



NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL UPDATE



RICHARDSON hosts OCTOBER 2004 CPAANT MEETING

The next CPAANT meeting is **Saturday, October 2, 2004**. CPAANT meetings are open to all area alumni members and police liaisons. The board meeting is from 9 - 10 am, and the **general meeting** will start at **10:00 am**.

This will be a good meeting for all alumni groups and their police advisors to attend. Officer Chris Gescheidle, Special Programs Officer, will present the uniformed Richardson **Volunteers In Policing** program. The squad cars which are marked, computerized, and radio equipped will be on display. This program has grown and developed beyond all expectations for the Richardson PD, and it is a win win for the department and community.

Richardson has provided the following information:

Richardson Civic Center
Meet in the **Richardson Room**
411 West Arapaho Road
Richardson, TX 75080

The Richardson Civic Center is next to the Richardson Library on Arapaho Rd., just west of US 75 (North Central Expwy.).

You may visit these links for directions from your location:

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

<http://www.mapbast.com>

<http://www.mapquest.com/>

2004 CPAANT Executive Board

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**2004 REGIONAL
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

October 2, 2004 - CPAANT 10 am
Richardson

November 6, 2004 - CPAANT 10 am
Carrollton

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

**2005 CPAANT
HOST SCHEDULE**

January	OPEN
February	Weatherford
March	Waco
April	Fort Worth
May	OPEN
June	Coppell
July	OPEN
August	OPEN
September	OPEN
October	OPEN
November	OPEN
December	Arlington

THANK YOU to the communities who have paid dues for 2004:

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



Congratulations to Kathy O'Donnell from Arlington CPAA! She won CPAANT's \$200.00 grand prize drawing in Galveston.

Please talk with your groups about which month you would like to host.
First come, first served!

Election time for the CPAANT Executive Board will be here in December. Start thinking about being part of the CPAANT Nominating Committee and/or running for a Board position.

MINUTES FROM CPAANT MEETING SATURDAY AUGUST 5, 2004, DALLAS, TEXAS

BOARD MEETING NOTES

Vote on convention cash prize from CPAANT (\$200.00).

CPAANT will not sell pepper spray at convention to avoid competition with Fort Worth's sales. Sandra McPike ordered two (2) convention display tables. What are we taking to Galveston? Banners, change/paper money. Keep raffle money separate from other CPAANT sales. 1 person should control the money.

Discussion of other area alumni groups such as Mesquite, Irving (starting a new group); Allen and Frisco are potential members.

CPAANT fundraiser ideas include car decals, mugs, mousepads, etc. There is a catalog full of ideas. May need to form a committee to further explore this. Time to order more patches.

Reminder to continue recruiting members for the North Texas Crime Prevention.

MOTION to close made by Mansfield, 2nd by Eules.

GENERAL MEETING

Welcome by CPAANT President John Engels to all attendees. Engels acknowledged returning CPAANT members and past CPAANT Presidents in attendance, including Pat Struble and Kathi Mulkerin (both from Arlington), and Ann Stone (Richardson).

Sharon Stevens (Dallas) introduced the speaker, Lt. Manuel Guevara.

Lt. Guevara provided a TASER demonstration. Tasers come in two colors, black and yellow. Dallas recommends yellow so there is no confusion between the taser and a gun. Aim and shoot for the torso and limbs, avoid the head and groin.

Each taser costs \$800 plus the cartridges; re-loaded ammunition is not recommended.

Tasers are available for purchase by the public, and registration varies by state.

Taser can also be used as a stun gun when absent the cartridge.

Taser is safer and may not cause a fire as compared to OC spray. OC is alcohol based and vapors may ignite. Use plastic gloves when removing prongs due to release of bodily fluids.

LAPD has been using tasers and is studying the results. LAPD has already seen a dramatic injury decrease. The goal in Dallas is one taser per police vehicle. No one volunteered for the taser demonstration!

