

THE COMMAND POST

Institute for Law Enforcement Administration Alumni Association

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**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW
YOUR 2012 DUES!**

Greetings from the ILEA Alumni President!

ILEA recently held the annual Contemporary Issues and Ethics Conference: Police, Protests and Public Places – Balancing Rights and Obligations, where the focus was on the Occupy Movement. What a great conference it was, too! From finding ways to keep tent cities from destroying and bankrupting local government resources to learning key phrases and points to best handle media inquiries, the conference was chock full of information and ideas on protecting the rights of citizens who have peaceably assembled to protest their plight, while maintaining a sense of order and safety. As one attendee commented, “the First Amendment doesn’t stop at 11pm.”

Notably, Dr. Gary W. Sykes, retired Director of ILEA and Vice President of CAIL, was present to deliver the capstone comments of the conference. The ILEA Center for Law Enforcement Ethics awarded the Ethical Courage Award posthumously to the parents of Arlington, Texas police officer Jillian Smith, who sacrificed her life by shielding a child from gunfire at a domestic disturbance in 2010.

The Contemporary Issues Conference is also the venue for the annual meeting of the ILEA Alumni Association. For the 2012 48th Management College, the Alumni Association awarded a tuition scholarship to Charlottesville Police Department. Business of the Association included discussion on strengthening local ties between alumni and yet to be named regional directors. Regional directors will be able to more easily reach out to graduates in their respective areas, and find ways to keep them connected to each other and to the Institute. Associate Director Gregory Smith discussed a new program format for the School of Police Supervision that will be offered at the Fort Worth Alliance Center.

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The new format will consist of holding the school in four one-week per month sessions. This new format will allow an agency that cannot afford to send a supervisor away for an entire month to spread that training over a period of time. ILEA Director Neil Moore discussed ILEA's name recognition and reputation around the country, and marketing strategies to further expand the brand and visibility of ILEA in order to attract more students to ILEA programs. The Center for Law Enforcement Ethics is working on several contracts to take the Ethics Train-the-Trainer program to locations across the nation.

Attendance at the Association business meeting was disappointing. Seven members in good standing (including Life Member James Long, Ret.) were all that attended. The Association meets as a body annually, and needs better representation and involvement than seven members. In 2011 the by-laws were changed to make the organization more flexible and responsive. Association staff assistant Tracy Harris, is (as always) the marvelous and organized center of the universe who keeps the Association's books, sells the ILEA memorabilia, and otherwise keeps the organization afloat. However, the profit margin on memorabilia is not enough to sustain the Association. We are counting on you to support the Alumni Association with your dues. There are a little more than two dozen paid members at this writing. At \$25 per year (about the price of one vending machine soft drink per week), paid memberships provide the Association with the ability to continue scholarships. With consistent paid memberships, the Alumni Association could explore more training opportunities, and

potentially provide better networking, information, and connection within our membership. Because ILEA includes the Association in the ability to join or renew online, it couldn't be easier.

The annual meeting brought forward a new Board. For 2012, the Alumni Board is:

President - Chief Deputy Jay Six
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"It is my honor to serve as the president a second time, and I speak for the Board when I say we would all like to see representation from other regions of the country. We will do our best to serve the Association well. Your time in an ILEA program has made a difference in the way you lead. Support that growth by being involved."

"I pledge to you that this will not be the only communication you receive from the Alumni Association this year. For many years, alumni have commented that they never hear from the Association. That will not be the case this year. I promise to not bury you with emails, but in a loosely regular fashion, you will receive a brief communication from the Association."

"I wish you well, and hope to see you at next year's Conference, if not before."

President Jay Six



Dr. Gary W. Sykes Award for Professional Achievement

Dr. Gary W. Sykes, retired Director of the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration and Vice President of The Center for American and International Law, was the inaugural recipient of the newly established Dr. Gary W. Sykes Award for Professional Achievement.

Dr. Sykes served for over fifteen years at the Center and Institute. In 1992, with the support of a \$600,000 grant from the Meadows Foundation, he helped to establish the internationally-known Center for Law Enforcement Ethics.

Gary has also conducted funded research projects for the Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice; has authored numerous articles in professional journals; has written several chapters in law enforcement administration textbooks and currently is writing a police administration text to be published in the near future.

Gary received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Pennsylvania State University in 1977, and has served on the faculties of Berea College, the University of Wisconsin-Superior, and the University of Louisville.

Married to Bonnie for over forty years, he has three children; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Dr. Sykes has served the law enforcement community for over forty years.



