



NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL UPDATE



FORT WORTH HOSTS APRIL 2004 CPAANT MEETING

They did a great job hosting the February '04 CPAANT meeting, and Fort Worth CPAA has been gracious enough to host again in April. The next CPAANT meeting is **Saturday, April 3, 2004**. The board meeting is open to all members, scheduled from 9 - 10 am . The **general meeting** will start at **10:00 am**. Location details:

**Fort Worth Police and Fire Training
Center**
1000 Calvert
Fort Worth, TX

The facility is near the northwest corner of the intersection of I-35 W and I-30.

You may visit these links for directions from your location:

<http://maps.yahoo.com/dd>

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REGIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 3, 2004 - CPAANT 10 am
Fort Worth

April 14 - 17, 2004 Austin, TX
National Citizen Police Academy Convention
<http://www.nationalcpaa.org/>

May 1, 2004 - CPAANT 10 am
Cedar Hill

June 5, 2003 - CPAANT 10 am
Coppell

July 10, 2004 - CPAANT 10am
Waco

August 7, 2004 - CPAANT 10 am
Dallas

August 22-25, 2004 Dickinson/Galveston, TX
Texas Citizen Police Academy Convention
www.tcpaaconvention.org

September 4, 2003
NO CPAANT MEETING

October 2, 2004 - CPAANT 10 am
Richardson

November 6, 2004 - CPAANT 10 am
Carrrollton

December 4, 2004 - CPAANT 10 am
Arlington
CPAANT Holiday Party

DUES ARE DUE

It's that time again... dues are due!
Annual dues are \$25.00, payable to CPAANT.
Checks may be given to CPAANT Treasurer
Sandra McPike, or mailed to:

CPAANT
C/O James Long
PO Box 572
Arlington, TX 76004-0572

THANK YOU to those communities who have
already paid dues for 2004:

Bedford
Carrrollton
Cedar Hill
Coppell
Fort Worth
Haltom City (orphan member)
Hurst
Lewisville
Mansfield
Richardson
Weatherford

The CPAANT committees want YOU! There are two active committees that can benefit from your ideas and assistance.

Contact Wes Weeks / Eules for the **Website Research Committee**. Computer experience is helpful but not mandatory. We need everyone's input, especially the layperson!

Contact Marge Carr / Fort Worth for the **Convention Preparation Committee**. This group will handle convention specifics such as reserving and decorating display tables, the presence of Andy and Anne, raffle items, etc.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Austin, TX

The 2004 National CPAA Convention will be held at the Austin Doubletree Hotel from April 14 - 17, 2004. A 10% airfare discount is being offered by Southwest Airlines (see the convention site for details, link below).

Doubletree Hotel / Special Rate: \$89 for 1 or 2 persons in a room. To get this rate, when calling, please identify yourself as attending the 2004 National Citizen's Police Academy Conference. This rate only guaranteed up to March 23, 2004.

Reservations can be made 24 hours a day by calling 800-347-0330 or 512-454-3737

Convention registration:

Early Registration \$150.00
(prior to April 1, 2004)

Late Registration \$200.00
(April 1, 2004 and walkups)

Please visit the website for more convention information, including a schedule of daily events:

<http://www.nationalcpaa.org/>



MINUTES FROM THE CPAANT MEETING

SATURDAY MARCH 6, 2004,

EULESS, TEXAS

10:06 am meeting began.

President John Engels welcomed everyone.

Eules CPAANT representative Wes Weeks welcomed everyone to Eules. Weeks introduced the guest speaker, Sgt. Gary L. Landers, Police Liason for the Eules Police Dept.

Sgt. Landers is 32 years old and has been with Eules PD since 1990. He grew up in Eules and would like to be the future Eules Police Chief.

Sgt. Landers spoke on the **HISTORY OF POLICING**.

Policing was created in the 13th century, when "watchmen" were employed to watch for criminals.

The first police force was in London, 1829. Sir Robert Peel is considered the "Father of Policing."

Early American policing started with foot patrol. The county sheriff was the primary source of law enforcement and debt collection. Some towns had their own rules which progressed into city ordinances. For example, in Eules if a person did not have at least a certain amount of pocket change, that person was considered a vagrant.

The first American police force was in Boston, 1838. New York followed in 1844, then Philadelphia in 1856.

TODAY in the USA, there are 12,500 police agencies, 3,100 sheriff departments, and 1,700 special police agencies (such as park/school/transit police).

Large police depts. are less common. Most are under 50 employees, servicing populations of 2500 and less.

COMMUNITY POLICING

Deals with the quality of life, and uses several resources to fight crime.

The **crime triangle** includes 3 elements, all must be present for a criminal act: *opportunity, ability, and desire*.

As citizens, we can help prevent the *opportunity*.

There is a good chance of catching the criminal if the crime is reported ASAP.

The **SARA** model is a process used by patrol officers, to identify and address community problems. The elements of this model include *scanning, analysis, response, and assessment*.

EULESS POLICE HISTORY

In 1957, Eules hired its first officer, W.M. "Blackie" Sustaire. He later became the first police chief.

In 1958 Eules hired its second officer. Eules also agreed to share a jail with Grapevine, and Eules agreed with Hurst to assist with calls.

Eules PD received its own building in 1978 (separate from the fire dept.).

