



# 2022 - 23

# Impact Report

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## OUR MISSION

To create a united community where law enforcement officers, their families, and the public work together to foster understanding, mutual respect, and meaningful support. Our vision is to ensure the contributions and sacrifices of law enforcement are recognized, honored, and valued.

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## A Message from Our President

This year has been extraordinary for the United States Law Enforcement Foundation (USLEF). From hosting impactful events to facilitating programs that strengthen the bond between officers and the public, we have remained committed to our mission of education, support, and connection.

Attending Freedom Fest Ohio 2023 was a privilege. This event united thousands of attendees and renowned artists to celebrate the vital role of law enforcement in our communities. The energy and shared purpose were a powerful reminder of the gratitude our officers so deeply deserve.

We were humbled to welcome the families of fallen officers to the annual Police Memorial Weekend. This sacred tradition, held at our headquarters at the American Police Hall of Fame & Museum, honors the sacrifices of those who have served and supports the loved ones they leave behind.

This year also marked the start of a transformative chapter. We began reimagining the Hall of Fame site to better serve officers, their families, and the community. Central to this vision is the creation of a lasting monument for fallen officers — an enduring tribute to their courage and sacrifice.

On behalf of the entire USLEF team, thank you for your unwavering support. Together, we make a meaningful difference — one life, one family, and one community at a time.

With gratitude,

**Chief (Retired) Jack Rinchich**  
**President, United States Law Enforcement Foundation**

## Impact Snapshot

**92**

Students Awarded  
Scholarships

**680**

Additional Families &  
Individuals supported

**1,667**

Christmas, Birthday &  
Anniversary Gifts Sent

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## Our Programs Made a Difference

74

Students Awarded  
College  
Scholarships

18

Children Provided  
with Camp  
Scholarships

31

Families Provided  
with Emergency  
Support

1,667

Christmas, Birthday  
and Anniversary  
Gifts Sent

10,888

Meaningful remembrances sent to family members of both fallen officers and those disabled in the line of duty - we never forget the meaningful sacrifices made by those serving, and their families, we honor their memory and service.

## Introduction

In 2023, the United States Law Enforcement Foundation (USLEF)'s programs under the banners of the American Federation of Police & Concerned Citizens (AFP-CC) and the National Association of Chiefs of Police (NACOP), continued our vital work of supporting law enforcement professionals, their families, and the public.

Through impactful programs and initiatives, we provided critical assistance, education, recognition, and community engagement, ensuring the sacrifices and contributions of law enforcement remain honored and respected.

## Key Highlights

### Community and Law Enforcement Events:

Hosted over x events at the American Police Hall of Fame & Museum, bringing together law enforcement professionals, families, and community members to foster collaboration and understanding.

### A New Era Begins:

We are excited to continue laying the groundwork for reimagining the Hall of Fame site, including plans for a permanent monument honoring fallen officers - a lasting tribute to their service and sacrifice.

### Leveraging Technology:

Expanded the use of innovative tools, including ideating around AI, to enhance support programs for officers and their families, improve educational outreach, and streamline advocacy efforts.

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

Key programs for: NACOP & AFP-CC

## Empowering the Future

Scholarships and grants that make a difference

92 Scholarships/Grants

USLEF's programs, NACOP and AFP-CC, together, proudly awarded a total of 92 scholarships and grants to deserving recipients.

This included 74 college scholarships, helping students pursue higher education, and 18 summer camp grants, offering children of law enforcement families an opportunity to build confidence, friendships, and skills in a supportive environment.

Each award represents more than just financial assistance — it reflects our commitment to honoring the sacrifices of law enforcement families and empowering them to create bright futures. From contributing towards college tuition to enabling enriching camp experiences, these programs ensure recipients have the tools and opportunities they need to thrive.

The impact of these scholarships and grants is best expressed through the heartfelt words of the recipients themselves:

## LEO Family Survivor Program



*"Without my dad, it's up to my mom to figure everything out. Receiving this scholarship makes things a lot easier."*



*"Thank you for the grant that helped send my daughters to camp this summer."*

*"I received my scholarship check in the mail!  
I just wanted to thank you and say how much I appreciated you working with me.  
This is going to help me a lot with my college expenses and I'm so grateful for it."*

## LEO Disabled Officer Program

*"It is with your help that I have the opportunity to turn the dreams for my career into a reality. I am grateful to spend another year at University, which was possible with the help of contribution."*

*"We are truly humbled by your support and assure you that we will make the most of this scholarship to further our education and contribute meaningfully to our community."*



*"The fact that my husband's sacrifice is recognized and our family cared about means more than words can say, thank you is not nearly sufficient."*



# A YEAR IN REVIEW

Key programs for: NACOP & AFP-CC

## A Small Gesture, A Profound Impact

10,888

### Remembering sacrifices through thoughtful connection

USLEF's programs, NACOP and AFP-CC, together, sent in excess of 10,000 cards to families of fallen and disabled law enforcement officers.

These cards - sent for Christmas, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and other special occasions - serve as heartfelt reminders that their loved one's sacrifice is not forgotten and that their family remains in our thoughts. To some, sending a card may seem like a small gesture. But the heartfelt responses from recipients tell a different story. For these families, the cards are a profound reminder that their loss is acknowledged, their sacrifices are remembered, and their loved one's legacy lives on.

The impact of this program is best captured in the words of the families themselves:

*"Thank you so much for the lovely mother's day remembrance. It means so much. These "special" days are so difficult since my son was killed. I miss him horribly. Thank you ❤️"*

*"Thank you for thinking of me and sending me the beautiful card and gift for Mother's Day. Thank you for never forgetting the price we paid."*

*"Thanks so much for remembering fathers day. It means a lot to have someone other than family to remember the sacrifices made to uphold the oath we all took when we pinned on that star... Thank you."*

## Support in Life's Most Difficult Moments

33

### Critical support to families and officers in times of crisis

In moments of profound loss or crisis, our programs are steadfast in their commitment to supporting law enforcement officers and their families.

In 2023, AFP-CC provided support to 28 families enduring the devastating loss of a loved one in the line of duty. This vital assistance brings relief and compassion during some of life's darkest moments, ensuring families feel cared for as they begin to navigate their grief.

NACOP also extended emergency and medical assistance to 3 officers, helping them continue recovering from injuries or unexpected medical challenges.

These programs demonstrate a steadfast promise to stand by officers and their families when they need it most. While many of the stories behind these efforts are deeply personal and remain private, one recipient shared:

*"..I just wanted to take this time to personally thank the National Association of Chiefs of Police and the many wonderful donors. I was attacked while on patrol. I broke both arms, damaged my neck/back. I underwent 9 surgeries. I was medically retired. I still go to PT/doctor's so the co-pays and medical bills are always there, so receiving this check will definitely help. My family and I can't thank you enough for your generosity!"*

All testimonials have been received via email or website form. Where appropriate, identifying features, such as names, have been removed for privacy purposes.

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## Key programs for: NACOP & AFP-CC

### Gifts from the Heart

1,667

#### Delivered to each person with care

One of both program's most treasured traditions is curating, personally wrapping, and mailing gifts to families of fallen and disabled law enforcement officers. In 2023, an incredible 1,667 gifts were lovingly prepared and sent.

This heartwarming effort takes place in a special space affectionately called "The North Pole," where each gift is carefully chosen and beautifully wrapped by hand. From there, the gifts are sent directly to families, ensuring that every recipient feels a personal touch of care and recognition. These gestures extend beyond the holiday season, as **4,665** additional remembrances were sent with Mother's and Father's Day cards, providing comfort and connection throughout the year.

For the families who receive these gifts, they are far more than packages — they are meaningful reminders that their sacrifices and loved ones are honored and never forgotten. Every year, immense gratitude pours in, with recipients sharing how deeply these gestures have touched their lives.

The impact of this tradition is best expressed in the heartfelt words of those who benefit:

### LEO Family Survivor Program



*"Thank you, donors and all the staff for the Christmas gifts, We really appreciate you."*



*"What a blessing you all are in our lives and we greatly appreciate the love and care we know goes into everyone's efforts. Our daughter has been enjoying these gifts and we appreciate the lovely ornaments and blessings gifted to us..."*

*"My kids lost their father this summer in the line of duty. It has been so heart-breaking, and we struggle so much... thank you so much for the present. There has been so much love and kindness shown to my children. It is because of this I know they will be ok."*

*"Thank you for remembering J's birthday. He was excited about his gifts. This is our first Christmas and birthday without his father. It is nice to see him smile."*



*"Thank you so much! He loves his presents. I really appreciate y'all thinking about us every year it means so much to us."*

### LEO Disabled Officer Program

*"Thanks to you, donors and everyone who sends prayers, positive energy and gifts on my special dates. I greatly appreciate you"*

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# A YEAR IN REVIEW

Key event for: AFP-CC

## Honoring Our Heroes

225

Families Sponsored to Attend  
Annual Police Memorial Day

705

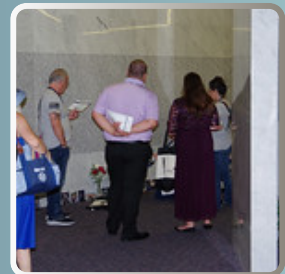
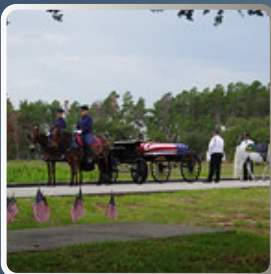
Names etched in honor,  
sacrifice forever remembered

## A Timeless Tradition of Remembrance

### 2023 memorial service

Every year, the United States Law Enforcement Foundation (USLEF) hosts the annual Memorial Service and Family Weekend at the American Police Hall of Fame & Museum. This longstanding tradition brings together families of fallen officers from across the country, providing a space for reflection, remembrance, and connection.

