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## Behind the Badge

# E-News from the Law Enforcement Foundation

Dear LEF Supporter,

Welcome to the Law Enforcement Foundation's e-newsletter - where we share stories of your generosity in action, congratulate graduates of PELC class 56 and review bicycling safety tips.

### **Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc. Honored with Friend of the Foundation Award**

At the 2010 Annual Conference of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc. received the Law Enforcement Foundation's "Friend of the Foundation" Award for its ongoing support of LEF's mission to prepare more effective law enforcement leaders.

Since 1992, Honda has given more than \$234,000 to LEF's programs. Believing that contributions should benefit the communities in which its associates live and work, Honda focuses contributions on the areas of education, safety, civic responsibility and community projects.

Since 1979, Honda has provided nearly \$42 million to fund community-based projects throughout the central and west-central region of Ohio. With Honda's support, LEF has been able to train officers to better serve and protect these communities, making Ohio's cities safer and more prosperous places to live, work, learn and play.

### **Thank You to Our Loyal Supporters!**

Please join us in expressing appreciation to recent support LEF donors:

- Ms. Annie Dlima, \$10
- Grange Mutual Casualty Company, \$2,000
- The Lehner Family Foundation, \$1,000
- The Motorists Insurance Group Foundation, \$10,000
- Xenia Municipal Court, \$335.36

***Supporting law enforcement is an investment in your community. Please make a tax-deductible donation at [www.lef-oh.org](http://www.lef-oh.org) to show your support!***

### **Kroger Community Rewards Update**

Thank you to everyone who has registered a Kroger Plus Card to support the Law Enforcement Foundation! Since May 2009, LEF supporters have raised more than \$400 for LEF's programs simply by using their registered cards while shopping at Kroger. Through April 30 of this year, LEF supporters raised \$141.22 through the program.

As of April 1, 2010, all participants who were previously enrolled as LEF supporters must re-enroll their cards. Unfortunately, Kroger reports that only 37 percent of 2009 participants have re-enrolled for 2010.

If you haven't yet done so, please take time to enroll your card today! LEF needs your help so that our organization continues to receive funding through this program.

***If you'd like to register your Kroger Plus Card or re-enroll your card to support LEF through the Kroger Community Rewards program, please contact Sarah at [sarah.miller@lef-oh.org](mailto:sarah.miller@lef-oh.org) for more information.***

## **Congratulations to the Graduates of Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) Class 56**

On June 18, the Police Executive Leadership College graduated 28 Ohio law enforcement officers from PELC Class 56. Successful completion of this course equips PELC graduates with the knowledge and skills crucial for effective leadership in their agencies, communities and families.

Local communities do an excellent job of training officers in the technical and legal aspects of law enforcement. However, as officers progress in their careers and assume higher ranks within their organizations, they require training in effective management and leadership skills as well.

Many communities lack the means to provide executive training at the local level and depend on programs like PELC. Today, more than 1,600 PELC graduates have gained the skills they need to manage their organizations in more effectively protecting and serving their communities.

Best wishes to our PELC Class 56 graduates in their future endeavors!

***PELC is one of the Law Enforcement Foundation's exclusive programs. If you are interested in sponsoring the PELC program or a student of PELC, please contact Donna Braxton at [donna.braxton@oacp.org](mailto:donna.braxton@oacp.org) or 614-761-4630.***

## **Safety Tip of the Month: Bike Safety\***

Bike riding can be a fun activity for children, but it can also be very dangerous. Every year, thousands of children are treated in hospital emergency rooms after bicycle accidents – many of which are preventable.

You can protect your children by teaching them the following rules:

- Always wear a helmet and make sure it's fastened. Helmets can reduce head injuries by up to 85 percent. In many states it is illegal for children to ride a bike without wearing a helmet.
- Wear bright clothing. Bright and light-colored clothing makes riders more noticeable. If children are allowed to ride bikes after dark, make sure they have reflectors on their bikes, helmets, and clothing.
- Ride in safe places, such as in parks, on bike trails and on roads with little traffic.
- Obey the rules of the road. Bikers must stop at all stop signs and red lights, use hand signals when turning, and ride only on the right hand side of the road, with traffic.
- Look both ways before crossing an intersection. Seven out of 10 bike crashes happen at driveways and intersections.
- Whenever possible, cross the road at crosswalks. That's where drivers expect to see bicyclists and pedestrians crossing intersections. Remember, always walk bikes across crosswalks.
- Give bikes regular tune-ups. It's just as important for a bike to be well

- maintained as a car.
- Lock up or keep bikes in a safe place. To help police return a bike if it is stolen and recovered, record the serial number and take a picture of the bicycle. Many local police departments have free bike registration days and other bike registration programs.
  - Ride with a friend. It's more fun and safer because help is there if needed.
  - If children know and follow these rules, they are on their way to safe riding. These tips are great for rollerblading and skateboarding too!

\*Article adapted from the National Crime Prevention Council

Safer communities through education  
and leadership in law enforcement education.

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