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Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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2014 Officers

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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
lbenoit@vha.com

Submissions are due the first day
of each month.

Link to ECPAAA Web Page

<http://www.ecpaaa.org>

Ice Cream Social



As the Autumn season begins on
September 22, let's wrap-up the
Summer with an Ice Cream Social at the
September 16th meeting. All ice cream
and toppings will be provided by the ECPAAA.



Congratulations to the 2013 Presidential Volunteer Award Recipients

Bronze Awards

Jerri Balkon
Melody Balkon
Sherri Browning
Janet Delph
Steve Doty
Jerry "JR" Goad
Loren Johnson
Jerrie Keller
Betty Overstreet
Jud Park
Judy Rick
David Shanahan
Al Simmenroth
Barney Snitz

Silver Awards

Leah Benoit
Ken Denne
Loretta Doty
Sue Kosec

Gold Awards

Eric Bessemer
Don Martin
Faye Stinneford
ECFAAA
ECPAAA

Lifetime Awards

Leon Hogg
Mary Lib Saleh

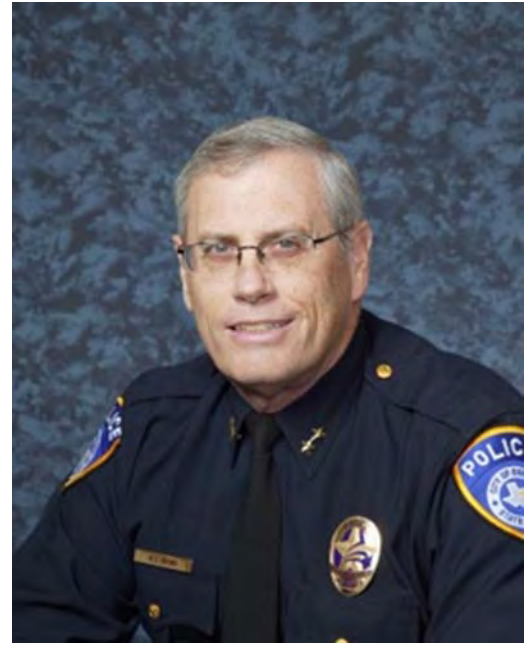
There is a lot of
behind-the-scenes
work that goes
into the prepara-
tion of the awards
ceremony and a
huge THANK YOU
goes to Lou Baum
for organizing this
event.

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

Labor Day has passed us by so I guess that means summer has officially ended! It was a good one, not as hot as last year, which turned out to be a good thing for our officers. As you know, the heat can take a toll on an officer if they are called upon to be out in the elements for any length of time. The four officers we have that came to us from NYPD got just a little taste of the Texas heat, but overall it was a very mild summer. Thankfully!!!!

As we move into fall it's a busy time for us here at the PD. School has started and all the challenges that go along with that. We have to train all the School Crossing Guards, make sure all the School Zone signs are in place and working properly. Then we have a new set of parents learning the traffic patterns around each school, it usually takes about three weeks for everyone to get acclimated to how the traffic is supposed to flow. We are about two weeks into the school year and we have not had any major issues. A huge thanks goes out to our Crossing Guards and our Patrol Officers who spend a lot of time in and around our school zones.



We have the DEA Drug Take Back event on September 27th, Open House on Saturday, October 4th and National Night Out on Tuesday, October 7th.

The DEA Drug Take Back event will be hosted here at the PD. This is where the public can dispose of any out of date or no longer needed prescription medication they may have around the house. This is a great opportunity for the public to properly dispose of prescribed medication. We could use a few volunteers to help the NPOs with this event. It will be a tremendous opportunity for the CPAAA members to meet the public and help us provide a much needed service.

