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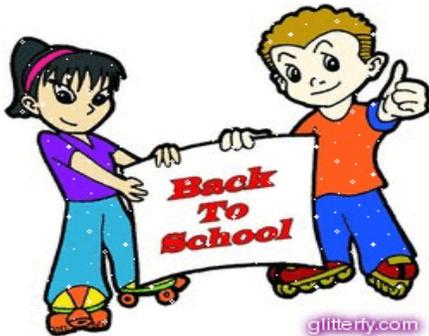
Euleless Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

Monthly Newsletter

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## 2016 Officers

- President:** Sandi Jones
- 1st Vice President:** Julie Watkins
- 2nd Vice President:** Teresia Foreman
- Secretary:** Jerri Balkon
- Treasurer:** Dana Nuber
- Parliamentarian:** Jerry Goad
- EPD Liaison:** Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres
- CPAANT Liaison:** 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

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Submissions are due the first day of each month.

Link to ECPAAA Web Page

<http://www.ecpaaa.org>

## ECPAAA BBQ & AUCTION/SILENT AUCTION

### DINE-N-DASH

Members,

As you are aware, we have our BBQ fundraiser coming up in November. One thing we want to try this year is called Dine-N-Dash. It is something I have seen at other auctions and it is very successful. As you know, we have a silent auction and then a live auction during dinner at the event. Dine-N-Dash brings people into the silent auction area, which in turn gives it more exposure.

How Dine-N-Dash works is that we have a bunch of lovely plates displayed (think of grandma's pretty china plate). Each plate will have a number on the back. That number corresponds with an envelope that will contain a restaurant gift card with a value from \$25 up to \$100. People buy the plate for \$20 (right there they are on the up side!!) in hopes of getting a gift card worth a high amount (kind of like a game of chance). It is really fun and usually sells out fast.

How can you help? Thanks for asking!! I need pretty plates donated – and if able to – donate a gift card (or 2) worth at least \$25 (you can go as high as you want) from your favorite restaurant. Look around the house and see if you have a pretty plate about 8 inches in diameter (dessert/salad plate) that you don't need – I can take it off your hands!! 😊

We will be collecting the plates and gift cards at the September and October meetings. Remember – the September meeting is Tuesday the 20th.

Thanks in advance for your help,  
Dana



## 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. On top of all of that we have the freeway construction to manage around, which has its own set of unique challenges. But we are adapting and overcoming just like every other Euless Resident.

Since the next newsletter will be published after two main events in October, I will take a few minutes to mention them this month. Our annual Open House is scheduled for the first Saturday in October which just happens to be October the 1<sup>st</sup> this year. I hope you can come and help us as we showcase the Police Department to the public and the citizens of Euless. We usually need a small army of volunteers to help us get through this event. It is a true community event and is open to anyone who has an interest in the Euless Police Department. The Open House starts at 10:00, our volunteers usually start arriving around 8:00 and lend a hand setting up the building and the displays. The event is over at 2:00 and the cleanup goes a lot quicker than the set up.



The next thing on our agenda will be National Night Out... OCTOBER 4, 2016!! 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 Rocky 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 4, 2016.

If you've ever hosted a Crime Watch 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 that we look forward to 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've done to sustain us this year. 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

### August Volunteer Hours Comparison by Lou Baum

Month	Year
2016 — 636 Hours	2016 — 4,773 Hours
2015 — 616 Hours	2015 — 3135 Hours
About an even break	A super 52% increase

**Outstanding report heading into September.  
Thanks for all the minutes serving our servants.  
Lets keep the momentum rolling. Until next time  
be safe and take care of each other.**

## EPD Liaison — Senior Corporal Rocky Fimbres

ECPAAA family,

First, I want to thank everyone for attending the National Law Enforcement Foundation Officer of the Month Event. The support was much appreciated, and the officers and families that were recognized were very deserving.

The month of September is going to be a very busy time for the Community Services Division. We are actively planning for the Euless Police Department “Open House” that will occur October 1, 2016 from 1000-1400 hours. This is a big event for the department because it gives the community an opportunity to visit and take a tour of the entire Police Department. We will have representatives from each division to give an explanation of certain areas of police work.

I also want to remind everyone about the “911 Memorial” on September 9, 2016 at 0900 hours that will be held at the Fire Department Administration Building at 201 N. Ector Dr. This Memorial Service will be held to honor all the fallen first responders that made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our communities safe. I want to personally encourage everyone to attend.

