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JULY 2017

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Happy Independence Day!

As we celebrate our Nation's birthday, we wish a very happy and safe holiday to all, and special thanks to all who serve in the U.S. military protecting our freedom and all who serve in our safety forces protecting our communities.

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Become a **FRIEND** of the Cleveland Police Foundation.



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Our mission is to strengthen the bonds between the Cleveland Division of Police and the citizens it serves, working together to make our city safer for all. To accomplish that goal, the CPF works proactively to support and invest in programs, community policing initiatives and engagement, events that foster stronger relationships between citizens and police officers, and police charities.

Your participation will make a direct impact on the future of our community and give you a sense of pride knowing you are an official FRIEND of the Cleveland Police Foundation.



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Slamtana Charity Bowling Night July 20



Cleveland Indians first baseman Carlos Santana will host a charity bowling night Thursday, July 20 at the Corner Alley in Downtown Cleveland. Santana is dedicated to making a positive impact locally and giving back to the community. Joined by a few of his teammates, he looks forward to interacting with fans at this fun-filled evening. Besides bowling, there will be autograph and photo sessions, a silent auction, a raffle and prizes. This event benefits the Cleveland Police Foundation, Cleveland Clinic Children's and the Boys & Girls Club of Cleveland. To purchase tickets and for more information go to www.slamtana.org or contact Ulises.cabrera@octagon.com.

July 2017 Police Officer of the Month: Edward Lentz, Lieutenant, 5th Neighborhood Police District

Lieutenant Edward Lentz has truly grasped the philosophy of community policing and understands the importance of helping citizens in need.



Evidence of this is his assistance to the Bureau of Community Policing and the Cleveland Police Foundation (CPF). They hosted a basketball game between officers and the students at St. Francis School - the game being held to improve the relationship between the police and the community. The Lieutenant also led officers to engage the students of MC2 STEM High School during a community picnic. He then brought the officers to the school to provide a lesson in the history of policing in Cleveland and get better acquainted.

[Read more...](#)

SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

ESPN CLEVELAND & TONY RIZZO Annual Golf Outing Benefiting The Cleveland Police Foundation

Join us for the Inaugural ESPN CLEVELAND & TONY RIZZO Annual Golf Outing Benefiting the Cleveland Police Foundation at Beechmont Country Club.

Register today and take advantage of this opportunity to play this premier course, a design masterpiece, where many golf legends have played, including Nicklaus, Palmer, Snead and Trevino to name just a few.



We're blessed with having great partners in [ESPN CLEVELAND](#) and Tony Rizzo, both committed to giving back to the community, supporting charitable fundraising activities, and investing in a safer Cleveland. **You can join that team by becoming a sponsor and/or participating in the event.**

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CPF Awarded Grant To Prevent Accidental Crib Deaths

In an effort to alleviate infant sleep related fatalities, the CPF is partnering with the Division of Police and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health on a pilot program known as "Cops & Cribs."

The Cops & Cribs grant was awarded to fund the program's implementation in the City's 4th and 5th Neighborhood Police Districts. Funding for 40 cribs is expected soon and will enable police officers to distribute them into at-risk homes while also delivering a safe sleep message. A training video is provided for the officers to increase their awareness of risk factors and what to look for in the course of their duties.



This crucial initiative will help to strengthen the bonds between police officers and citizens—and most importantly—save infant lives.

"BOLO"

Be on the Lookout: Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, July 8

BOOTS · BIKES · BBQ

The July 8 event has been postponed.

More information to follow

Monday, July 10

Honoring Our Fallen

The stretch of I-90 freeway where PO David J. Fahey and Trooper Kenneth Velez were killed in the line of duty will be dedicated in their



Tuesday, August 1

National Night Out at Steelyard Commons

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that happens across the country and world. It promotes police-community partnerships, bringing police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. There are festivals, parades, safety demonstrations, and fun law enforcement visits that enhance neighborhood safety.

memory on Monday, July 10 at 11 a.m. The event will take place on Lakewood Heights Blvd. between Warren and Alger Road.

Thursday, July 13

Community Safety Outing at Historic League Park Ballpark in Hough

Hosted by the Community Policing Commission of Cleveland.

Thursday, July 27
CPF Board Meeting



JULY 15

Supporting Ohio's Special Olympics

Cleveland Police Officers will be flexing their muscles at the 8th Annual Cleveland Plane Pull for Special Olympics. Officers will compete for the best time in pulling a huge passenger jet over a short distance. The event is being held at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport on Saturday, July 15, 2017. This is the fourth consecutive year that the Cleveland Police Foundation is sponsoring the CPD teams. To donate and for more information, go to CLEPlanePull.org

Saturday, August 13

True Crimes Cleveland Double Feature

Presented by the Cleveland Police Historical Society & Museum at the historic Capitol Theater at Gordon Square.

