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News from the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police

29th Annual Conference

From the Executive Director

If you missed the 29th Annual Conference, well I'm sorry, you missed one of the best. But for those that missed here is a recap and if you didn't you may reminisce. The Franklin Police Honor Guard with Steve Snoddy on the "Bag Pipes" performed the opening ceremony and presentation of the colors. Host Chief's Night, in spite of the rain was very different. Jasmine Grove is the home of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Underwood they have a large barn that has been modernized, to include facilities where the Host Chief's Night took place. In the loft was live entertainment by several different musical groups, they had something for everyone. Outside, under tents the Franklin Police Citizens Academy Alumni prepared some of the most wonderful food to include plenty of Barbecue, "Drunk Chicken" with all the trimmings and desert. I don't know how we're going to beat this next year but we're already working on the 30th Annual Conference.

The next day with the rain cleared out was a wonderful day for the Annual Golf Scramble, again organized by the Citizens Academy Alumni, we had a great time and had lunch prepared for us when the

Scramble was completed. That evening was the 29th Annual Banquet, this year's banquet was much shorter than previous years because throughout the conference the door prize drawings were conducted. The banquet piano prelude was conducted by Jeff Lovett and entertainment after dinner "From Rock 'n Roll to Broadway" by Columbia State Commercial Arts Department.

Senator and his support of law enforcement legislation. A special presentation was made to Chief Bob Smith, retired Executive Secretary, in recognition of his dedicated service to TACP for over 10 years. Chief Smith is a friend to us all and especially the Association and we wish him well.

These are only some highlights of the 29th Annual Conference, there were other events that took place including a

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The first annual TACP Awards Presentation: **President's Award** went to Chief Bobby Williamson, Dyersburg Police Department. **Director's Award Western Division** went to Chief J. D. Sanders, Martin Police Department. **Director's Award Middle Division** to Chief Howard D. Buttrey, Brentwood Police Department. **Director's Award Eastern Division** went to Chief Lee Reese, Cleveland Police Department. The **Legislative Award** to Senator Robert Rochelle for his outstanding service as

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Franklin Historic Tour, Spouses' Luncheon, and Shopping trips. These were fun filled family events if you missed it don't miss the 30th Annual Conference.

Within this Newsletter you will find "Ads" these are the sponsors of our Annual Conference if you have contact with these people please express to them your appreciation.


I must give special recognition to some important people. The Franklin Police Citizens' Police Academy Alumni did most of the coordination of events and did an outstanding job. Like most Citizens' Police Academy Alumni they are wonderful to work with, they are tremendous assets to any community and Franklin's Alumni is exceptional. The members of the Franklin Police Department are also exceptional people and I enjoyed working with all of them throughout the preparation of this conference, they too did an outstanding job. All this because they have great leadership who is our President Chief Jackie Moore who worked tirelessly on this project for many months along with his wife Kathie. We're all very appreciative to Chief Moore and his family, we're glad he is still serving as our President.

Chaplain's Corner

Chief Roger Livengood,
Centerville Tennessee


Remember Chief Bob Smith in our prayers as he still recovers from his illness.

If you know of any members in distress or ill please let me know, (931) 729-5146 or Fax (931) 729-2241. Look forward to seeing you at the August training meeting.



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Leadership Award

Leadership Award for TLETA June 18, 1999, Session 885:
Charles Kenneth Owen, Jr.
Patrolman
Franklin Police Department

Congratulations Officer Owen and the Franklin Police Department.

Southeastern Community Oriented Policing Education

August 2 – 4, Regal Maxwell House Hotel

Nashville, TN

This new workshop will examine the issues of community policing and the decisions faced by progressive leaders. The course is primarily intended for newly appointed chiefs of police, but we are including tenured chiefs who wish to improve their managerial effectiveness. **SCOPE** facilitators will provide in-depth presentations of successful strategies, while offering open forums for you to discuss current problems or administrative obstacles.

There is no fee for attending this course. **SCOPE** will provide your lodging at the Regal Maxwell House (two nights) and a majority of your meals are included. We will also be providing all your course materials. Due to limited space, this course will be offered on a "first come, first served" basis and will be limited to 30 participants (police chiefs and assistant chiefs only). Substitutions will be allowed, but by approval only. **Contact Mike Hill, SCOPE, 1-888-847-2673** for registration information.

Upcoming SCOPE Training

August 30 – September 3
Jackson, Tennessee

"Practical Approaches To Problem Solving"

"The Supervisor & Cop"

"Crime Analysis & Mapping"

(Co-sponsored by The Jackson Police Department)



**Retirement of Chief James
Keesling**

Kingsport, Tennessee

On August 1, 1999, Chief Keesling will retire after a 44-year law enforcement career. Chief Keesling has been with Kingsport for the last 13 years. Previously he served as Assistant Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and served 21 years with the TBI. Chief Keesling also served with Bristol, Virginia Police Department; Bristol, Tennessee Police Department; and the Richmond, Virginia Police Department.

Chief Keesling is a graduate of the National FBI Academy and is the Past President of the FBI National Academy Executive Board, he has served on several National Law Enforcement committees.

Chief Keesling will not hang-up is pistol belt completely, he will continue to serve on the POST Commission, and the local 911 Board. Chief Keesling said, "I plan on staying active in my community and the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police.

We wish Chief Keesling joyous retirement and his continued participation in the law enforcement community.



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Law Enforcement Liaison

**Governor's Highway Safety
Office**

As most you are aware the TACP has a continued alliance with the Highway Safety Office. Over the last few months the Executive Board has agreed to facilitate a program through our Training Grant which provides our training along with other highway training throughout the state. This addition is the "Law Enforcement Liaison" program and this year increased our grant by over \$50,000.00, that is just a portion of a year and will be even more next year.

This program is designed to provide personnel to train and coordinate the use of seatbelt and child safety device enforcement throughout Tennessee. The seatbelt use in Tennessee is approximately 56%, with this figure being so low it puts Tennessee in a disadvantage in several ways. 1) The two largest pools of federal grant money are not available to Tennessee. 2) Our insurance rates for the state are higher than those states that meet the use standard. We as chiefs of police have a responsibility to our communities to make them as safe as possible and to improve our enforcement efforts, that is the purpose of the LEL program.

In some of our future training sessions the program plan and guidelines will be explained and these LEL personnel will be

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