September 17, 2016 will be the annual Euless Firefighters for Freedom 5K benefitting police and fire Benevolence Funds. The event will be held at 901 W. Mid Cities Blvd, Euless, TX (Bob Eden Park). James Gordon and I along with other members of the Police and Fire Departments plan on participating at this event. We are expecting a great turnout and everyone still has an opportunity to register for the race. I hope to see everyone there to cheer and support our runners.

Finally, I want to invite all ECPAAA members and Euless citizens to “Coffee with a Cop” event on September 21, 2016, 0930-1030 hours at our very own Chick-fil-A Heritage Towne Crossing location, 3003 Highway 121, Euless. I really enjoy this time because there is no set agenda, topics, or conversations that need to be followed. If you enjoy a great cup of coffee with friends please join us.

Once again, thank you for your continuous commitment and time you all give to the Euless Police Department.

Rocky



## From the President — Sandi Jones

Barbeque time is getting closer and the planning is going full swing. We need people to get interested and to start selling tickets. The tickets are \$15 each for all you can eat barbeque, plus desserts, so they should be easy to sell. Our silent auction things need to start coming in and also, if you are a member of ECPAAA, don't forget to bring your dessert plate so our "Dine & Dash" at the barbeque will be a big success. I have been looking everywhere and have found quite a few beautiful plates. We would like to have one from every person in ECPAAA. In fact, one plate is my favorite and I am going to try and buy that one at our game. If you don't know what I am talking about, that means you weren't at the last meeting, so come to this one and find out what I am talking about.



This month we are having a special cake and acknowledgement of Chief Brown's 35 years in law enforcement. That is something for us to be proud of...a Police Chief that knows his stuff and has been doing it for 35 years. Come and help us celebrate.

We have lots of announcements and information coming out in this next meeting so please try and be there. We love having so many people attend.

### **EULESS CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION August 16, 2016 — EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Meeting Attendees: Leah Benoit, Teresia Foreman, Jerry Goad, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Dana Nuber, Julie Watkins and Jerri Balkon

#### **Old Business**

Contributions to Dallas Police Department totaled \$276.00. Sandy Jones will handle gate codes going forward. Leah gave the BBQ Committee Meeting update and the CPANT report. Lou Baum gave an update on his daughter.

#### **New Business**

John Luna is handling the "Back the Blue" yard signs. The cost is \$5. Jim Hall in the jail is selling decals with the State of Texas on them and Hoffer's #554. They are also \$5. If you would like a V-neck shirt please contact Julie. There are mostly junior sizes left.

Our September ECPAAA General Meeting will include a reception for Mike Brown for his 35 years of service. Sharon Finnegan is in charge of the reception, which will include cookies/desserts. Please contact her if you can bring some goodies.

Our October ECPAAA General Meeting will include a surprise baby shower for Rocky and his wife. Sandi will verify additional details.

Dana will be doing the desert plates for the ECPAAA BBQ in November. It's called the "Dine and Dash". This could be a great potential fundraiser. See Dana for more details or if you can help donate plates or gift cards.

Jerri Balkon made a motion to close the meeting and Julie Watkins second it. Meeting ended 6:37 p.m.

**Upcoming Events**

- Sept 13 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive
- Sept 14 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department Emergency Operations Center
- Sept 17 — Eules Firefighters For Freedom Fighters 5K, Bob Eden Park, Registration 7:00 am, Race Starts 8:00 am
- Sept 20 — ECPAAA Board Meeting, 6:15 pm; General Meeting, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department.
- Sept 21 — Coffee with a Cop, 9:30—10:30, Chick-fil-A Heritage Town Crossing, 3003 Highway 121, Eules.
- Sept 24 — GAP Fall Pet Fair, 10 am — 2 pm, Trinity High School.
- Sept 27— City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive.
- Sept 27—ECPAAA BBQ Dinner/Auction Event Committee Mtg. 6:30pm
- Oct 1st —Eules Police Department Open House — 10 am — 2pm, 1102 W. Eules Blvd.
- Oct 4th — National Night Out — consider hosting a NNO event in your neighborhood!
- Oct 8 — Junk In The Trunk Community Garage Sales, 8am — 1 pm, Eules Family Life Senior Center, 300 W. Midway Drive.
- Oct 8 — Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 9am—11 am, Eules Municipal Complex, 201 N. Ector Drive.
- Oct 11 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive.
- Oct 12 — Amateur Radio Eules, 7:00 pm, Eules Police Department, 1102 W. Eules Blvd.
- Oct 25 — City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, City Hall, 201 N. Ector Drive.

