



# Partners in Policing

## Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association Monthly Newsletter

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### 2013 Officers

**President:** Loretta Doty  
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**Parliamentarian:** Jerry Goad  
**EPD Liaisons:** Captain Gary Landers and Senior Corporal Tony Burnett



### 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](mailto: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>

### September Speaker

#### Deena Graves, Executive Director

Deena Graves, ABC, is the founder and executive director. She speaks across the nation on domestic minor sex trafficking. Before founding Traffick911, she was on the senior leadership team of Texas Instruments' DLP® Products Business, managed TI CEO employee two-way communications and taught training classes for the Fortune 500 Country. She is an international award-winning communicator.

Traffick911, which prevents, rescues and restores victims of domestic minor sex trafficking, was named the 2013 Outstanding Organization of the Year by the Fort Worth Commission for Women with commendations by the Fort Worth City Council, mayor and State Senator Wendy Davis. We also have been recognized by Homeland Security Investigations as a most-valued partner in this battle to save our American children from sexual slavery. For more information on Traffick911, you can visit their website at <http://www.traffick911.com>.



## Thanks to our 911 Dispatchers for the awesome job that they do!

### 2013 ECPAAA BBQ Dinner and Auction Event

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the BBQ Dinner and Auction Event will be postponed until the Fall of 2014. If you have purchased tickets to the event, your money will be refunded and if you donated items to the auction, those will be returned to you as well.

**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

I remember a few months ago when it looked like Mother Nature couldn't decide if it was ever going to get warm and stay warm. Now I wish she would turn down the thermostat a little. I, for one, am ready for some cooler weather. As we get to the end of summer and school is back in session I look back at what we did over the past few months and look forward to the great things we have coming.

We had a very good CAAA conference in Arlington. Thanks to all of you who came out to participate in that. I think we all came away with a greater sense of pride in all we do and how we do it.

I know September is a busy month, the BBQ and Silent Auction is coming very soon. I look forward to seeing you all there. I just know it's going to be a tremendous event.

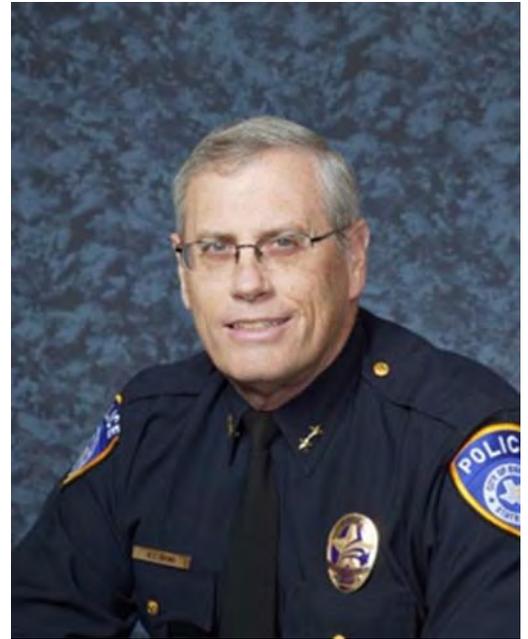
National Night Out is coming the first Tuesday in October, which is October the 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Please give some thought to hosting a NNO event in your neighborhood. There will be representatives of the Police and Fire Departments out that night trying to make as many NNO events as possible. Neighborhood watch is the backbone of all of our crime prevention programs and the one that helps us get our crime prevention messages out to the public. Please, seriously consider hosting a NNO event in your neighborhood. If you have any questions about how to organize a NNO event please contact Tony and the guys in the NPO office, they are more than willing to assist you in any way possible.

The Police Department Open House will held on Saturday October the 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am till 2 pm. This will be a great time to stop by and say HI, or to volunteer your time to help us make this a memorable event. I believe we will be giving away hot dogs, popcorn and lots of police stickers that day. We could always use some help directing people through the building, serving food, manning one of the bounce houses or helping to explain to your neighbors how the Police Department works. We are looking forward to a great event, and getting to see as many of our neighbors as we possibly can.

