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E-News from the Law Enforcement Foundation

Dear LEF Supporter,

Welcome to the Law Enforcement Foundation's January e-newsletter - featuring innovative programs from LEF and our members and thanks to those who make our work possible.

Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) Program

The Law Enforcement Foundation extends a warm welcome to the 18 members of Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) Class XV!

Over the next 13 months, these officers will participate in this unique, Masters-level program of leadership training offered exclusively through the Law Enforcement Foundation. The goal of the eight-module program is to create a top-line police leader who provides value to the community and the law enforcement department. Attendees are trained to maximize resources, extend their professional network to access information and manage internal and external change. We wish these officers well in their successful completion of this executive training course.

If you are interested in sponsoring the CLEE program or a student of CLEE, please contact Donna Braxton at donna.braxton@oacp.org or

614-761-4630.

“Chief for the Day”

The Westerville Division of Police launched a new initiative in 2009 called “Chief for the Day,” which invites business and community leaders to spend a day learning more about the internal structure and processes of the Police Division. The program supports the department’s goal of continually strengthening community contacts and relationships. It is also designed to thank participants for their support not only of our organization but also of the regional community.

“Chief for the Day” includes: a police roll call briefing, a tour of the Police Division, shooting on the firearms range (optional), a ride-along with a patrol officer, a presentation on the history of the Westerville Police Department, lunch provided by the department’s Volunteers in Police Service (V.I.P.S.) organization and a closing session with the chief to discuss business models and best business practices.

The program has been offered four times to guests including:

- Angela An from WBNS-TV, Channel 10
- Mark Hershiser and Superintendent Dan Good from the Westerville City Schools
- Joel Brown, CPCU, AIS, State Auto Insurance Companies and member of the Law Enforcement Foundation Board of Trustees and Donna Braxton, Chief Executive Officer, Law Enforcement Foundation
- President Kathy Krendl, Otterbein College

Would you like to be “Chief for the Day”? If so, please contact Donna Braxton at donna.braxton@oacp.org or 614-761-4630.

Thanks to Our Recent Donors

We'd like to extend our sincere appreciation to the following donors for their recent support of LEF:

- The Berry Family Foundation, \$5,000
- GOJO Industries, Inc., \$250
- Mattingly Foods Inc., \$250

As you prepare your 2010 philanthropic budget, 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!

Safety Tip of the Month

Every January, many of us begin the New Year with intentions of improving our lives in some way. One common resolution is to get organized. Whether your goal is to bring order to your desk or filing cabinet, here are some tips to ensure that you safeguard your personal information:

1. Sort through all of your paperwork and decide what to keep and what to shred. Important items to keep include: birth certificates, social security cards, marriage licenses, military records, etc.
2. The items that you decide to keep should be kept in a safety deposit box or another locked device.
3. Using a cross-cut shredder, shred all items that include anything with personal information like your social security number, signature, medical and financial information.

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