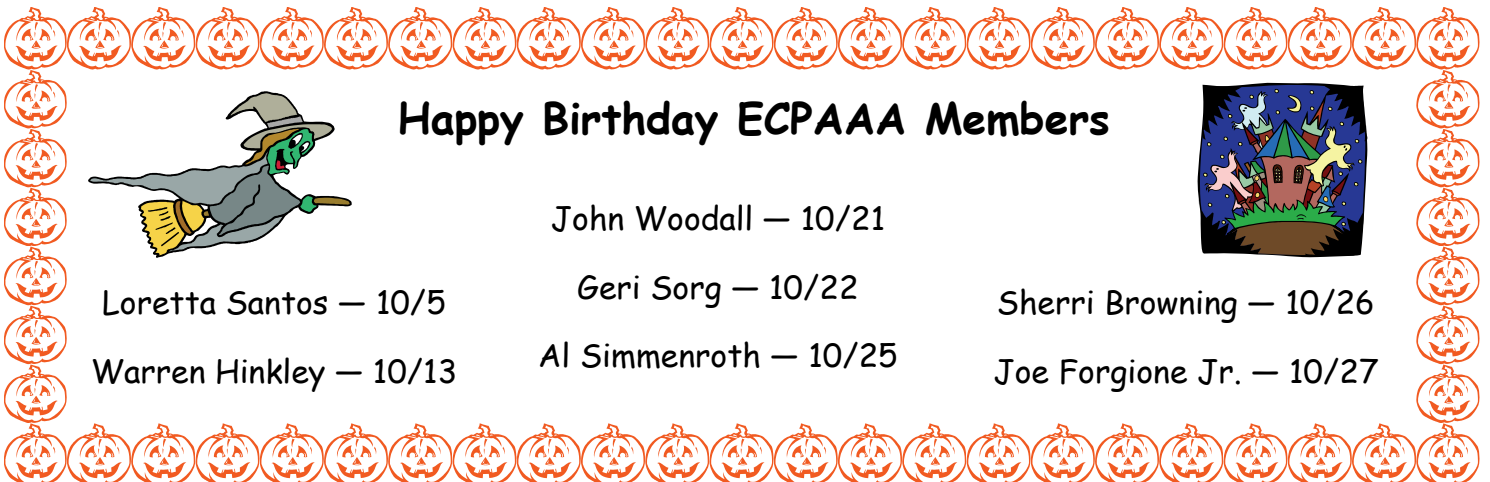
Watering of Plants - 6 Hours 30 Minutes

Total - 511 Hours 45 Minutes

Value of Volunteer Time — \$10,663.73

Year-to-Date Value of Volunteer Time — \$96,472.95

September Meeting — 29 Alumni Members Present



Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

John Woodall — 10/21

Geri Sorg — 10/22

Sherri Browning — 10/26

Loretta Santos — 10/5

Al Simmenroth — 10/25

Joe Forgione Jr. — 10/27

Warren Hinkley — 10/13

Officer Biography Chief Mike Brown

Date of Biography: October 1, 2010

Current title with EPD: Chief of Police

Year started with the EPD: October 1, 1975

Where were you born? Comanche, Texas

In what city do you currently live? Euless

Tell me a little about your family, spouse, children (ages), grandchildren, pets, etc. I have a tremendous family. My wife, Anicia, is the most talented person I have ever met. She has a passion for theater and for helping young people discover the magic of performance. My oldest son, Clint, is a very good man. He works for the Hyatt Hotel chain as an Assistant Manager, and I always enjoy watching the way he interacts with the guest at his hotel. He is amazing to watch! My daughter, Aja, is following in her mother's footsteps. She recently graduated from Oklahoma City University with a degree in Theatrical Performance, and just moved to Chicago to break into the entertainment business. My youngest son, Leland, is in the 7th grade at Harwood Junior High. He, like his mother and sister, is an accomplished theater performer, but his current passion is playing football. He is an outstanding student and an all around great kid.

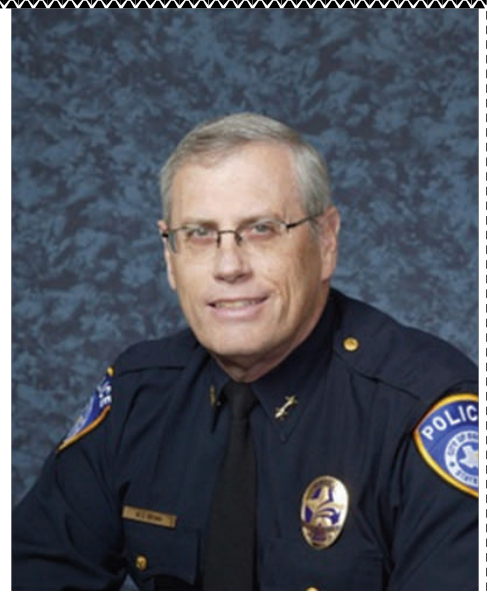
What are your hobbies? When I am not working I like to play music.

