Pledge Announced For National Child Protection Training Center

Arkansas Fraternal Order of Police Donate to Regional Location

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (April 19, 2012) – The Arkansas State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) pledged $1,000 toward the Southern Region National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC) renovation at NorthWest Arkansas Community College. This joins a $500 pledge from the Fayetteville FOP bringing the total amount NorthWest Arkansas Community College has raised for the center to over $680,000.

On Friday March 30, approximately 35 representatives of Arkansas FOP Lodges from across the state joined together for the Arkansas Fraternal Order of Police State Quarterly Meeting at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bentonville. The meeting included an informational presentation for the Southern Region NCPTC at NorthWest Arkansas Community College. The Arkansas State FOP pledges support for better law enforcement training in recognizing, reporting and responding to victims of child abuse.

Detective David Williams of the Fayetteville FOP Lodge and member of the Southern Region NCPTC Campaign/Advocacy Committee spoke to the group on behalf of the training center.

“It just fits the [FOP] mission of trying to help organizations who help children,” shared Williams, “also, there is a direct benefit to every police officer in Arkansas by getting training and be better at our jobs.”

Hadley Hindmarsh, local Attorney Ad Litem and Honorary Chair for the NCPTC Committee also spoke to the group.

The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) is the world’s largest organization of sworn law enforcement officers, with more than 325,000 members in more than 2,100 lodges. The organization is committed to improving the working conditions of law enforcement officers and the safety of those the officers serve through education, legislation, information, community involvement, and employee representation.
Currently, the college is raising $3 million in order to renovate the Former Highlands Oncology Building into NCPTC dedicated training facility. Once renovated, the facility will house a fully furnished mock home, mock court rooms, forensic interview rooms, medical exam training rooms, and an online crimes against children training room among other specialized “laboratory” spaces to engage in hands-on learning. The Southern Region NCPTC at NorthWest Arkansas Community College will provide a 16-state southern region with contemporary, best-practice training and education for current and future child protection professionals in law enforcement, education, social work, counseling, health professions, early childhood care, legal and judicial professions through a state-of-the-art training center. The NCPTC and its regional centers work to end child abuse, neglect, and other forms of child maltreatment in three generations through education, training, awareness, prevention, advocacy, and the pursuit of justice.

NorthWest Arkansas Community College is a comprehensive, public two-year college that serves and strengthens the community through learning for living. NWACC’s service area is defined by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education as Benton and Washington counties in extreme northwest Arkansas. The commitment of NWACC to life-long learning can be seen in the quality of instruction it offers, and the variety of programs it has designed to move students into the job market in a minimum amount of time, enrich people’s lives, and prepare them to further their education. For more information, visit www.nwacc.edu