I have another retirement to announce. Captain Steve Kockos will be retiring at the end of September. Steve has been with us for 30 years. He has been a very integral part of this department's success over the last 30 years. Steve is one of two sworn officers here in the police department who never attended the Police Academy. His higher education sufficed for the police academy when he was hired in. We would not let something like that happen again, but Steve holds the distinction of having never been through the police academy. Steve has either worked in or supervised every division within the Euless Police Department. Steve is the consummate team player who comes to work each day to serve. If you do not know Steve you might be missing the chance to meet a truly remarkable person. If you need something done, and done right, Steve Kockos is the guy you want doing it. I cannot say enough good things about Steve. I will miss his outstanding work ethic, his leadership abilities, his openness and his willingness to do whatever it takes to get the job done. But what I will miss most of all is our daily visits and getting to see my good friend every day. He will leave behind a legacy of service to this community and this department. He has been a great police officer and an even better friend. If you get a chance to stop in and see him before he leaves please thank him for his years of service and his support of the CAAA. You had no greater cheerleader than Steve Kockos.

I hope we get to see you all in the coming weeks, and I really hope you will help us fill our NNO schedule with neighborhood events all over town. Thanks again for all you do!!!!

Your Servant,  
Mike



**From the President — Loretta Doty** (No article this month)

**CPAANT Liaison — Geri Sorg**

**CPAANT Meeting  
Hosted by Garland CPAAA  
September 7, 2013**

The September CPAANT Meeting was held in Garland and there were 61 in attendance with 17 Alumni members represented. Our speaker was DEA Agent Vic Routh from the Dallas office. Our topic was "Prescription Drugs" along with the new drug "Molly". What is in your medicine cabinet ?

CPAANT business news; Susan Ernst resigned as Secretary after the August Texas CPAAA and Law Enforcement Annual Training Convention. I was approached by CPAANT President John Gault, DeSoto, and he asked me if I would complete Susan's term. John appointed me as the CPAANT Secretary through December 2013. Elections will be held in November for the 2014 Executive Board.

Our ECPAAA Annual BBQ Dinner, Silent & Live Auctions has been posted on the CPAANT web site.

The October CPAANT meeting will be hosted by Duncanville CPAAA on October 5, 2013. Please visit CPAANT's Web site <http://www.cpaant.org/> for additional information.



**COMMUNITIES AGAINST CRIME 5K RACE  
ARLINGTON RIVER LEGACY PARK — SEPTEMBER 7, 2013**



Leah Benoit & Julie Watkins



Cpl. James Gordon - Race Emcee

### EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Tony Burnett

I cannot believe that it's already September, where did the summer go? It seems like we were doing summer camp last week and September seemed so far away. Well, it's here and that means National Night Out and Open House. National Night Out is always the first Tuesday in October which is October 1 this year. Open House is October 5 from 10:00 - 2:00 and I know many of our Alumni Members are planning to have a booth and volunteer at the event. We would also love to see you participate in National Night Out and consider hosting a party. We have already got several locations on our list and would like to add yours. Call me at 817-685-1685 and let's add your neighborhood to our list! We will be out in force that evening with information about all our programs and some good give-away items. It's a great time to get your neighbors involved.



I know many of you were interested in more information about a Citizen Response to an Active Shooter Training. Good news, James Gordon is working on putting together more information and doing a longer presentation in the near future.

If you have walked through the Police Department recently I am sure you noticed a lot of unfamiliar faces. We have hired many new officers and we are all getting to know each other so don't be bashful to introduce yourself. We want our new officers to realize how vital you are to our success. The more they see you, the better they understand our partnership with the community. Leah also spoke to me about introducing them through the Officer Spotlight Section of the newsletter so look for those as well.

