



# Partners in Policing

## Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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### 2012 Officers

**President:** Loretta Doty

**1st Vice President:** Sandi Jones

**2nd Vice President:** Pete Jones

**Secretary:** Susan Vest

**Treasurer:** Steve Doty

**Parliamentarian:** Jerry Goad

**EPD Liaisons:** Captain Gary Landers  
and Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

### Committees

**Bereavement:** Sharon Finnegan

**Hospitality:** Sharon Finnegan and  
Helen Wagner

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

## ECPAAA BBQ Dinner and Auction Event — September 22

Dinner tickets are available through September 14th.

**Adults — \$10**

**Ages 5 to 13 — \$5**

**Under 5 — Free**

If you need tickets or would like to RSVP and pay at the door, please email Leah Benoit at [lbenoit@vha.com](mailto:lbenoit@vha.com).

**Flatscreen TV**  
**Trip to Gun Shooting Range with EPD**  
**Theme Baskets**  
**Gift Cards**  
**Catered Italian Dinner**  
**African Safari for Two at Zulu Nyala**  
**Lawn Mower**  
**BASEBALL COLLECTIBLES**  
**Home and Garden**

## September Ice Cream Social



Ice Cream, Ice Cream and More Ice  
Cream with Toppings  
Please feel free to bring  
cookies or brownies!



**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

School is back in session, and we are settling into our school year schedule. For us, this means adjusting our patrols to include high traffic times around our schools, getting into the rhythm of football games and after hours events at all of our schools. It will take us a few weeks to get all of our schedules linked, but we will get there.

As you might have read in the paper, the City has had to develop some strategies for fighting mosquitoes and the West Nile virus. Sadly, we have had several of our citizens become infected with this virus and we've even had one pass away due to their exposure. The City of Euless will continue to be very aggressive in our approach to mosquito eradication. The City has chosen to use ground spraying, using a fogging machine on the back of a pickup truck. We have also used this fogging machine in our city parks and along Bear Creek. We are hoping that we can have a good enough handle on this problem that it won't interfere with National Night Out events.



Speaking of National Night Out... OCTOBER 2, 2012!! Please consider hosting a NNO event in your neighborhood! This is a great way for the Police and Fire Departments to reach out to the community and educate them on all the great programs and opportunities available to each citizen. I know it's not easy getting some people to come out of their homes and meet their neighbors, but it is the most effective crime prevention program we have ever promoted. Please help us make this year's observance of NNO a huge success.

If you are willing to host a NNO event make sure you contact Tony or one of the guys in the Neighborhood Police office. They will add your name and address to the list so that a representative of either/or both the Police Department and/or the Fire Department will stop by and greet you and your neighbors on this special evening OCTOBER 2, 2012..

I know some of you have been able to host a neighborhood watch meeting over the last few months, and we thank you for taking the time to organize that meeting. If you've already hosted a meeting then you have all the ingredients you need to have a very successful NNO event. Both the Police Department and the Fire Department are out on this night, along with several of our City Council members. This is a great community evening and we look forward to it each year. Please consider helping to make this the best NNO ever!!!

Thanks again for all you do for us and this community. Thanks for the care, concern, prayers and all the great things you did to help James and his family through the recent loss of his father. We were all overwhelmed at your compassion and willingness to reach out and help relieve some of the burden that comes along at times like this. I continue to be in awe of each of you and the lengths you are willing to go to serve.

Your Servant,

Mike

## From the President — Loretta Doty

I hope everyone is well and enjoying the last days of summer. Our annual BBQ and auction is fast approaching. If you have some spare energy, lend a hand with the set-up and the clean-up. I can guarantee you the committee will appreciate your help. National Night Out is also approaching. Don't forget to organize your neighborhood watch groups and plan a get-together. We, as Eules citizens, need to all stay closely connected. ECPAAA will recognize our dispatchers next week. The police department open house will be here before you know it and we've been asked to promote our organization with an information booth. Be thinking on that. I'm confident you will have some great ideas on how to promote ECPAAA.



