



## Behind the Badge

E-News from the Law Enforcement Foundation

**Dear LEF Supporter,**

Welcome to the Law Enforcement Foundation's September 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:

**Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Miller, \$300**

**R.C. and Katherine M. Musson Foundation, \$1,500**

### **Back to School at the Law Enforcement Foundation**

The Law Enforcement Foundation is ringing the school bell and gearing up for several trainings this fall. The following programs, exclusive to LEF, began this September with the following number of attendees:

- ***D.A.R.E. Officer Training (DOT)***: 18 officers serving 15 Ohio communities.
- ***Supervisor Training and Education Program (STEP)***: 35 officers serving 26 Ohio communities.
- ***Police Executive Leadership College (PELC)***: 30 officers serving 26 Ohio communities.

Municipal budget cuts have made anything but basic necessities out of reach for many communities and police departments. The Law Enforcement Foundation subsidizes the officer's program tuition, making it more affordable for agencies to send an officer to these unique executive leadership and management training programs. This is made possible through foundation support, corporate donations, and asset forfeiture funds. Without their support, police agencies in Ohio may not be able to afford specialized trainings like DOT, STEP, and PELC.

***DOT, STEP, and PELC are three of the programs that are exclusive to the Law Enforcement Foundation.***



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**Sgt. Jeffrey May, Van Wert County Sheriff's Office, Awarded AEP Ohio STEP Scholarship**

AEP Ohio generously provided a \$2,500 STEP Scholarship for one officer from their service area counties. Sgt. Jeffrey May of the Van Wert County Sheriff's Office has been awarded this scholarship, which will cover the cost of his tuition and other expenses. Sgt. May will begin his STEP training on September 26. During the first session of STEP, he and 34 other officers will complete learning modules in ethics, leadership, effective listening and speaking, counseling, and mentoring.

LEF would like to thank AEP Ohio for providing this opportunity to Sgt. May and the Van Wert County SO. Without their support, this agency may not have been able to send Sgt. May to STEP. On behalf of LEF and AEP Ohio, we wish Sgt. May well in his STEP training!

***If you are interested in providing a scholarship for STEP or another LEF 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.***