



## Behind the Badge

# E-News from the Law Enforcement Foundation

Dear LEF Supporter,

Welcome to the Law Enforcement Foundation's January 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:

**Mr. and Mrs. R. Douglas Cowan, \$1,000**

**The Great Lakes Construction Co., \$250**

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### **Happy New Year from the Law Enforcement Foundation**

On behalf of the Law Enforcement Foundation Board of Trustees and Staff, we wish you a very Happy and Joyous New Year. Your support in 2010 strengthened Ohio communities by aiding the LEF in training 25 officers in Supervisor Training and Education Program (STEP), 58 in Police Executive Leadership College (PELC), 18 in Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE), 20 in D.A.R.E. Officer Training, and 265 in Child Abduction Response Team (CART).

LEF is looking forward to an exciting and prosperous year in 2011. With your support, we are able to continue our executive level leadership and management training programs for Ohio law enforcement officers. With the hundreds of retirements of upper-command level officers taking place in the law enforcement field due to Ohio's Deferred Retirement Option Plan, (DROP), this type of training is more important than ever as these Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, and other senior officers will retire, taking valuable institutional knowledge and mentorship capabilities with them.

Safer communities through education and leadership in law enforcement education.

The modules taught in LEF's unique programs are the foundation and building blocks of a successful law enforcement program in your community. Our graduates take the leadership and management skills learned in our educational training courses and provide executive decision making on your city's budget, school safety initiatives, department policy, changing directions as needed, personnel matters, strategic planning, and community relations in a visionary and ethical way.

Thank you again, for your support in 2010. We hope to continue our partnership in 2011 in making our Ohio communities stronger and safer places to live, work, learn, and play.

### **A Message from Joel Brown, LEF Board Chairman**

The New Year brings on many new changes and opportunities, and it is my privilege to begin to serve the Law Enforcement Foundation (LEF) as the Chairman of the LEF Board. With the beginning of 2011, our Board is being further strengthened by the addition of two capable and talented board members.

Please join me in welcoming Susan M. Dimickele. Susan is an attorney at the firm of Squire Sanders and has expertise in the areas of employment, contracts, dispute resolution and education matters. In 2011, Ms. Dimickele was listed in an annual publication as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*. In addition to Susan's professional accomplishments, she has also served as past president of the board of trustees for the Vision Center of Central Ohio, and currently serves on the Advisory Board of Capital Law School's paralegal program.

Our second new board member is Steven Parsons, who is a Principal and Actuary at Findley Davies in Cleveland, Ohio. Steven has been an actuary in the field of employee benefits for over twenty-two years. He regularly consults in the health, welfare and pension areas. Steven has also been instrumental in developing interactive technologies for employee benefit administration. He is a Fellow of Consulting Actuaries and is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Please join me in welcoming Susan and Steven. As you can tell, they bring outstanding backgrounds and experiences which will greatly contribute to the LEF mission of supporting law enforcement through outstanding education and training programs.

### **Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) Program**

The Law Enforcement Foundation would like to welcome our 19 attendees to the Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) Class XVI! Over the next 13 months, these officers will participate in this unique, eight module, Masters-level program of leadership training. The goal of CLEE is to create a top-line police leader who provides value to the community and the law enforcement department by maximizing resources, extending his/her professional network to access information, and manage internal and external change. We wish these officers well in their successful completion of this executive training course.

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

### **Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) Class 58**

The Law Enforcement Foundation would like to welcome our 30 attendees to the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) Class 58! 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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