Introducing “The Partner”

The word partner in police work has a special and sometimes different meaning. To police officers working the street, it’s a relationship that only law enforcement officers can truly understand. Your partner has your back ... at that most critical time, when things can go from ordinary to surreal in milliseconds. You work together, know each other’s moves, and how each will react without having to think about it. Good communication is critical to a successful outcome.

Paramount to officer safety and effective police work are our “wireless” partners in the communications center.

There are also animal partners... canine and equine. All of these partnerships further good police work, safety, and service to the community, forging friendships and positive relationships with citizens. Effective communication is critically intertwined throughout it all.

Another partner that may sometimes be taken for granted are the citizens, businesses and organizations, which get involved and do their part in making our community safer.

A critical element of all partnering is communication. “The Partner.” will serve as one of the methods that the Cleveland Police Foundation (CPF) will use to foster positive relationships, team building with the Cleveland Division of Police, the community and police charities.... all joining together for a safer community.

“Oh, What a Night!” NOVEMBER 16, 2013

Save the Date, November 16, 2013 for the 2nd Annual Cleveland Police Foundation Gala. Headline entertainment by the Company Men. As America’s First Mashup Group, the Company Men bring together a unique bend of talent, personality and showmanship that harkens back to an earlier era, while pushing the boundaries of today’s current sound. This “Modern Day Rat Pack” has shared the stage with Natalie Cole, Chaka Khan, Jesse Campbell (The Voice) and LaToya London (American Idol). They have performed for music legends, Quincy Jones and Berry Gordy, and have been featured nationwide in numerous television, radio, magazine, and online spots. Don’t miss this incredible evening at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel of fundraising, friend raising, cocktails, dinner, auctions, awards, and the Company Men in their immaculately tailored suits and sleek hairstyles. True American gentlemen, Jersey Boys MOVE OVER! Tickets go sale July 1st.
In early May, Mayor Frank G. Jackson and Chief of Police Michael McGrath announced that the 2013 City of Cleveland Gun Buy-Back would be held on Saturday, June 15, 2013. The purpose was to get as many handguns and assault rifles out of the neighborhoods so they could not be used in the perpetration of violent crimes.

In exchange for operable handguns citizens were given a $100.00 gift card and a $200.00 card for operable assault rifles; two tickets to both an upcoming Cavaliers and Lake Erie Monsters game, and they were entered into a raffle for the awarding of prizes.

ArcelorMittal was the major community partner joining with the Cleveland Police Foundation in support of the Cleveland Division of Police to encourage citizens to turn in weapons in order to make our community safer.

Also stepping up to support the project were the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, the Cleveland Browns, the Cleveland Cavaliers, the Cleveland Police Patrolmen’s Association, Dave’s Supermarkets, Horseshoe Casino Cleveland, the House of LaRose/Budweiser & Yuengling, Lake Erie Monsters, Shell-TrueNorth, Target Stores, and the Tilted Kilt-Cleveland.

“This community partnership will help us to prevent a tragedy in the City of Cleveland,” said Chief of Police Michael McGrath. “This is a strategy the City of Cleveland and the Division of Police have employed for several years. As a result of the Gun Buy-Back, someone’s life will be saved.”

“ArcelorMittal is proud to partner with the Cleveland Division of Police and Cleveland Police Foundation on the Gun Buy-Back program. It is a natural extension of our commitment to make our city a safer place for our employees and neighbors. After the guns are collected, we are pleased to melt down the weapons and recycle them into new steel which will eventually become consumer goods that improve the quality of all our lives,” said Eric Hauge, Vice President & General Manager, ArcelorMittal Cleveland.

Editor’s Note: “The Partner” was in production at the time the event was held. For a report on the event’s success, go to www.clevelandpolicefoundation.org.

We thank our other supporting community partners who helped to make this event possible:
Since it’s founding as a frontier outpost of the Western Reserve, Cleveland has been a great place to live. As our city and northeast Ohio continued to grow and prosper, its citizens established a great sense of community, one in which to raise a family and make a good living... a community we can all be proud to call home!

