



## Behind the Badge

# E-News from the Law Enforcement Foundation

Dear LEF Supporter,

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

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### **YOUR DONATIONS IN ACTION**

LEF has been busy implementing four programs this month that are exclusive to the Law Enforcement Foundation: D.A.R.E. Officer Training, CART, PELC and STEP.

Safer communities through education and leadership in law enforcement education.

### **D.A.R.E. Officer Training (DOT) Class 62 and New D.A.R.E. Middle School Program Launched**

Recently, D.A.R.E. America began a nationwide implementation of its new middle school substance abuse prevention curriculum, entitled *keepin' it REAL (kiR)*. The acronym REAL represents the strategy for resolving a difficult situation: **R**efuse, **E**xplain, **A**void, and **L**eave. Nineteen Ohio officers will participate in the D.A.R.E. Officer Training, beginning September 20 with graduation on October 1. Successful completion of this training will certify the officer to teach the kiR curriculum, and other D.A.R.E. curriculum, to students throughout Ohio.

kiR is a science- and evidence- based series of 10 lessons, which has been adopted and updated through collaboration between Penn State University and D.A.R.E. American, and is listed on the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP). Proven effective in reducing alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana use, the curriculum uses a combination narrative and performance framework with complementary videos to teach critical thinking, communication, relationship, and problem solving skills.

The keepin' it REAL curriculum works because it...

- Reflects “youth culture” – how adolescents think, communicate, and relate to others. It’s...
  - ✓ “Kid-centric” – from kids...to kids...through kids.
  - ✓ Engaging – REAL kids are featured in videos delivering the message.
- Helps students develop:
  - ✓ Critical thinking – Assessing risks and making informed decisions.
  - ✓ Communication skills – Developing resistance and assertiveness skills.
  - ✓ Relationship skills – Appreciating social norms and developing support networks.
- Employs a peer-narrated, student-centered, and interactive approach to learning by using videos and prompting discussion facilitate by D.A.R.E. certified instructors.
- Relies upon specially selected and trained law enforcement professionals to consistently deliver effective and engaging lessons.
- Features DVD presentations that are adapted for urban, suburban and rural communities.
- Has been proven effective in changing norms and beliefs about drug abuse.

***The Law Enforcement Foundation (LEF) is the only training center for the certification of Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) officers in Ohio. If you are interested in sponsoring the D.A.R.E. Officer Training (DOT) program or a DOT student, please contact Donna Braxton at [donna.braxton@oacp.org](mailto:donna.braxton@oacp.org) or 614-761-4630.***

### **Child Abduction Response Team (CART) Training:**

Ohio Child Abduction Response Team (CART) is a cutting-edge, real-time network of specially trained individuals from various agencies, jurisdictions, and disciplines who are prepared to dispatch

immediately in the event of a missing child in Ohio. While the majority of children are returned safely, of those that are not, statistics prove that 44% are murdered within the first hour, and 74% within the first three hours. Over half (65%) of children are abducted within 200 feet of their homes. As most police officers do not receive comprehensive missing-child training, CART provides that critical training to law enforcement and other agencies in responding to the rare, but frightening, reality of an abducted child.

The Law Enforcement Foundation has several CART trainings scheduled in the upcoming months, including three trainings that will take place in September. Over 60 individuals will participate in this training that will cover the following topics: an Overview of CART, Investigative Strategies, and Major Case Management.

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#### **Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) Class 57**

The Law Enforcement Foundation would like to welcome our 29 attendees to the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) Class 57! Part of our Police Executive Leadership and Management Training series, PELC is an intensive course presenting key executive leadership topics and how to practically apply leadership concepts. PELC is a three-month program wherein the intervals between the one-week sessions provide time for reading assignments, writing papers, and immediately applying leadership concepts covered in class to their respective departments. It is an intensive learning experience focused on leadership skills vital to long term personal success and change in the organization... both for the benefit of the community. We wish these officers well in their successful completion of this leadership training course.

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#### **Supervisor Training and Education Program (STEP) Class VII**

On September 20, 25 Ohio law enforcement officers began this intense First Line Supervisor course that trains officers to understand and know how to change their orientation from doing things as an individual to the recognition that supervisors work through others. 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 public as a manager. The goal of STEP is to develop newly promoted officers, or about to be promoted officers, into highly effective first line supervisors with the competency skills necessary to lead and supervise in a high performance organization. Over the course of three intense sessions,

STEP covers 14 learning modules where supervisory and management theory is translated into professional practice. During the first session, students will be instructed in the following modules: Transition to Supervisor, Creating an Ethical Environment, Leadership Strategies for the First Line Supervisor, Effective Listening and Speaking, Developing Subordinates, and a panel discussion on Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement. All of these in-class sessions are interactive discussions with the instructors using lecture, breakout teams and case studies.

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