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E-News from the Law Enforcement Foundation

Dear LEF Supporter,

Welcome to the Law Enforcement Foundation's April e-newsletter - where we share the stories of your generosity in action and details about our exclusive programs.

Thank you to our loyal supporters!

The Law Enforcement Foundation extends our sincere appreciation to the following donors for their recent support:

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Welcome to Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) Class 56

The Law Enforcement Foundation recently welcomed 29 attendees to the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) Class 56! Part of our Police Executive Leadership and Management Training series, PELC is an intensive course presenting key executive leadership topics and practical ways to apply leadership concepts on the job. Participants gain leadership skills vital to long-term personal success and change in their organizations ... both for the benefit of their local communities.

The PELC class meets weekly for three months. Between sessions, participants complete reading assignments, write papers, and apply leadership concepts to their professional lives. We wish these officers well in their successful completion of this leadership training course.

PELC is an exclusive program of the Law Enforcement Foundation. If you are interested in sponsoring the PELC program or a student of PELC, please contact Donna Braxton at donna.braxton@oacp.org or 614-761-4630.

Spring Break With Your Wild Neighbors*

With the advent of warmer weather, your wild neighbors are ready to party like unsupervised teenagers at a beach resort. They're in the process of courting and looking for a new home with easy access to food, water and shelter.

Take action now to prevent squirrels, chipmunks, raccoons, skunks and other wild animals from squatting at your place.

Begin by looking around your property for places that provide access to your home or shelter for animals. Are your chimney flues capped? Do you have screens covering your gable vents? Are your sheds, decks and patios screened off to keep the animals from living underneath? Yards should be cleared of logs and woodpiles and shrubs trimmed so they do not provide cover for wildlife on the ground.

Because most animals are continually on the lookout for a meal, make sure you're not inadvertently providing food and water to the freeloaders. If you like to feed the birds, keep in mind you will be feeding many other kinds of creatures as well. To avoid attracting uninvited guests, promptly clean up spilled seed. If you feed your dog or cat outside, pick up the leftover food before night falls to prevent annoying nocturnal visits by skunks, possums, raccoons and even less desirable visitors. To keep masked bandits at bay, secure your trashcans with two bungee cords. They know who the good cooks are in the neighborhood and have you on their weekly trash runs.

Sometimes it is best to be a stingy host. Uninvited guests go home sooner.

*Article adapted from the Westerville, Ohio Police Department April 2010 Newsletter

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