There is something new in Eules to help you with reporting code compliance issues while you are patrolling in the COP vehicle - Access Eules. Access Eules is a web-based tracking system where you can submit issues using the mobile app or website, [www.eulesstx.gov/ae](http://www.eulesstx.gov/ae). You may search for "GoRequest" in iTunes, the iPhone app store, or on Android devices. Any concerns you have are routed to the appropriate employee for efficient and accurate responses, a 24/7 system for Eules citizens.

In case you didn't know, National Grandparents Day is Sunday, Sept. 9th and National Chocolate Milk Shake Day is Sept. 12th. Two wonderful days to celebrate this month! We can celebrate knowing each other and get together at our next meeting, Tuesday, September 18th. See you then.

**REMINDER:** Bring your items to recycle to the monthly ECPAAA meetings. We are recycling batteries, aluminum cans, cell phones and printer cartridges.

**WANTED:** Volunteers for Eules Police Department Open House on October 6th and for Hazardous Material Collection Day (CRUD) on October 13th. JR Goad will have sign-up sheets for these two events at the September ECPAAA meeting.

## Volunteer Hours Comparison By Lou Baum

August 2012 Hours 553

August 2011 Hours 448

Increase of 23%

August Year-to-date 2012 – 4,680

August Year-to-date 2011 – 3,598

Up 30% Year-to-Date 2012 from 2011

**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!**

## EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

I have some sad news to pass along. If you did not hear, James Gordon's father recently passed away. I had the pleasure to meet him several years ago and found him to be very kind and intelligent. I know he will be missed by his family and friends. Thank you for all the healing prayers and food that was sent James' way. I know it meant a lot to him and his family.

I really enjoyed last month's meeting and being able to make a presentation to everyone who was able to attend. If you missed the meeting, I want to repeat something that I said that night before we got started. The last two years have been very busy for me. Two nights a week through the spring, summer and fall have been occupied sitting through a graduate program at the University of Texas in Arlington. Weekends have been used for trying to understand material that would have been much easier to comprehend twenty years ago. I am happy to report that I recently finished and I know that there are many thanks owed to many people for making it possible. I want to thank the alumni for all your support, flexibility and patience that you showed me over the past year.

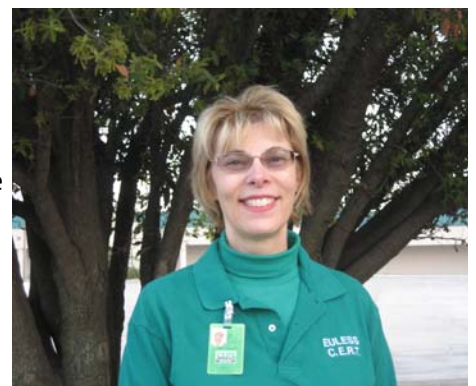
OK, I know that I talk about it all the time but the EPD Open House and National Night Out are quickly approaching. Please support us by hosting a party and/or volunteering at the ECPAAA booth. Also, put the word out to your neighbors, friends and family that live in Euless to attend our CPA class next year. We already have 15 applications so they need to get theirs in soon. You can download a CPA application from the city website (under Departments tab go to Police and then to online forms) or they can pick one up at the Police Department. We will receive several applications at Open House so ask them to get theirs in as soon as possible. Chris White has already set our start for CPA class # 29 as February 21, 2013 through May 16, 2013.

Thanks for all you do and see you in October!



## CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg September 8, 2012 — Forest Hill

CPAANT meeting was hosted by Forest Hill on Saturday, September 8, 2012. The Forest Hill City Manager along with several City Council Members and Police Department personnel were also present to hear the Guest Speaker. The Guest Speaker was Sgt. Gilbert Banda, Intelligence and Homeland Security Supervisor - Fort Worth Police Department. We had over 45 attending with 19 Representatives present. We also discussed the State Convention, which is being hosted by CPAANT, and will be held in Arlington July 2013. CPAANT will also be holding the Chief's Round Table during the Convention. Please visit [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org) for additional information.