Our police officers are an integral part of that community, protecting its citizens and their property. They can’t do it alone, as every citizen plays a role in making our neighborhoods safer.

The Cleveland Division of Police has a proud and storied history of service. Members put their lives on the line every day for their fellow citizens. Since its inception, 107 Cleveland Police Officers have died in the line of duty. Needless to say, they’re committed to doing their part in working to make our community safer.

We invite you to join with the Cleveland Police Foundation and invest in a safe community by becoming a Community Partner or placing an advertisement in our Annual Program. A CPF staff member stands ready to meet and discuss opportunities on how you can demonstrate your commitment to our city. Call 216-623-3333 or email info@clevelandpolicefoundation.org.

Opportunities exist in a wide range of options for your business or organization to partner with the CPF. Investments of a financial contribution, in-kind services, collaboration with one of the CPF’s umbrella charities or units within the Cleveland Division of Police, volunteering, and team-building activities all can help in achieving our goal of a safer community.

Information on investment opportunities can be obtained on our website at www.clevelandpolicefoundation.org.

We thank those who have demonstrated their commitment:
-850AM WKNR ESPN Cleveland & 1540AM KNR2
-ArcelorMittal
-CareSource
-Cleveland Browns
-Cleveland Cavaliers
-Cleveland Clinic Foundation
-Cleveland Division of Police Bureau of Community Policing
-Cleveland Cops For Kids Program
-Cleveland Police Athletic League
-Cleveland Police Historical Society & Museum
-Cleveland Police Honor Guard
-Cleveland Police Patrolmen’s Association
-Cleveland Police Pipes & Drums
-City of Cleveland
-Dave’s Supermarkets
-Forest City Enterprises
-Friends of the Cleveland Mounted Police
-Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society
-House of LaRose, Budweiser & Yuengling
-Horseshoe Casino Cleveland
-MVP Parking
-Lake Erie Monsters
-Target
-Tilted Kilt, Cleveland
-TrueNorth/Shell

Sincere thanks to them, for being the first to commit to joining this year in our mission to make our community safer! For information on becoming a Community Partner, visit our website at www.clevelandpolicefoundation.org, call 216-623-3333 or email us at info@clevelandpolicefoundation.org.
June 15, 2013

Dear Friends:

As long as I have been Mayor, I have worked to strengthen the partnership between our citizens and our police officers to improve safety in our neighborhoods and to improve the quality of life for all Clevelanders. Your support for this effort has been crucial.

Today, you are demonstrating your commitment by supporting the Cleveland Police Foundation. By bringing together the many individuals and organizations that support police activities, the Foundation is building a safer community and helping to provide our officers the resources they need to further improve their outreach to our citizens.

Thank you for supporting the Cleveland Police Foundation, the Cleveland Division of Police and Cleveland’s residents.

Sincerely,

Frank G. Jackson, Mayor
The CPF proudly recognized three amazing individuals who have made significant contributions to improving the quality of life in our community. Through their deeds, philanthropy and support of our police officers, they certainly have gone above and beyond the call of duty. The 2012 Founders Award recipients recognized at the Inaugural Gala on November 17, 2012 were: Mr. Thomas D. Ganley, Mr. Edward A. Lozick, and Mr. Samuel H. Miller. In addition to being great citizens, these gentlemen are responsible for the establishment of the CPF, and we thank them for their generosity and support.

The 2012 Cleveland Police Officer of the Year PO Daniel L. Baillis was also recognized. His long and distinguished career serving in the 5th and 3rd districts was second to none and it is fitting that this outstanding police officer’s service was recognized.

We congratulate and applaud them all.
The Cleveland Police Foundation (CPF) initiated operations in 2012 as the official charity for the Cleveland Division of Police. It is an alliance of businesses, civic leaders and organizations, law enforcement organizations and individuals committed to the idea that an educated, well-trained, and modernly equipped police department leads to a safer community for all. Its mission is to strengthen the bond between the Cleveland Division of Police and the citizens it serves.