The Memorial Service is always the centerpiece of the weekend — a solemn outdoor ceremony where families gather to honor their loved ones and hear their names spoken in tribute. Following the service, families are welcomed into the Hall of Fame to visit the memorial walls, reflect quietly, and see their loved ones' names etched into history — a lasting reminder that their sacrifices will never be forgotten.



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Key programs for: AFP-CC

## A Timeless Tradition of Rememberance

### 2023 memorial service: Family Day

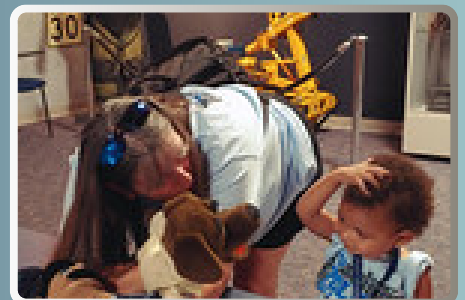
Family Day remains a special highlight of the Memorial Weekend. Hosted on the grounds of the American Police Hall of Fame & Museum this year, families were welcomed to a vibrant and uplifting day filled with activities set up across the entire campus.

From interactive activity booths to shared laughter during games, the day brought moments of joy and togetherness. Even the road was closed to make way for a friendly and spirited tennis tournament, creating a sense of playfulness and community for children and adults alike.

This cherished day served as a reminder that healing and connection often come through shared experiences, laughter, and the simple joy of being together.

Through the generous support of donors, USLEF's AFP-CC Program ensures this meaningful weekend continues to uplift families, honor their loved ones, and remind them they are never alone.

It remains a privilege to host this annual gathering and stand alongside these families as we celebrate the lives, legacies, and sacrifices of those who served.





# A YEAR IN REVIEW

Key event for: NACOP

## Humanizing Our Heroes

20

Episodes bringing stories of service and sacrifice to life

50

Average listeners **per episode** fostering understanding and connection

## Voice of the Blue

### Sharing stories, exploring legacies, and challenging perceptions

Launched in June 2022, Voice of the Blue is a podcast dedicated to recounting the compelling stories of law enforcement.

Its mission is to offer a personal glimpse into the lives of those who stand behind the badge, protecting our communities and preserving the delicate balance between peace and disorder.

In this reporting period, 20 episodes were produced, with an average listenership of 50 per episode.

Each episode explored a unique aspect of law enforcement, featuring firsthand accounts from serving officers, commentary on media portrayals, and stories of historical figures who have shaped the profession.

By sharing these diverse narratives, often in the officers' own words, Voice of the Blue has been a voice in the ongoing mission to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the public, fostering understanding and appreciation for the sacrifices and service of those who wear the badge.

The podcast continues to underscore that law enforcement officers are American citizens chosen from among us to perform a challenging and vital role.

Voice of the Blue continued building a platform for connection and dialogue, reinforcing the belief that understanding begins when we take the time to listen.



# A YEAR IN REVIEW

Key programs for: USLEF

## Freedom Fest Ohio June 2023

### Music, Community, and a Mission to Give Back

Freedom Fest Ohio partnered with the United States Law Enforcement Foundation (USLEF) to honor law enforcement professionals and amplify their mission.

While raising funds, the event also served as a powerful platform to build understanding, empathy, and awareness of the sacrifices and service of law enforcement officers.

With thousands of attendees and performances by renowned artists, Freedom Fest fostered a sense of community and appreciation for those who serve. By amplifying USLEF's message, it underscored the importance of public support for programs that assist officers and their families.

Freedom Fest Ohio 2023 showcased the impact of combining entertainment with purpose, creating a meaningful opportunity to celebrate and support law enforcement.





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Key programs for: NACOP

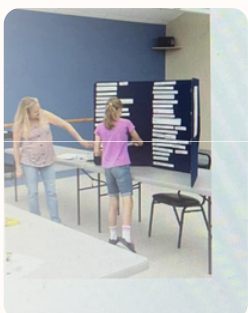
## Building Connections Through Education and Community

### LEO Lions Club

#### Educating and engaging the next generation

Hosted at the American Police Hall of Fame & Museum, the LEO Lions Club is a free monthly program for children, running from September through June each year. Through engaging and interactive sessions, the program introduces young participants to the principles of safety, teamwork, and community service.

In 2022 - 23, the program proudly nurtured curiosity and a deeper connection to the values of law enforcement, planting the seeds of understanding and respect in the next generation.



