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Sheriff John Tharp **Lucas County Sheriff's Office, Ohio** **Toledo, OH**

John Tharp spent the first 25 years of his law enforcement career with the Toledo Police Department where he was assigned to Field Operations, Narcotics Squad, Drug Task Force, and Homicide Squad.

In 1997, he transitioned to the Lucas County Sheriff's Office and served as Director of Court Services before being elevated to Commander of the Administrative Services Section. His duties include working alongside the Department of Homeland Security on the Great Lakes Northern Border Initiative, Joint Terrorism Task Force, and the Lucas

County Joint Task Force.

In 2013, Tharp was elected as the 45th Sheriff of Lucas County. Since then, he formed a team to deal with addiction and heroin with the specific aim of providing drug users therapeutic assistance as an alternative to incarceration.

Tharp has received numerous awards including the Bronze Star for his work as a U.S. Army Combat Medic during the Vietnam War, Phi Delta Kappa (P.D.K.) Educator of the Year, and the Pat Miller Foundation Service Award. He holds a B.A. and M.A. in Education from the University of Toledo.

The Law Enforcement Action Partnership is a nonprofit organization composed of police, prosecutors, judges, and other criminal justice professionals who use their expertise to advance drug policy and criminal justice solutions that improve public safety. With 150 speakers across the United States, LEAP representatives reach millions of Americans each year through educational programs and media interviews..

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