



East Texas Peace Officers Association
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From: President Chuck Boyce

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Attention ETPOA Members,

Over the last 18 months, our world has changed due to a virus called COVID. Our 2020 ETPOA Conference and 2021 Annual Fish Fry had to be cancelled and we all took precautions as the world shut down. Businesses, restaurants, and many others were closed as we took shelter, learn to work from home and basically went into isolation as we were coping with and learning about this pandemic. Meetings and conferences had to be canceled and we adjusted to new ways such as zoom to do business.

In 2021, Texas decided to put its boots back on and get back out there. Texas absorbed, adjusted, and adapted to this new world we are in. Texas decided that an individual can decide for themselves what precautions they want to take.

Our ETPOA board came together and decided we will have a Fish Fry/Membership Drive on Wednesday October 20, 2021 and another in April of 2022. ETPOA will also pick back up with our tradition of having an Annual Conference which will be held at the Holiday Inn located at 5701 S Broadway Ave. in Tyler, Smith County, Texas on Sunday June 26, 2022, through Tuesday June 28, 2022.

I am honored to be the 2021-2022 President of this nostalgic ole school lawmen association formed in 1951. Over the last 18 months, membership in our association has declined just like every other association out there. One of a few things I will focus on is recruiting Peace Officers, Dispatchers, Jailers, Fire-Marshall, District Attorneys and City/County leaders and employees. We all have the same goal which is to "Protect and Serve" but just handle it in different ways. In my career, I have been involved with Peer Support, Self-Care (Mental Health) and tactics while on patrol (no call is routine). Our 2022 Conference will have free training for members in these areas plus additional classes for dispatchers and jailers.

I met with the ETPOA current board and Past Presidents to find out where we use to be, where we currently are and where we want to go. I was informed by Past President Walter Shofner that one of the items we use to have was a newsletter back in the day was a newsletter called "The Lariat". He sent me an old copy. As of October 2021, our newest edition of the monthly edition

of "The Lariat" went out to reach back to some of that ole school nostalgia to network and share member news amongst our association.

On Monday October 11, 2021, I spoke with Past President Mitch Woods who had just lost his little momma about 3am that morning. Past President Mitch Woods is a big resource for me. His father, Past President George W. "Shorty" Woods was very involved prior to Mitch's involvement and the ETPOA has been a Wood's family project for an unknown number of years. On Tuesday, I texted to check on Mitch and that's when I realized what ETPOA meant to me. Mitch advised that his little momma loved ETPOA. At this time, I realized ETPOA is a "Pure and Good" association. ETPOA provides training for its members, scholarships for the youth, Meritorious Awards of Recognition for actions taken in stressful situations throughout the East Texas region all for a yearly membership fee of just \$20.00 a year. That's less than \$2.00 a month.

To become a member or update your membership please either go to the website www.etpoa.org and pay online or you may write a check and mail to the ETPOA PO Box 631052, Nacogdoches, Texas 75963. I am hoping that all who read this will want to come and be a member, maybe even purchase a buddy's membership for them because we have something good to offer. A Membership Form will also be attached with this letter.

Please pay attention to the website www.etpoa.org in the following months for important information about the 2022 Conference, Fish Fry, how to donate, and other business as we move forward in this new time. I will also try to forward information through emails and "The Lariat". If you have any questions about the conference or anything else involving the ETPOA please forward the information to my email at cboyce@tylertexas.com.

It is with great appreciation that I am serving as your President this 2021-2022 year and I look forward to growing our membership and your attendance at our Fish Frys and Training Conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck Boyce". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Sgt. Chuck Boyce

Tyler Police Department