



MAY 2017

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32nd Annual Greater Cleveland Police Memorial Commemoration, May 13-21, 2017

The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society's annual **Police Memorial Commemoration** is reputed to be one of the finest in North America, drawing hundreds of law enforcement and corrections officers from across the United States, Canada and abroad. The annual PMC is made possible through the collaboration of scores of supporters throughout NE Ohio. For more information about the week of events, [visit the GCPOMS website](#).



[Annual Commemoration Info](#)

Trooper Kenneth Velez and Patrol Officer David J. Fahey Jr. To Be Commemorated at the Greater Cleveland Police Officers Memorial On May 19th



On **Friday, May 19** immediately after the parade down Lakeside Avenue, Patrol Officer David J. Fahey Jr. of the Cleveland Division of Police and Trooper Kenneth Velez of the Ohio State Highway Patrol will be the latest officers to be commemorated on the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial. They are the 185th and 186th officers from our region who have died in the line of duty since the founding of the Western Reserve. For more information on the commemoration, [click here](#).

The entire community is encouraged to come out and **show its support** for those who put their lives on the line daily to protect our communities and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Cleveland International Tattoo



An exciting evening of music, song and dance! Witness the pageantry at this family-friendly event as we honor our military, our safety forces, and our country Saturday, May 20 at the historic Cleveland Public Auditorium, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

General Admission

\$20 per person. Children 12 and under are free. **Buy one, get one free!** Take advantage of this special discount for advance sale! Use code **TATTOODEAL** when selecting your tickets to receive the discount.

VIP Table Seating

A limited number of tables of ten (10) on the performance floor are available.

Purchase Tickets....

May 2017 Police Officer of the Month

Detective John Graves is a dedicated police officer who is committed to helping people in need. This past holiday season he came across a single mother of four children, including one with special needs. Believing every child deserves a merry Christmas, Graves asked the Cleveland Police Foundation along with the Cops for Kids program to provide assistance.

The CPF donated a gift card and presents, but John and his family went a step further and personally bought every child additional gifts. Not



only did this gesture of kindness brighten the family's holiday, but his efforts, along with the generous support of his family, made possible a priceless connection between the Cleveland Police and the community it serves. This is but one example of John's compassion and long-standing efforts in giving back to the community. The Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to recognize Detective John Graves as the Police Officer of the Month for May 2017.

For more information, [click here](#).

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, May 5

[FOP Reverse Raffle](#)

Wednesday, May 10

GCPOMS Board Meeting

Sunday, May 7

[Bike Awareness Ride](#)

May 13 - 21

[32nd Annual Police Memorial
Commemoration](#)

Sunday, May 14

Happy Mother's Day!

Wednesday, May 17 - 18

[Street Survival Seminar](#)

Saturday, May 20

[Cleveland International Tattoo](#)

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[PAL Junior Fishing Clinic](#)

Thursday, May 25

CPF Board Meeting

Friday, June 16

[Cops For Kids Reverse Raffle](#)

Saturday, June 24

[CPM Vintage Police Car Show](#)

Thursday, September 28

CPF Oktoberfest For Blue & Annual
Awards Information Coming Soon!



Cleveland Police Foundation "COPS FOR CAUSES" Reverse Raffle

Friday, June 16, 2017

at

St. Rocco's Hall - 3205 Fulton Road

Doors Open at 5pm

Dinner Served at 7:30pm

Please support the reverse raffle on **June 16** at St. Rocco's Hall. **All proceeds go to Cops for Kids programs**, including Christmas parties for needy children and support for the Ohio Special Olympics. In addition to a \$1000 main board, one 50" and two 39" flat screen TVs will be given out in the main ticket raffle. Only 200 Main Board tickets will be sold. They are \$50 per person; includes dinner and open bar. For tickets call Keith Sulzer at 216-623-3334 or Frank Gallizio at 216-526-4123. [More info...](#)

CPD and CFD Battle at Cleveland Gladiators' Charity Bowl



Cleveland Police and Cleveland Fire battled it out at the Q as the featured match at the Cleveland Gladiators' Charity Bowl. CPD came away with a hard fought 30-24 victory!

The Gladiators donated \$1000 to the winning team's charity, the Cleveland Police Foundation, and \$500 to CFD's charity, the John Gannon Burn Center at Metro

Hospital.