OLD BUSINESS

Introduction of ALL CPAANT attendees. Great turnout. Welcome to members of Irving's CPAA group. They have had an active alumni group for the past few years.

Convention:

- * Treasurer Sandra McPike secured two display tables for CPAANT.

- * A special thank you to **Elaine Noe** of Arlington for her ideas and work on the individual treasure chests, along with Linda Smith.

- * Fort Worth will sell pepper spray at convention; CPAANT will not sell it (to avoid competition).

- * Linda Smith displayed the finished miniature treasure chests to hold each city's raffle prize. She bought 24 small wooden chests and had them stained inside and out by hand. She also said Andy & Anne have been shopping in preparation for Galveston!

- * Each city encouraged to provide prizes for the chests. There will be 24 mini raffles (for each chest) before the grand prize raffle of \$200 cash.

- * Discussion of reimbursing Linda Smith for the difference between projected vs. actual cost of treasure chests (approximately \$10). Smith indicated not to worry about it.

MOTION that CPAANT provide \$200 for the main raffle prize at convention, made by Mansfield, 2nd by Fort Worth, passed unopposed.

MOTION to approve July '04 CPAANT minutes (copies available for all meeting attendees) made by Mansfield, 2nd by Fort Worth, passed unopposed.

MOTION to approve July '04 CPAANT Treasurer's report (copies available for all meeting attendees), made by Mansfield, 2nd by Fort Worth, passed unopposed.

Directory update – John Engels has a printed copy of the directory. Will need to send out each city's page for updates/corrections. A list was circulated for email address corrections.

Please send your current alumni officer information via email to Wes Weeks of Eules (weeks76040@yahoo.com).

No September 2004 CPAANT meeting.
2005 CPAANT host list was started into circulation.

Marge Carr gave a presentation of new **fundraiser ideas**, including nice quality mugs, mousepad, magnifying rulers, etc. The CPAANT merchandise supply is depleted other than pins and patches. May need to set up a committee to ID new fundraisers (eg window decals). Suggested to watch what items are successful at convention. There was also a suggestion for a garage sale.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of a CPAANT **Nominating Committee** for the upcoming CPAANT Executive Board **elections**. The candidate slate is due in November, elections in December. Any volunteers to lead the Nominating Committee?

Terry Williams / Waco noted that Waco is between the CPAANT region and the Central Texas region. Thus, how about a **joint meeting** in early 2005? Will discuss further at convention with the Central Texas group.

Kathi Mulkerin / Arlington noted that the Central Texas group is forming ideas. Central Texas has 30 involved communities including county and city departments. We would want to have a strong CPAANT presence and good turnout for a joint meeting.

Pat Struble / Arlington suggested a roundtable meeting in order to obtain feedback on specific issues that could benefit all CPAANT groups. Set up one table per topic (eg fundraising) and seek positive, supportive information as opposed to negativity. Schedule for early 2005 (March).

James Long / Mansfield noted that CPAANT has no county memberships, thus we would like to seek them out and invite them to CPAANT and spread the word. Also spread the word to other DFW city police alumni groups. Will talk this up further during convention, re-discuss at the October CPAANT meeting.

Louise Runnels / Fort Worth discussed the **North Texas Crime Prevention** group. Please take this information back to your groups and encourage participation. Crime Prevention is an excellent group, every meeting is informative and interesting, and the group is seeking increased civilian membership. They meet on the third Thursday of the month for lunch, usually in the Arlington area. Membership is \$24/year, also includes membership for the state of Texas.

Chris Gescheidle /Richardson announced that Richardson and Garland will propose a bid as **co-hosts** of the **2006 TCPAA convention**. Garland has agreed to become part of CPAANT.

CITY REPORTS

Arlington – Presented “Feed the Force” for their 800 officers over all 3 shifts. Sold food at Fry’s Electronics. Reminder to honor dispatchers during 911 Appreciation Week.

