

COMMANDER KEITH SULZER OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Commander Sulzer is a graduate of St. Edward's High School and received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Economics from the College of Wooster. On June 19, 1990, Mr. Sulzer began his career with the City of Cleveland, Department of Public Safety, Division of Police, in the 5th District as a police officer. Throughout his career he has progressively prospered with the Cleveland Police. On July 25, 1997, he was promoted to Sergeant of the 6th District, in June 2000 promoted to Lieutenant of the 1st District, in June 2005 promoted to Captain of the 4th District; and on July 30, 2007, he was appointed to Commander of the 2nd District and has held that position since.

As Commander of the Second District, Commander Sulzer has sponsored, participated in, and helped organize several charity events. As co-chair of the 2nd District Police Community Relations Committee he organizes several fund raising events each year, from pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners, to dunking booths and chili cook-offs. These fund raising events support the 2nd District's annual Children's Christmas Party, an event that identifies the neediest 200 children in the District, and provides Christmas presents, lunch, and a party with Cleveland's own Singing Santa. The 2nd District and Santa also visit and provide presents to children from Providence House and The West Side Catholic Center.



Along with IHOP, Commander Sulzer organizes a team to compete against Cleveland Fire in a pancake-eating contest. This contest kicks off IHOP's February pancake month, during which IHOP donates money per plate of pancakes sold to the Children's Care Network (sponsoring hospitals such as Rainbow's Children and Babies Hosp.). This event alone has raised thousands of dollars for the Children's Care Network.

In 2011 Commander Sulzer and the 2nd District sponsored a food drive and challenged the 4th District to see which district could fill a U-Haul truck in 24 hours. This challenge provided over 7,000 pounds of food to St. Augustine's Hunger Center and to the Cleveland Food Bank.

Annually, Commander Sulzer enters teams in the Special Olympics Plane Pull at Cleveland Hopkins Airport, pulling a 130,000 pound plane 12 feet. His teams have raised over \$12,000 for Special Olympics.

Commander Sulzer and the 2nd District officers annually host a baby shower for Providence House, a crisis nursery in Ohio City. This baby shower provides thousands of dollars of much needed supplies for the residents of Providence House.

In 2012, Commander Sulzer hosted Cleveland's Strongest Cop contest in conjunction with Chief McGrath and the Cleveland Police Foundation. This all-around weightlifting contest raised several thousand dollars for the Cleveland Police Foundation and the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. Plans are in the works to hold more fitness style events to raise funds for the CPF, and to encourage wellness for police officers.

The Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to bestow upon Commander Keith Sulzer the 2013 **Outstanding Community Service Award**, for his dedication, leadership and success in serving our community and for especially reaching out to our citizens who are most in need and bringing the human side of the officer to our neighborhoods.