The Gladiators were not only generous, but also tremendous hosts. Families, friends, and supporters of players had a chance to go out on the field and run around after the game. **Thanks to all the players and attendees for supporting this great cause.**

The Cleveland Police Foundation thanks the Cleveland Gladiators and wishes them good luck this season!



CPF Board Member Honored

"Service to humanity is the best work of life." Congratulations to Jim Craciun, long time CPF Board member and Vice President for being honored by ClevelandPeople.com and inducted into the International Hall of Fame.



Coffee with a Cop

Cleveland Police from Community Policing and the First District partnered with our colleagues, the Cleveland Clinic Police. Thank you to the Cleveland Clinic Foundation for sponsoring this great program! [Click here](#) to read more.



**BIKE
AWARENESS
RIDE**

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH



May is Bike Awareness Month!

A Big Thank You

Please join us May 7 at our annual **Bike Awareness Ride** to draw attention to bicycle safety and encourage the safe coexistence of motor vehicles and bicycles on our streets. To learn more, [click here](#).

The Cleveland Police Foundation thanks Mike Duda and Sports Focus for donating thousands of dollars in new clothing and sporting goods to us to distribute to the community!

Safety & Crime Prevention Tips: Neighborhood Watch



If citizens were to get together to actively prevent crime half as often as criminals meet to create crime, the community would notice real change.

EYES AND EARS OBSERVATION

Be aware of your surroundings and the people around you during the day. If you observe something suspicious, call law enforcement as soon as you can and try to describe the activity as accurately as possible. Stay on the phone so you can provide additional information that may help officers responding to the call.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS PERSONS BY....

- Sex
- Race
- Height
- Hair color and length
- Eyes and glasses
- Tattoos and scars
- Clothing

- Weapon
- Vehicle: Make, model, color and license plate number

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE:

- An individual walking around a home, looking into windows or trying to force open doors
- An individual carrying any kind of weapon
- Solicitors who ask unusual questions
- Unusual noises for the time of day
- Telephone callers who ask personal questions
- An individual carrying property out of residence or business at unusual time
- A car driving past the area repeatedly or parking, yet no one exits the car
- An individual running from a residence or building

COMMON DRUG ACTIVITIES:

- Unusual or chemical odors coming from a residence
- A vacant or occupied house with an unusually high amount of traffic
- Double-parked cars in front of a house
- Groups of people congregating around a house
- People displaying large sums of cash, or carrying valuables into a house but leaving without them

More Neighborhood Watch Articles

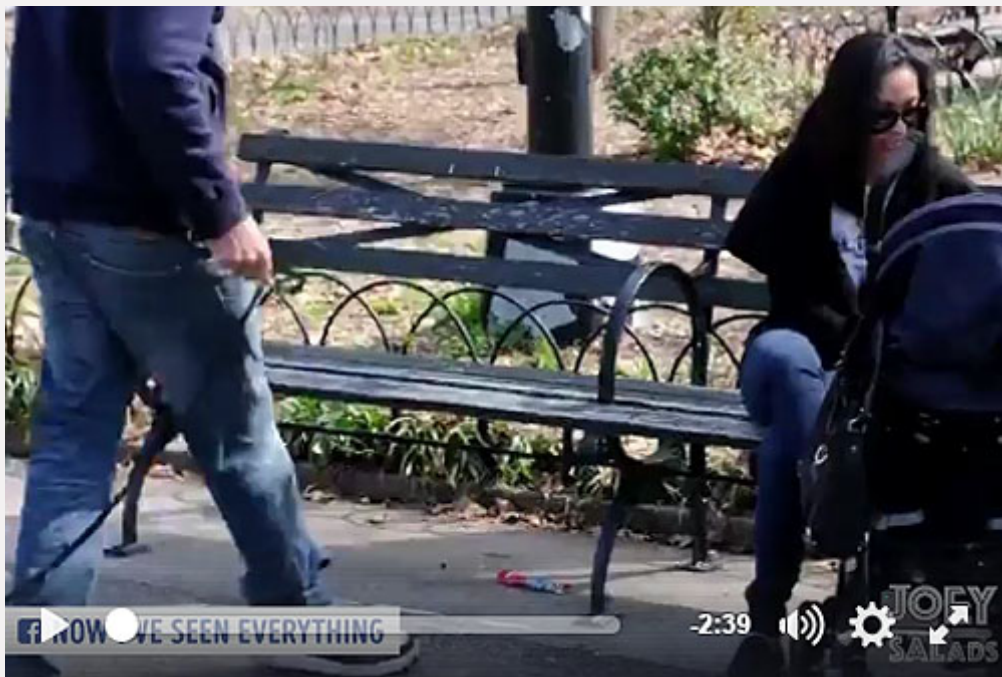
- Part One: [“What is a Neighborhood Watch?”](#)
- Part Two: [“A Neighborhood Watch is Not...”](#)
- Part Three: [“Organizing a Neighborhood Watch”](#)
- Part Four: [“The Neighborhood Watch Meeting”](#)
- Part Five: [“The Role of Neighborhood Watch Members”](#)

