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Eulesless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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2015 Officers

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- Parliamentarian:** Jerry Goad
- EPD Liaison:** Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

It's time to pay your 2015 ECPAAA Dues! They are only \$20 and our Treasurer, Leah Benoit, will be collecting them at the March 17th meeting. You can pay by cash or check; make check payable to ECPAAA. You can also mail your dues to:

ECPAAA
Attn: Leah Benoit
1102 W. Eulesless Blvd.
Eulesless, TX 76040



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>

March Guest Speaker Detective Coty Bush

Detective Coty Bush is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division — Family Violence Division. Detective Bush has been with the Eulesless Police Department for 11 years and has worked in different areas in the Police Department. Detective Bush started her career in Eulesless as a dispatcher and then became a police officer. Bush was also a hostage negotiator for our Swat Team and a crime scene officer. She grew up in the HEB area and received a Bachelors Degree from University of Texas in Austin.



CONGRATULATIONS TO LEAH BENOIT ECPAAA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

CONGRATULATIONS TO VICTOR GAUT POLICE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

From the Desk of Chief Mike Brown

I am writing this article from the Igloo that I constructed in the back parking lot of the PD. I don't know about you, but I didn't sign up for this much winter! But I guess we'll take what we get and be happy for it. The best news is that we have survived all of the bad weather and we have not lost any of our equipment to poor road conditions and more importantly we have not had any of our people injured as a result of the bad weather.

Thanks to all of you who came out and shared the evening with us when we honored the servants of the Euless Police Department during our Awards Banquet. I believe this was the most well attended banquet we've ever hosted. The table decorations were great, little balloon policemen and policewomen. The speaker was truly amazing. Mr. Clark, the Head Custodian at Trinity High School, was one of the most entertaining and engaging speaker we've ever had. His message of taking pride in your job, no matter what it is, and then giving back to those who are not as fortunate as you struck the right tone with the assembled audience. I cannot thank him enough for taking the time out of his schedule to speak to us. Mr. Clark has been featured on the CBS Evening News, he will be featured on several of the national morning shows and People Magazine just did an article about him and all the great things he's doing at Trinity High School. He is truly a remarkable man. Those of you who were there know just how special he is.



Here is the list of award winners for 2014.

Officer of the Year:	Brian Mabry
Distinguished Service:	Brian Lord
Civilian of the Year (Bill Harvell Award):	Pam Trawick
Distinguished Service (Civilian):	Amber Fanning
Supervisor of the Year:	Kim Parker
W.M. "Blackie" Sustaire Award:	Estevan Rodriguez
Certificate of Commendation:	James Gordon
Certificate of Commendation:	Robert Powell
Rookie of the Year (Michael Williamson Award):	Katherine Meador
Unit Citation:	Communications - Debbie Torrez, Marsha Stewart, Cathy Pruitt, Mary Sanchez, Rachel Hyde, Cynthia Pena, Darla Wilson, Beverly Williams, Kym Pittman, Melissa Van Winkle, Kathy Bowden, Judy Wilson, Courtney Flory, Kisha Morris (Part-Timer), Michael Martin (Part-Timer)
Certificate of Civic Achievement:	Eric Starnes
Certificate of Civic Achievement:	Chris White
Certificate of Civic Achievement:	Brian Brennan
Volunteer of the Year (Police):	Victor Gaut
Volunteer of the Year (ECPAAA):	Leah Benoit

Please take a minute to congratulate each of these outstanding members of the Euless Police Department for a truly outstanding job!!! We are already busy building the next group of award winners for this year.

Thanks again for all you do for us!

Your Servant,
Mike

EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

I want to first introduce myself to the Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. I am Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres #390 and I have been a part of this outstanding Police Department for 14 years. My experience with the department has been great, and my most recent assignment was in the Criminal Investigation Division - Burglary Unit from 2010-2015. I am a current member of the Northeast Tarrant County Area Swat Team (NETCAST) and also a former member of the Euless SWAT team. During my years in the Patrol Division I was also a Field Training Officer (FTO), which are handpicked officers that are recruited to train the rookie officers newly out of the police academy.