First discussed in 2005, it was established at the request of Chief Michael McGrath and the support of three gentlemen who were instrumental in its creation: Thomas D. Ganley, Edward A. Lozick, and Samuel H. Miller.

A Board of Directors was eventually seated and the structure built for the CPF to become an official reality in October 2010, when it received its designation from the IRS as a 501-c-3 nonprofit charitable foundation. Initial fundraising was conducted; the board expanded and began drumming up support in order to launch operations.

In February of 2012, it brought in Charles W. Lane, Jr. as its first Executive Director. “Chas.” as he is known, is retired from the Cleveland PD with over 35 years of police service, President of the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society, and has an extensive background working with police charities.

With outstanding support from the Board of Directors, the Board of Advisors and the community, the CPF’s Inaugural Gala was a great success and provided the funding to not only contribute to its umbrella charities, but also ensured a bright future.

Now, in its second year, the CPF continues in its mission. With the support of its boards and community partners, the CPF will help to make our community safer and forge a positive relationship between police officers and the citizens they serve through its support for community outreach programs, training, education, modernization of equipment and advanced technology, and support for the charities under its umbrella, their missions, and their projects and programs.
The year 2012 was a milestone year for the Cleveland Police Foundation (“CPF”). We were able to officially present ourselves to the Cleveland community at our coming out party, the 2012 Gala held on November 17th at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel Grand Ballroom. The event was a huge success. We were able to outline the important work the CPF is doing and raise significant dollars. Everyone had a great time and the entertainment was outstanding featuring the internationally acclaimed Red Hot Chilli Pipers.

The mission of the CPF is to strengthen the relationship between the Cleveland Division of Police and the residents it serves. The CPF will work to achieve its mission by implementing outreach programs, supporting designated police charities, investing in law enforcement education and training and providing funding for specialized equipment for police officers to enhance the performance of their duties.

We anticipate that 2013 will be even more exciting. Some of the activities that the CPF will be supporting are the Assault Rifle and Handgun Buyback program, a Cops For Kids Fishing Outing, and the CPD Children’s Holiday Party. We look forward to another outstanding Gala to be held this November 16, 2013.

The CPF will work to help make Cleveland a very safe and desirable place to live, work and play. We continue to solicit your support in assisting us in achieving this worthwhile goal.

Editor’s Note: Special thanks to Tom whose leadership was instrumental in establishing the CPF and setting it on course to a bright future. Tom was reelected to a second term by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors on April 25, 2013.

Greater Cleveland is most fortunate to have so many fine individuals, businesses and organizations that are committed to community service and a have demonstrated a willingness to help the CPF in furthering its mission. Recently several distinguished people were welcomed to the Board of Directors.

We are honored to add: Mr. James Benedict, Jr., Executive Director International Operation & Logistics, Cleveland Clinic Global Solutions; Ms. Pamela Blossom, President, SearchPR.com; Mr. Dick Clough, CEO, Strategic Dialogue; Ms. Ann Luketec, Marketing Events Manager, Equity Trust Company; Mr. Thomas Lynch, Senior Director, Protective Service, Cleveland Clinic Foundation; Mr. Joseph Marinucci, Executive Director, Downtown Cleveland Alliance; Mr. Jim Milano, President, Milano Monuments; Mr. David Minoff, Director of Ecommerce Kichler Lighting; Mr. Peter Miragliotta, CEO, Tenable Protective Services & Cleveland PD, Retired; Ms. Marcia Nolan, Executive Director, Cleveland Action to Support Housing, Inc.; Mr. Sam Pines, Vice President, ESPN Cleveland and Good Karma Broadcasting; and Mr. Terry Stewart, CEO (Retired), Rock and Roll Hall of Fame & Museum.

