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IACPF PELA HITS A HOME RUN

Indianapolis, IN (March 25, 2014) —The Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police Foundation (IACPF) held the first course of their new Police Executive Leadership Academy (PELA) last week at Fishers Police Department. The first course in the new PELA curriculum was a part of the Basic Police Leadership (BPL) level, which helps line officers transition to supervisor with confidence.

“This was an ideal first day for a basic supervision class. The material was relevant, up-to-date, and laid a proper foundation for the balance of the course,” stated Chief of Police, Kevin R. Jowitt, of the Noblesville Police Department. “The emphasis on values and ethics is very important and that was the primary theme throughout the day.”

In early 2014, the IACPF introduced a redesigned PELA curriculum based on the leadership scope and needs of law enforcement agencies, both small and large. In order to meet these needs, a three tiered program was created consisting of Basic Police Leadership (BPL), Police Leadership Academy (PLA) and Police Executive Leadership Symposium (PELS).

“We have always known that PELA was a good program in its old format. Its focus on communication and leadership has proven to be valuable to many graduates in the past,” said Michael F. Ward, CAE, Executive Director of IACPF. “The revised PELA however, is an absolute home run. It focuses not only on communication and leadership, but on ethics in living, making it a must for law enforcement leadership.”

With the launch of the three separate tiers, each agency has the ability to choose which leadership levels and courses fit their needs.

“[The new] PELA course allows you to look deep into enhancing your character so that you can motivate and get the most potential from your peers and together executing the mission,” stated Sergeant Shea L. Reliford of the Indiana State Police. “I would definitely recommend [the BPL course] to first-line supervisors and any officers that are able to have an impact as leaders.”

Another aspect that makes the new PELA program unique is that many of the instructors were police officers themselves. The new program is facilitated by the staff of the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration, one of the premier learning centers for law enforcement executives, managers and supervisors in the nation.

“This is unlike other trainings due to the multiple instructors from different parts of the country, bringing an enormous amount of knowledge and experience,” stated Reliford. “Because the instructors were all involved with law enforcement, there was a common language and a common bond.”

The next BPL course will be held July 7-11, 2014 at the Ligonier Police Department and the first PLA course will be held May 5-9, 2014 at the Elkhart County Sheriff’s Department. To learn more about the redesigned PELA program, please visit www.iacop.org.

About the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police Foundation (IACPF)

The Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police Foundation is a 501(c) 3 corporation which operates within the guidelines established by the IRS for all foundations.

The mission of the Foundation is to promote professionalism, training and networking for the law enforcement executive and to enhance public awareness of law enforcement and public safety issues. The Foundation accomplishes its mission by providing a voluntary accreditation program for law enforcement agencies, the Indiana Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (ILEAC). To learn more about the IACPF, please visit www.iacop.org.

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