Our Open House is Saturday the 4th of October. We will open the doors to the building from 10 am until 2 pm and give the community a chance to come inside, tour the building and meet many of the servants who work here. If you have a few minutes that Saturday please consider spending some of them with us. I firmly believe that there is no better message to send the public than that of getting involved and giving a little back to the community where you live. Each of you are the embodiment of volunteerism and leading a life of service to others. I want the entire community to see you, meet you and then join you, and come to know the joy you feel when you serve others. We have such a tremendous group of volunteers and employees that it's almost a crime if our message of service and commitment to the community it not spread throughout the city.

If you are a member of a Neighborhood Watch Group in your neighborhood, please consider organizing a National Night Out (NNO) event. National Night Out is Tuesday October 7th, most of these events don't start until around 6 pm that evening. If you don't have a Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood this is the perfect time to kick one off! It's a great way to meet your neighbors and get everyone thinking about crime prevention. On NNO representatives of the Police and Fire Departments will be going through the community visiting the NNO events that have registered with Tony and the boys in the NPO office. Please let us know if you, or your neighborhood, are having a NNO event; we don't want to miss a single event. This has become a great evening of fun and education throughout this community and we look forward to it every year. Please help us to make this year's event the largest ever. As you know, Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective crime prevention programs we have ever implemented. As they say, it works every time it's used. I think our Neighborhood Watch program is one of the main ingredients that makes Euless such a special place to live.

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From the President — John Luna

Our summer is over and we will begin to enjoy less days of hot weather. We enjoyed an interesting tour of Africa at our August meeting. Pete and Sandi, through their pictures, shared their experience of Zula Nyala. The beautiful scenes, seeing the wild animals and seeing the people who live in another country made us realize that we are grateful we live in Euless. The next four months will be a busy time for our ECPAAA (our = all of us) with activities such as drug return, open house, CRUD, parades, BBQ and others. We need each other in order for the few not to do all the work. Please sign up to help - you are needed.



A quote, "You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."
—Jane Goodall

From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown — *continued from page 2*

It's the concept of neighbor looking after neighbor that helps keep our crime rate low and our sense of community strong. Please help keep this valuable program working in this community. I know the trend throughout the nation is to rely on social media to communicate and expand your reach, but nothing beats a good old fashion handshake and personal introduction to cement a sense of community.

I didn't even get to talk about the presidential awards and I've already ran out of space. Suffice it to say it was a great evening, Thanks Lou Baum. A huge thanks to each of you who give us the minutes that add up to the hours that adds up to a community full of volunteers who care.

Thanks for all you do!!

Your Servant,
Mike

EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES — AUGUST 19, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:21 pm.

Attendees: Leah Benoit, J. R. Goad, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, John Luna, Anniece McKanna, Rose-Marie Stevens, Peggy Vandiver, Julie Watkins and Liaison Sr. Cpl. Tony Burnett

In general, John went over the agenda for tonight's meeting with the membership which includes discussions about the BBQ/Auction, the volunteer recognition meeting, the 911 dispatcher recognition and other upcoming events for which J. R. will have sign-up sheets, and the Texas CPAAA conference.

Leah has tickets for the BBQ/Auction for distribution to the membership and generic letters to be given to potential contributors to the auction. Julie relayed a request from Lou Baum that the membership be asked to provide light refreshments for those attending the volunteer recognition meeting. She also indicated that City Manager, Gary McKamie, will officiate. It was decided that we would have an ice cream social for the membership during the September meeting. The Board will pay for the ice cream.

Tony mentioned that he was happy to see that we were laughing more this year, and we seemed to be having more fun. Tony also told us about the Back Pack Drive sponsored by Six Stones that is scheduled for Saturday, August 23, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Peggy announced that City Council member Glenn Porterfield passed away August 16.