I recently promoted to Senior Corporal in February and was assigned to the Community Service Division. I know I have “big shoes” to fill with the task of replacing Senior Corporal Tony Burnett, but I plan on working hard and following in his footsteps to make the Community Services Division a leader in the Police Department.

In my personal life, I am married to my wonderful wife Holly, and have two beautiful children, Sydney who is 11 years old and Kaden who is 5 years old. On my off days I enjoy spending time with my family doing outdoor activities. I also enjoy hunting, working out and gardening.

I grew up in Fort Worth, Texas and have a twin brother and two younger sisters. My mother still lives in the same neighborhood that I grew up in. I graduated from Western Hills High School in west Fort Worth, Texas and received a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Columbia College in Missouri.

I want to thank the Euless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association for giving me such a warm welcome my first day on the job. It really makes my transition a lot easier knowing that Euless has citizens that truly care about the community and their Police Department.

The Community Services Division wants to be a proactive department and will work closely with the other divisions to help keep this community safe and assist them with continuous problem areas. We are also starting a new Cadet Program that will mentor young people wanting to pursue a possible law enforcement career and help the Cadets with college tuition. This program is still in the making and I will get back with you with further details.

Cpl. Gordon and Sr. Officer White will organize more neighborhood watch programs to help us locate problem areas that need immediate attention. We plan on also working closely with multi-family complexes and management teams to solve law enforcement issues and code violations that need to be addressed.

In conclusion, I want to make the ECPAAA members always feel welcome at this Police Department. ECPAAA members are a valuable asset to this department with great ideas and always willing to help. I am extremely excited about my new position and I hope to know all of you by first name soon. Please feel free to contact me at my office any time 817-685-1685 for any concerns or just to say hello.



From the President — Sandi Jones

March has been a windy month and it has also brought us a lot of bad weather. Let's all take extra time getting to where we are going and being extra careful. With the roads as bad as they have been, driving is hazardous.

The weather held out though for the Police Awards Banquet. If you weren't able to attend, you missed some good food and great news. We had two NPO Officers that got an award. James Gordon received a Certificate of Accommodation and Chris White a Certificate of Achievement. Of course, we had one of our own receive an award also. Leah Benoit won ECPAAA Volunteer of the Year. We all know how much work she does and how much she deserved this award. Congratulations to the three of them. We are so lucky to have them.



We really need help with the Sky Tower. If you have an hour or more, sign up to sit in the tower. It doesn't do us any good to have the tower if we don't utilize its crime prevention ability by sitting in it and watching the areas it covers. This is an important job for the ECPAAA. You don't have to sit there for hours; even just an hour here and there helps a whole lot. If you think you might be interested please talk to Loren Johnson and he can give you instructions on how to proceed.

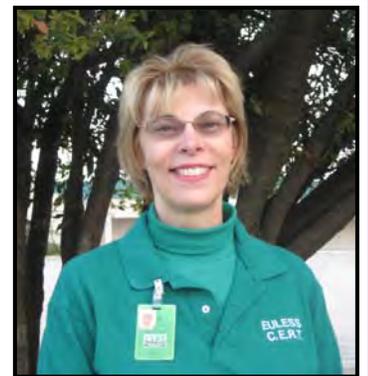
We have a whole lot of activities coming up in April, so make sure you sign up with J.R. to work at Arbor Days (Information Booth or Sky Tower) or April 11th for Trash Off and/or Crud Day. He will pass around a sign-up sheet at our March meeting. Hope to see you there.

CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg

CPAANT HOST: Flower Mound CPAAA

March 7, 2015

The March meeting was hosted by Flower Mound CPAAA and we were welcomed by Chief Andy Kancel. The speaker was Sgt. Doug Graves who also handles Special Events like Santa COPS. Sgt. Graves showed us how Flower Mound gets ready each year; from collecting art supplies and donations, working with volunteers and community involvement and they even have a "professional wrapper"! They added something new last year for pets. How do you find a gift for a rabbit, bird, lizard, and of course the dogs and cats? Yes, Flower Mound Santa COPS found a 'gift' for all.



