



## Behind the Badge

# E-News from the Law Enforcement Foundation

Dear LEF Supporter,

Welcome to the Law Enforcement Foundation's February e-newsletter – where we honor our supporters and share news about our executive training programs.

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### **Congratulations to the Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) Class XVI**

The Law Enforcement Foundation would like to commend our 19 recent graduates of the Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) Class XVI! CLEE is an eight module, Masters-level program of leadership training for police officers (sergeant and above) who are at or wish to progress to executive levels.

The goal of the CLEE program 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.

Joel Brown, LEF Board Chairman, spoke to the graduating class during the ceremony and discussed three important leadership traits: leading by example, doing the right thing, and caring about those you lead. He remarked, "Leadership is a mantle of responsibility that you live with 24 hours a day. Words are easy, but who you really are and what you'll be remembered by is your actions."

He also encouraged the graduates to welcome the officers they lead as a "whole person" and "know that the opportunity to engage the whole worker provides a tremendous opportunity to develop an excellent worker, an excellent public servant, an excellent police officer."

On behalf of the LEF Board of Trustees and the CLEE Executive Board, we wish these officers well in their future endeavors as Certified Law Enforcement Executives.



**FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** Capt. Bruce Pijanowski, CLEE, Delaware PD, Lt. Mark Denney, CLEE, Colerain Twp. PD, Sgt. Dale Morris, CLEE, Springdale PD, Lt. Christopher Williams, CLEE, Dayton PD, Sgt. David Steinbrunner, CLEE, Vandalia PD and Dr. Stephen Douglas (CLEE Instructor)

**SECOND ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** Deputy Chief Anton Cooper, CLEE, KeyBank PD, Chief James Biehl, CLEE, KeyBank PD, Chief Benjamin Kramer, CLEE, Ross Twp. PD, Lt. Mark Newcomb, CLEE, Whitehall PD, and Lt. Frank Robinson, CLEE, Monroe PD

**THIRD ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** Sgt. Amber Dacek, CLEE, Chagrin Falls PD, Lt. Michael Savard, CLEE, Cincinnati PD, Cmdr. Terry Moore, CLEE, Columbus PD, Lt. Kevin Smith, CLEE, Columbus State Community College PD, Capt. Teresa Theetge, CLEE, Cincinnati PD, and Sgt. Brian Uhl, CLEE, Springfield Twp. PD

**First Row - Far Left and Far Right:** Chief Joseph Morbitzer, CLEE, Westerville PD (CLEE Board Chair) and Chief Russell Martin, CLEE, Delaware PD (OACP President)

**CLEE 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.**

### **Ohio Chiefs Take the Plunge for a Great Cause**

Two Ohio Police Chiefs were freezin' for a reason on February 18 during The Polar Plunge at the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium. Chief Joseph Morbitzer, CLEE, Westerville PD, and Chief Kenneth Hinkle, CLEE, Obetz PD, jumped into a super-sized, freezing cold, swimming pool near the Polar Bear Exhibit in support of the Special Olympics Ohio.

The mission of Special Olympics Ohio is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals with intellectual disabilities by giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

The Westerville PD has supported the Special Olympics for over 21 years through their participation in the Special Olympics Torch Run. Chief Morbitzer headed up "Team Franklin County Chiefs of Police" for this year's plunge. Inspired by the compassion and commitment of Chief Morbitzer and retired Chief Mike Laage, Chief Hinkle joined the Franklin County Chiefs team.

When asked about learning about the Special Olympics from Chief Laage, Chief Hinkle says, "He told a story of his journey with his sons through their lives and the Law Enforcement Torch Run. He had such compassion in his voice and tears in his eyes when he spoke of his commitment as a father and a Chief." Chief Hinkle says he has never looked back from that moment and says that any time there is an opportunity to help children, he will.

And helping, they are. To date, Team Franklin County Chiefs of Police has exceeded their fundraising goal and have raised nearly \$5,500.00 in support of the Special Olympics Ohio!



*Team Franklin County Chiefs of Police take the plunge in their uniforms during the Special Olympics Ohio Polar Plunge. On the far right is Chief Joseph Morbitzer and to the left of him is Chief Kenneth Hinkle.*

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- *Sponsor an LEF program by contacting Donna Braxton, CEO, at [donna.braxton@oacp.org](mailto:donna.braxton@oacp.org)*
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