We are saying goodbye to Captain Steve Kockos at the end of the month. He has decided to retire after many years of dedicated service to the City of Euless. Steve was one of the first supervisors of the NPO program when we started back in 1997. Most recently he was the Supervisor over Communications. I will always remember him for his good humor. When I was first hired Steve was a patrol Sergeant and I took him one of my first offense reports for approval. He looked at it and then looked back at me several times. He said "let me get this right, a woman awoke this morning to find that someone burned a cat on her front porch", "yes sir," I responded. He said "and you titled the crime as Criminal Mischief- Substantial Inconvenience because the woman was inconvenienced to clean the mess"? "Yes sir" I said. Steve said "Did you ever think about Cruelty to Animals?" "No sir, I didn't think of that". Steve looked at me for a minute and responded "well, I guess it was an inconvenience, FOR THE CAT! Now, go change it". That was Steve Kockos.

See you at the next meeting !

### August Volunteer Hours Comparison By Lou Baum

Month	Year-to-Date
2013 — 343 Hours	2013 — 3,564 Hours
2012 — 553 Hours	2012 — 4,680 Hours
38% Decrease	24% Decrease

We still have time to catch up with some "fun" raising events, Open House, City CRUD Event, Trinity Homecoming Parade, Christmas Parade of Lights, plus many daily department activities to help around the Police Department.

Let's go gang!

**August 2013 Volunteer Hours**

- CID Clerical – 21 Hours 30 Minutes
- Citizens On Patrol – 101 Hours 30 Minutes  
Includes the following:
  - COP Car – 96 Hours 0 Minutes
  - COP Sky Tower – 5 Hours 30 Minutes
 Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 9
- Courts – 40 Hours 15 Minutes
- Crime Victims Assistance Program – 15 Hour 45 Minutes
- Eules Radio Club – 26 Hours 0 Minutes
- Jail – 9 Hours 15 Minutes
- Meetings – 86 Hours 30 Minutes  
Includes the following:
  - ECPAAA Meeting – 68 Hours 30 Minutes
- Miscellaneous – 34 Hours 30 Minutes
- Speed Trailer – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Training – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Vehicle Maintenance – 0 Hours 0 Minutes
- Watering of Plants – 7 Hours 0 Minutes