105th SCHOOL OF POLICE SUPERVISION

The 105th School of Police Supervision graduated on January 31, 2012 with 47 representatives from 21 agencies and 2 states, including Texas and North Carolina. Classes were held daily at the Arlington Police Department Training Academy. Congratulations 105th!

ENROLLING NOW FOR SUMMER 2012 SCHOOL OF POLICE SUPERVISIONS

This course is designed for first-line supervisors and middle-level management. The curriculum focuses on the transition from "street policing" to management, especially the social and personal adjustments.

June 4-29, 2012
 ILEA Headquarters
 5201 Democracy Drive / Plano, TX

SUPERVISION SCHOOL OFFERED IN FOUR ONE-WEEK SEGMENTS

August 27-31
 September 24-28
 October 29-November 2
 November 26-30
 Tarrant County College District Criminal Justice Training Center
 13825 Aviator Way / Fort Worth, TX

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Police and Family Conference Coming Up!

With the goal of strengthening all personal relationships in the law enforcement community, this gathering promises two-days of enlightenment, education, and the opportunity for personal and professional growth.

This conference is not intended to turn bad relationships into good ones. Instead, it is designed to provide insights, experiences and strategies that will assist law enforcement practitioners and their significant others – whether dating, married or partnered – in making good relationships even stronger.

During this event, legal assistance will be available – at no cost – to help Texas residents in attendance in completing a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, a Durable Power of Attorney for Financial Matters, and a Directive to Physicians (Living Will).

Topics:

- ◆ Introduction to the "Five Love Languages" by Dr. Gary Chapman and the Love Language of Apology
- ◆ Couples R.O.P.E.S. course off-site at Group Dynamix, Carrollton
- ◆ Financial Matters
- ◆ Conversation with Lt. Susan and Lt. Carlton Marshall: Surviving a Law Enforcement Family's Greatest Fear
- ◆ Couples Dialogue

Date and Location:
 August 4-5, 2012
 ILEA Headquarters ((The Center for American and International Law)
 5201 Democracy Drive / Plano, TX 75024

Hours:
 9:00am-7:00pm – Saturday, August 4*
 *Lunch and dinner provided
 11:00am-3:30pm – Sunday, August 5

Tuition:
 \$25 per couple / \$15 per individual



Ethical Courage Award

At the conclusion of the 2012 Contemporary Issues and Ethics Conference, the Ethical Courage Award was presented posthumously to Mr. Douglas and Mrs. Sonya Smith in honor of their daughter Officer Jillian Smith, who died heroically, in the line of duty in 2010.

At a domestic dispute in Arlington, Texas, Jillian was shot while shielding and saving the life of an 11-year old girl from gunfire. The gunman, Barnes Samuel Nettles, 38, killed his ex-girlfriend, Kimberly Carter, 29, and then fatally shot Jillian before committing suicide.

The Annual Ethical Courage Award is intended to recognize an individual or organization for especially meritorious leadership or courage related to law enforcement ethics and integrity. Officer Smith's actions displayed absolute loyalty and commitment to the ethical, courageous and caring values found in the most exemplary of law enforcement officers.

Officer Smith earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology and minored in Sociology from the University of Texas at Arlington in August 2009. She was a member of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Arlington.



The ILEA Graduates its 48th Management College

On March 30, 22 graduates from 17 different agencies including Texas, Arkansas and Virginia completed the 2012 Management College.

This Management College was instrumental in designing a class ring made of sterling silver to commemorate their achievement. The Alumni Association paid for the initial die and will offer these beautiful rings to future and past graduates of the Management College. The rings can be customized to include your class number and year. The rings are a great way to commemorate your completion of this fine school, and will be a visible sign to others of your achievement at ILEA. We will have more information to you soon!

Congratulations to the 48th Management College graduates!

Upcoming Events

Best Practices in Law Enforcement Investigations: The Role of Law Enforcement Ethics and Leadership in Avoiding Wrongful Convictions

May 3-4, 2012 / FREE TO TEXAS PEACE OFFICERS

This course will provide attendees with information on the causes of wrongful criminal convictions, and insights on the means by which investigators can help ensure that the right suspect is in custody.

Ethics Train-the-Trainer

May 15-18, 2012

This program will authorize graduates to present the 8-hour Law Enforcement Ethics; the 16-hour Ethics for FTO's and, 4-hour In-Service Ethics courses within their own agencies or local/regional academies.

Leadership Symposium "Police Leadership from the Outside-In"

May 21-23, 2012

This year's Symposium invites leaders from outside of law enforcement to provide senior-level police personnel the most important and valuable lessons that all leaders must know.



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