

December 23, 2003

Happy Holidays TACP Member:

Well, winter has arrived and the holiday season is upon us. I understand the December meeting had great attendance and the training sessions went really well also. The Training Committee is working very hard to plan the 2004 Training Program and it should prove to be excellent based on the surveys that you all sent in.

The University of Tennessee Law Enforcement Innovation Center, the Office of Homeland Security, and the TACP are working together on developing a Homeland Security training and educational program to benefit law enforcement's mission. Many departments have donated officers to the Office of Homeland Security to assist in accessing local security issues statewide. The association thanks all those who were able to fulfill the request from General Humble. If you feel that you may be able to participate in this venture with General Humble, please contact Maggi by January 1st.

The present class of the Southeast Command Leadership Academy (the Command College) will graduate in February 2004. They are currently taking applications for the next class to start July 2004. Interested individuals please contact Mike Hill for registration and tuition information at 865.215.1351. This is an excellent program supported by the TACP.

Member News: The TACP voted to accept **12 New Members** at the December meeting and their names are as follows: Captain Michael Berks – Germantown PD, Special Agent in Charge James Farnan –FBI, Memphis Division, Deputy Coordinator Dwayne Collins – East Tennessee Office of Homeland Security, Director Gerard Rudden – Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office Bomb and Arson Section, Assistant Chief Ricky Chandler – Mason PD, Chief J. Maurice Shults – Newport PD, Assistant Chief Roy Brewer – MTSU Department of Public Safety, Law Enforcement Liaison Daniel Blake – Governor's Highway Safety Office/DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, Chief Ronal Serpas – Metro Nashville PD, Deputy Chief Randy Garrett and Assistant Chief Johnny Mosby – Murfreesboro PD, and Chief Blaine Wade – Bristol PD. Please make every effort to make our new members feel welcome. Recruit or bring a new member to the February meeting!

Chief Eddie Wampler (Bristol PD) came out of retirement in mid-November after the interim chief took his own life. Please keep the Bristol PD, the family and friends of the interim chief, and Chief Wampler in your prayers. Chief Bob Terry's (Cookeville PD) 21 year old son suffered a viral infectious attack to his heart in November and is slowly recovering. Please keep Chief Terry and his son in your prayers. JD Sanders (Past President) left the Martin PD in November to become the Chief of Police in Columbus, MS. I regret to inform you that Chief Larry Lawson of Rogersville PD suffered a heart attack on December 18th and died at the hospital. Please keep the Lawson family and the Rogersville PD in your thoughts and prayers. I will be retiring on the 31st of December from the Cleveland PD. Call the TACP office and share news and happenings about TACP members!!

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations by the deadline: Friday, January 16th!!!

I want to thank 1st VP Chief Jimmie Dotson for conducting the December meeting in my absence. I am looking forward to seeing you at the February meeting. The training will consist of the following topics: **"Bombs, Guns, and Weapons of Violence" by Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and "Terrorism Training" by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.** These are excellent topics and the curriculum should prove to be timely and informative. I want to invite you to attend the Chiefs Forum and Roundtable on Wednesday, February 4th at 4pm. Attending the Chiefs Forum and Roundtable is an excellent way to exchange information with other chief law enforcement officers and special informative guests. Please do not hesitate to call the TACP office or me if we can be of assistance to you.

I want you all to know how much I appreciate all your support and dedication. The TACP is such a great organization because of it's members. I have decided to retire from the Cleveland Police Department effective the 31st of December. I plan to continue as your President until my term expires. I want to wish you a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous and happy New Year 2004!

Graciously,

Lee Reese