

The East Texas Peace Officers Association (ETPOA) Board Members and membership welcome all new Members to the Association. By joining ETPOA, you are joining members of one of the oldest regional associations in the East Texas area.

In 1951, a group of East Texas Lawmen met in Rusk, TX to exchange information about crime and criminal activity. From that humble meeting of less than thirty Law Enforcement Officers to the Training Conferences that are now enjoyed by hundreds of officers throughout the East Texas Region, this is ETPOA. The purpose then and now has not changed but, the organization has most definitely grown as do most good things. The current boundaries of the ETPOA include the area from the Louisiana State Line, westward along Interstate 35, between the Red River to the Gulf of Mexico.

This group works throughout the year to raise money for scholarships for high school graduates. This year we are awarding four to five outstanding young people, each with a \$1,000.00 scholarship. Likewise, officers and those supporting law enforcement will be recognized and receive awards for their sacrifices and accomplishments.

ETPOA will be hosting its annual Training Conference and Awards Banquet June 17th - 19th, 2018 at the Holiday Inn Tyler-South Broadway, Tyler, Texas. Peace Officers from all aspects of law enforcement will be in attendance. The membership is self-funded and has this conference annually, so that all law enforcement officers in East Texas have an efficient and affordable way to obtain mandatory training.

I encourage you to go to our website <u>www.etpoa.org</u> and complete a membership application today and plan on attending the ETPOA events including the Training Conference in June.

Sincerely,

Robert Carlson, President - ETPOA