They join with the “old-timers” on the board members who were instrumental in the creation of the CPF: Tom Stone (President), Executive Director of Mt. Pleasant Now Neighborhood Development Corp; Deborah Smythe Hermann (Vice President), Chairwoman and CEO of GhostLight Productions, LLC; Jim Craciun (Secretary), Manager, Craciun–Berry Funeral Homes; Woods King III (Treasurer), Shareholder, Buckley King LPA; John Anoliefo, Executive Director of Famicos Foundation; Beverly R. Charles, Assistant to U.S. Congressional Representative Marcia Fudge; Brent Clapacs, CIO, GLAS Funds LLC; and Franklin B. Floyd Jr., Owner, Reliable Construction Heaters.
The Cleveland Police Foundation is Proud to Support

In addition to funding education, training, equipment, technology and community outreach programs, we are proud to support the following police charities under our umbrella.

Cleveland Police Athletic League
www.clevelandpal.org

The Cleveland Police Athletic League provides opportunities for children in the community to participate in positive, wholesome sports, recreational, and extracurricular activities. The programs sponsored by “PAL” provide thousands of children between the ages of 5 and 21 with an alternative to life on the streets and provides positive role models who encourage them to stay focused on their education, respect for others, and becoming exemplary citizens who are an asset to the community.

Cleveland Police Historical Society & Museum
www.clevelandpolicemuseum.org

The Cleveland Police Museum’s mission is to collect and preserve police history, and to use its collection and programs to foster mutual understanding and respect between our police officers and the public. The museum houses extensive and unique exhibits that chronicle the significant contributions made by the members of the Cleveland Division of Police and their predecessors since the founding of the Western Reserve. Located on the first floor of Cleveland Police Headquarters, 1300 Ontario Street, it is open to the public and admission is free.

Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society
www.policememorialsociety.com

The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society honors all peace officers that die in the line of duty, especially those from Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina and northern Summit counties. The Society helps to keep the promise to never forget our fallen heroes by providing assistance to the families of officers who make the ultimate sacrifice, maintaining the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial located in Huntington Park in downtown Cleveland, hosting the annual Police Memorial Commemoration, assisting law enforcement agencies with the planning and implementation of full-honors funerals, and its many other programs that help to raise the public awareness of the hazards our police officers face daily.
The Pipes & Drums of the Cleveland Police

www.cdpipesanddrums.org

The Pipes and Drums of the Cleveland Police, formed in 1996, serves as the musical component of the Ceremonial Team. Representing the Division and the law enforcement community of Greater Cleveland at ceremonial events, parades, and civic functions, the band has performed throughout northeast Ohio, United States, Canada and Ireland. Sadly, in its short history their members have rendered final honors to 46 law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty, and 22 military personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country.

Cleveland Police Honor Guard

The Cleveland Police Honor Guard ensures that all appropriate courtesies are rendered at the funerals and memorial services for active and retired police officers, especially those that die in the line of duty. Additionally, they represent the Division at civic functions, parades and sporting events by serving as its color guard, and with its precision marching and drill.

Friends of the Cleveland Mounted Police

www.clevelandmountedpolice.com

The Friends of the Cleveland Mounted Police are both individuals and organizations that value the unique contribution the Mounted Unit makes in our community, and provides financial support to ensure its continued service. The bond between officer and horse is special, and these equine ambassadors also serve to strengthen the bond between our police and citizens.

Cleveland Cops For Kids

The Cleveland Cops For Kids program’s mission is to establish and strengthen positive relationships between police officers and our City’s greatest asset, our kids. This program allows our members that encounter children who are victims of crime, abuse and other traumatic situations to respond not only with compassion and concern for their welfare, but also the means necessary to provide timely aid and assistance, such as food, clothing, gifts, and other support.
CPF Board Member Profile:
Deborah Smythe Hermann, Vice President

In each edition of the newsletter, a member of the CPF Board of Directors or Board of Advisors will be introduced to our readers. A very dedicated contributor to the CPF, Deborah Smythe Hermann is the first to be featured.

Chairwoman and CEO of GhostLight Productions, LLC, Deb Smythe Hermann is a creative and stylish, award winning event producer who specializes in elaborate fundraising galas, grand openings of theaters/corporate headquarters, conferences, anniversary celebrations, and wedding décor.

