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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FOUNDATION

"The Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation" was founded in June 1988 by Sheriff John R. Smith under the name of "The Kern County Sheriff's Advisory Council". Bill Dolan, present editor of the newsletter, served two years as first president. Dolan was succeeded as president by Jim Garner who served one term.

The name was changed to "The Kern County Sheriff's Foundation" early in Sheriff Carl Sparks' Administration. Succeeding presidents were John Woltz, Ken Reed, and Tom Sheets who each served two year terms and, except for Jim Garner, are still members of the board of directors. During the presidency of Tom Sheets and with the approval of Sheriff Sparks, the board of directors approved a plan to broaden the scope of the Foundation's ability to serve the needs of any law enforcement agency that is active in Kern County, including the California Highway Patrol.

The above proposal was adopted by the membership at the general meeting last June. At that time Harvey Hall was inducted as the first president of the "Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation" which is nearing its first anniversary of service to the county. The chief purpose of the foundation is to provide funds for programs, tools and other helps not available through departmental budgets that will enhance the quality of law enforcement, either locally, or county wide.

One of the Foundation's first major donations was the gift of a narcotics dog, "Murphy", to the Sheriff's Department. Murphy had a very successful career which resulted in forfeitures far exceeding his original cost of \$5,000.00. Many other useful items have been requested and donated over the years. The list is too long to print

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Harvey L. Hall

Our first year as a county wide association has been most impressive. The addition of all our law enforcement agencies under the umbrella of the Foundation have further enhanced our ability to help them with needed projects and programs outside their fiscal city and county budgets.

Every year, scholarship monies are available for high school graduates in the Kern County area who are interested in pursuing a law enforcement career. This year the Foundation expanded its search to include the various Explorer Post Advisors in our local law enforcement agencies. The Foundation's Scholarship Committee will select a recipient on May 10. I look forward to introducing its selection at our annual spring luncheon at the Crystal Palace, Wednesday, May 26.

We are a nonprofit organization, and your participation through membership plays a key role in helping the Foundation to help our various law enforcement agencies in Kern County. In recent years we have contributed over \$50,000 for various law enforcement resources; scholarships for graduating seniors, a computer for the DARE Program, a silent alarm, night vision equipment for Search & Rescue, and various other law enforcement necessities.

As a member, your support allows the law enforcement community to invest in better technology and up-to-date material resources for education and training. All of this works to make our communities a safer place for our children and families. I hope you will consider strengthening our law enforcement community by pledging your support with a membership this year. If you are currently a member, I want to thank you. It is my sincere hope that you will continue to be a part of this excellent effort.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE PUSHES "BRING A BUDDY" THEME

The membership committee is glad to report that the Foundation is off to a great start in 1999 in terms of making the most of its recent restructuring to serve all law enforcement in our great Kern County. We recently sent out our annual renewal packages to our membership and the renewals are coming in. Hopefully you have already received your letter asking you to join with us and have sent your dues in to Kim Little at the Sheriff's Department.

As I mentioned in my last communication to you, despite the fact that 1998 was a year of change for the KCLEF, we finished the year with approximately 100 active dues paying members and around 180 on our mailing list. I also mentioned our motto for the year, "Bring a Buddy".

Our Bring a Buddy campaign for 1999 is designed to provide growth for the Foundation in an effort to allow us to do more things to support law enforcement, both in terms of financial strength and in numbers of supporters. What we want each active member to do is to find a buddy, a friend, a peer, or a co-worker who is worthy of our group and interested in law enforcement and bring them to the Foundation. Buy them a ticket to our Spring luncheon and bring them with you, Go even farther and get them to join with you as a buddy in the Foundation. We will be announcing more details on ways to assist you in this effort throughout the year.

You may have also heard by now that your Board of Directors recently recommended and the membership voted to approve a new class of membership that many of you have asked about, a Corporate Membership. This vehicle is for multiple members of one firm or organization to join their efforts in the Foundation. Our objective for this recent bylaw change is to be able to encourage corporate or business memberships that would expose the Foundation to a whole new target audience for participation. So if that style of membership appeals to you and your buddies, give us a call or drop us a line for some more information. You can always call me, Brian Rehkopf, your membership chairman, at 837-1319 in the evenings. Hope to see you or hear from you soon!

Brian Rehkopf

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Working together, we can meet the needs of our communities and enable the Foundation to continue its growth in service to them. Because of our individual participation, we do make a difference!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS APPLICANTS

The deadline has passed for Kern County high school seniors to apply for the 1999-2000 Kern Law Enforcement Foundation Scholarship. Ten applications were received from students graduating from nine county schools—Arvin, Bakersfield, Delano, Douglas (California City), Foothill, Mojave, South, Stockdale and Tehachapi. The Scholarship Committee, Gene Tackett, Ross McClintock, and Diane Sandidge, will review the applications, interview the finalists, and announce this year's winner at the annual meeting.

Each year the foundation awards a \$4,000 scholarship to a graduating Kern County high school senior. The recipient must pursue a career in the field of law enforcement or criminology, be a full-time student, and maintain a 2.97 grade-point average to be eligible for biannual payments of \$500 over a four-year period. Applicants may be a dependent of an active or non-active law enforcement parent or family or may be a member of an approved law enforcement Explorer Scout Program.

Applicants for next year will be due April 2000 for the 2000-01 school year. If you know of any high school juniors hoping to pursue a law enforcement career, have them contact the Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation Scholarship Committee, Gene Tackett, chairman, 1001 21st Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

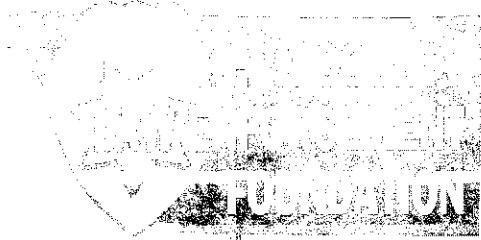
Gene Tackett

Nominees for 1999 Officers

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Board Member	Harvey Hall
Board Member	Andrew Paulden
Board Member	Frank Williams
Board Member	John Woltz

There are fifteen board members and each are elected for three year terms. The ones elected at this meeting will serve three years. Those elected last year have two more years to serve and those elected two years ago are entering the final year of their term. The overlapping of terms as described here allows necessary continuity to the board of directors.

KERN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION LUNCHEON



11:30 A.M. Wednesday, May 26, 1999
at Buck Owens' Crystal Palace
2800 Buck Owens Blvd
Dr. John Gruber, Luncheon Chairman, 322-9661
or Kim Little, 3917-659

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here, but it includes an automobile to the DARE Program, night vision glasses to the Sheriff's Search and Rescue, and a substantial shared contribution with the Farm Bureau toward a computer system for use of the Rural Crime Detail. The most recent contribution was for fifty percent of the cost of an inflatable rescue boat to replace one that was wrecked and destroyed. The other half of the cost was raised by a group of Kern Valley businessmen.

A four year scholarship totaling \$4,000.00 was established about ten years ago with Harvey Hall as chairman. The scholarship is available for high school seniors who plan to prepare themselves for a career in law enforcement or a related field. When funds are available two scholarships are offered. Gene Tackett is this years'

Chairman. He has been a member of the committee since its inception.

The foundation is entirely dependent upon membership dues for the funds required to provide these services to the cause of public safety. Your membership and your dues are greatly appreciated and much needed. The money is carefully expended to ensure that law enforcement truly benefits.

If you have not renewed your membership for 1999, please do so now. If you are not a member and would like to join ask a member at the luncheon to sponsor you. You'll find that they will be glad to do so.

Bill Dolan

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