Julie moved and Leah second the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Sept 10 — Child Safety Seat Check Point, 10:00 am— 2:00 pm, Eules SuperTarget, 1401 W. Glade Road

Sept 11 — Observance Ceremony, 9:00 am, Memorial in Front of Eules Fire Administration, 201 N. Ector Drive

Sept 12-14—Eules Library Foundation (ELF) Book Sale, 201 N. Ector Drive —For More Information Visit <http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/BookSale.htm>

Sept 15 — BBQ Dinner/Auction Event Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

Sept 16 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

Sept 22 — Trinity High School Homecoming Parade

Sept 23 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Sept 27 — Hazardous Material Collection Day (CRUD), 9:00 am—11:00 am, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

Sept 27 — Disposal of Unwanted Medication, 10:0 am— 2:00 pm, Eules Police Department, 1102 W. Eules Boulevard

Oct 4 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 Noon, Fort Worth (for location & directions visit www.cpaant.org)

Oct 4 — Eules Police Department Open House, 10:00 am— 2:00 pm, 1102 W. Eules Boulevard

Oct 7 — National Night Out, Please Contact Tony Burnett at 817-685-1685 if you plan on having a Party

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

Upcoming Events *continued*

Oct 13 — BBQ Dinner/Auction Event Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

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

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

August 2014 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical — 20 Hours 0 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol — 83 Hours 15 Minutes

Includes the following:

COP Car — 83 Hours 15 Minutes

COP Sky Tower — 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued — 7

Courts — 5 Hours 45 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program — 7 Hour 0 Minutes

Eules Radio Club — 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Jail — 10 Hours 15 Minutes

Meetings — 69 Hours 0 Minutes

Includes the following:

ECPAAA Meeting — 69 Hours 0 Minutes

Miscellaneous — 45 Hours 30 Minutes

Speed Trailer — 5 Hours 0 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance — 98 Hours 45 Minutes

Watering of Plants — 6 Hours 0 Minutes

Grand Total — 350 Hours 30 Minutes

August National Value of Volunteer Time — \$7,903.78

2014 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$72,756.45

August Meeting — 30 Alumni Members Present

Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Terry Martin — 9/3

Chris Marz — 9/14

Pete Jones — 9/17

Minuet Balkon — 9/21

Byron Benoit — 9/22

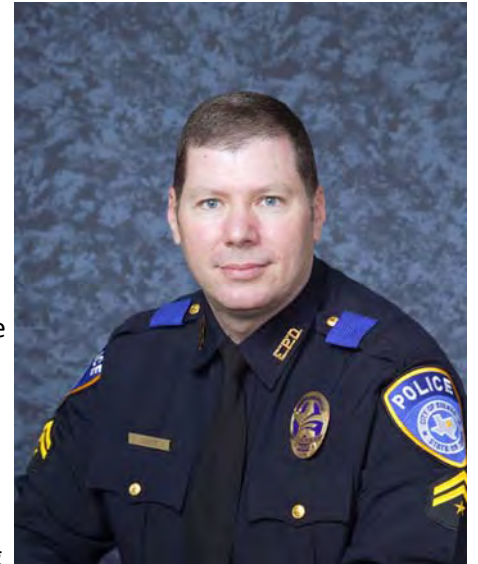
John Luna — 9/22

Connie Scott — 9/25

EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

It was good to see those of you that made it to the August meeting. For many of you, that's the only time I get to see you. If you have not considered hosting a National Night Out party on October 7th, please do so. We will be out in force that evening visiting with your neighbors so don't miss out. Organize a party and let's show the community how involved our Alumni is. Also, Open House will be Saturday, October 4th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, so please make a point to support the Association at their table or come by and say hello. We will have all the hotdogs you can eat!

I am always impressed by the number of hours you give us each year. This year was no different as made evident by the awards presented at the Presidential Award Ceremony on August 28th. Congratulations to all of you and especially to Leon Hogg and Mary Lib Saleh for receiving the Lifetime Award.