In 2010 Deb became a member of the Cleveland Police Foundation Board of Directors. Being a 5th generation Clevelander, a small business owner, and as a resident of a neighboring inner-ring suburb, she felt it was extremely important to support a safe and strong core that all greater Clevelanders would enjoy and appreciate. She is very enthusiastic about spreading the word that there is so much good community involvement that the Cleveland Police support each and every day. Her vision for the future of the Cleveland Police Foundation is for a solid, well respected philanthropic foundation that will serve as the “first responder” to advocate and strengthen police/community relationships by developing meaningful programs and educational activities, providing research, information, monetary grants and other assistance and building strong alliances for the years ahead. She sees this entire endeavor coming together in one beautiful umbrella of many shapes, sizes and colors.

Deb brings her expertise, enthusiasm and creativity to the boardroom, and her positive outlook and outgoing personality has energized the entire organization. At the Board of Directors meeting on April 25, 2013, Deb was nominated and unanimously elected as Vice President of the Board.

Deb is a life-long Clevelander, has been married for 28 years, and has two adult children.

The Board of Directors has taken a bold step to increase its efforts toward its mission by adding two part-time staff members.

Ms. Kathleen C. Delaney was brought on as the Director of Community Partnerships in February. The vice president of the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society with extensive experience in development matters and special events, her addition bodes well for future success in forging new partnerships with the business community and with law enforcement organizations.

Kathy can be reached at kdelaney@clevelandpolicefoundation.org or at O: 216-623-3333, C: 216-538-6798.

In January, Ms. Jennifer Wypasek, Secretary for the Cleveland Division of Police Bureau of Community Policing, was hired as the CPF Staff Administrative Assistant. Jennifer brings extensive experience in working within the CPD, the law enforcement community of Greater Cleveland, and several police charities under the CPF’s umbrella, as well as the community outreach projects and programs, which are a function of the Bureau of Community Policing, including Cops For Kids, Citizen’s Police Academy Alumni Association and Law Enforcement Explorers Program.

Jennifer can be reached at jwpasek@clevelandpolicefoundation.org or O: 216-623-3333, C: 216-396-2304.
Hundreds Come Downtown to Support A Healthier & Safer Cleveland

Cleveland’s Finest 5k Run
On Saturday, May 11, 2013, the Cleveland Police Foundation and the charities under its umbrella, the Cleveland Police Athletic League, Cops For Kids, Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society, Cleveland Police Historical Society & Museum, Pipes & Drums of the Cleveland Police, Honor Guard, and the Friends of the Cleveland Mounted Police partnered with Coach Sam’s Inner Circle Foundation and the Cleveland Police Marine Corps League to host the Cleveland’s Finest 5k Run, Marine Corps Physical Fitness Test and 1-Mile Fitness Walk.

The events offered a competitive challenge to both the serious runner and physical fitness buff, and those looking for a fun way to take in the sights of downtown Cleveland; and was in support of healthy life choices and our collective mission to make our community safer.

Cleveland Browns Stadium and Alfred Lerner Way was the site of the start and finish for the event and the Community Health, Safety & Fitness Fair. The 5k stepped off at 9AM with over 300 participating in the run, which was chip timed.

After the run, many chose to test their mettle by taking the optional remaining two elements of the U.S. Marine Corps Physical Fitness Test.... pull-ups and stomach crunches. Those achieving a perfect score received a special awards recognition.

The first 300 participants to pre-register by May 1st received a limited edition “Fit for Duty” challenge coin, event t-shirt and promotional items.

Editor’s Note: For results visit www.clevelandpolicefoundation.org.
Honoring Fallen Officer

The Willoughby Police Department extended their thanks to the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society and the Cleveland Police Ceremonial Unit which joined forces to assist them with the planning and implementation of the funeral services of PO Jason Gresko, who was killed in the line of duty on September 21, 2012.

From: Chief Jack Beckwith, Willoughby PD.

Editor’s Note: P.O. Gresko became the 184th officer that died in the line of duty from Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina and northern Summit counties to be commemorated on the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial, W. 3rd & Lakeside in downtown Cleveland.