What is your favorite part of being a police officer? The best part of being a police officer is when I have to ability to help someone. We usually don't get to see people when everything in their life is going great, we usually run into people who are struggling with one or more challenges in their lives. There is no greater sense of accomplishment for me than to be able to help these people get their lives back on track.

Any interesting or little-known facts about yourself... I'm a huge fan of "The Deadliest Catch!"

Who is your favorite celebrity? Robert Duvall

What is your favorite food? Whatever my wife fixes... But I'll never turn down Mexican, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Pilipino or most any other kind of food. I didn't get this big by not eating....)



Sgt. Eric Starnes — Continued from Page 3

As it turns out, the players who helped Sara had no idea of the circumstances surrounding the at-bat, or that the story would make headlines around the country. "We didn't know that she was a senior or that this was her first home run," Wallace said Wednesday. "That makes the story more touching than it was. We just wanted to help her." The gesture left Sara's Western Oregon teammates in tears. "I hope I would do the same for her in the same situation," Sara said. Central Washington coach Gary Frederick called the act of sportsmanship "unbelievable."

"In the end, it is not about winning and losing so much," Holtman, who initiated the act, said. "It was about this girl. She hit it over the fence and was in pain, and she deserved a homerun."

ALUMNI CORNER



Spotlight on Barney Snitz

by Rosemarie Stevens



After graduating from high school, Barney joined the Air Force. Four years later, he returned to his parents in Kansas City, Missouri, where his father got him a job with Fisher Body Auto Works. Because that job was so hard on him, Barney decided to find his own job. He trained and became an air traffic controller for the FAA. He worked for them in many capacities for over 34 years and retired on April 1, 1994. During his 16-year retirement,

Barney has made so many wonderful friends that almost everywhere he goes, he sees someone he knows.

Fitting the true definition of a volunteer, Barney spends his time serving a variety of organizations with the goal of making Euless a better place to live. He has assisted with nearly every special event the city hosts including the Texas Trash Off, Arbor Daze, the Bicycle Rodeo, and the Halloween Festival. In addition, he serves on the Euless Library Board and the Euless Library Foundation. He is also an active member of both the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and the Citizens Fire Academy Alumni Association. He is a graduate of the Community Emergency Response Team and serves on the Euless Local Law Enforcement Advisory Board, Citizens on Patrol and the Fire Rehab Unit.



Barney and Byron after finishing a marathon in Austin

Barney has been a volunteer teacher in the Tarrant County College Senior Education Program for more than 12 years; he has been a DFW Airport Ambassador for over 8 years and sits on the Ambassador Advisory Board. He has also completed the DFW Airport Civilian Police Academy.

Barney loves to exercise and running is at the top of the list of his favorite activities. He has completed the Boston Marathon and spends time training for other athletic endeavors. We must ask him where he finds the time and energy.

Barney married his lovely wife Ann Marie April 14, 1972, and they have three children and four grandchildren. The family gets together every Sunday for supper. He says that Ann Marie is a wonderful cook and the Sunday meal with family is very special.

We are certainly fortunate to have Barney as a member of our CPAAA family and thank him for his continued dedication, enthusiasm and loving service.

CPAANT— October 2, 2010

Arlington, Texas

By Geri Sorg

The October CPAANT meeting was held in Arlington; we were welcomed by Chief T. Bowman. Our speaker was retired Arlington PD Chaplain Harold Elliott. He gave us an uplifting talk on the "joy of volunteering; which is giving in action"! We had 10 cities represented along with members from Watauga CPAAA attending as "visitors". CPAANT hopes Watauga will become a member city also!

Our November meeting will be held in Flower Mound; please feel free to come and join me.

For more information on CPAANT, please visit our web site www.cpaant.org.

EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2010

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

Members Present:

Lou Baum, Vicki Baum, Leah Benoit, Renee Bierschenk, Sherri Browning, Stephanie Carroll, Bobbie Davis, Clarence Davis, Loretta Doty, Steve Doty, Sharon Finnegan, Joe Forgione, JR Goad, Marian Goethe, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Sue Kosec, Pat McDowell, Donna Mickan, Dawn Nisbet, Betty Overstreet, Lisa Potter, Judy Rick, Dick Rick, Al Simmenroth, Susan Vest, Helen Wagner and Julie Watkins.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & TEXAS ALLEGIANCE:
J.R. Goad

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CPAANT meeting was a success and Pete Jones said we are really lucky to belong to the group we do. He thanked everyone who brought snacks for the meeting.