### August 2012 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical – 53 Hours 15 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol – 147 Hours 0 Minutes

Includes the following:

COP Car – 133 Hours 30 Minutes

COP Sky Tower – 13 Hours 30 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 0

Code – 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Courts – 27 Hours 45 Minutes

CPA/CERT Class – 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program – 2 Hour 0 Minutes

Eules Radio Club – 59 Hours 0 Minutes

Jail – 15 Hours 30 Minutes

Meetings – 51 Hours 45 Minutes

Includes the following:

ECPAAA Meeting – 51 Hours 45 Minutes

Miscellaneous – 83 Hours 45 Minutes

Speed Trailer – 22 Hours 0 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance – 82 Hours 30 Minutes

Watering of Plants – 8 Hours 45 Minutes

**Grand Total – 553 Hours 15 Minutes**

**August National Value of Volunteer Time – \$12,053.14**

**YTD 2012 National Value of Volunteer Time – \$101,977.20**

**August Meeting – 39 Alumni Members Present**

### Upcoming Events

Sept 17 — ECPAAA BBQ/Auction Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm, Eules Police Department

Sept 18 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

**Sept 22 — ECPAAA BBQ Dinner & Auction Event, 6:00—10:00 pm, Eules Senior Center, 300 W. Midway**

Sept 25 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall

Sept 29 — Unwanted Medication Disposal, 10:00 am—2:00 pm, Eules Police Department, 1102 W. Eules Blvd.

Oct 2 — National Night Out, 7:00 pm

Oct 6 — Eules Police Department Open House, 10:00 am—2:00 pm; 1102 W. Eules Blvd.

Oct 6 — CPAANT Meeting, 10 am—12 noon, DeSoto (location & directions can be found on [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org))

Oct 9 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall

Oct 10 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center

Oct 12-14 — Friends of the Library Book Sale (see <http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/BookSale.htm> for more information)

Oct 13 — Hazardous Material Collection Day, 9:00—11:00 am; Eules Municipal Complex, 201 N. Ector Drive

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

### 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

John Deithloff — 9/27

Marian Goethe — 9/27

Mary Selcer — 9/28

## ALUMNI CORNER



### Spotlight on David Lawwill

by Rosemarie Stevens

David Lawwill was born in Carbondale, Illinois, but grew up in Chicago. One of his high school classmates was Michelle Obama. Lawwill left Chicago in 1983 and attended San Jose State University in California. Before moving to Euless 13 years ago, he lived in Boston and Charlotte, North Carolina. He and his wife Maria Elena have four children: Ashley age 24, Justin age 21, Antonio age 16 and Sebastian age 5. They are expecting their first grandson in September.

David wrote that he loved being outdoors and his favorite activities include camping and hiking. Unfortunately, he doesn't commune with nature as often as he would like as his wife doesn't like bugs. However, they both love traveling; and, since his wife is a travel agent, they have been able to visit many parts of the world. However, he still looks forward to the day he is able to take an African Safari with his Mom.



David is the Global Director of Loss Prevention and Security at Fossil, Inc., where he leads a team of 50 people. His organization provides security for merchandise and assets for the entire supply chain. In addition to providing security, his team conducts global investigations ranging from petty theft to money laundering. He's been with Fossil for five years, and before that, he had similar positions at Bombay Company, Michaels and Circuit City.

David has been in the security industry for over 20 years and is very familiar with the importance of being a skilled interviewer, the CPA class session he found most interesting. He found many similarities in this area between his responsibilities and those of the police. He has to interview both witnesses and suspects, gather information and evidence and conduct a thorough investigation. In most cases, though, he needs a confession to seal the case. He wrote that he has conducted over 500 Behavior Analysis interviews and has been trained on several different styles of interviewing and interrogation techniques, all designed to elicit confessions or detect deceptive and dishonest behavior. He did add that all the skills he has developed do not work on his wife and children.

