



Friday, August 11, 2017

Five Franklin Police Officers' kids who are heading to college this fall were awarded \$1,000 scholarships, last night, by an organization that exists solely to show support **for Franklin Police Officers and their families**. The **Law Enforcement Assistance Partnership (LEAP)** is a volunteer-run, nonprofit organization made up of graduates of the Franklin Police Department Citizens Police Academy, each of whom remains steadfast in their dedication to supporting Franklin Police Officers. Only two lucky winners were supposed to receive last night's scholarships. After calling all five applicants to the stage, however, LEAP surprised everyone in attendance by announcing that all five were being awarded college scholarships. The men and women of the Franklin Police Department are humbled by the continual outpouring of support shown to them by the people who make up this extraordinary organization.



Left to right: LEAP President Don Warden, Representative Sam Whitson, Nichole Taylor, Bob Selph, Matney Justus, Craig Owens, Matthew Bergmann, Hannah Lawrence, Barb Izzo, Tim Wait, John Eibl, Emily Stephens, Naomi Drake | Not pictured: Tessa Frazier | LEAP Board members in black embroidered polos)

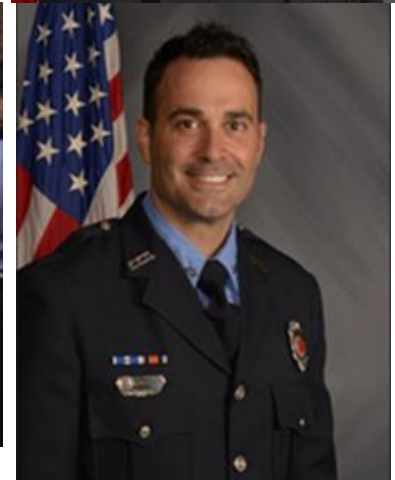
Assistant Fire Marshal Geoff Woolard was named an **Honorary Lifetime Member of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI) Tennessee Chapter** at their conference last week. Geoff has served as the TN IAAI Secretary/Treasurer for the past seven years, helping to coordinate their annual conference, including managing registration, payment, and continuing education documentation. Geoff also manages the Chapter's finances and develops the Chapter's annual budget for the Board of Directors, among a multitude of other responsibilities. An Honorary Lifetime Membership recognizes a significant commitment to the organization. Since 1962, only nine such honors have been given. Congratulations, Geoff!



L to R: Eng. Wylie Jones,
FF John Fotopoulos, FF
Cory Swenson



Ann Arbor FD badge pinning
ceremony



FF-P JD Fotopoulos

Engineer Wylie Jones and **Firefighter Cory Swenson** traveled to Ann Arbor, MI this week to pin John Fotopoulos with his firefighter's badge in a ceremony on Wednesday. John's late brother, **Franklin Firefighter-Paramedic JD Fotopoulos**, passed away last September. John was hired by the Ann Arbor Fire Department just prior to JD's death. JD had promised to pin John at his pinning ceremony, which in Ann Arbor takes place after a one-year probationary period is complete. Wylie and Cory stepped in to honor that promise on JD'S behalf.

The blue bag video is complete and up on the city's Facebook and Youtube channels. Special thanks to the **Sanitation crew** who made this happen, especially **Kane McCandless** who made our recycling mascot come to life. **Stephen Price and Stefan Juran** from our **Communications team** followed **Buddy Blue Bag** all the way to Marshall County to find out where Franklin's blue bags go after they are picked up curbside. Many residents expressed interest in this topic after transfer station trash collection video was posted on the City's Facebook page. Here are the links to FB and YouTube https://www.facebook.com/pg/CityOfFranklin/videos/?ref=page_internal https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QHJ-Npj_vig

REMINDER: Our **second annual City of Franklin Lip Sync Battle is coming soon!** The date has been set for **August 23** so start working on your performance! See the information sheets attached. This year, we are going to add a new wrinkle to the lip sync event. **Yours truly (Eric Stuckey) will perform a lip sync to a song based on your vote. Your vote is through a contribution to United Way, \$1 = one vote. The three songs to vote on are**

1. Let it Go - Frozen soundtrack
 2. Stayin Alive - The Bee Gees
 3. Ice, Ice Baby - Vanilla Ice
 4. Party in the USA - Miley Cyrus
- Keep an eye out in your department for your opportunity to vote (early and often!).





Next Tuesday, August 15, the City is trying to win a national competition for **#CityHallSelfie put on by Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL)**.

<http://elgl.org/2017/06/20/cityhallselfie-day-is-august-15-2017/>

There are a few different categories, but we thought we'd go for three; best dressed, best hats, and most selfies. So please participate by bringing some formal wear (long dress, holiday tops, blingy scarves) and we'll pose like the Kardashians. Michael Walters Young

is bringing a large supply of hats for the hat competition, but feel free to bring your own as well. Anyone who wants to be in on the fun meet at the info desk on Tuesday, August 15 at 8:30 a.m. Hope to see you on Tuesday!!

Thanks for *all* you do!

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