



## Behind the Badge

# E-News from the Law Enforcement Foundation

**Dear LEF Supporter,**

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

### **Thank you to our loyal supporters!**

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### **LEF Board Trustee, Steve Parsons, Shares his "Chief for a Day" Experience**

*Written by Steven G. Parsons, FCA, Principal, Findley Davies, Inc.*

My experience during the Chief for a Day with Chief Morbitzer at the Westerville Police Department was quite an eye opening experience! As a consultant to human resources to both private and public entities, I was amazed to learn that running a police department has evolved to running a company, if you will.

We spent the day learning about the multiple teams within the department and the multiple roles the patrolman play in the community. In fact, they have become part of the fabric of the community with various programs including trading cards carried by the officers.

It was interesting to learn how Chief Morbitzer effectively leveraged both local and state resources to effectively and efficiently run the department. The Law Enforcement Foundation has been a key resource for the Chief as he has sent many of his officers through the program. He has done so to increase their knowledge, leadership roles and succession planning for the department.

I would strongly encourage others to take advantage of Chief for the Day to gain insights on how running a department has evolved and how programs offered by LEF play a key role.

In addition, it is a fun experience which included shooting a taser and a hand gun in their firing range (even with my eyes closed). Seriously, I also gained an appreciation for the on-going training both physical and educational that the officers go through each day, during the year and their careers. It is no longer simply a role protecting, but being part of the leadership within the community. It is clear that supporting the programs offered by LEF will assist local police departments in playing a greater role in their communities now and in the future.



*Steve Parsons shooting on the firearms range during "Chief for a Day".*



*Steve Parsons with his firearms instructor, Sgt. Charles Chandler. Nice aim, Steve!*

### **Would you like to be “Chief for a Day”?**

Initiated in 2009, the Westerville PD’s, “Chief for a Day”, invites business and community leaders, to spend a day at the police division. The program is designed to give guests an opportunity to spend a day learning more about the internal structure and processes of the Police Division. The program is also designed to thank participants for their support of not only the department but the regional community. It is the department’s goal to continually strengthen community contacts and relationships. “Chief for the Day” includes: a police roll call briefing, a tour of the 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.

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

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