



Behind the Badge

E-News from the Law Enforcement Foundation

Dear LEF Supporter,

Welcome to the Law Enforcement Foundation's December e-newsletter – where we honor our supporters and share news about our executive training programs.

LEF Announces Joel Brown, CPCU, AIS, Vice President and Director of Personal Insurance, State Auto Insurance, as 2011 – 2013 Chairman of the Board

On January 1, 2011, Joel Brown, CPCU, AIS, Vice President and Director of Personal Insurance, State Auto Insurance Companies, will begin his three year term as Chairman of the Law Enforcement Foundation Board of Trustees.

Joel has had over 29 years experience in the insurance industry, with 24 of those years held at a middle-management or higher level positions. In the past 14 years, Joel has operated at the executive level and work experience includes time with the Motorists Insurance Group, Meridian Insurance Group, and State Auto Insurance. His current position, with State Auto Insurance, is Vice President and Director of Personal Insurance.

His insurance industry involvement includes serving as Chairman of the Indiana Insurance Political Action Committee, Chairman of the Personal Lines Committee and the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Insurance Institute of Indiana, and serving as the Vice-Chair of the Indiana Auto Plan. In 2005, the Indiana Independent Agency Association, awarded Joel with the Insurance Professional of the Year award.

Outside of his professional career, Joel is also committed to serving his community. Joel partnered with the Law Enforcement Foundation in 2008 and 2009 as the Central Ohio Campaign Chairman in which he aided the LEF in raising over \$200,000 in support of LEF's programs. Furthering his commitment to the training of law enforcement and the safety of Ohio communities, Joel joined the LEF Board of Trustees in 2009. His support and dedication have been an essential component of LEF's continued success in providing executive level training to Ohio law enforcement. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for Columbus Speech and Hearing, the Meridian Foundation, and WOSU Public Radio and Television.



Joel Brown, CPCU, AIS

*Vice President and Director of Personal Insurance, State Auto Insurance
2011 – 2013 Chairman, Law Enforcement Foundation*

Thank you to our loyal supporters!

As we head into the holiday season, we are fortunate to have donors remembering us as the year comes to a close. We'd like to extend our sincere appreciation to the following donors for their recent support of LEF:

Berry Family Foundation, \$5,000

Community Foundation of Delaware County, \$1,000

***As you make your holiday donations, please don't forget those who ensure our public safety!
Supporting law enforcement is an investment in your community. Please make a tax-deductible
donation at www.lef-oh.org to show your support!***

Congratulations to the Graduates of the Supervisor Training and Education Program (STEP) Class VII

On December 8, 25 Ohio law enforcement officers celebrated their completion of the Supervisor Training and Education Program (STEP). The STEP program is an intense three week course geared towards recently promoted First Line Supervisors in law enforcement.

The program's objective is to create dynamic first-line supervisors and assist these newly-promoted officers in making the transition from patrol officer to a supervisor who is accountable to and for subordinates and the use of tax dollars. It teaches leadership principles so they may lead their teams, respond to crises from a manager's perspective, and to help them adapt to responding to the community as a manager.

Here's what some of the STEP VII Graduates had to say about their STEP experience:

"STEP was a great experience for a newly promoted Supervisor. I learned many things which will help me become a more effective leader."

*-Sgt. Robert Gillespie
Bay Village Police Department
STEP VII*

"STEP provides tools and key insights that facilitate smooth transition from Patrol Officer to Supervisor and forms a strong foundation for future progression."

*-Sgt. Daniel Maciejewski
Perrysburg Police Department
STEP VII*

Today, there are 193 STEP graduates making a positive contribution towards the safety and welfare of their communities. Best wishes to our STEP VII graduates in their future endeavors of serving their departments and protecting their communities!



STEP VII Graduates (photo taken by Jessie Huck-Parks, JH Parks Studio)

Front Row: Sgt. Gerald Butler, Hamilton PD, Det. Lt. Jamie Webb, Wood County SO, Sgt. Wayne Parker, Kent State PD, Sgt. Todd Flynn, Vandalia PD, Det. Jennifer Ennemoser, Kent PD, Cpl. Justin Alloway, Westerville PD, Sgt. Michael Bollinger, Ada PD, Sgt. John VandeRyt, Fairfield Township PD

Second Row: Sgt. Dustin Strines, Mill Creek Metro Parks PD, Sgt. Douglas Olmstead, Grove City PD, Sgt. Robert Gillespie, Bay Village PD, Lt. Michael Coss, Sinclair Community College PD, Sgt. Stephen Clark, Dayton PD, Sgt. Martin Stemple, Bedford PD, Sgt. Richard Soika, Kent PD, Ptl. Michael Lewis, Kent PD, Sgt. Edward Mementowski, Bedford PD

Third Row: Sgt. Rick Suts, Bedford PD, Sgt. Daniel Maciejewski, Perrysburg PD, Sgt. Andrew Suvada, Streetsboro PD, Ptl. Jason Druckenmiller, Oregon PD, Sgt. Christopher Adkins, Brimfield PD, Sgt. Dean Butler, Perrysburg PD, Sgt. Terry Graham, Huron PD, Sgt. James Kimble, Wood County SO

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

Season's Greetings from the Law Enforcement Foundation

On behalf of the LEF Board and Staff, we wish you and yours the brightest and safest of holiday seasons. Thank you for partnering with us in 2010 and we look forward to your partnership in 2011 in making our Ohio communities stronger and safer places to live, work, learn, and play.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