"Thank you" to Sandi and Pete Jones for joining me at this month's Meeting. The April CPAANT Meeting will be held in Cedar Hill on April 11, 2015, the second not the first Saturday. For additional information, please see <http://www.cpaant.org/>.

February Volunteer Hours Comparison

By Lou Baum

Month	Year
2015 — 310 Hours	2015 — 620 Hours
2014 — 322 Hours	2014 — 687 Hours
10% Decrease	10% Decrease

Thanks for the minutes and hours you each gave in February. Spring is fast approaching, weather will be better lets get out and serve our servants. If you have not signed up for City Wide Crud Day or Trash Off give it some thought to come and help out.

Upcoming Events

March 10 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

March 11 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center

March 17 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department

March 24 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive

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

April 10-12 — Library Book Sale, see <http://www.eulesstx.gov/news/BookSale.htm> for more information

April 11 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am—12:00 Noon, Cedar Hill (for location & directions visit www.cpaant.org)

April 11 — Hazardous Material Collection and Drug Take Back Day, 9:00 am—11:00 am, Eules Municipal Complex

April 11 — Texas Trash Off, 9:00 am — 12:00 Noon, Villages of Bear Creek Park, 1951 Bear Creek Parkway

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

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

February 2015 Volunteer Hours

CID Clerical – 26 Hours 45 Minutes

Citizens On Patrol – 65 Hours 15 Minutes

Includes the following:

COP Car – 62 Hours 15 Minutes

COP Sky Tower – 3 Hours 0 Minutes

Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 6

Courts – 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Crime Victims Assistance Program – 4 Hours 30 Minutes

Eules Radio Club – 0 Hours 0 Minutes

Jail – 6 Hours 45 Minutes

Meetings – 51 Hours 0 Minutes

Includes the following:

ECPAAA Meeting – 49 Hours 0 Minutes

Miscellaneous – 40 Hours 0 Minutes

Speed Trailer – 2 Hours 0 Minutes

Vehicle Maintenance – 108 Hours 30 Minutes

Watering of Plants – 6 Hours 0 Minutes

Grand Total – 310 Hours 45 Minutes

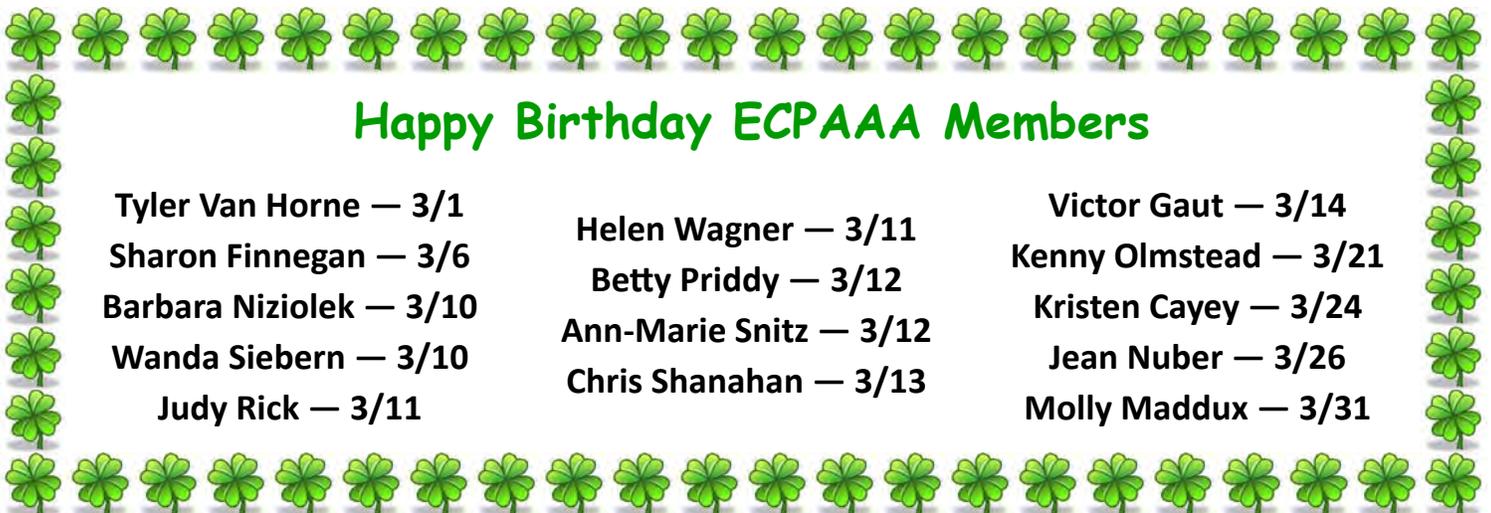
February National Value of Volunteer Time — \$7,000.65

February Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$7,264.53

2015 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$13,935.90

2015 YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$14,461.20

February Meeting — 38 Alumni Members Present



Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members

Tyler Van Horne — 3/1

Sharon Finnegan — 3/6

Barbara Niziolek — 3/10

Wanda Siebern — 3/10

Judy Rick — 3/11

Helen Wagner — 3/11

Betty Priddy — 3/12

Ann-Marie Snitz — 3/12

Chris Shanahan — 3/13

Victor Gaut — 3/14

Kenny Olmstead — 3/21

Kristen Cayey — 3/24

Jean Nuber — 3/26

Molly Maddux — 3/31

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Leah Benoit, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, Shawna De Puente, Jerry Goad, Loren Johnson, Sandi Jones, Kyla Oberg, Judy Rick, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens

Our new liaison, Rocky Fimbres, attended his first meeting with the Executive Board tonight. Sandi asked Rocky about how he wanted us to represent the organization in the CPA class starting February 19, 2015. Since it was pointed out that too many members attending could be distracting to the class, Sandi said that she and Pete will attend the first session. Sandi then told us that Judy Rick had offered to provide snacks for the first session.

Sandi asked for a list of all the committees formed last year and their membership. Since the secretary had lost all files because of a "computer attack," she will contact John Luna for the information.

Judy suggested that we do a better job of letting our guest speakers know what we would like to hear from them and to ask them not to include their presentation in the newsletter before they actually made the presentation.

Kyla Oberg, Audit Committee Chair, reported that the committee – Shelly Capil, Dana Nuber and Peggy Vandiver – met with the treasurer, Leah Benoit, on January 29. After a thorough examination of the records, they recommended approving the 2014 treasurer's records with no changes.

Leah then moved and Shawna seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Kathy Ames, Jozef Balint, Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Minuet Balkon, Leah Benoit, Perry Brockmeyer, Brenda Brown, Rusty Brown, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, Shawna De Puente, John Deithloff, Sharon Finnegan, Teresia Foreman, Jerry Goad, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Geraldine Keller, John Koren, Molly Maddux, Don Martin, Joyce Maxwell, Anniece McKanna, Kyla Oberg, Betty Overstreet, Jason Reyes, Judy Rick, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Rose-Marie Stevens, Faye Stinneford, Tyler Van Horne, Peggy Vandiver, Susan Vest, Helen Wagner, Kristi Wynn

NPOs: Sr. Corporal Rocky Fimbres

Police Officer(s): Captain Gary Landers

The meeting opened with prayer and pledges to the flags of the United States and Texas at 7:00 p.m.

General

Sandi indicated that she planned to be strict, and people speaking from the floor will be limited to four minutes. She then initiated a game by asking questions based on information contained in the newsletter. Those who answered the questions correctly won prizes. Tonight's winners included Faye Stinneford and Peggy Vandiver.

Sandi indicated that Chief Mike Brown had asked that the meetings become more meaningful and more fun. To that end, she asked the membership to contact her with any ideas they may have.

EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
FEBRUARY 17, 2015
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES *continued*

CPANNT: Geri Sorg told us that the last meeting was hosted by the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center where they learned about the abuse many children endure. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7 in Flower Mound.

Volunteer Hours: Sandi indicated that our volunteer hours are down and said we needed to have another COP class. There is also a need for more people to work in the sky tower. Captain Landers pointed out that there was no need to sign up to work in the sky tower; he said that when personal time permits, just do it.

Leah Benoit read the thank you notes Chief Mike Brown and retired City Manager Gary McKamie sent. Mike gave his thanks for the prayers, assistance and thoughtfulness members shared with him and his family when his father passed away. Gary McKamie said he appreciated the contribution the organization made toward the purchase of his retirement gift.

Kyla Oberg reported the results of the audit of the treasurer's records and recommended their acceptance. Sandi then announced the February birthdays. Faye Stinneford moved and Melody Balkon seconded the motion to approve the January minutes; the minutes were approved.

New Business

Captain Landers introduced Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres the newly appointed liaison to ECPAAA. Here is some of what we learned about Rocky:

He has been a member of the Eules Police Department for 14 years. He officially moves to the NPO office from CID on Thursday, February 19. He was a member of the Eules SWAT team from 2006-2010 and is now a member of the mega SWAT team which includes officers from surrounding communities.

He has a 5-year old son and an 11-year old daughter. Rocky has a twin brother who is a firefighter and two sisters, one of whom is a nurse. His favorite pastime is spending time with his family, and he also enjoys hunting. His Mom lives in Fort Worth where he grew up.

In addition to Rocky, Officer William Robert Bryan joins Officers James Gordon and Chris White as an NPO. Robert will be focusing on the cadet program.

CPA Class: The next class starts Thursday, February 19 with 30 people enrolled. The membership was asked not to attend to avoid distracting the attendees. Judy Rick will provide refreshments.

Sandi told the membership she hopes to identify and better organize our committees. More information will be made available later.

Volunteer Opportunities:

April 11: CRUD and Trash Off

April 24: Arbor Day from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.

April 25: Arbor Day from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to work in the sky tower and to work at the ECPAAA information table.

Melody Balkon moved and Teresia Foreman seconded the motion to close the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

February 2015 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	February	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
12/31/14 Balance in Checking	\$10,554.63				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Brick Sales			\$0.00	\$35.00	-\$35.00
Craigslist Fundraiser			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CRUD Day			\$0.00	\$700.00	-\$700.00
Donations/Outside Income			\$200.00	\$500.00	-\$300.00
Grocery Care Cards			\$36.09	\$50.00	-\$13.91
Membership Dues		\$380.00	\$900.00	\$1,600.00	-\$700.00
Member Merchandise			\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Warrant Roundup			\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
Total Income		\$380.00	\$1,136.09	\$17,675.00	-\$16,538.91
Total	\$10,554.63	\$11,690.72	\$11,690.72		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	February	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$350.00	-\$350.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
BBQ Silent Auction			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bricks			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
CPAANT Dues		\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$500.00	\$1,050.00	-\$550.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Memorials and Gifts		\$167.77	\$167.77	\$150.00	\$17.77
Office Supplies			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$0.00	\$800.00	-\$800.00
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$0.00	\$5,295.00	-\$5,295.00
Police Honor Guard			\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$49.00	\$200.00	-\$151.00
President Awards			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
Social Events			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
TCPAAA Convention			\$0.00	\$125.00	-\$125.00
Water by the Gallon			\$0.00	\$650.00	-\$650.00
Total Expenses		\$192.77	\$741.77	\$17,675.00	-\$16,933.23
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Checking			\$10,948.95		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$19,335.36		\$19,335.36		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.59	\$1.22		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$0.00		
Funds Available in Savings			\$19,336.58		
Total ECPAAA Funds			\$30,285.53		

Note: \$400 of Outside Donations is ear-marked for RAD Equipment