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## Chief Robert Baker of Kokomo is Awarded the William Sudbury Memorial Leadership Award



**Pictured Above:** Chief Robert Baker of the Kokomo Police Department accepting his award.

**Indianapolis, IN (February 17, 2014)** —The Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police Foundation (IACPF) held their annual awards ceremony and Police Executive Leadership Academy (PELA) graduation last month during the IACP Mid-Winter Conference. Among the honorees, was Chief Robert Baker of the Kokomo Police Department, winner of the 2013 William Sudbury Memorial Leadership Award.

Indiana has a wealth of law enforcement professionals who go above and beyond the call of duty in pursuit of excellence. The IACP holds an annual awards ceremony in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Conference, to honor and promote excellence within the Indiana Law Enforcement community.

The William Sudbury Memorial Leadership Award is presented annually to the PELA graduate or law enforcement professional who most consistently exemplifies the highest standards of leadership. The criteria for the recipient of this award includes demonstrating an awareness of the need for continuous learning, exhibiting commitment and courage to change things necessary to enhance leadership and organizational effectiveness, consistently modeling true leadership, and promoting personal and organizational accountability toward achieving a clear organizational mission.

"Chief Baker has been adamant about promoting a better working environment within his department, and in the community he serves. Not just the community of Kokomo, but the community of professional law enforcement overall," stated Bryan Shearer, IACPF President. "Rob Baker is a true Leaders' Leader in every sense of the word, a person of compassion, strength, integrity and true commitment."

Chief Baker has been a law enforcement official with the Kokomo Police Department since 1987 and is a lifelong resident of Kokomo. He has served as a Patrol Officer, an Active Field Training Officer, SWAT Officer, and Officer for the Motorcycle Patrol. Chief Baker is a graduate of Haworth High School and Indiana State University.

To see all the award winners from the IACP Mid-Winter Conference, please visit <u>www.iacop.org</u>.

## About the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police Foundation (IACPF)

The Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police Foundation is a 501(c) 3 corporation which operates within the guidelines established by the IRS for all foundations.

The mission of the Foundation is to promote professionalism, training and networking for the law enforcement executive and to enhance public awareness of law enforcement and public safety issues. The Foundation accomplishes its mission by providing a voluntary accreditation program for law enforcement agencies, the Indiana Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (ILEAC). To learn more about the IACPF, please visit <u>www.iacop.org</u>.

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