



# NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL UPDATE



## SPECIAL CPAANT MEETING COPPELL, TEXAS SATURDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2004 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

(due to the detailed presentation, meeting is to start promptly at 10:00 AM, please be prompt)

**Program: Tamara Keller, Forensic Chemist  
Drug Enforcement Administration**

**Biography:** Tamara Keller has a Bachelor Degree in Forensic Science from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. She has worked as an intern in the Arizona Department of Public Safety Crime Lab system and was a toxicologist for the University of Arizona Veterinary Diagnostic Lab in Tucson. Tamara has been a Forensic Chemist with the Drug Enforcement Administration for 8 years. She is Clandestine Laboratory Certified and has testified in state, local and federal court all across the country.

**Location: Coppell Town Center (Council Chamber)  
255 Parkway Blvd., Coppell, TX 75019**

Coppell is located just north east of DFW Airport. Take I-635 to Beltline (North). Beltline changes to Denton Tap, turn right on Parkway Blvd. (Eckerd's, Fire Station, then Town Center).

From 121 turn south on Denton Tap turn left at Parkway Blvd.

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

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## REGIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**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](http://www.tcpaaconvention.org)

**September 4, 2003**  
NO CPAANT MEETING

**October 2, 2004** - CPAANT 10 am  
Richardson

**November 6, 2004** - CPAANT 10 am  
Carrollton

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

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## 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:

Arlington  
Bedford  
Carrollton  
Cedar Hill  
Coppell  
Dallas  
Fort Worth  
Haltom City (orphan member)  
Hurst  
Lewisville  
Mansfield  
Richardson  
Rowlett  
Weatherford

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

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

Contact Louise Runnels / 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.

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**MINUTES FROM THE CPAANT  
MEETING  
SATURDAY MAY 1, 2004,  
CEDAR HILL, TEXAS**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

- Recap of April '04 meeting (Fort Worth).
- Recap of website committee status and the preference of ipowerweb as the internet service provider.
- CPAANT is still actively seeking a webmaster.
- Recap of the convention committee – what do we want to do at the state convention and what do we want to sell? Do we want a raffle item?
- Discussed getting at least 2 display tables, one for CPAANT and one for other cities to pool together and share. CPAANT may sell pepper spray.
- Louise Runnels is in charge of coordinating roommates in Galveston.
- Vera Gibbs volunteered to contact the Arlington reps regarding the Andy / Ann dolls.
- Coppell requested a 1 hour time window for the speaker at the June CPAANT meeting. Stress that the meeting needs to start at 10:00 am sharp, please do not be late!
- Recap of last month's discussion regarding community votes at CPAANT meetings.
- Directory – needs to be updated to reflect paid members.
- Motion to close Board Meeting, made by Fort Worth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Coppell (passed unopposed).

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at 10am by President John Engels / Weatherford.

Cedar Hill Police Chief Steve Rhodes spoke about how the city of Cedar Hill has developed over the past few years. He also commended the Cedar Hill CPAAA activities and noted that the overall crime rate went down 2%, even while the city was in a growth mode. He noted that the CPAAA raised \$5,000.00 to start the Honor Guard. The team is now formed and uniforms are on order thanks to the CPAAA.

Sandra McPike / Cedar Hill introduced Lt. Garland Wolf and Officer Victor Vasquez.

Lt. Garland Wolf has been with the Cedar Hill Police Dept for 11 years. He is in charge of several areas including ERT / SWAT.

Officer Victor Vasquez has been with the Cedar Hill Police Dept. for 10 years. He is the assistant Team Leader for ERT (Emergency Response Team).

ERT was created in Cedar Hill two years ago. They are the "silent professionals." Their mission is to never want to use force in a situation. If force is necessary, use minimal force

and protect ALL involved persons, including the suspect. They prefer to use tactics over equipment.

Discussion of application / selection / training process for ERT / SWAT.

Cedar Hill PD is moving toward less lethal controls by using different equipment (rubber, silica sacs, etc.).

Demonstration of ERT / SWAT equipment:

- Heavy vest (40 lbs)
- Kevlar helmet
- Taser X26: Tasers have saved lives and millions of dollars in injury claims nationwide. Taser costs \$700, batteries last 2-3 months, stays under warranty, range is 21 feet or less.
- Stinger: contains OC beads, explodes like a hand grenade
- Gas masks: ERT trains with these 1 hour / day
- MP5: submachine gun by H&K, good weapon due to being lightweight and accurate.
- M4: more powerful than MP5.
- Scope: long fiber optic with camera at the tip.
- Door knocker
- Shield

Break was taken and the general meeting resumed.

Introduction of ALL meeting attendees.

**MOTION** to approve minutes made by Coppell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fort Worth (passed unopposed).

Treasurer's report was reviewed. Seventeen cities have paid CPAANT dues for 2004. **MOTION** to approve was made by Mansfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lewisville (passed unopposed).

**OLD BUSINESS**

Recap of the **National Convention** was provided by Chris Gescheidle / Richardson. Chris confirmed that the presentations were geared toward CPAA volunteers, not just police officers as has been the case in the past. Convention attendees came from all corners of the country and also from Europe.

