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## Behind the Badge

# E-News from the Law Enforcement Foundation

Dear LEF Supporter,

Welcome to the Law Enforcement Foundation's May e-newsletter - where we honor our supporters and share news about our exclusive programs.

### **Friends of the Foundation Award**

Congratulations to Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray, the most recent recipient of the Law Enforcement Foundation's "Friend of the Foundation" Award. Mr. Cordray was honored at the 2010 Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference for his ongoing support of the Ohio Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program and LEF's D.A.R.E. Officer Training.

Mr. Cordray has generously supported LEF's D.A.R.E. Officer Training program by providing accommodations for students at the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy in London, Ohio. The Office of the Ohio Attorney General also awards grants to departments with D.A.R.E. programs. In many cases, these grants have enabled D.A.R.E. officers to retain their jobs and have allowed D.A.R.E. programs to continue. In addition, the office provides workbooks for children in D.A.R.E. programs.

We applaud Mr. Cordray for his support in enabling the LEF and Ohio's law

enforcement agencies to continue these vital programs and their positive impact on Ohio's children and communities.

## **Week Two of Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) Class 56**

In our April newsletter, we welcomed PELC Class 56. After successfully completing Week One of their training in April, the 29 attendees advanced to Week Two of this unique education course in mid-May. During the second session, officers focused on learning "Effective Listening and Speaking" skills by completing modules on Effective Written Communication, Team Development, Media Management, and Leadership: Vision, Mission, and Values.

The comprehensive and challenging PELC curriculum was developed by a committee of police executives and academicians and is regularly reviewed to ensure that it remains current and continues to meet the unique needs of Ohio's law enforcement executives. Change – both personal and organizational – is a continuing theme across the curriculum.

*PELC is one of the Law Enforcement Foundation's exclusive programs. If you are interested in sponsoring the 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 Tips for Dealing with Solicitors\***

Warm weather often brings an increase in door-to-door solicitation. Follow these safety tips when strangers visit your home with sales offers.

- Do not invite strangers into your home. If you feel uncomfortable, talk through a locked storm or screen door.
- Solicitors are required to carry a Solicitors Permit from your city or other local government authority. Ask the solicitor to show this permit.
- If a solicitor does not have a permit, call the police. Your local police department will be able to run a records check, verify the person's identity, log information and give notice about the law. If solicitors persist, they can be cited and /or arrested for criminal trespass.
- When you are not home, leave your TV, radio, and/or lights on. Some burglars may knock on your door posing as a solicitor. If they think you

are not home, they may force entry into your residence.

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