



## Behind the Badge

# E-News from the Law Enforcement Foundation

Dear LEF Supporter,

Welcome to the Law Enforcement Foundation's October 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:

**The English Family Foundation, \$3,000**

**Charles E. and Mabel M. Ritchie Foundation, \$1,000**

### **A Message from 2011-2012 LEF President, Chief Russell Martin, CLEE**

The year was 1993 and I was a "wet behind the ears" sergeant. My chief had determined that I would attend the Police Executive Leadership College sponsored by the OACP and partially funded through the Law Enforcement Foundation. Despite the fact that I was a graduate of Bowling Green State University I still felt there was a lot to learn regarding leadership, management, planning and budgeting. I had been prepared to be a professional police officer and PELC was preparing me to be a departmental and community leader. I was taken back by the level of executive training we received during our course work through the PELC program. The training I received in 1993 shifted the way I thought about management and leadership. It was the first bricks laid to a foundation of ongoing training necessary to make an effective law enforcement executive.

18 years later I look back on that early training experience and realize the value it brought to my professional development and hopefully a greater benefit to the community in which I serve. Ohio is a safer and better state because so many of our law enforcement executives have benefitted from the advanced level of training received through funding provided by the Law Enforcement Foundation.

We have all been impacted by the economic malaise. The Law Enforcement Foundation in no small measure continues to help offset these consequences by helping fund our ongoing efforts through the DARE and CART programs. These valuable initiatives are still there to support and aid our communities and their most vulnerable population; our children.

Now, more than ever, the challenges our communities face require that law enforcement executives be better prepared and trained. No vehicle provides this more effectively and efficiently than the programs sponsored by the Law Enforcement Foundation. Through the unselfish efforts of our members and donors we have made a difference throughout this great state. I look forward to serving as President and hope that I can give back in some small measure what I have graciously received over the years.



*Chief Martin took office as LEF and OACP President on October 1, 2011. LEF is looking forward to his leadership in the coming year.*

### **D.A.R.E. Officer Training (DOT) Class 63 Graduation**

On September 30, 18 Ohio officers from 14 different agencies successfully completed their D.A.R.E. Officer Training (DOT) and were certified to teach the D.A.R.E. curriculum to students throughout Ohio.

Four well-experienced D.A.R.E. officers served as Mentors during the training, teaching these newly trained officers about teaching methods, school law, internet safety, community policing, current youth trends, and narcotics. This intense two-week training also consisted of education in the Elementary and Middle School D.A.R.E. curriculum, mock teaching exercises, and school visitations.

LEF is only the training entity in Ohio for the training and certification of Ohio D.A.R.E. Officers. LEF provides this training at minimal cost to the department through donated funds received from foundations, corporations, and asset forfeiture money. Without their support, this training may be unaffordable to departments in Ohio and therefore, may have to sacrifice their communities DARE program.



Front Row: Senior Mentor Ken Delfing, Mentor Valerie Leigeber, Mentor Sharon Centner, Amy O'Grady, Ohio Attorney General's Office, OPOTA Deputy Director of Professional Standards., Training Director Kari Parsons, and Mentor Joe Vince

Back Row: Ptl. Ron McComas, Rittman PD, Dep. Amy Boesch, Franklin Co. SO, Off. Michael Simmons, Richfield PD, Dep. Tony Casper, Franklin Co. SO, Off. Brian Pricer, Versailles PD, Ptl. Beth Roach, Blue Ash PD, Ptl. Nick Strasser, Delaware PD, Dep. Jessica Gabriel, Franklin Co. SO, Dep. Mark Carroll, Summit Co. SO, Ptl. Keenan Cook, Westlake PD, Ptl. Brian Reardon, Bainbridge PD, Ptl. Sarah Shendy, Copley PD, Ptl. Brandon Gray, Middlefield PD, Off. Phillip Black, Cincinnati PD, Ptl. Larry McDonald, East Cleveland PD, Ptl. Dominique King, East Cleveland PD, Dep. Chad Henderson, Eric Co. SO, and Dep. Tracy Easterday, Medina Co. SO

***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.***

***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.***

Safer communities through education and leadership in law enforcement education.