Cedar Hill – Preparing for a strong presence at National Night Out. Assisted in testing new recruits. COP class is approaching, also National Telecommunicators Week is in the spring.

DeSoto – Combined with other cities to celebrate Juneteenth. In June, a 35 year old School Resource Officer passed away with cancer, the alumni provided lunch for the family. Collected parking money for 4th of July fireworks display. Selling yellow magnetic car ribbons (“Support Our Troops”) for \$5.

Eules – Worked at Bass Pro (Grapevine Mills) as a fundraiser, they allow certain groups to provide volunteers for a \$6/hour donation per volunteer. Eules provided 12 volunteers for 6-7 hours, total of \$800.

Fort Worth – Preparing for upcoming tour at Trader’s Village as food vendors (all five October week-ends).

Irving – Purchased digital camera for their police storefront in Irving Mall. John Engels issued a “How To” challenge to Irving on this topic. The Irving tactical unit wants identifying t-shirts, so they will design them and the alumni will purchase them. Alumni have patrolled mall parking lots during tax free week-end and at a Circuit City grand opening.

Dallas – Hosted NOBLE convention mid-July, also graduated CPA class #23.

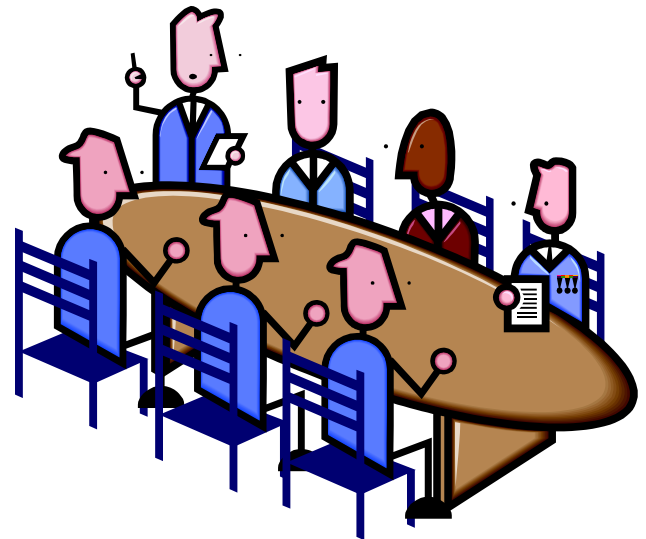
Mansfield – Flooded with 12-13” of rain, so the alumni assisted with emergency calls. Also helped search for evidence on a homicide. Preparing for National Night Out.

Richardson – Also recognized National Telecommunications Week (to honor 911 dispatchers), they displayed a huge banner, gave a large basket of goodies as well as food, pizza, etc. Richardson honors their officers in October, they cater dinners through all shifts, gives each officer a card and gift. Richardson PD’s 50th anniversary is in 2005, they are planning several events including a large banquet with all prior/retired officers, an open house for the citizens, and special commemorative badges for current officers. Last year Richardson was very disappointed with the turnout for the FATS machine and drive/shoot day (CPAANT host meeting). This year their CPAANT meeting (October) will be inside at the Richardson Civic Center. Richardson gave an OFFICIAL PLEA for everyone to attend, especially liason officers. They will discuss how to get grants and several CPAA programs.

Waco – Busy planning the 2005 TCPAA Convention. They helped during 4th of July as traffic patrol. Graduated service patrol, included 8 alumni. National Night Out 2004 will be the biggest ever! Practiced disaster/WMD (weapons mass destruction) drills with other Waco agencies, involved working with ham radio. 26th CPA class will graduate 9/2/04 (classes held 2x/year).

Weatherford – Worked at the Peach Festival, assisted with lost kids/lost parents. Honored Secretary’s Week by recognizing secretaries and dispatchers, provided gifts for all.

Meeting closed at approximately 12:10 pm, **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Fort Worth, 2nd by Mansfield.



Yes, but Officer my mom’s in CPAANT!