

**You Can Now Donate to The FLEOA Foundation
Through the Combined Federal Campaign**

FLEOA FOUNDATION CFC - # 54726

**Don't Forego This Opportunity to Help Yourself
And Your Fellow Federal Law Enforcement Officers!**

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Beginning with the September 2009 Combined Federal Campaign ("CFC"), the *FLEOA Foundation* will appear for the first time as a recognized charity for which direct payroll contributions can be made. We urge all Federal Agents, whether they are FLEOA members or not, to seriously consider donating to the "*only*" CFC charity that provides emergency financial assistance *and* financial scholarships to *all* Federal Law Enforcement organizations.

The FLEOA Foundation is a non-profit organization that was founded in September 1993. The Foundation was initially created to financially assist the families of line of duty "fallen" or "seriously injured" FLEOA Federal law enforcement officers. Over the years the Foundation has expanded their mission of assistance to FLEOA Federal agents and their families to include scholarships, as well as hundreds of thousands of dollars to financially assist the families of over 60 FLEOA members.

The FLEOA Foundation program initiatives include the following:

1. Financial Assistance for Line of Duty Death;
2. Financial Assistance for Tragic and Sudden Death;
3. Financial Assistance for Medical Disability;
4. Scholarship Assistance;
5. Financial Assistance to other law enforcement related charities.

Of all the work the Foundation is known for, the most publicized is the Scholarship Program. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded 295 scholarships of \$1,000 each to deserving members of the families of FLEOA law enforcement officers and others. Over the years the number of applications for the scholarships has consistently risen as has the number of scholarships awarded. In 2008, forty scholarships of \$1,000 were awarded to member students from across the nation that represented multiple Federal agencies.

Another aspect of the Foundation assists the families of Federal law enforcement at the times when help is needed the most. The Foundation understands the financial strain a disability or terminal illness can have on these families and is there to give them immediate financial assistance once the Foundation learns of the necessity. FLEOA, its officers and members have also partnered with the FLEOA Foundation when a Federal law enforcement officer suffered a sudden or tragic death. Both FLEOA and the FLEOA

Foundation are there, providing monetary and personal support to the surviving family members.

In the year 2000, following the 1989 line of duty death of Undercover DEA Agent Everett E. Hatcher, the FLEOA Foundation raised a sum of \$20,000 for the education benefit of the Hatcher children. In 2001, Mary Englebert, a beloved FBI secretary with many years of dedicated Federal service was suffering from a terminal illness. This resulted in many of her medical necessities being discontinued by conventional health carriers which placed an extreme financial burden on the Engelbert family. Thanks to the generosity of FLEOA, its members, her FBI family, and the FLEOA Foundation, a total of \$35,000 was raised to assist Mary in living out her remaining days in comfort and with dignity. Most recently, the family of Michael Plotts of the U.S. Marshal's Service was provided \$40,000 of financial assistance immediately following his untimely death.

What is important to understand, is that the important financial assistance illustrated in the previous paragraph depends on YOU! Once a year the FLEOA Foundation holds its Annual Reception, which also acknowledges a law enforcement honoree. The reception serves as the primary event for the directors of the Foundation to raise funds enabling them to continue the Foundation's ability to provide monetary assistance to Federal law enforcement officers and their families.

NOW, through the Combined Federal Campaign (**CFC # 54726**) a donation is needed from each Federal law enforcement officer to the FLEOA Foundation in order to assure that the Foundation may continue, and expand, their important mission of assistance to the Federal law enforcement family.

As FLEOA has grown, now with more than 26,000 members, the role of the FLEOA Foundation in providing necessary emergency financial assistance to the families of Federal law enforcement has also grown, and that is why it is important for all Federal agents to donate as much as they can to the FLEOA Foundation.

The Foundation needs your support. It is important to note that *all* money raised by the Foundation is used directly for the benefit FLEOA Federal law enforcement members. The FLEOA Foundation is 100% volunteer and has no paid staff. During the past 15 years, The FLEOA Foundation has maintained administrative expenses below 10%.

We ask that "active" on-duty agents give generously to the FLEOA Foundation through the Combined Federal Campaign by checking off CFC donor code # **54726** (the FLEOA Foundation).

Retiree and Associate members are asked to donate directly to the FLEOA Foundation by sending their contributions to;

FLEOA Foundation
P.O. Box 1306
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

Once again, we urge you to be generous with your contribution to the “*only*” Federal law enforcement charity that spends all 100% of its contributions to assist members of all Federal law enforcement agencies and their families in times of their most and immediate need.

We thank you in advance for your support of this worthy charity.

Fraternally yours,

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