National Police Week in Cleveland

Did you know that Cleveland is home to one of the largest and finest Police Memorial Commemorations in North America? The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society and the law enforcement community of northeast Ohio join forces each year to host the Annual Greater Cleveland Police Memorial Commemoration. This year’s 28th annual commemoration was held May 11-19th, 2013, and was another great success!

Hundreds of police and corrections officers from throughout the United States, Canada and Europe visit our city each year to keep the promise to never forget those officers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

From: Tom Cody, Band Manager, the Chicago Police Emerald Society Pipes & Drums

“Calling All Kids”

On Saturday, March 30, 2013, Cleveland Police dispatchers organized the first “Calling All Kids Easter Bunny Basket Event.” Headed by Dispatcher Jennifer O’Malley of the CPD Bureau of Communications, the dispatchers, police officers and friends delivered a lot of happiness to kids in the community when “PD Rabbit” and his posse hopped in to visit children in transitional shelters, presenting them with over 100 baskets filled with toys and candy.

Other organizations that assisted included; The Edna House Alumni, the International Continental Hotel, the Cleveland Police Patrolmen’s Association, St. Coleman’s Parish, Cleveland Cops for Kids, Cleveland Police Athletic League, and the Bureau of Community Policing.

As you can imagine, the event was a big hit with the kids and it is hoped that it becomes an annual event. Congratulations on a job well done!

From: Sergeant Bob Kumazec, Executive Director of PAL.
Event Hosted for Mounted Police

Hats off to the Downtown Cleveland Alliance and the Harry Buffalo Bar & Grill who partnered to host a social event for the Indians Home Opener in support of the Friends of the Cleveland Mounted Police.

Look for more information to follow on their 2nd Annual Downtown Ride on Saturday, September 14th. Last year over 80 riders toured downtown on horseback to take in the sights while raising funds and public awareness for the CPD Mounted Unit.

For more information and to register, contact the Ohio Farm Bureau at 440-877-0706.

From: Brian Stark, the FCMP.

A Great Day for the Irish…and the CPD!

Congratulations to members of the Pipes & Drums of the Cleveland Police for a taking second place in the “Best Pipe Bands” category in the 146th Annual Cleveland St. Patrick’s Day Parade. The band and the Cleveland Police Honor Guard led the Cleveland Division of Police and other police units to the rousing applause of the over 175,000 people lining the parade route.

From: Captain Kevin Kilbane, Special Events Coordinator for the Cleveland Division of Police.

Return of Those Green Cars

The Cleveland Police Historical Society & Museum is home to many interesting displays and artifacts. One of the more interesting was the visiting display of Ohio’s electric chair, the only one used in the state’s history to execute convicted murders. It was recently returned to the Ohio Historical Society.

On June 22nd, the Cleveland Police Museum and plaza in front of CPD Headquarters was the venue of the 2nd Annual Antique Police Car Show. The hundreds in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the walk back in police transportation time.

From: Tom Armelli, President, Cleveland Police Historical Society.

Busy as Bees, Cleveland PAL

The CPD PAL program has been busy continuing their outstanding work with kids in the community. In May, they co-hosted a Law Enforcement Explorer completion at which high school student interested in a career in law enforcement demonstrated their skills learned during their participation in the program over the last year against other programs throughout the state. Under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America, and a program hosted by the CPD Bureau of Community Policing, the young men and women attend training, meetings, seminars and activities related to police work.
Inaugural

Cleveland Police Foundation Gala

by Deb Hermann

Definition of EXCEPTIONAL
1: unusually excellent «The Cleveland Police Foundation Gala was exceptional»

If we consider the above definition from our friends at Merriam-Webster, the Inaugural Cleveland Police Foundation Gala was indeed the essence of exceptional. “Unusually excellent” is the catch phrase in this environment of fiscal cliff mentality that all non-profit organizations strive for in the hearts and minds of their stakeholders. In their day-to-day operations, as well as in their fundraising and business events, reaching the high bar of excellence is the ultimate goal of every non-profit Board of Directors. The Board of the Cleveland Police Foundation took this mantra one step further and enabled their planning committee to succeed by challenging them to make a difference, and tasking them to plan the best event the City of Cleveland has ever seen! Whatever it took, they would support the committee. That doesn’t happen often! It’s what set the planning committee up for exceptionality. The support from the top down was the secret ingredient; everyone bought into the process with a whole lot of trust and respect and magic happened.