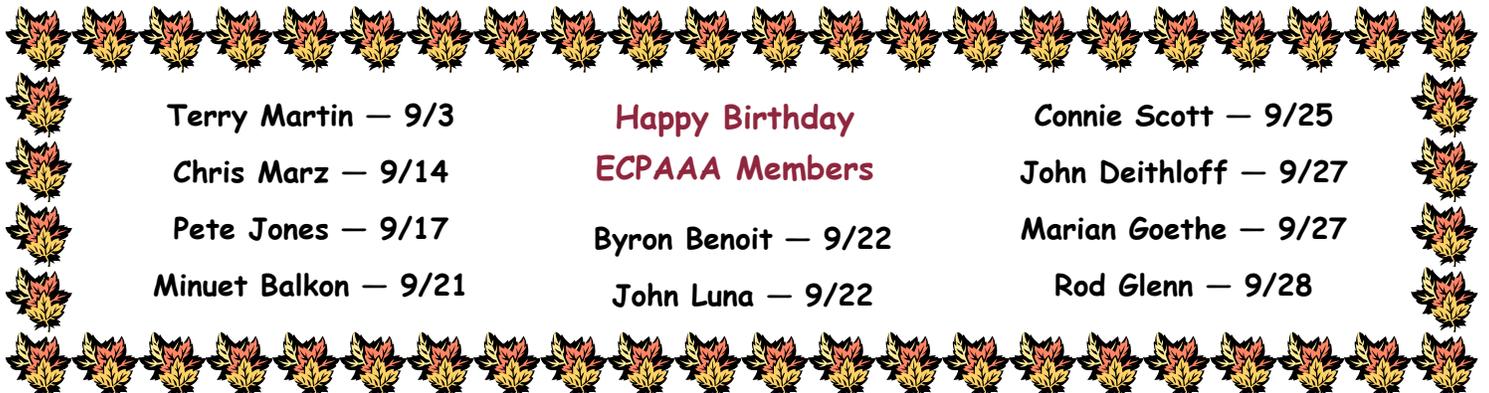
**Grand Total – 342 Hours 15 Minutes**

**August National Value of Volunteer Time — \$7,575.20**  
**2013 National Value of Volunteer Time — \$78,910.28**

**August Meeting — 25 Alumni Members Present**

**Upcoming Events**

- Sept 11 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- Sept 17 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department
- Sept 24 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Dr.
- Oct 1 — National Night Out, Contact Corporal James Gordon if you have a NNO Event Planned—email James at [jgordon@eulesstx.gov](mailto:jgordon@eulesstx.gov)
- Oct 2 — Child Safety Seat Check, 10:00 am — 2:00 pm, First Baptist Church Campus West, 1000 W. Airport Freeway
- Oct 5 — Eules Police Department Open House, 10:00 am — 2:00 pm, 1102 W. Eules Blvd.
- Oct 5 — CPAANT Regional Meeting, 10:00 am — 12:00 noon, Duncanville (location & directions can be found on [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org))
- Oct 7 — Trinity High School Homecoming Parade
- Oct 8 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Dr.
- Oct 9 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- Oct 12 — Hazardous Material Collection Day (CRUD), 9:00-11:00 am, Eules Municipal Complex, 201 N. Ector Dr.
- Oct 15 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department



- Terry Martin — 9/3
- Chris Marz — 9/14
- Pete Jones — 9/17
- Minuet Balkon — 9/21

- Happy Birthday**  
**ECPAAA Members**
- Byron Benoit — 9/22
  - John Luna — 9/22

- Connie Scott — 9/25
- John Deithloff — 9/27
- Marian Goethe — 9/27
- Rod Glenn — 9/28

**EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 20, 2013**

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jerri Balkon, Melody Balkon, Lou Baum, Perry Brockmeyer, Sherri Browning, Shirley Daily, Loretta Doty, Sharon Finnegan, Stacey Foust, Mark Hummert, Loren Johnson, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, John Luna, Molly Maddux, Anniece McKanna, Dana Nuber, Jean Nuber, Kyla Oberg, Betty Overstreet, Al Simmenroth, Barney Snitz, Geri Sorg, Peggy Vandiver and Julie Watkins

**SPEAKER:** Corporal James Gordon with Euless PD presented active shooter material for which he received training on recently. He mentioned a book - The Unthinkable: Who Survives When Disaster Strikes and Why by Ripley, A (2008) - website [www.c-tecc.org](http://www.c-tecc.org). Members watched a short video left behind by the June speaker on Railroad Safety.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

July Minutes: Peggy Vandiver made a motion to accept the July meeting minutes. Julie Watkins seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

July Treasurer's Report: Melody Balkon made a motion to accept the July Treasurer's Report. Sandi Jones seconded the motion. Report approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Lou Baum announced National Night Out is October 1<sup>st</sup>, Open House is October 5<sup>th</sup> and need volunteers from 10-2. October 7<sup>th</sup> is Trinity High School Homecoming; we will need volunteers from 4pm to the end of the parade. October 12<sup>th</sup> is CRUD day and December 7<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas Parade Lights.

BBQ needs more volunteers - please contact Sandi Jones or Jerri Balkon. Also Kyla needs all receipts and funds by September 30, 2013 so we can close the books and do the budget committee meeting.

General membership was notified that we would be purchasing medical kits for the officers and that it would cost between \$6,500 and \$7,000.

Geri Sorg gave a CPAANT report.

Budget Committee was selected - Sandi Jones, Geri Sorg, Leah Benoit, Julie Watkins, and Jerri Balkon. Geri Sorg is committee Chair and Kyla will contact her to coordinate the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Geri Sorg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sherri Browning seconded the motion. Motion approved and meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



# Officer Biography

## Lyn Gilliam



**Date of Biography:** September 4, 2013

**Current title with EPD:** Patrol Officer

**Year started and history with the EPD:** March 2012

**Where were you born?** Enid, Oklahoma (moved to Texas at the age of 3 months)

**In what city do you currently live?** Bedford

**Tell me a little about your family, spouse, children (ages), grandchildren, pets, etc.**

I have been married for 13 years to Chris Gilliam and have three children — Ethan (10), Caitlyn (7) and Austin (3). I have three pets — a dog (Dez), a cat (Zed) and a frog (Frog).