Some Eules PD statistics of today:

- 81 sworn officers for 49,732 citizens
- 20 patrol vehicles
- 10 CID vehicles
- 2 commercial service vans
- 10 police-equipped bicycles
- 6 districts
- Always at least 11 officers on duty

A **challenge** was issued to Eules for two items:

1. Obtain city government support for CPAA programs such as writing tickets for handicap parking violators and city code violators.
2. Details of how Eules CPAA received a new vehicle donated by Allen Samuels Dodge, utilized as a Eules CPAA Patrol car (note – the vehicle was donated to the city of Eules; provides good community relations for the dealership).

The CPAANT **directory** was mentioned and will need to be updated, to be discussed further at the April '04 meeting.

GENERAL MEETING

Meeting re-convened.

Introduction of ALL attendees.

INVITATION for any and all to attend CPAANT board meetings. Will be held one hour prior to the general CPAANT meeting, from 9 am – 10 am.

CPAANT wants to return to reporting on individual city events on a regular basis.

Prior CPAANT meeting **minutes** were reviewed, and copies were provided for all attendees.

Correction to the January '04 minutes – Cedar Hill CPAA raised and presented **\$5,000.00** to the city for Honor Guard uniforms, not \$5,00.

Motion to approve January '04 CPAANT minutes – made by Eules, 2nd by Fort Worth, passed unopposed.

Motion to approve February '04 CPAANT minutes – made by Fort Worth, 2nd by Mansfield, passed unopposed.

February '04 **Treasurer's Report** was reviewed and copies were provided for all attendees. As of March 6, 2004, 11 cities paid CPAANT dues for 2004. **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Bedford, 2nd by Eules, passed unopposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Website committee—Report due April '04

Convention committee – Marge Carr is the chair. We are in need of more volunteers for this committee!

Host cities – Waco will host July '04, Dallas will host August '04. All CPAANT meetings in 2004 have hosts, and the full schedule was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of **voting mechanisms** and **voting methods**. Bylaws were reviewed which noted one vote per community. This discussion continued, and it was determined that we can decide how to interpret our bylaws. One vote per community may mean that an entire community can come to a CPAANT meeting and collaborate on how to use that vote.

The bylaws are basic, but we have latitude on interpreting and applying them.

The bylaws discussion was tabled.

Agreed that the CPAANT Board will discuss this further.

Also, CPAANT representatives should go back to their communities and discuss this issue, bring back any suggestions.

Specifically, the topic of discussion is *voting and community representation for the voting process*.

Lewisville reported that a negative e-mail was received in the past when their CPAANT representative was substituted without notice.

Clarification was made on the minutes and Treasurer's Report. In the future, the minutes will be included in the newsletter. The minutes will not include the Treasurer's Report figures. Those figures will be available via handout for all attendees at CPAANT meetings.

Marge Carr / Fort Worth was selling personal sized **pepper sprays** at \$10 each but quickly sold out. She will bring more for the April meeting. These are available to sell in any community.

An update was given regarding CPAANT Vice President **James Long**. James Long had a heart attack in February but is recovering well and should be back in full swing at the April CPAANT meeting.

Texas Crime Prevention Association – Any CPA alumni is eligible to join. The meetings are the third Thursday of every month in Arlington. Every single meeting has been informative. The meetings count

toward continuing education requirements for police officers. They are looking to recruit more civilians.

Dallas will host NOBLE National Conference, (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives), July 9-16, '04 at the Anatole Hotel. Volunteers from any city are needed and welcomed.

CITY REPORTS

WACO – Alumni have performed safety / seat belt checks.

Many activities with the PD memorial.

Viking Fest April '04.

LEWISVILLE – Police Appreciation May '04.

Battle of the Badges June '04, a softball game between fire and police depts., benefits the Children's Advocacy Center.

FORT WORTH – Bowl-A-Thon 3/6/04.

Airplane Pull April '04, a fundraiser for Special Olympics.

Fort Worth alumni will be working week-ends at Trader's Village selling corny dogs, all day Saturdays and Sundays. Earns a percentage of total sales, a lucrative fundraiser.

DESOTO – Class #25 is about to start.

Will hold their sixth Senior Symposium with the officers to learn about the police dept.

CEDAR HILL – Started 12th CPA class.

Police awards banquet was at the end of February '04, a great success.

EULESS – Started 19th CPA class.

Police awards banquet was 3/5/04, a very nice event.

\$5,000.00 was donated to Euless PD.

Arbor Days will be April 23-25, 2004. All are welcome to attend! Euless CPA assists in parking cars, one of their key fundraisers.

BEDFORD – Starting 28th CPA class.

Will be working at Texas Motor Speedway April '04 checking for glass containers.

Bedford CPAA donated \$1,000.00 to Bedford PD, and donated \$500.00 for their police banquet.

DALLAS – Alumni assisting with a video to be used in police officer training on proper handling of MHMR citizens.

ARLINGTON – Starting another Spanish CPA class. James Long of Arlington was nominated for Volunteer Citizen of the Year along with four other nominees. In 2003, volunteer hours totaled 5,213 which saved the city of Arlington \$130,000!

Will be working the upcoming Safety Fair.

Hoping to work at Fry's Electronics in May as a food vendor, a lucrative fundraiser.

WEATHERFORD – Hosted Casino Night and made \$1,900.00 (net after expenses) with roulette, blackjack, and craps tables. Weatherford owns the casino equipment and is offering to rent it out and assist with set-up and operations..

A tree was planted in honor of their eldest CPA member.

Meeting **adjourned** at 12:14 pm, motion by Fort Worth, 2nd by Mansfield, passed unopposed.