**August 2016 Volunteer Hours**

- CID Clerical – 23.25 Hours
- Citizens On Patrol – 90.5 Hours  
Includes the following:  
COP Car – 90.5 Hours  
COP Sky Tower – 0 Hours  
Number of Handicap Citations Issued – 5
- Courts – 0 Hours
- Crime Victims Assistance Program – 0 Hours
- Eules Radio Club – 49.5 Hours
- Jail – 10.75 Hours
- Meetings – 129.5 Hours.....Includes the following:  
CPAANT Meeting – 9 Hours  
ECPAAA Board & General Meeting – 31 Hours  
ECPAAA BBQ/Auction Committee Meeting—24.5 Hours  
Texas CPAAC Convention – 65 Hours
- Miscellaneous –91.5 Hours
- Speed Trailer – 0 Hours
- Training — 106 Hours (105 Hours in CERT Training)
- Vehicle Maintenance – 127.5 Hours
- Watering of Plants – 7.5 Hours
- Grand Total – 636 Hours**
- August YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$14,672.52**
- August YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$15,683.76**
- 2016 YTD National Value of Volunteer Time — \$108,948.08**
- 2016 YTD Texas Value of Volunteer Time — \$116,456.85**
- August Meeting — 23 Alumni Members Present**

**Happy Birthday ECPAAA Members**

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Terry Martin — 9/3</b>   | <b>Donna Cohen — 9/15</b>   | <b>John W. Luna — 9/22</b>   |
| <b>Barbara Brown — 9/11</b> | <b>Pete Jones — 9/17</b>    | <b>Connie Scott — 9/25</b>   |
| <b>Mark Lee — 9/14</b>      | <b>Minuet Balkon — 9/21</b> | <b>John Deithloff — 9/27</b> |
| <b>Chris Marz — 9/14</b>    | <b>Byron Benoit — 9/22</b>  | <b>Janet Brunner — 9/28</b>  |
| <b>Thomas Salmi — 9/14</b>  |                             |                              |

**ECPAAA August 16, 2016 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Attendees: Kathy Ames, Jerri Balkon, Lou Baum, Leah Benoit, Donna Cohen, Stephan Cohen, Shawna De Puente, Teresia Foreman, Jerry Goad, Paul Haberer, Pete Jones, Sandi Jones, Don Martin, Joyce Maxwell, Anniece McKanna, Dana Nuber, Betty Overstreet, Geri Sorg, Peggy Vandiver, Julie Watkins, Susanna Whitten, Diana Williams, and Kristi Wynne.

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. JR Goad led in the invocation and the flag salutes to the American and the Texas flags. Minutes from July were passed with Julie Watkins making the motion and Shawna De Puente second it.

Pete Jones showed a presentation video that was shown at the State CPA Annual Meeting called "Remembering the Fallen". There have been 90 officers and 27 police dogs fallen 1/1/2016-7/28/2016, many were from Texas. The State CPA convention will be held in Waco next year during the first week of August.

**Old Business**

Sandi Jones mentioned \$276 was donated in the name of the ECPAAA to the Dallas Police Association. Going forward gate codes will be handled by Sandi Jones. Committee Captains were given their lists. Several lists that Sandi sent around have not been returned. Leah Benoit has BBQ Tickets to sell and buy. The next BBQ Committee Meeting is August 23rd. Bring any and all donations you have received. Leah Benoit gave a report about the August Denton CPANT meeting. The September meeting was in Carrollton and Susanna Whitten attended for Leah. Sandi announced the birthdays for the month and Happy Birthday was sung to everyone in attendance that had a birthday in August. Lou Baum gave us an update on his daughter's July 18th surgery where they put a steel rod down inside her leg. She is currently involved in occupational and physical therapy and has a nurse helping her. Mark Lee also had surgery. Continued prayers were requested on behalf of both. Julie Watkins still has Junior size V-neck shirts left for sale.

**New Business**

John Luna has some Back the Blue yard signs for sale but he was not in attendance. The cost will be \$5.00. It was mentioned that selling these at the BBQ would be a good opportunity. Jim Hall in the jail is selling decals with the State of Texas and Hoffer's #554 on them. They are also \$5. You may call him at [817-501-7748](tel:817-501-7748) to place an order. There may also be a .50 shipping and handling charge.

Mike Brown was supposed to receive his 35 year pin the evening of August 16<sup>th</sup>, but his wife's father passed away and they had to be in Oklahoma. Two Police Officers received their lifetime achievement awards at the same meeting. The 9/20 General Committee Meeting will include a reception for Mark Brown at 7:00 p.m. Those with last name that start with A-D bring a 2 liter of soda and with last name that starts with E-Z bring something to eat. Jerri Balkon, the head and only member of the hospitality committee will need to make the calls.

Rocky's wife is having a baby on Nov 12<sup>th</sup>. The 10/18 General Committee Meeting will be a surprise baby shower for Rocky and his wife. Gifts and food will need to be brought and coordinated. Sandi will verify the sex of the baby and let us know. More details next month.

ECPAAA is always looking for more ideas on ways to earn more money at the BBQ. Dana Nuber presented a concept called "The Dine and Dash" which she has used with great success at other fund raisers. Cute desert plates need to be purchased, donated and given to Dana. Gift cards will need to be procured from any and all venues as possible. The cost to purchase this will be \$20. Each plate will have a number on it that matches an envelope with that same number. The envelope will contain gift cards from \$25 to \$125. This will enable more activity to happen at the beginning of the evening and bring more traffic into the silent auction room. Dana will be in charge and we should start bringing plates and gift cards to the next month's meeting. Sandi will send out an e-mail about this.

Peggy Vandiver made a motion to dismiss and Geri Sorg second it. The meeting ended at 7:44 p.m.

## National Preparedness Month: Be A Force That Others Count On

September is National Preparedness Month. The 2016 campaign, “Don’t Wait, Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today,” urges each of us to prepare for emergencies that could affect our communities and our families.

Throughout the month, there will be a series of events that build up to National PrepareAthon! Day on September 30, when employees, individuals, organizations, and businesses across the country will highlight the importance of practicing emergency preparedness actions. Here are some of the key steps you can take to prepare for emergencies:

**Make an emergency plan** so your family can reconnect when an emergency strikes.

☀️ **Download the FEMA App** ([www.fema.gov/mobile-app](http://www.fema.gov/mobile-app)) for disaster resources and to receive weather alerts, safety tips, and reminders so you can be ready for the unexpected.

☀️ **Practice your preparedness.** In case your family is not together during an emergency, practice how you will communicate with each other and digitize important documents.

Remember, the better we prepare ourselves and our families, the better we are able to respond when our Nation needs us the most.

Alejandro N. Mayorkas  
Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security

### BATTLE OF THE BADGES—SEPTEMBER 17TH

Please join the Ft. Worth Panthers Police Hockey Team at the Dr. Pepper StarCenter in Euless for a riveting hockey game. It is an Officer Hofer Benefit Game. Starts at 5:30 pm. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids.

### CPAANT Liaison — Leah Benoit

Carrollton — September 10, 2016

Susanna Whitten attended the meeting on Leah’s behalf in Carrollton. This month’s meeting was held at the Carrollton Municipal Court Building. There were 45 people in attendance representing 15 cities. The speakers were Chief Rex Redden and Mayor Matthew Marchant.

Chief Redden noted all the outreach and community programs in progress. He also spoke of the tragedy of 9/11. He remembered how things got quiet, no planes in the air and a feeling of vulnerability. Out of all the disaster that struck our nation, a patriotism emerged. Now, 15 years later, something has changed. July 7<sup>th</sup> of this year marked another tragedy. It was gut wrenching. Law enforcement support increased, but with time people forget. That is why CPAAA’s are so important. Negative publicity is always going to happen and everyone makes mistakes, even our fine Officers. Main-stream media is what people listen to and they don’t bother to do the follow-up to get the whole story. We got to figure out how to keep the support going for our programs. He said there are 3 categories of people: 1. Sheep, 95% – passive, just trying to get through life, 2. Wolves, 1% – evil doers looking to cause havoc and 3. Sheep Dogs, 4% - the caretakers. People can shape shift too. Texas has the lowest funding for mental health and Collin County is the lowest in the Nation. Wolves will prey on the weak. He said we need to strategically plan for the future. Always looking out for the potential threat. Be thinking about your agency, your community and what could be the threat. If you see something, say something.