Monday, September 18

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September 22-25

Canadian Police And Peace Officers' Memorial

Join the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society and part of the contingent from NE Ohio representing the USA at the 40th Annual National Canadian Police & Peace Officers Memorial Events in one of North America's most beautiful cities, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Call 216-337-3537.

Thursday, September 28

CPF's Tribute to the Blue Celebration and Annual Awards Recognition Ceremony

Saturday, December 2

CPD Children's Holiday Party

May 12-20, 2018

Greater Cleveland Police Week

May 17-20, 2018

33rd Annual Greater Cleveland Police



Memorial Commemoration



Thursday, July 20

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In the News Around Town



Patrol Officers and Pierre's Ice Cream Chill the City!

On June 11, 2017, the Cleveland Division of Police debuted the "Let's Chill Together" ice cream truck which will be out and about this summer in the neighborhoods of the city. Officers will be handing out free ice cream to kids and taking time to visit all summer long. This amazing project was made possible by the Cleveland Police Foundation and by Cleveland's own Pierre's Ice Cream, who

donated all of the ice cream for the whole season. A big thanks to Pierre's for making this project come to life! Watch for the truck on your street or at your rec center soon.

Somali Refugee Becomes Cleveland Patrol Officer

Just 15 years ago, Cleveland Patrol Officer Maliko Hamadi was in a refugee camp in Somalia. Now his second home is the Second District. Hamadi heard of the welcoming opportunities in Cleveland and the refugee awareness training of the CPD and decided to make Cleveland his home. Samantha Peddicord, CPD Refugee Awareness trainer, differentiates refugee awareness training from other types of diversity training. She said it helps law enforcement to better understand the refugees and encourages community involvement. Hamadi and his partner, Miguel Gonzalez, speak eight languages between them, and love taking time to walk and talk in



the neighborhood.

Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association



Left: The crew of the C.P.D Marine Patrol (left to right) Captain Rob Simon, Detective Louis Vertosnik, and Detective Jason Hyrn. Right: Academy participants.

Recently I got to join some of my old friends from the Cleveland Police Citizens Police Academy Alumni. We met at Edgewater Park Marina for a visit with the C.P.D. Marine Patrol. The C.P.C.P.A.A. was started in January 2006 by Sgt. Chas Lane and me with the goal of continuing the education of those who attended the Citizens Police Academy. This core of dedicated citizens meets monthly fall through spring. Sgt. Tim Higgins not only sets up road trips but also schedules interesting speakers for the meetings.

I asked long time member of the C.P.C.P.A.A. Linda Lewis why she joined the group and she stated, "I joined for the same reason a lot of people joined and that was to continue learning about law enforcement and to try and help support them." As for the visit with the Marine Patrol, it was a very interesting morning. They discussed the equipment they use, answered questions, and took us for an enjoyable ride on Lake Erie.

The Citizens Police Academy holds classes yearly on both the east side and west side. To reserve your spot, contact Officer Tim Riley at 216-623-5080. Then by all means, after completing the class, join the Alumni group to continue to learn about the C.P.D. and make new friends while doing so.

- Bob Guttu, Community Partnerships Coordinator, Cleveland Police Foundation

Celebrating Fatherhood and Literacy

The Cleveland Police Foundation, Community Policing, and Michael McDonald from Cleveland Community Relations teamed up with the Urban Kutz Barbershop for a special Father's Day Read. This was an event that celebrated fatherhood and literacy, two important aspects of a strong community. The cops, kids, and fathers talked about safety, the importance of literacy, and those important topics that always surround a working barber shop. Everyone was treated to Jack Frost Donuts, a police gift bag with coloring book, crayons, and a stuffed animal, a book, and last but



not least Honey Hut Ice Cream courtesy of Bruce Page. Thank you to all the fathers, children, police officers, and supporters of this event. A big thanks to Lamont Bell from Urban Kutz and WKYC Channel 3-Cleveland's Margaret Bernstein for your support of literacy in Cleveland!

Vintage Emergency Vehicle Show



Vehicles converged and crowds surged on a picture-perfect day for the 6th Annual Vintage Emergency Vehicle Show. Presented by the Cleveland Police Historical Society & Museum, over 30 vehicles came from California to Maryland and all parts in between. First-time show participant PO Dave Casey drove 500 miles in a Chevy Camaro police cruiser, sponsored by the Salem County, New Jersey FOP. Organizer and retired Police Officer Tony Colon stated, "Success! People visited the police museum the entire day. The response was great!"

NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner

Thanks to the Cleveland Division of Police for partnering with the Cleveland Police Foundation and supporting the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner! It was truly beneficial in promoting positive relationships in the community.



We get mail!