Cops For Kids Visit MetroHealth

Cops for Kids visited kids, families, and staff at Metro's Pediatric Unit Thursday afternoon. Each child received an Easter/Spring basket, a Browns pennant and mini football (in honor of draft day), and police coloring books, crayons, and badges. The Cleveland Police Foundation even donated a Little Tykes police car for the kids in the Treehouse! A big thanks to Detective Graves, Officer Mercado, and Officer Hernandez for being there for the kids. Also, thanks to the Browns and to our friends at [Onix Outreach](#) for the Easter baskets. [Click here](#) for more.



Child Abduction Social Experiment



Be aware! Prevent child abduction. [Watch this eye-opening video](#) and talk to your children about the danger of strangers.

Cleveland Police Dispatchers Donate Easter Baskets

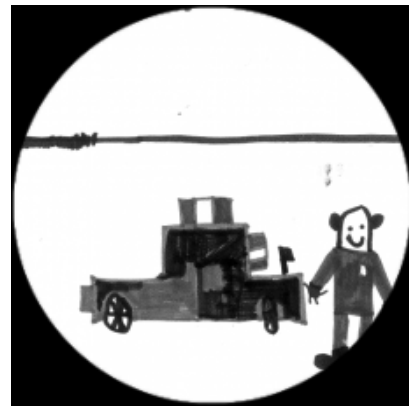
The Cleveland Police Foundation and Community Policing thank our Cleveland Police dispatchers and safety forces for making Easter baskets for families at the Domestic **Violence & Child Advocacy Center** and **Edna House**. Dispatchers collected donations for



over seventy baskets. They made monetary donations to both the shelter and Edna House. Thank you to all who donated!

Students Create Thank You Notes for Officers

The Cleveland Police Foundation thanks students from **Mary Queen of Peace** and **St. Joseph and John** for creating inspiring thank you notes for officers who attended the Retreat for Police Officers at Jesuit Retreat House on Sunday. These are the little things that make you smile!



CPF Supports Victims of Domestic Violence

The Cleveland Police Foundation and Community Policing supported Sandy Deida's **Strength, Resilience, Justice Zumbathon** on Saturday at Zone Rec as part of National Victims' Rights Week. Proceeds from the Zumbathon support victims of domestic violence. Great job by Sandy and her crew of instructors and participants!

2017 CPF Slam Dunk Contest at Zelma George Recreation Center



[Watch video...](#)

The Cleveland Police Foundation & Cops for Kids Slam Dunk Contest was held on Saturday, April 29 at Zelma George Recreation Center. Kids from 4 different age groups were able to compete. CPF and Zelma George Rec Center provided trophies, prizes, and food for all who competed and attended. The winner of the PeeWee Division received a trophy that was bigger than he was! The kids and officers had a great time and had a chance to get to know each other a little better. A big thanks to the Garnett Jamison and the center staff, Community Policing's Officer Sam Anderson, 4th District officers, and Councilman Ken Johnson. The Cleveland Police Foundation is investing in a safe community!



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The Cleveland Police Foundation is the official charity for the Cleveland Division of Police and the only organization authorized to solicit charitable contributions on its behalf.

In addition to providing funding for youth and community outreach programs, community policing and engagement initiatives, safety & crime prevention programs, and supporting the members of the Cleveland Division of Police to help them better perform their duties, the CPF proudly supports the following charities in accomplishing their mission.



Contributions to the CPF are tax deductible under section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS Code.

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