JR Goad has acquired a GPS unit for the COP car that should be useful in navigating to vacation watches around town. Thanks JR, I'm sure everyone will find that helpful. Leah, thank you for all the work you do on these newsletters and the many numerous behind the scenes work you do for us, you are an unsung hero. I saw Faye, Helen and Betty Overstreet up here this week helping out- thank you ladies. Mark Hummert and Brenda Brown called me and offered to help with the new Cadet program- thanks to both of you. Ken Denne, I cannot thank you enough for all the help and counseling you provide me. Ken is always available at a moment's notice to help where he can, deploy the speed trailer and offer me listening therapy when needed. He has never given me bad advice except for that time he told me to invest in a Llama farm. Victor Gaut, Ken Olmstead and Eric Bessemer are keeping our cars running.... I could go on forever because I didn't mention Loren Johnson, Julie Watkins, John Luna, Lou Baum... but I think you get the point. You are an incredible group of people and I am proud to be your Liaison with the Police Department. You all deserve recognition for the time you put into making this department better.

When I see on television where there is a line of police and a line of citizens across from them squaring off I cannot help but feel sick. Nobody is a winner in that situation, the police or the community. Relationships are everything in this business because it's not a matter if something will happen but when. So when a major event happens, will the community understand the police's actions and trust those actions or will they jump to criticize because of an adversarial relationship? I commend all of you for taking an interest in your police force. You know us, you are here and that goes a long way when a major event occurs. I commend our Chief and command staff for being transparent and placing a very high priority on that relationship. At the end of the day I feel that I work for you and all these bosses up here just guide us in that process. When lines form I always wonder who each side thinks the other is serving.

National 911 Day



Let's show how much we appreciate our Euless 911 Dispatchers by thanking them for the tough job they do every day. Feel free to bring them treats this week.

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2014**

The meeting opened with prayer and pledges to the United States and Texas flags at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, Sharon Finnegan, Jerry Goad, Marian Goethe, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, John Luna, Don Martin, Joyce Maxwell, Anniece McKanna, Barbara Niziolek, Betty Overstreet, Jason Reyes, Judy Rick, Barney Snitz, Rose-Marie Stevens, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Helen Wagner, Julie Watkins

Old Business

Melody Balkon and Sandi Jones moved and seconded a motion to approve the minutes; the minutes were approved.

New Business

BBQ/Auction — Leah Benoit reported that 86 items have been contributed with a value of over \$17,000. The committee anticipates receiving 30 more items. Leah also reported that \$3,000 has been donated for expenses. Leah had tickets for distribution to the membership, and John asked that everyone try to sell 16 tickets. Leah also offered generic letters of request that members can give to potential auction contributors. The tickets are still \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The price will have to increase next year as the cost of meat has increased drastically. Leah indicated that help will be needed for setup on Friday, November 7, starting at 2:00 p.m. The event will be held Saturday, November 8, from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Convention Report — Sandi and Pete Jones, Tony Burnett and Leah Benoit attended the Texas CPAAA conference in July. They shared some of the topics discussed in the classes and encouraged us to attend the conference scheduled for next year in El Paso. They reported that over 340 people attended the conference in San Marcos, and that it was well worth the time they spent there.

Tony Burnett — Tony told us that there will be several changes made in the Department starting in October as several promotional exams have been posted. Tony also indicated that officers will be involved in several activities scheduled for the coming weekend. Chris White and James Gordon will be manning a table at the Back Pack Drive sponsored by Six Stones and Campus West on Saturday, August 23, starting at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of this event is to distribute back packs and school supplies to children. Any members who would like to assist must pre-register on the Six Stones web site. Tony will be assisting at the opening of the HEB Tech Center. The new Tech Center is located west of the Pat May Center near Pennington Field.

General Items — John Luna reported that he and Don Martin were able to attend the swearing in of four new Euless police officers. J. R. talked about the various volunteer opportunities coming up and passed around sign-up sheets. The events are listed in the minutes of the Executive Board. The membership was told they would be treated to ice cream during the September 16 meeting.

Recognition of Volunteers — Lou Baum talked about the ceremony honoring volunteers scheduled for Thursday, August 28, at City Hall, starting at 7:00 p.m. City Manager, Gary McKamie, will be the guest speaker. Members were asked to bring refreshments for the reception.

