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E-News from the Law Enforcement Foundation

Dear LEF Supporter,

Welcome to the Law Enforcement Foundation's October e-newsletter! We are delighted to share with you, our supporters, your generosity in action.

D.A.R.E. Officer Training Class 61 Graduation

On October 9, 18 officers from 17 different police and sheriff's departments from around the state of Ohio celebrated the completion of their D.A.R.E. Officer Training. The intense two-week training consisted of education in the Elementary and Middle School D.A.R.E. curriculum, mock teaching exercises, and school visitations for participants.

"Each of them excelled in their own way and each will be successful within their school districts. We started the process as individuals and graduated as brothers and sisters," remarked SRO/DARE Officer Adam Gongwer of Ontario, Ohio, who challenged his fellow classmates "to pledge that they would go into the classrooms as the enforcer of laws but with the heart of a parent."

LEF Board Members Become 'Police Chief for a Day'

While the presence of our law enforcement officials is a constant in our Ohio communities, what may remain a mystery are the day-to-day duties of our law enforcement workforce. Westerville Police Department offers a rare behind-the-scenes look into the daily routine of the officers who protect and serve Ohio communities, and the business of running a bustling police department.