

# Cope Award Winner



Frank Wallace

*Toledo, Ohio*

Frank has also been a track official since 1975 when his children, Lisa, Mike & Kathy, ran for Whitmer High School. Since then, he has officiated many track & cross country meets at all levels including state tournaments. He & Barb are both working toward their 40th year of officiating. Frank was recognized for his 25+ years of service in 2001 when he was inducted into the Whitmer High School Sports Hall of Fame. In 2003, he received the Contributor Award from the NW District TOA & in 2009 earned the Distinguished Service Award for District 15 from the Association of Track & Cross Country Coaches. In 2010, he received the NFHS Official of the Year for Boys Cross Country for the NW District.

Frank is a 1956 graduate of Waite High School and retired from Dana Corporation. He and his wife both volunteer as ushers at the Stranahan Theater and are life-long members of St. Michael's Catholic Church. He has also enjoyed greeting fans at Whitmer High School stadium for over 30 years.

According to Frank the highlight of his officiating career came "when my grandson Mike Wallace, Jr. came in 2nd at the State Cross Country meet in 2010. I was working near the finish line & had a perfect view!"