He loves Clancy novels and history books. Although he doesn't consider himself to be a movie buff, he thoroughly enjoys watching a good movie in his media room where he can eat whatever snacks he wants and turn the volume up as high as desired. Since he prefers action movies, the volume could definitely be a significant factor of his enjoyment.

He described his service in the armed forces as his most interesting life experience. He has served in the U. S. Army and then in the California Army National Guard for eight years. He was 13 Bravo, better known as a "Gun Bunny" in an artillery battery. He wrote that he loved the military and sometimes wished that he had made a career of it. He described service in the armed forces as "one of the most important jobs in our country."

In fact, service is very important to David. He thinks that every citizen should be involved in their community, whether as a volunteer or in civil service. "There's no question that communities with a higher percentage of activism have better values and quality of life." He thinks it is important that we share and encourage these values in our children. As for our organization, he hopes to learn more about how the Police Department is intertwined with the rest of city government.

If you have already done so, I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to get to know David.

## EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**August 21, 2012**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Sherri Browning, Alan Bump, Cheryl Bump, Shirley Dailey, John Deithloff, Loretta Doty, Steve Doty, Sharon Finnegan, Teresia Foreman, Jerry Goad, Lorri Henderson, Loren Johnson, Sue Kosec, John Luna, Leo Neal, Dawn Nisbet, Barbara Niziolek, Kyla Oberg, Betty Overstreet, Betty Priddy, Judy Rick, Loretta Santos, Cynthia Schmidt, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Tammy Van Horne, Tyler Van Horne, Peggy Vandiver, Helen Wagner and Julie Watkins

**PRESENTATION:** Sr. Corporal Tony Burnett and ECPAAA Member Leah Benoit gave an overview of the Texas Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Convention that was held in Waco in July. Tony thanked the ECPAAA members for their patience and support while he was working towards his degree and he graduated with a 4.0. He received a loud round of applause and a standing ovation. **CONGRATULATIONS TONY – WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!** He also gave a high level overview on a book he read – "Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement" written by Kevin M. Gilmartin, Ph.D. Tony also announced that Kyla Oberg has been hired to be a part-time Jailor for Euless. **CONGRATULATIONS KYLA!**

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Sherri Browning made a motion to accept the July Minutes, second by John Luna. Motion passed.

Steve Doty announced that the Association has \$25,453.87. Peggy Vandiver made a motion to accept the July Treasurer's Report, second by Leo Neal. Motion passed.

Loretta Doty read a thank card from Judy Rick and announced that a donation was made to the ECPAAA for \$500.00 in memory of Dick Rick. Loretta also read a letter from JCPenney in which they donated \$125.00 through the James Cash Penney Volunteer Program for Jerry Goad's volunteer service to the ECPAAA.

Leah Benoit gave an update on the BBQ Dinner/Auction September 22<sup>nd</sup> event. Sign-up sheets were passed around for the dessert live auction, dinner desserts and volunteers to work the event.

Loretta asked if anyone attended the COP Convention that was held the weekend of August 18<sup>th</sup> in Hurst. No one attended. She also announced that a CPR Instructor Class lead by Chief Jeff Morris with the Euless Fire Department will be held on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Police Department starting at 8:00 am and ending at 2:00 pm.

Loretta asked if anyone wanted to share any experiences they had while patrolling in the COP car or the Sky Tower. Lorri Henderson said she helped worked the recent fire for 3 hours with Don Martin directing traffic while on COP patrol. Loren Johnson announced while patrolling in the Sky Tower in the Target shopping center, he prevented a domestic violence situation by stopping a shopper from leaving the beer in the bottom of the shopping cart. Everyone had a good laugh!