Mayor Marchant is a lawyer and a 40 year resident of Carrollton. He said that CPAAA’s do a lot and make good communities great. Their focus currently is the people’s perception of the city. They are trying to move the needle in a positive direction with several programs. The key, he said, is balancing your community. For more information on CPAANT, see the website at [www.cpaant.org](http://www.cpaant.org).



## ECPAAA August 2016 Treasurer's Report

INCOME	Carry Over	August	YTD Income	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
<b>12/31/15 Balance in Checking</b>	<b>\$7,175.96</b>				
Afghan Fundraiser		\$75.00	\$275.00	\$30.00	\$220.00
Back the Blue Fundraiser		\$15.00	\$2,880.39	\$250.00	\$2,630.39
BBQ Dinner/Silent Auction		\$650.00	\$2,725.00	\$15,000.00	-\$12,275.00
Brick Sales			\$210.00	\$35.00	\$175.00
CRUD Day			\$609.06	\$700.00	-\$90.94
Donations/Outside Income		\$50.00	\$1,132.00	\$500.00	\$632.00
Fundraisers		\$17.73	\$51.64	\$200.00	-\$148.36
Grocery Care Cards			\$17.07	\$50.00	-\$32.93
Membership Dues			\$2,145.00	\$1,800.00	\$345.00
Member Merchandise			\$478.35	\$100.00	\$378.35
Recycle (Cans, Cartridges & Electronics)			\$0.00	\$150.00	-\$150.00
Warrant Roundup			\$512.50	\$750.00	-\$237.50
Funds Used to Cover Major Projects			\$0.00	\$13,310.00	-\$13,310.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$802.73</b>	<b>\$11,011.01</b>	<b>\$32,875.00</b>	<b>-\$21,863.99</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,175.96</b>	<b>\$18,186.97</b>	<b>\$18,186.97</b>		
EXPENSES	Carry Over	August	YTD Expenses	Annual Budget	Over/Under Budget
9-1-1 Day			\$0.00	\$400.00	-\$400.00
Audit - Treasurer's Records			\$250.00	\$500.00	-\$250.00
Back the Blue Fundraiser			\$2,195.36	\$50.00	\$2,145.36
BBQ Silent Auction		\$1.20	\$1.20	\$8,250.00	-\$8,248.80
Bricks			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Checking Account Expenses			\$0.00	\$30.00	-\$30.00
CPAANT Dues			\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Fundraisers			\$0.00	\$300.00	-\$300.00
Expenses Not Categorized			\$494.67	\$500.00	-\$5.33
Honorarium Awards and Gifts			\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00
Member Merchandise Items			\$99.99	\$150.00	-\$50.01
Memorials and Gifts			\$87.22	\$200.00	-\$112.78
Office Supplies		\$117.91	\$343.28	\$500.00	-\$156.72
PALS Summer Camp			\$0.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,200.00
Police Appreciation Week			\$860.00	\$1,000.00	-\$140.00
Police Chief Wish Projects			\$4,500.00	\$12,445.00	-\$7,945.00
Police Honor Guard			\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00
Police Officer Christmas Meals			\$0.00	\$450.00	-\$450.00
President Awards			\$172.02	\$200.00	-\$27.98
Social Events		\$38.52	\$38.52	\$400.00	-\$361.48
TCPAAA Convention			\$110.00	\$125.00	-\$15.00
Water by the Gallon		\$84.00	\$355.02	\$800.00	-\$444.98
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$127.26</b>	<b>\$9,290.65</b>	<b>\$32,875.00</b>	<b>-\$23,584.35</b>
Money Transferred to Savings			\$0.00		
Money Transferred from Savings			\$4,500.00		
<b>Funds Available in Checking</b>			<b>\$13,154.69</b>		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT					
Major Projects/Future Projects	\$16,341.61		\$16,341.61		
Interest from Savings Account		\$0.11	\$0.81		
Savings Deposit			\$0.00		
Savings Withdrawal			\$4,500.00		
<b>Funds Available in Savings</b>			<b>\$11,842.42</b>		
<b>Total ECPAAA Funds</b>			<b>\$24,997.11</b>		

Note: \$529.25 of Outside Donations is earmarked for RAD Equipment; the BBQ/Silent Auction funds includes a \$850 donation from a member.