Chris was honored with the award of National CPAA Coordinator for 2004 at the National Convention. Congratulations to Chris, well deserved!

**State convention** was discussed by Louis Runnels.

Discussion of obtaining at least two CPAANT tables, one for CPAANT and one for other cities to share if desired.

Mention of having a raffle item.

Louise is in charge of arranging roommates and carpools.

Louise is also selling pins / patches / pepper sprays.

**Next meeting in Coppell** – update given by Vera Gibbs. The speaker is a forensic chemist / drug biochemist. This is the same team that swipes lockers for drugs. She is on the caliber of CSI. She is a trainer for police officers nationwide. Carpools are encouraged as this meeting is open to any interested alumni members. Please distribute flyers among your members.

**Waco will host the July meeting** which also promises to be interesting and worth the trip.

Discussion of carpools to Waco among CPAANT members; will be further discussed at the June meeting.

**Website committee** -- seeking a webmaster.

## NEW BUSINESS

The **next National Convention** will be held in Decatur, Alabama, May 11-14, 2005 (near Huntsville, AL). \$150 registration.

**CPAANT directory** – each city may have a page with their logo, officer information, etc.

Lewisville commented and is in favor of this. Suggested that each person complete a form that confirms what can and cannot be published in the directory.

Discussion regarding creating a form for directory registration (to be handled by the CPAANT board).

## CITY REPORTS

**DeSoto** – hosting TRIAD which provides information to senior citizens, expected attendance is 200 for this event on 05/12/2004

National Police Memorial on 05/14/04 – CPAA will serve breakfast, there will be a police open house for all citizens and an honor guard presentation

25<sup>th</sup> CPA graduation on 05/25/04

Assisting with the Great Program in June (Gang Resistance Education and Training)

DeSoto police chief caught a bank robber after a 115 mph highway chase and a foot chase behind a Kroger store

**Lewisville** – Assisting with DWI / substance testing Safety Fair – kid IDs, held at Sam Pack Ford

Alumni have sat in on police training

Lewisville has a Fire Academy

Celebrating Cinco de Mayo 05/02/04 in Lewisville, will also have kid IDs

Fatal vision goggles demonstration on 5/7/04 in an effort to prevent drinking during prom

CPA class graduation 5/13/04

Red White and Blue Jazz Festival in Highland Village on 6/5/04, from 2 pm until dark

Battle of the Badges on 06/19/04 – softball game between the two departments, obtaining area sponsorships, this is a major fundraiser. Last year the fire dept. won

**Richardson** – Wildflower Festival is 05/07 thru 05/09/04, Dart rail (train) will drop you off at the front door. Musical acts include everything from Tanya Tucker to Fattburger

**Weatherford** – Ebby Brothers passed away 01/04 and a tree was planted in her honor

Weatherford purchased Casino Night equipment and is offering it for use to other CPAANT member cities (price list pending)

Weatherford CPAA presented the police chief with two Tasers and an intoximeter for monitoring graduation parties (handout distributed).

**Fort Worth** – Assisted with Special Olympics in April Sold ice cream at Trader's Village in April

Hosted Mercy Med Flight's First Annual Mash Bash at Meacham Field

CPA class #34 graduates 05/20/04

Third CERT class training starts 06/04

Fort Worth PD baseball game 05/01/04

NTCPA (N.Tx Crime Prevention Assoc.) assisted with Crime Fair

**Eules** – Arbor Daze was unfortunately closed two out of three days due to rain

Three fundraisers in April: Trash Off, Crud Collection (batteries, paint cans, motor oil), and helped cashiers at Bass Pro Shops

Eules alumni Lloyd Baldwin passed away

Alumni Kathy Haecker was a finalist for Woman of the Year

**Mansfield** – graduated new CPA class the last week of April

**Dallas** – hosting NOBLE conference 07/09 – 16/04, seeking volunteers to assist with registration, etc.

**Arlington** – Arlington CPA was nominated for the Fort Worth Star Telegram's Volunteer Group of the Year

Plaza VIP won Fort Worth Star Telegram's Small

Organization / Volunteer Group of the Year

35<sup>th</sup> CPA class graduated, classes include adult, student, and Spanish

Training scenarios with new recruits on 04/30/04, includes DWI tests, volunteers were monitored as they drank

**Coppell** – Alumni are assisting with all aspects of Teen Court. Also allowing teens to assist with and participate in Police Week.

**Cedar Hill** – CPA class graduating 05/13/04

Sonic Car Hop 05/15/04 where officers and CPA alumni will serve food, 10am – 4pm, all TIPS are a fundraiser

Fiesta Hispania celebrated on 05/01/04 in Cedar Hill

Police Appreciation Week 05/11 – 05/15/04 – Cedar Hill

alumni will provide goodie bags to all officers and feed the force

Alumni helped with keeping Cedar Hill beautiful, assisted in picking up trash in the city

Alumni have been calling on warrants, a successful program Cedar Hill is requesting from any CPAANT member cities:

sample literature / brochures regarding open garage doors

**MOTION** to close the meeting at 12:02 pm, made by Lewisville, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arlington, passed unopposed.

Meeting adjourned to door prizes

See y'all in Coppell on June 5<sup>th</sup>!