

THE LERMA LINK

FALL CONFERENCE (Sept. 2010)

The annual fall conference at Boyne Highlands was wonderful. Those who participated in the Zip-Line had a great time and we managed to finish before the rain really started! Our guest speaker Betsy Brantner Smith was fabulous on her presentation of Career and Organizational Survival.

Our conference began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a slide show of fallen

officers, which was very emotional. A key point was that we (records clerks, dispatchers, and other office personnel) are just as important as officers are because we walk alongside them. Betsy presented very educational material to include key differences between men and women, how they think/respond to different situations, intuition, and believing in yourself. She also touched on using the web while at work and learning the power of forgiveness.

Betsy's e-mail is: betsybrantner@aol.com

SUGGESTION / FEEDBACK DESIRED

A member at our fall conference suggested having an ornament/small gift exchange (be it something from our department or whatever) as possibly a

Wednesday night networking function. All participants would put their name/department name on the card attached to the gift and everyone would draw a number.

Might be a great way to learn "who's who" in LERMA! Please send your feedback or other networking ideas to lheffron@ci.lowell.mi.us. Thank you!

MAY 7, 2010, LERMA CONFERENCE

The May meeting covered several different topics. We began our morning with Jeff Baldwin talking about Records Management, Retention and Disposal Schedules.

We then continued with MSP D/Lt. Marty Bugbee who gave us an overview of the State information sharing plan, which is currently being developed to play an important role in protecting the State as well as the nation.

After lunch, we continued our conference with Neil Sawicki, Prosecutor for the City of Wyandotte. He covered the records bureau role in expungement, dismissal, set asides and other diversion cases. We finished our day with Detective Richard Weise from Wyandotte Police Department who gave a very interesting presentation on Internet Solicitation crimes. It truly was a very informative day.

NOVEMBER 5, 2010, LERMA CONFERENCE

The November 5, 2010, FOIA conference for LERMA was held at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center and was graciously hosted by the City of Dearborn Police Department. As usual, the FOIA conference is always well-attended and very informative as FOIA tends to be a challenge on remembering "Do's and Don'ts" and "release vs. don't release" questions.

"We need old friends to help us grow old and new friends to help us stay young." - Letty Cottin Pogrebin

UPCOMING LERMA MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2011

FALL CONFERENCE AT BAY HARBOR RESORT & MARINA
PETOSKEY, MI

TOPICS:

NON-PUBLIC RECORDS/EXPUNGEMENTS; RECORDS
RETENTION; LIVESCAN/FINGERPRINTS & CCH (HOW TO
READ/UNDERSTAND CRIMINAL HISTORIES)

NOVEMBER 2011

JANET ZARBAUGH, BROWNSTOWN PD

TOPIC:

FOIA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

LERMA is always looking for host agencies. Not only is it a great way to bring some extra business to your community, but also a nice way to show off your police department and a wonderful way for us to learn about our members. Please consider hosting a conference; they are one day and very informative. Contact any LERMA board member if you are interested. Thanks! Our success depends on all of us working together.

Present board members:

Linda Carpenter	President	
Kathy Bragg	Vice-President	Three Rivers PD
Janet Zarbaugh	Secretary	Brownstown Township PD
Carol Wright	Treasurer	Troy PD
Shelley Pavlinak	Parliamentarian	Port Huron PD
Jeff Baldwin	Trustee	State of Michigan
Deb Smith	Trustee	Michigan State Police (APRS/GUNS)
Barb Haynes	Trustee	Walker PD
Leslie Heffron	Trustee	Lowell PD
Kathy Kantarian	Trustee	Royal Oak PD

CONGRATULATIONS TO CONNIE WYANT FROM MUSKEGON COUNTY ON HER RETIREMENT!!! BEST WISHES FROM ALL YOUR LERMA FRIENDS!!

FEBRUARY 4, 2011, LERMA CONFERENCE

Mt. Pleasant PD hosted the February conference. Topics covered included SOR (Sex Offender Registration) training and MICR (Michigan Incident [based] Crime Reporting). Tpr. Timothy Burchell and Karen Johnson from SOR taught us many useful reports that are available to law enforcement which are helpful in keeping track of sex offenders. Monica Jenkins from MICR covered problem areas and some changes which will help in capturing MICR data. As always, she's the queen when it comes to MICR questions.

NOTE: There will not be a May 2011 meeting.

NEW CHANGES IN LERMA

The Board has made a few changes to the LERMA By-Laws to bring it up to date. It was also decided that the November meeting (starting in 2012) will be eliminated due to departments facing economic difficulties and finding new and diverse topics. Future conferences will be scheduled for February, May and the two-day September conference.