

Cleveland Police Foundation's 2014 Awards

Youth and Community Outreach are an integral part of the mission of the Cleveland Police Foundation. Tonight we are proud to recognize these amazing individuals and organizations that have demonstrated their commitment to community service, thus making our City a better and safer place for all.

• Outstanding Community Service by a Grass Roots Organization •



Second Police District Community Relations Committee

The Second District Community Relations Committee was formed in 1981 with the primary mission to promote productive communication between the police and the community. Thirty-three years later, that is still their focus, and they have been most successful at accomplishing that mission.

The committee promotes a dialogue through regular monthly meetings with the district commander and other officers assigned in their community. They host special events and other initiatives throughout the year to encourage residents to get involved in working together with the police to solve problems in their neighborhoods.

District Commander Tom Stacho stated, "The members of the Second District Community Relations Committee give tirelessly to the community. Their philanthropic fund raising and many volunteer efforts serve to strengthen our community by building bridges between the diverse residents of Cleveland's near west side and the dedicated men and women who make up the Second District police force. From volunteering their time to beautify the Monroe St. Cemetery, to funding and organizing a Seniors Dinner and a Christmas party for underprivileged youth in our community,

the members of the Second District Community Relations Committee have established themselves as a model for the other committees in the City of Cleveland."

The committee supports numerous safety events, including the National Night Out Against Crime at

Steelyard Commons, which attracts about 6,000 visitors every year to enjoy each others company, meet the officers that serve their neighborhoods, learn about crime prevention and safety tips, and more.

In 2011 they were the first committee in the City to launch a Facebook page. And now they have over

4,100 Facebook friends and 1,200 Twitter followers. Their objectives are to invite visitors to the page so they get to know the officers assigned to the district, to promote the committee's good work, to help to solve crimes, and to inform the public of crime prevention and safety tips . . . all in an effort to strengthen their community.

It is our honor to recognize the Second District Community Relations Committee for their outstanding community spirit and service. They are a shining example of how citizens and police officers can work together to make their neighborhoods a better and safer place to live.