# A YEAR IN REVIEW

Key programs for: NACOP

## Holiday Traditions That Build Community

### Bringing families and law enforcement together

The American Police Hall of Fame & Museum hosted two cherished holiday events that brought families and law enforcement together:

### ‘Halloween Fear Not’

A Halloween celebration featuring safety-focused activities, interactive exhibits, and, this year a special visit from the Florida Sunblazers pro basketball team. Families enjoyed the opportunity to engage with law enforcement in a fun and welcoming environment.



### ‘Breakfast With Santa’

A joyful holiday gathering where children met Santa, participated in crafts, and shared meaningful moments with officers.

These annual events create lasting memories and strengthen the bond between the community and those who serve.





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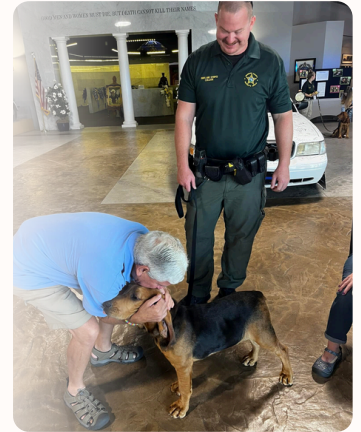
Key programs for: NACOP

## Unleashing Excellence: The K-9 Experience

### Showcasing the canine skills that protect and serve

In March 2023, the American Police Hall of Fame & Museum hosted a K-9 event, featuring incredible demonstrations by local law enforcement canine teams.

These skilled K-9 units showcased their vital roles in public safety, from search and rescue to suspect apprehension, leaving attendees inspired and informed.

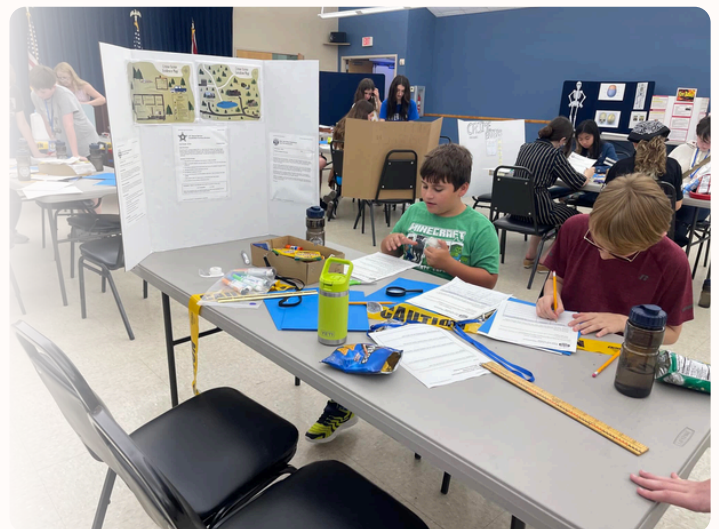


## Detective Camp: Inspiring Young Investigators

### Hands-on learning with law enforcement experts

In 2023, the American Police Hall of Fame & Museum hosted its annual Detective Camp, where young participants explored investigative techniques through hands-on activities like arson investigation, entomology, and crime-solving scenarios — pickle case included!

Made possible in part by support from the Space Coast Office of Tourism, this engaging program ignited curiosity and provided a deeper understanding of law enforcement processes, leaving campers inspired and excited to learn more.



# A YEAR IN REVIEW

Key programs for: NACOP

## Preparing Officers, Protecting Communities

### Training that makes a difference

In November 2022, the American Police Hall of Fame & Museum hosted a Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Training program, designed to enhance officer safety and readiness during vehicle stops.

This free, hands-on training provided by the National Association of Chiefs of Police, included classroom instruction, live-fire drills, and scenario-based exercises, equipping participants with practical skills to navigate high-risk situations effectively.



*"Tell me and I'll forget.  
Show me, and I may not remember.  
Involve me, and I'll understand."  
- Native American Proverb*



By providing this critical training, USLEF (through its NACOP program) reinforces its commitment to preparing officers for the challenges they face while safeguarding the communities they serve.



# We couldn't have done it without your generous support.

Each year, the work of the United States Law Enforcement Foundation (USLEF) is made possible by the incredible dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of our donors.

Your time, energy, and contributions ensure that we can honor fallen officers, support their families, and provide programs that uplift the law enforcement community.

To our volunteers, thank you for your compassion, commitment, and care. Your efforts bring our mission to life in ways that words alone cannot express.

To our donors, your ongoing support fuels everything we do. Because of you, we can continue to provide meaningful programs, host impactful events, and ensure that the sacrifices of law enforcement are never forgotten.

We are deeply grateful for your unwavering commitment year after year. Together, we are making a lasting difference.

## Thank you for being part of this important mission.



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