The planning committee rallied around the notion that “if you build it, they will come”. Carefully designing the brand identity was the first task and the fablous guys at Communications Factory were chosen to craft the imagery that would be carried throughout every piece of collateral material: the invitation, tickets, program, newsletters, posters, web design, and
e-mail blasts. Their amazing work on this event won the International Special Events Society Ohio WOW Award, 2012 for “Best Marketing and Design”!

The inclusive nature of the event was a significant component of the exceptionally unique planning and management of the Gala. Even the crowd who attended was representative of the various components of the tapestry called Cleveland: corporate sponsors, small business owners, neighborhood groups, individuals, law enforcement and government representatives—and safety force officials and union reps...and everyone in-between! The entertainment portion of the evening really brought home the inclusivity factor—the bagpipe rock band from Scotland (Internationally acclaimed, Red Hot Chilli Pipers) was thoughtfully paired with Cleveland’s own award-winning Contemporary Youth Orchestra. The idea was to blend the future of Cleveland with the future of Scotland...homage to the great melting pot here on the North Coast. Both groups were so excited to participate together in this exceptional and unique experience! We’re not sure who had more fun with the mash-up! Both groups will be using it as a touchstone of success for many years to come!

The Gala had all the traditional markers of success, but with some inaugural signature touches—an awards program honoring the founders of the foundation (Philanthropists, Tom Ganley, Ed Lozick and Sam Miller) and the Police Officer of the Year Award (Detective Daniel Baillis). There was also a keynote speaker (the United States Attorney, Northern District of Ohio, Steve Dettelbach no less!), a live auction of unique police experiences, interesting and eclectic food, and then ...rockin’ entertainment. Quite frankly, the guests were stunned hearing one haunting bagpipe from the back of the room playing Amazing Grace...and then launching into two guitar players running down the aisles, morphing the familiar tune into a rock anthem! So perfect. The youth orchestra got into the act by selecting a few talented musicians to play up front with the Scotsmen—and even the Mayor of the City of Cleveland, Frank Jackson stayed to watch the entire program of musical magic. True testament indeed!

All in all... an exceptional experience was had by all who attended the Inaugural Cleveland Police Foundation Gala. But more importantly, the event started a tradition of support for a truly exceptional organization—the seven-year dream of the Chief of Police, Mike McGrath for such a group...was finally realized. It wasn’t the biggest event of 2012, the highest budget event or the flashiest...but it truly introduced with style, grace, aplomb (and a whole lot of fun), the goals and objectives of the foundation’s mission: To strengthen the relationship between the Cleveland Division of Police and the residents it serves through community outreach programs, support for police charities, investment in law enforcement education and training, and funding for specialized equipment to help police officers in the performance of their duties. An exceptional mission for these exceptional times!

Back row left to right CPF Board members: Beverly Charles, Ed Kovacic, Dave Young, Jim Craciun, Frank Floyd, Jr., Brent Clapacs, Chief Michael McGrath, and Charles W. Lane, Jr. Front row left to right CPF Board members: John Anoliefo, Tom Stone, Thomas Ganely, Samuel Miller.
Mark Your Calendars

6/25/13  850AM WKNR ESPN Cleveland’s Tony Rizzo’s “Really Big Show” Golf Outing to benefit the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society.

6/30/13  5th Annual Cops Ride, www.copsride.com

7/12/13  Cleveland Police Museum Golf Outing, www.clevelandpolicemuseum.org


7/27/13  Cleveland PAL Motorcycle Poker Run www.clevelandpal.org


9/14/13  Cleveland Mounted Police 2nd Annual Ride Downtown www.clevelandmountedpolice.com

11/16/13  Cleveland Police Foundation 2nd Annual Gala www.clevelandpolicefoundation.org

12/07/13  5th Annual Cleveland Police Children’s Holiday Party www.clevelandpal.org

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