



Our Mission:
Working in partnership with local businesses, extends the reach and support of law enforcement's role in local communities through education and training programs that enhance the quality of life and protect the values of citizenship.

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LEF's Impact in Your Communities: Making a Difference Every Day



D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is taught by police officers in 75% of our nation's school districts and more than 43 countries around the world. The Law Enforcement Foundation provides that training for free to Ohio's police departments through donated funds. Since LEF began D.A.R.E. training in 1988 we have trained over 1350 officers to teach D.A.R.E. The D.A.R.E. Officers in your local schools:

- Have attended a minimum of 80 hours of certified training to be eligible to teach the D.A.R.E. program in your local classrooms. The LEF funds this training at about \$5000 per officer.
- Teach drug and alcohol prevention education, educate about bullying, internet safety, binge drinking and Rx/Over-The-Counter drug abuse.
- Teach students positive decision-making and conflict resolution skills, self-esteem builders, and how to accept personal responsibility for their actions and decisions.
- In Ohio there are 350 police officers certified to teach D.A.R.E. in 67 of Ohio's 88 counties.

School Resource Officers (SROs) provide an important layer of protection and communication to our school communities. Officers certified in the DARE program are also certified as SROs. Some facts about the impact of SROs in your community:

- School Resource Officers are the first line of protection in the event of a catastrophic incident at a school – they are trained in lockdown and notification protocols and act as our students' safety net in the event of a fire, shooting, sexual predator near the school, custodial parent disputes, and other events in and around the campus.
- SROs take on-site reports of theft, vandalism, and threatening behavior on school grounds.
- SROs serve as a visible presence as police officer, teacher, and social worker.
- SROs often act as a counselor: they make referrals to community agencies for assistance, and offer guidance and consistency to students who may not have a positive role model elsewhere. SROs will tell you it is a unique job they wouldn't trade for anything!
- In Ohio there are over 668 SROs making schools safer every day.

Ohio Child Abduction Response Teams (CART) is an innovative, real-time network of specially trained individuals from various agencies, jurisdictions, and disciplines who are prepared to dispatch immediately in the event of a missing child in Ohio.

- The first minutes and hours a child is missing is critical: CART deploys a pre-trained team assigned to task and area to best maximize this time. Inter-agency and interdisciplinary cooperation includes federal, state, county, and local law enforcement, fire departments, judges/court systems, FBI, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and SWAT units.
- Ohio CART uses all available resources to assist the local jurisdiction where the abduction occurred with assets such as professional search teams, specialized medical response, search dogs, construction and excavation equipment, radio communications, pastoral care, and rape crisis personnel.
- Ohio CART has recently expanded to include Alzheimer's/dementia adults and those with disabilities, and has already made rescues under this expansion.



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LEF's Impact in Your Communities:

Safer Communities Through Leadership and Excellence in Law Enforcement

Officers assigned to street patrol in your community require management training when promoted to command positions to prepare them for new responsibilities. LEF provides continuing education and professional certifications to the officers promoted in your community.

"Why is this important to me?"

Citizens may not think police management training matters to them, but it does. **Your law enforcement executives have an active role in your city's budget, community development, schools, safety initiatives, and overall interaction with you, the citizen.** When citizens invest in training in law enforcement's leadership, your community is a stronger, safer, and more prosperous place to live, work, learn, and play.

The LEF develops, executes, and provides subsidized tuition for the following programs, often regarded as the gold standard for law enforcement executive training:

Supervisor Training and Education Program (STEP)

STEP trains newly-promoted officers to make the transition from a peer-relationship patrol officer to a manager who is responsible to and for people, budgets, and the public. STEP is 14 modules of civic leadership and communication education so graduates can lead their teams, respond to crises using the Critical Incident Management structure, and adapt to responding to the public as a civic leader. In Ohio there are 144 STEP-trained officers.

The Police Executive Leadership College (PELC)

PELC is an intensive, three-week residency program to improve the leadership capacity of supervisors in law enforcement: to make them better leaders, to be visionary thinkers in community development and safety initiatives, and most important; to create law enforcement departments that run efficiently by cutting waste, streamlining efforts, and to better identify and utilize available assets. Graduates are equipped with the knowledge and skills crucial for effective leadership, making a positive impact on the safety and welfare of their communities. In Ohio there are 1513 PELC-trained officers.

Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE)

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 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. CLEE provides learning experiences that identify the graduate as mastering the concepts of leadership and management necessary in leading and operating an efficient and effective law enforcement agency. In Ohio there are 221 CLEE-trained police executives.

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