**What are your hobbies?** When not at work I go to soccer practice and games for Ethan and Austin and Caitlyn has piano lessons. We spend a lot of time in the backyard in the pool.

**What is your favorite part of being a police officer?**  
My favorite part is when you first arrive on scene, whether they are happy to see you, ticked that you are there, or surprised. I like to see the reaction people have to police presence.

**Any interesting or little-known facts about yourself...**  
I grew up in the HEB area and have lived within the same 20 mile radius all my life.

**Who is your favorite celebrity?** Matt Damon

**What is your favorite food?** Mexican Food



## August 2013 Treasurer's Report

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Carry Over</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>YTD Income</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Over/Under Budget</b>
<b>12/31/12 Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$30,729.67</b>				
Afghan Fundraiser			\$30.00	\$35.00	-\$5.00
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction		\$280.00	\$3,435.00	\$10,000.00	-\$6,565.00
Brick Sales			\$35.00	\$150.00	-\$115.00
CRUD Day			\$563.89	\$700.00	-\$136.11
Donations/Outside Income			\$1,020.00	\$500.00	\$520.00
Grocery Care Cards			\$32.10	\$50.00	-\$17.90
Membership Dues			\$1,740.00	\$1,600.00	\$140.00
Member Merchandise			\$167.00	\$100.00	\$67.00
Recycle Program (Cans & Cartridges)			\$171.23	\$250.00	-\$78.77
Recycle Program (Electronics)			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Fundraisers			\$771.00	\$250.00	\$521.00
Warrant Roundup			\$843.13	\$850.00	-\$6.87
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$3,390.00	-\$3,390.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$280.00</b>	<b>\$8,808.35</b>	<b>\$17,925.00</b>	<b>-\$9,116.65</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,729.67</b>	<b>\$39,538.02</b>	<b>\$39,538.02</b>		
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Carry Over</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>YTD Expenses</b>	<b>Annual Budget</b>	<b>Over/Under Budget</b>
9-1-1 Day		\$210.00	\$210.00	\$250.00	-\$40.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$0.00	\$500.00	-\$500.00
BBQ Silent Auction		\$452.21	\$452.21	\$5,000.00	-\$4,547.79
Bricks			\$524.00	\$524.00	\$0.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$23.95	\$100.00	-\$76.05
CPANNT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers			\$607.73	\$1,000.00	-\$392.27
Expenses Not Categorized			\$3,000.00	\$3,250.00	-\$250.00
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$38.90	\$100.00	-\$61.10
Member Merchandise Items			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Memorials and Gifts			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Office Supplies			\$572.50	\$300.00	\$272.50
PALS Summer Camp			\$1,129.80	\$1,000.00	\$129.80
Police Appreciation Week			\$393.27	\$400.00	-\$6.73
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$6,795.00	\$8,620.00	-\$1,825.00
Police Honor Guard			\$3,747.36	\$3,750.00	-\$2.64
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Postage/Envelopes for Newsletters			\$0.00	\$200.00	-\$200.00
President Awards			\$126.27	\$150.00	-\$23.73
Social Events			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Water by the Gallon			\$476.00	\$650.00	-\$174.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$662.21</b>	<b>\$18,121.99</b>	<b>\$27,019.00</b>	<b>-\$8,897.01</b>
Money Transferred to Savings			\$21,250.87		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$5,000.00		
<b>Funds Available in Checking</b>			<b>\$5,165.16</b>		
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$10,065.48		\$10,065.48	\$500 in office supplies	
Interest from Savings Account		\$1.07	\$8.61	Covered by \$500 donation	
Savings Deposit			\$21,250.87	for computer	
Savings Withdrawal			\$5,000.00		
<b>Funds Available in Savings</b>			<b>\$26,324.96</b>		
<b>Total ECPAAA Funds</b>			<b>\$31,490.12</b>		