

CLEVELAND POLICE PATROLMEN'S ASSOCIATION



The Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association was formed in 1969, born out of the most tragic day in the history of the Cleveland Division of Police. On July 23, 1968, militants ambushed and murdered three police officers and severely wounded many others. A fourth officer died years later as result of the wounds inflicted that day. While there was no shortage of valor among the officers during the unprovoked attack and ensuing violence, there was an obvious shortage of necessary equipment, which might have saved lives and prevented injuries. Six months later the CPPA was formed.

The CPPA's mission includes serving as the bargaining unit for 1283 Patrol Officers, Detectives and Dispatchers, provide aid, protection, and for the general welfare of its members, their families, and the community.

In addition to its pledge to protect the rights of their members, the CPPA goes above and beyond the call of duty in giving back to the community. Their membership supports and conducts year-round efforts to come to the aid of less fortunate kids and families with such programs as: Shop with a Cop, "Calling all Kids" Easter basket give-away; supporting families of officers killed in the line of duty, Cleveland Police Children's Holiday Party, Heroes Run, ArcelorMittal - City of Cleveland Gun Buyback, Cops For Kids, and many more other less structured but impactful acts of kindness.

The CPPA's community outreach is extensive and often overshadowed by its other higher profile endeavors. Their community service efforts shed favorable light on all members of the Cleveland Division of Police and foster a positive image of law enforcement. Tonight, we are proud to recognize their community service.