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## Florida Police Chiefs Education and Research Foundation, Inc.

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### **FLORIDA POLICE CHIEFS FOUNDATION RECEIVES PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT FROM MOTOROLA**

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Florida Police Chiefs Education & Research Foundation (FPCERF) today announced it has received \$5,000 in public safety funding from the Motorola Solutions Foundation to provide training for Florida’s law enforcement executives. The grant will allow FPCERF to provide police chiefs with leadership development training with an emphasis on effective communication skills.

“We can’t thank Motorola enough for giving us the resources to enhance the training we provide to our law enforcement members,” said Amy Mercer, executive director of the Florida Police Chiefs Association and FPCERF. “Good communication - both internal and external - is essential to successful law enforcement agencies.”

The \$5,000 grant to FPCERF will cover the cost of a special training program offered at the Florida Police Chiefs Association’s Winter Conference in January 2016. Dr. Andrew Wittman, a United States Marine Corps infantry combat veteran, former police officer and federal agent, will lead a training session on effective communication and practical performance discipline.

“At a time when public safety is at the forefront of so many people’s minds in cities around the globe, we are proud to support programs that aim to improve safety and security in those communities,” said Matt Blakely, executive director of the Motorola Solutions Foundation. “We are also proud to support organizations that honor the families of fallen first responders and improve safety education in the United States and Canada.”

The Motorola Solutions Foundation gave a total of \$3.95 million to 90 non-profit organizations this year, which will benefit 675,000 first responders and community members. The foundation serves as an investor and convener on issues that affect the safety of communities in countries worldwide, providing leadership in the sector to drive innovation and engage the network of those interested in these issues.

The FPCERF enhances the quality of training for Florida's police executives to ensure public safety is maintained. For more information about FPCERF, please visit <http://www.fpca.com/about-fpcerf> or contact the Foundation at 850.219.3640.

#### **About the FPCERF**

The Florida Police Chiefs Education and Research Foundation Inc. is a publicly supported 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. The Foundation enhances the quality of training for Florida's Police Executives through annual training grants. The Foundation also provides college scholarships to police explorers as well as conference scholarships for Chiefs serving in municipalities that are unable to fund training and education due to budget constraints.

#### **About Motorola Solutions Foundation**

The Motorola Solutions Foundation is the charitable and philanthropic arm of Motorola Solutions. With employees located around the globe, Motorola Solutions seeks to benefit the communities where it operates. The company achieves this by making strategic grants, forging strong community partnerships and fostering innovation. The Motorola Solutions Foundation focuses its funding on public safety, disaster relief, employee programs and education, especially science, technology, engineering and math programming. For more information on Motorola Solutions Corporate and Foundation giving, visit its website: [www.motorolasolutions.com/foundation](http://www.motorolasolutions.com/foundation).

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