Guest Speakers—Pete and Sandi Jones gave a very interesting presentation about their Zulu Nyala Safari adventure. They had great stories and beautiful pictures. This same trip is being offered as one of the items in this year's BBQ/Auction, and Pete and Sandi agreed that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and encouraged us to consider placing a bid on the opportunity.

Peggy Vandiver moved and Pete Jones seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

The ECPAAA BBQ Dinner and Auction Committee Meeting Schedule

September 15th / October 13th / November 3rd

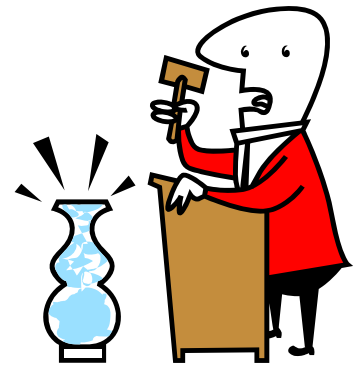
All meetings are on Monday nights and will start at 7:00 pm and usually last about an hour or two. If you would like to be on the committee, please feel free to attend any of the meetings.



Golf Shafts

Zula Nyala African Safari

Mystery Box



Fort Worth Stockyards Rodeo

HIS AND HERS HANDCRAFTED APRONS Bear Chainsaw Wood Carving

Ride in EPD Patrol Car in Parade of Lights

CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg

Next meeting will take place in Fort Worth on October 4th.

For additional information on the Citizen Police Academy Alumni of North Texas, please visit <http://www.cpaant.org/>.



August Volunteer Hours Comparison By Lou Baum

Month	Year-to-Date
2014 — 350 Hours	2014 — 3,226 Hours
2013 — 342 Hours	2013 — 3,564 Hours
A Gain for the Month	9% Decrease

Thanks to those who made time to support the 2013 Presidential Volunteer Awards Presentation this past week. Congratulations to the recipients of this awesome award. Thanks for each minute, as the Chief says, that you give this organization. Keep up the great service. Come on BBQ time. Sell those tickets!

August 2014 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	August	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/13 Balance in Checking	\$6,080.52				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction		\$470.00	\$470.00	\$10,000.00	-\$9,530.00
Brick Sales			\$1,050.00	\$35.00	\$1,015.00
Craigslist Fundraiser			\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
CRUD Day			\$700.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$928.31	\$500.00	\$428.31
Grocery Care Cards			\$104.28	\$40.00	\$64.28
Membership Dues		\$10.00	\$1,670.00	\$1,600.00	\$70.00
Member Merchandise			\$22.00	\$150.00	-\$128.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers			\$26.00	\$250.00	-\$224.00
Warrant Roundup			\$1,900.00	\$840.00	\$1,060.00
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
Total Income		\$480.00	\$7,170.59	\$27,705.00	-\$20,534.41
Total	\$6,080.52	\$13,251.11	\$13,251.11		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	August	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$325.00	-\$325.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$150.00	\$500.00	-\$350.00
BBQ Silent Auction		\$0.55	\$0.55	\$5,000.00	-\$4,999.45
Bricks			\$750.00	\$300.00	\$450.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
CPAANT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$1,020.99	\$250.00	\$770.99
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Memorials and Gifts		\$77.93	\$77.93	\$150.00	-\$72.07
Office Supplies			\$158.73	\$300.00	-\$141.27
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$596.54	\$600.00	-\$3.46
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$0.00	\$6,000.00	-\$6,000.00
Police Honor Guard			\$0.00	\$10,000.00	-\$10,000.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$49.00	\$200.00	-\$151.00
President Volunteer Awards		\$33.76	\$162.58	\$150.00	\$12.58
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
TCPAAA Convention			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Water by the Gallon			\$476.00	\$650.00	-\$174.00
Total Expenses		\$112.24	\$3,467.32	\$27,705.00	-\$24,237.68
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$9,783.79		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,327.69		\$19,327.69		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.61	\$5.06		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$19,332.75		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$29,116.54		

Note: \$400 of Outside Donations is earmarked for RAD Equipment