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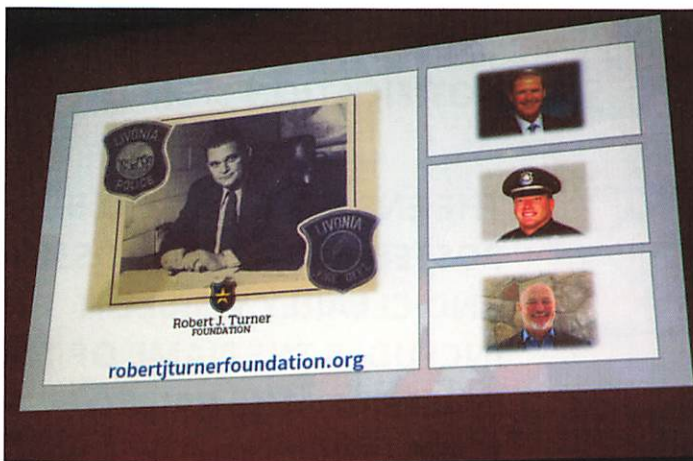
THE ROBERT J. TURNER FOUNDATION

The highlight of the 2019 MACP Summer Professional Development Conference was the Awards and Citations Program where we honored the heroic actions of Michigan police officers. The program ended on a somber note as the MACP Police Cross was awarded to Detroit Police Officer Fadi Shukur, who was killed in the line of duty on August 14, 2018.

The awarding of the Police Cross was also accompanied by the presentation of a \$10,000 check to Officer Shukur's surviving family by the Robert J. Turner Foundation (RJTF).

The RJTF was founded in 2019 by Tim Turner, his brother Rich Turner, and Cory Williams. The RJTF is a non-profit which honors the memory and legacy of Robert J. Turner, the father of Rich and Tim Turner.

Robert J. Turner was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from Cecilia High School in Detroit and joined the Navy in 1942. Bob was assigned to the battleship USS Washington (BB-56) and commissioned to the war in the South Pacific from



1942-1945. They engaged in many battles alongside other battleships, including the USS Indiana, USS South Dakota, USS Iowa, USS Alabama and the USS Minneapolis. The USS Washington and its crew earned 13 Battle Stars, was never hit and never lost a man to the enemy.

Bob was hired by the Livonia Police Department on February 18, 1952. He was a hardworking police officer who graduated from

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the FBI Academy and became Chief of Detectives while working nights at the Detroit Race Course. He rose through the ranks and was promoted to Chief of Police on October 27, 1969. Bob also served as President of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police from 1975-76 and retired from the chief's position on December 1, 1983. Bob finished his law enforcement career as the Livonia Director of Public Safety until retiring on January 10, 1986.

The "Chief" was a policeman's policeman and did everything he could to lead his officers with integrity and hard work. Bob would spar with the media, mayors, union, Treasurer, City Hall and others to be sure his officers were getting the respect and resources to get the job done.

The Livonia Police Department honored Bob's years of service by naming their Police Department building after him.

Tim Turner is Chairman of the RJTF and CEO of RT Specialty. Tim has had an extraordinary 30-year career providing leadership, expertise and service within the insurance industry. Prior to forming RT Specialty, Tim was the President of CRC Insurance Services, Inc., one of the largest wholesale insurance brokers in the US at the time.

Before his entry into the insurance industry, Tim graduated from the Detroit Police Academy, joined the Livonia Police Department

The Robert J. Turner Foundation presented a check at the 2019 MACP Summer Professional Development Awards & Citations banquet that was accepted by the Detroit Police Department on behalf of the Shukur family.

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and was a member of the SWAT Team. He later served as an undercover narcotics officer with the Michigan State Police concept team, Western Wayne Narcotics.

Rich Turner is Treasurer of the RJTF and retired as the Vice President of Sales at RevSpring. At RevSpring, Rich worked with private equity investors to purchase technology services companies to add new products and services to their portfolios. Prior to joining RevSpring, Rich was a Financial Sales Broker at Ford Financial Services for 10 years.

Cory Williams is President of the RJTF and was originally hired as a Police Cadet by Chief Turner in 1982. Cory retired from the Livonia Police Department in 2009 having attained the rank of sergeant and was the highest decorated officer in the department.

After his retirement, Cory worked as an investigator for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and was the lead investigator in many high profile cases to include the "Bob Bashara" homi-

cide case and the "Oakland County Child Killings" (featured on WDIV Channel 4 & the "Investigation Discovery" channel, titled "Children of the Snow". Cory presently works as an investigator for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

According to Tim Turner, the mission of the RJTF is to honor courageous police service men and women stating, "We want to express our appreciation of these true heroes, who made the ultimate sacrifice, by providing financial donations to support their family's future."

Their goal is to be able donate \$10,000 to the surviving family members of every Michigan law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty each year. The donation will be awarded at the MACP Summer Professional Development Conference or sooner, if the family is in immediate financial need. ■

The Robert J. Turner Foundation is a 501 (C)(3) Foundation. Additional information about the RJTF and how to donate can be found at robertjturnerfoundation.org.

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MI-VINE: PUTTING TECHNOLOGY TO WORK FOR VICTIMS

BY MARIA MARKOS

Oftentimes, a life-saving innovation bears witness to an incredibly tragic beginning and such was the case with the creation of the Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) system, introduced in 1994 by Appriss, a tech company located in Louisville KY. In 1993, Mary Byron, a resident of Louisville, was murdered on her 21st birthday. In the days that followed, her parents could not help but wonder if her life could have been spared if she had been informed that the man who had raped and kidnapped her at gunpoint had bonded out of jail.

Marcia Roth, Executive Director of the Mary Byron Project, says that "VINE is the greatest innovation we have to fight domestic violence crime created in the last three decades. It saves lives." VINE is an off-the-shelf custom software technology, which monitors the custody status of adult inmates in county jails, court case information and status of prisoners in the Department of Corrections facilities. Information is available to registered users 24 hours a day, 365 days a year just by registering their phone number or email at www.vinelink.com, calling 1-800-770-7657, or by downloading the VINE app.

The evidence of the impact of this technology in Michigan can be seen in the following 2018 statistics:

- Offender searches - 317,615
- New registrations - 18,796

- Text notifications - 75,454
- Phone notifications - 15,285
- Email notifications - 51,574

Astounding as these numbers are, they only tell a portion of the story. As a Program Specialist for the

Division of Victim Services, my responsibilities include managing our 82 prosecutor-based victim rights grants.

In our conversations with victim advocates throughout Michigan, they have shared numerous stories about the positive impact of the MI-VINE platform for individuals who have suffered many different types of victimization.

There are four important tools of the VINE notification system in use in Michigan: VINELink (general public use), VINEWatch (an administrative portal), Mobile Patrol, and Registration Link. Law enforcement officers and victim advocates are quite often the first points of contact a crime victim has with the criminal justice system. Shortly

after the crime has taken place, these professionals can offer crime victims information about VINELink and how it can help them stay informed of an offender's release, transfer, escape or various court events.

The key features of Mobile Patrol for law enforcement include public safety notifications, crime tips and sightings, social media integration, news and information, and law enforcement public