Loretta announced the following upcoming events:

September 12<sup>th</sup> – Child Safety Seat Check in iT'Z parking lot – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> – National Night Out – Email James Gordon or call him if you will be hosting a party  
October 6<sup>th</sup> – Police Open House – will need volunteers to man the ECPAAA booth and throughout the facility

Jerry Goad announced the following upcoming events:

October 13<sup>th</sup> – CRUD Day – 9:00 am to 11:00 am  
October 29<sup>th</sup> – Trinity High School Homecoming Parade – 4:00 pm  
December 1<sup>st</sup> – Euless Parade of Lights

Loretta thanked Judy Rick, Betty Priddy, Sharon Finnegan and Sherri Browning for the food and desserts.

Loretta announced the August birthdays and Betty Overstreet is overseeing the September 11<sup>th</sup> thank you gifts for the 14 Euless Dispatchers.

Judy Rick announced that at the September meeting, there will be no food due to all of the work we have coming up that weekend for our September 22<sup>nd</sup> event. Instead of food, there will be an Ice Cream Social.

Teresia Foreman asked if we could check with the publisher of the book Tony Burnett talked about to see if we can order copies for members that wants one. Brenda Brown volunteered to check into it.

Leo Neal made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sherri Browning seconded the motion. Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

## August 2012 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	August	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/11 Balance in Checking				
Afghan Fundraiser		\$35.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction	\$1,045.02	\$1,145.02	\$8,400.00	-\$7,254.98
Brick Sales		\$420.00	\$150.00	\$270.00
CRUD Day		\$700.00	\$1,400.00	-\$700.00
Donations/Outside Income	\$125.00	\$1,129.01	\$0.00	\$1,129.01
Grocery Care Cards		\$34.63	\$50.00	-\$15.37
Membership Dues	\$20.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Member Merchandise		\$34.05	\$0.00	\$34.05
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)		\$147.00	\$200.00	-\$53.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)		\$46.77	\$200.00	-\$153.23
Restaurant Fund Raisers		\$22.00	\$200.00	-\$178.00
Fundraisers		\$191.00	\$1,000.00	-\$809.00
Warrant Roundup		\$843.13	\$1,000.00	-\$156.87
Funds used to cover Major Projects		\$0.00	\$7,329.79	-\$7,329.79
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,190.02</b>	<b>\$6,247.61</b>	<b>\$21,429.79</b>	<b>-\$15,182.18</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,973.04</b>	<b>\$25,973.04</b>		
EXPENSES	August	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	\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00
Bricks	\$30.00	\$186.00	\$250.00	-\$64.00
Checking Account Expenses		\$0.00	\$25.00	-\$25.00
CPANNT Dues		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Expenses Not Categorized		\$20.00	\$25.00	-\$5.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts		\$50.00	\$100.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items		\$144.00	\$300.00	-\$156.00
Memorials and Gifts		\$200.00	\$300.00	-\$100.00
Fundraisers		\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Office Supplies		\$41.92	\$150.00	-\$108.08
PALS Summer Camp		\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Police Appreciation Week		\$388.12	\$400.00	-\$11.88
Police Chief Wish Projects		\$1,710.00	\$8,000.00	-\$6,290.00
Police Honor Guard		\$5,996.80	\$6,000.00	-\$3.20
Police Officer Christmas Meals		\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters		\$118.98	\$200.00	-\$81.02
President Awards		\$113.34	\$150.00	-\$36.66
Social Events		\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Allen Samuels Dodge Appreciation Lunch		\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Water by the Gallon		\$224.00	\$650.00	-\$426.00
Web Site/Domain Name		\$204.79	\$204.79	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$9,422.95</b>	<b>\$21,429.79</b>	<b>-\$12,006.84</b>
<b>Funds Available in Checking</b>		<b>\$16,550.09</b>		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT				
Major Projects/Future Projects		\$10,061.45		
Interest from Savings Account	\$0.34	\$2.69		
<b>Funds Available in Savings</b>		<b>\$10,064.14</b>		
<b>Total ECPAAA Funds</b>		<b>\$26,614.23</b>		