

2013 CLEVELAND POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR



PATROL OFFICER JEFFREY STANCZYK

The Cleveland Police Foundation presents to an officer who demonstrates outstanding devotion to duty and consistently performs to the highest degree, far beyond that established by their peers, The Police Officer of the Year Award. Tonight we are proud to recognize and celebrate the distinguished career of one of “Cleveland’s Finest”, Patrol Officer Jeff Stanczyk.

Jeff Stanczyk served as one of The Cleveland Division of Police first D.A.R.E. officers for six years. Appointed August 16, 1980, he was a full time Academy instructor for three years and in the Bureau of Community Policing for fourteen and a half years. While in Community Policing, he was a mini-station officer and is currently teaching OPOTA curriculum at the Cleveland Police Academy, Cuyahoga Community College and Lakeland Community College. For ten years, Jeff was assigned to the Second District

Officer Stanczyk’s many commendations include:

The Valor Award, Distinguished Service Medal, and The Chief’s Commendation. Numerous other awards and letters of recommendation and letters from residents and citizen groups who recognize his professionalism fill his personnel file and laud his sincerity and caring attitude toward the public he serves.

Jeff participated in Public Service programs taped on the City’s TV Channel 20 in connection with safety issues including general safety, women’s safety, child safety and other community concerns. He proudly sang our National Anthem at several Cleveland Indians games a Cleveland Browns game as well as numerous City hosted functions.

Born and raised in Cleveland, he attended Cleveland Public Schools and graduated from John Marshall High School in 1973, after which he graduated from the Ohio State University in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology. Jeff now resides in Avon with his wife Caroline (Boots). They have two sons Adam and Eric. Adam graduated from the University of Akron and is working to become a Physician’s Assistant. Eric is enrolled at Akron University working to become a pharmacist.

Jeff looks forward to his impending retirement in January 2014 with more than 33 years of service. Officer Stanczyk served the citizens of the City of Cleveland by these words: “It’s not the patch on your shoulder, the firearm on your hip or the badge on your chest; it’s what you carry in your heart that makes you a good police officer, father and husband.”

This evening we are proud to recognize Patrol Officer Jeff Stanczyk for his outstanding career, and wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement.