



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 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:

Ms. Sandra W. Harbrecht, \$1,500

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Ptl. Valerie Leigeber, Sidney PD, Completes D.A.R.E. Mentor Training

Ptl. Valerie Leigeber, a D.A.R.E. Officer with the Sidney PD recently completed the D.A.R.E. Mentor Training (MOT) in Salt Lake City, Utah sponsored by D.A.R.E. America. D.A.R.E. Instructors, like Valerie, who have successfully completed the MOT certification process, receive the title of "Mentor". A Mentor is an instructor at state D.A.R.E. Officer Trainings (DOT) and specialty D.A.R.E. curricular trainings.

Mentors are selected by each of their state coordinators and are considered to be top instructors in their state with at least two years of experience teaching the D.A.R.E. program. Most of the officers that attend the Mentor training will continue in a training phase for a year or two until they are certified to teach without supervision. The process is a total of 200 hours of training and both the Mentor and the agency have to be committed to the program due to the large amount of training time.

The MOT is rather like a "train-the-trainer" course and teaches seasoned D.A.R.E. Officers, like Officer Leigeber, how to teach the formal D.A.R.E. America Curriculum training activities to brand new D.A.R.E. Officers in a course called D.A.R.E. Officer Training (DOT). A Mentor truly sets the tone for DOT and ensures that D.A.R.E. curriculum is modeled and taught appropriately to new D.A.R.E. Officers.

In Ohio, DOT is held once a year at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy to train and certify new D.A.R.E. Instructors serving Ohio schools. The Law Enforcement Foundation (LEF) is the only entity in Ohio certified to train Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) officers. In addition to administering the DARE curriculum, the LEF provides D.A.R.E. Officer Training (DOT) to municipal police departments at no charge. The LEF is able to provide this training, at approximately \$4,500 per officer, through donated funds and foundation support.

Please join us in congratulating Ptl. Valerie Leigeber as she advances in her D.A.R.E. career to continue to provide drug and alcohol abuse education to students in Ohio.

This is one of the programs that is exclusive to the Law Enforcement Foundation. If you are interested in sponsoring D.A.R.E. Officer Training or a student of DOT, please contact Donna Braxton at donna.braxton@oacp.org or 614-761-4630.



Ptl. Valerie Leigeber with her fellow Mentor Officer graduates. Valerie is on the right side, first person in the back row.

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
- Sponsor an LEF program by contacting Donna Braxton, CEO, at donna.braxton@oacp.org
- Enroll your Kroger Plus Card in Kroger's Community Rewards Program in support of LEF at www.krogercommunityrewards.com

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