"Thank you for all your Foundation does ... it's organizations like yours that give us the opportunity to get involved and give back." - Skylight Financial Group

Thanks to Skylight for the warm words!

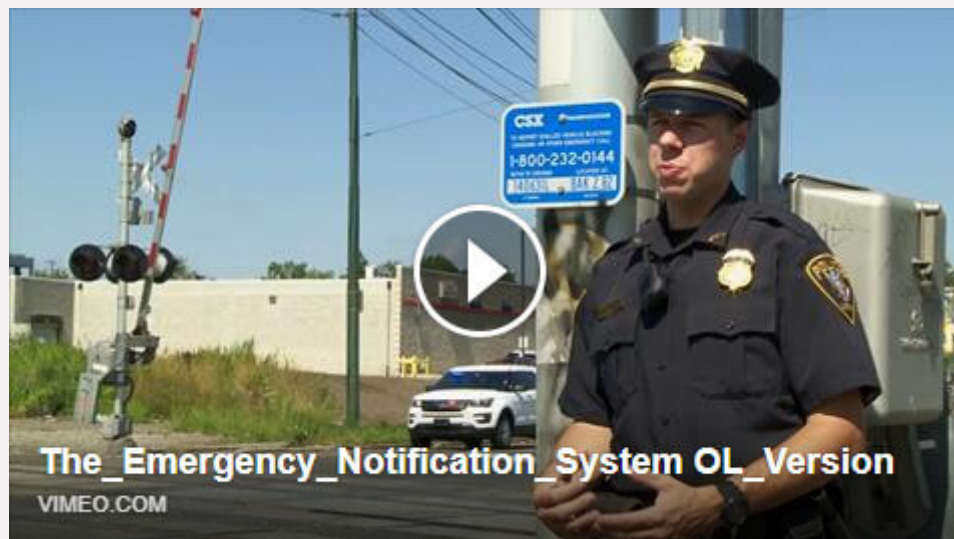
"I am humbled that you and such a fantastic organization have chosen to recognize me. It really is an awesome thing and it helps me and my fellow police officers further share our passion for assisting those in need." - Lieutenant Edward Lentz, Community Service Unit, Fifth Neighborhood Police District

Thank you for your excellent work, Lieutenant Lentz!

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To send a letter to the Cleveland Police Foundation, please write to info@clevelandpolicefoundation.org.

Speaking of Safety...

Thanks to the **Sea of Blue - Cleveland** for bringing this important safety and life saving video on railroad crossings to our attention. Please pass it along to your family and friends and encourage them to view it:



Safety & Crime Prevention Tips

The Cleveland Police Foundation, in partnership with the Cleveland Division of Police and the Ohio Crime Prevention Association present these tips so citizens can help to make our community safer.

Bicycle Safety

With summer here we are outside doing fun things including riding our bicycles. Here are ten smart rules to consider when you ride your bike. [MORE...](#)

Walk Safely

According to SafeKids.org, though pedestrian vehicle injuries are a leading cause of death for children ages 5-19, no one is immune. Here are a few tips for children and *adults* of all

ages. [MORE...](#)

Fraud - Investment Scams

Part 3 in our series on fraud

Scammers wasted no time in 2017 redoubling their efforts to bilk investors. Their basic formula remains the same: dream up a bogus get-rich-quick investment and persuade susceptible people to buy in. But in the end, the promises are empty, and the sophisticated sales techniques are just the trappings of well worn cons. [READ MORE...](#)



Fraud articles

Part 1 - ["How to Stop Fraud"](#)

Part 2 - ["Fraud and Identity Theft"](#)

Part 3 - ["Investment Scams"](#)

Safety is everyone's business. Practice good safety measures. Stay alert; if you see something, say something.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

"Tribute to the Blue"

Don't miss the Cleveland Police Foundation's [Tribute To The Blue Celebration](#), an evening to celebrate and recognize contributions made by community leaders and our men and women in blue.

2017 Award Recipients

Man of the Year

Mr. James F. Doyle, President, Hemingway Development, LLC

Police Officer of the Year

Sergeant Mitchell Sheehan, Second District Vice Unit

Community Service Award

Patrol Officer Richard Auner (Retired), Patrol Officer Jeff Stanczyk (Retired) and Patrol Officer John "JT" Thomas (Retired) et al of the Cops, Kids & Christmas Program

The Police Officers of the Month

CPF Founders Award

Sergeant Charles W. (Chas.) Lane Jr. (Retired)

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Hofbräuhaus Cleveland

1550 Chester Avenue

Cleveland, OH 44114 ([map](#))

VIP Reception: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Event: 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Tickets

VIP ticket \$125

General Admission Ticket: \$50

Active or Retired Police Officer Ticket: \$40

(limit 2 per PO)



Please purchase tickets in advance of the event. We can't wait to see you there!

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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.



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