



Behind the Badge

E-News from the Law Enforcement Foundation

Dear LEF Supporter,

Welcome to the Law Enforcement Foundation's November 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. Ray DeWeese, \$1,250

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LEF Board Trustee Recognized as One of the Best Lawyers in Central Ohio

In the November 4th, 2011 edition of *Columbus Business First*, LEF Trustee Susan DiMichele was profiled and named as one of the Best Lawyers in Central Ohio. Susan is a Partner with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP and a LEF Board Trustee. The Law Enforcement Foundation is very proud and grateful to have Susan as part of our team. Please join us in congratulating Susan on this outstanding achievement!



Susan DiMichele, Partner with Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, LLC and LEF Board Trustee

Prosecutor's Donation Ensures Drug-Free Education

Delaware County Prosecuting Attorney Carol O'Brien presented a check on Tuesday, October 18 for \$1,000 to the Delaware Police Department's Citizen Police Academy, who in turn will purchase T-shirts for over 420 fifth-graders who graduate from Willis Intermediate School's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program.

Over the last several weeks, the Citizen Police Academy has worked diligently to raise funds to purchase T-shirts for students who graduate the D.A.R.E. program. After raising almost half the cost, the CPA's total goal was met after Prosecutor O'Brien's donation.

In addition, Prosecutor O'Brien will donate \$3,000 to the Law Enforcement Foundation (LEF) in an effort to help ensure School Resource Officers within Delaware City Schools are provided with the most up-to-date drug-free education and training. The Law Enforcement Foundation provides training for Ohio D.A.R.E. Officers and School Resource Officers. The LEF is the only entity in Ohio certified to train officers to teach D.A.R.E. and have been dedicated to this cause since 1987.

Currently, the Delaware City School District has two active School Resource Officers, including recent D.A.R.E. Officer Training graduate, Nick Strasser. As the newest SRO to Willis Intermediate School and Dempsey Middle School, Officer Strasser successfully completed an intense two-week D.A.R.E. training program. Officer Strasser became certified to teach curriculum to elementary-age children and middle school students about a range of subjects including prescription drug awareness and other current drug trends, and bullying and internet safety. Officer Strasser is a six-year veteran to the Delaware Police Department.

Both donations are made in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 2981.13(D), which requires a portion of the office's law enforcement trust fund to be used for community preventive education programs, like the D.A.R.E. program.



From L to R: Merianne Ward, President- Delaware Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, Heidi Kegley, Principal-Willis Intermediate School, DPD Officer Nick Strasser – Willis SRO, Carol O'Brien, Delaware County Prosecutor

D.A.R.E. Officer Training 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 or 614-761-4630.

STEP Program Offers New Learning Modules

With the addition of two new learning modules in 2011, the Supervisor Training and Education Program, (STEP), now offers 15 learning modules to first line supervisors in Ohio. These new modules are “Effective Supervisory Response to In-the-Line-of-Duty Shooting” and “Supervisory Response to Vehicle and Foot Pursuits” and will be taught by Lt. Cassandra Kocab of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and STEP Committee Member.

This course is designed to provide the first line supervisor with an action plan to handle critical incident management when responding to officer involved shootings, use of force and pursuits. The course will cover the dynamics of officer involved shootings, first responder responsibilities, defining the crime scene, basics of trajectory and bullet path reconstruction, media relations, critical incident stress, handling officer, witness, and suspect interviews and following leads – beyond the crime scene.

A secondary portion of the course will cover supervisory response to use of force cases and pursuits. This portion of the course will focus on securing the scene, case investigation reporting, media relations, and liability issues.

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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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