



## Behind the Badge

# E-News from the Law Enforcement Foundation

Dear LEF Supporter,

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

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

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

**Bicknell Fund, \$2,000**

**Community Foundation of Delaware County, \$1,000**

**Delaware County Prosecutor's Office, \$3,000**

**Delaware Police Department, \$1,000**

**William M. & Elizabeth W. Jones Fund, \$250**

### **Building for the Future**

*A Message from Joel Brown, LEF Board Chairman*

The Law Enforcement Foundation (LEF) has a unique Board of Directors which brings together individuals from the law enforcement community and private business. Whereas we have a great network of well-qualified Chiefs to represent the law enforcement side, sometimes it's challenging to recruit business leaders for our organization.

Safer communities through education and leadership in law enforcement education.

In 2011, we've added three great board members: Susan DiMichele, Steve Parsons and Ray DeWeese and we have profiled each in earlier communications.

I am pleased to introduce our latest board addition. Hope Thackery JD, CIPP, CISM joins the Law Enforcement Foundation effective January 2012. Ms. Thackery currently is the Vice President of Privacy, Policy, Programs, Strategy and Communication at LexisNexis. In addition to her strong background in data security, she also has a wealth of experience in consulting, internet products, technology and as a practicing attorney. Please join me in welcoming Hope and LexisNexis to the LEF.

The future of any organization is tied to its people and leadership. The corporate leaders added to the LEF board in 2011 in addition to a tremendous group of talented Police Chiefs bodes well for the future of our Board and the Law Enforcement Foundation.

### **The Sisler McFawn Foundation Receives the Friends of the Foundation Award**

To honor their generous support, the Law Enforcement Foundation presented the Sisler McFawn Foundation with the "Friend of the Foundation" Award on November 15 during a special presentation at Bath Township PD. With their initial donation in 1989, the Sisler McFawn Foundation has been a strong supporter of the LEF for over twenty years.

Founded in 1959, The Sisler McFawn Foundation is a charitable trust established by Lois Sisler McFawn, daughter of Dr. Louis Sisler, one of the founders of Firestone Tire & Rubber Company. The Foundation was established by Mrs. McFawn in memory of her parents, Dr. Louis E. and Eva M. Sisler, and her husband, Joseph J. McFawn. Known as a generous woman and having no children, she chose to leave her assets for the ongoing good of the community.

Sisler McFawn's on-going support has certainly fulfilled Mrs. McFawn's wishes of strengthening the community. Because of their generosity, LEF has been able to provide leadership and management training to law enforcement officers in Ohio. We believe that through their support of this training, our Ohio officers are better equipped to effectively and efficiently serve and protect the communities we all live, work, learn, and play in.



*Mike Ayers, Grants Manager, receives the LEF Friends of the Foundation Award on behalf of the Sisler McFawn Foundation. Chief Mike McNeeley, Bath Township PD, and Donna Braxton, LEF Chief Executive Officer, presented the award to Mr. Ayers during a special presentation at the Bath Township PD.*

### **D.A.R.E. Graduation at Holt Crossing Intermediate School**

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, D.A.R.E. Officer Cindy Ackison and D.A.R.E. Officer Matt Writsel celebrated the accomplishments of their D.A.R.E. students during a graduation ceremony held at Holt Crossing Intermediate School. For the past 12 weeks, these officers have educated these students on the dangers of drugs and violence, as well as the importance of good decision making.

Upon completing the D.A.R.E. curriculum, each student is asked to write an essay on what they have learned in D.A.R.E. and how it will impact their lives and future. Here is one of those essays:

***Did you know that cigarettes contain arsenic (rat poison). Hello, I go to Hold Crossing Intermediate, I am in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and I am 11 years old. Drugs have affected my life. It has affected my dad because the nicotine in tobacco has caused my dad to not stop tobacco. Today I will be talking about tobacco, and what harm it can do to you.***

***My topic today is tobacco. This topic is important to me because I don't want my dad to die from tobacco. Here are some facts about tobacco. There are more than 200 known poisons in tobacco. Tobacco and cigarettes contain nicotine, a powerful substance that causes addiction. Over 400,000 people die each year from tobacco-related products. Also tobacco can cause lung cancer. This connects with my life because my dad uses tobacco. The reason I chose this topic is so I can tell other people how bad tobacco is for you, and that it can kill you.***

***The different kinds of stuff that I've learned in DARE are drugs, alcohol, huffing, and the choking game and what harm it can do to you. I will use this information in my older years so I can get a good job, get paid a lot of money, take good care of my family, and not get arrested. I promise when I get older that I will control myself not to do drugs and get arrested.***



*D.A.R.E. Officer Matt Writsel speaks to the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade D.A.R.E. Graduates*

***DARE Officer Training (DOT) is one of the programs that is exclusive to the Law Enforcement Foundation. If you are interested in sponsoring the DOT program, please contact Donna Braxton at [donna.braxton@oacp.org](mailto:donna.braxton@oacp.org) or 614-761-4630.***

## **Season's Greetings from the Law Enforcement Foundation**

On behalf of the LEF Board and Staff, we wish you and yours the brightest and safest of holiday seasons. Thank you for partnering with us in 2011 and we look forward to your partnership in 2012 in making our Ohio communities stronger and safer places to live, work, learn, and play. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!



***Supporting law enforcement is an investment in the safety and well-being of your community. There are many ways to show your support:***

- *Make a tax-deductible donation at [www.lef-oh.org](http://www.lef-oh.org)*
- *Sponsor an LEF program by contacting Donna Braxton, CEO, at [donna.braxton@oacp.org](mailto:donna.braxton@oacp.org)*
- *Enroll your Kroger Plus Card in Kroger's Community Rewards Program in support of LEF at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)*

***Please partner with us and lend your financial support of our programs to help make our Ohio communities even stronger and safer places to live, work, learn, and play.***