Al Simmenroth talked about his working with Scott Peterson on a new logo for our group.

Eric Starnes showed us the new ID cards and told how all organizations or groups would be on one card instead of having to have a new card every time you joined a new group.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made to accept the Minutes of the Last Meeting by Loren Johnson and seconded by Joe Forgione. Members voted and minutes were accepted.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Susan Vest and seconded by Julie Watkins. Group voted and motion was passed.

Leah Benoit announced that we made \$7,713.70 on our barbeque. She explained that we need to spend some money and Pete Jones announced that we have a few ideas we will be bringing up tonight and next month. The Mayor let us know that next year we can use the new facility for our barbeque.

Leah Benoit stated the Chief has asked for \$2,343.03 in funds to purchase another Red Man Suit. Discussion ensued and then Sandi Jones made a motion to purchase the suit, with Julie Watkins making a second. Group voted and motion was passed.

Pete Jones announced CART was having a training day this coming Saturday at the Colleyville Senior Center from 9AM to 1PM.

Pete Jones announced we received a letter from the Events Coordinator of the city stating that the Parade of Lights would be held December 4th. There will be a meeting November 15th to plan.

JR Goad announced he needed volunteers for the following:
Crud Day
Open House
Euless Parade of Lights
Oct 11th Trinity Homecoming Parade
Oct 5th National Night Out

Lou Baum talked about the new car that Alan Samuels Dodge is giving us, a 2011 Journey. Lou stated that the ECPAAA Board is trying to get with Scott Peterson and come up with a new logo, which we plan to put on shirts and the new car.

Loretta Doty came forward and made a pitch for the 2011 Firewomen Calendar. She sold them for \$15.00.

Pete Jones said thank you to all the CERT and ECPAAA volunteers who worked to assess the storm damage last week. Al Simmenroth told about the huge snake they saw while assessing the damage.

Pete Jones brought up the By-Laws that we had to vote on. He explained what they were and Leah Benoit made a motion to accept the changes; Sandi Jones seconded the motion. The group voted and the By-Law changes were accepted.

Pete Jones let the group know that next month we would be voting on accepting the change in the Code of Conduct for our group. It will be sent out via email and put on the website so that everyone can read it and know what they are voting on.

Pat McDowell made a motion to close the meeting at 7:55PM Clarence Davis seconded the motion. Everyone said "AYE" and the meeting was closed.



September 2010 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	September	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/09 Balance in Checking	\$13,459.87				
Afghan Fundraiser		\$35.00	\$205.00	\$0.00	\$205.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction		\$6,114.10	\$7,269.10	\$4,000.00	\$3,269.10
Brick Sales			\$35.00	\$200.00	-\$165.00
CRUD Day			\$700.00	\$1,200.00	-\$500.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$1,175.01	\$0.00	\$1,175.01
Grocery Care Cards		\$10.66	\$51.26	\$100.00	-\$48.74
Membership Dues			\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00	\$300.00
Member Merchandise			\$31.25	\$0.00	\$31.25
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)		\$100.00	\$213.40	\$200.00	\$13.40
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$350.00	\$500.00	-\$150.00
Note: Funds from the Electronics Recycling Program are allocated to the PALS Summer Camp.					
Restaurant Fund Raisers		\$120.00	\$674.03	\$0.00	\$674.03
Warrant Roundup			\$1,050.00	\$1,300.00	-\$250.00
Total Income		\$6,379.76	\$13,254.05	\$8,700.00	\$4,554.05
Total	\$13,459.87	\$26,713.92	\$26,713.92		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	September	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day		\$24.36	\$249.36	\$250.00	-\$0.64
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
BBQ Silent Auction		\$1,330.27	\$1,332.05	\$1,300.00	\$32.05
Bricks			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CPANNT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$69.95	\$125.00	-\$55.05
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$67.00	\$200.00	-\$133.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Office Supplies			\$40.97	\$150.00	-\$109.03
PALS Summer Camp			\$1,009.74	\$1,000.00	\$9.74
Police Appreciation Week			\$394.95	\$400.00	-\$5.05
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$7,061.65	\$2,875.00	\$4,186.65
Police Clown Program			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$46.21	\$200.00	-\$153.79
President Awards			\$93.00	\$50.00	\$43.00
Social Events			\$19.12	\$300.00	-\$280.88
Water by the Gallon			\$420.00	\$1,000.00	-\$580.00
Web Site/Domain Name			\$204.68	\$75.00	\$129.68
Total Expenses		\$1,354.63	\$11,033.68	\$8,700.00	\$2,333.68
Funds Available in Checking			\$15,680.24		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Savings Account			\$10,003.63		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.32	\$2.91		
Funds Available in Savings			\$10,006.54		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$25,686.78		

