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# THE PARTNER

*The Partner is the official newsletter of the Cleveland Police Foundation*



A new year has arrived and the possibilities are endless! Every new year gives you the perfect chance to start something new and fresh. Happy New Year to you from all of us at the Cleveland Police Foundation!

# YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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



## SUPPORT OUR MISSION - BECOME A FRIEND

*"I hope that those who can afford to be 'Friends of the CPF' make that commitment to help Cleveland Police officers make a difference in the neighborhoods they serve. Your donations will not only create a better Cleveland one person at a time, but they will go a long way in helping officers reaffirm their commitment to helping others!" – Captain Keith Sulzer, Bureau of Community Policing and Liaison Officer to the CPF*

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 Cleveland Police Foundation 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.

*"I just wanted to thank you all for what you do and for the opportunity to become a "friend" and help. My father and two of my uncles were policemen for Cleveland. Lt. Carl Alexander is my father. He passed away at the young age of 50 in 1992. I am doing this in honor of him. I was so happy I saw the posting today about this. I had never known of this opportunity before. Thanks again!" – Jennifer Pollack, Olmsted Falls, Ohio*

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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### A Message From the Vice President of the Cleveland Police Foundation

Dear Friends:

For those who have supported this noble Foundation thank you! For all of you considering supporting the CPF, we welcome your financial help.

Our foundation is making a difference everyday in the streets of our Cleveland! Please **join the Friends of the CPF**, continue to visit our website, and share it with friends on face book. Together we can show our support to the men and women in blue that valiantly protect our families everyday.

*Jim Craciun, VP  
Cleveland Police Foundation*

**CPF Police Officer of the Month, January 2018**



“Service” is in **Sergeant Tom Ross’** DNA... first as a U.S. Marine, and after an honorable discharge, throughout his long career with the Cleveland Division of Police.

As a respected 17-year member of the Cleveland Police Honor Guard, he has represented the Division with distinction and pride at public ceremonies, civic events, and the funerals of officers who have died in the line of duty.

When advised of his nomination for this award, Commander Debra Cavett, the HG’s Commanding Officer stated, “Tom has represented us in an exemplary manner and has dedicated his time and talents in helping to develop our unit to be one of the best.”

Sergeant Ross provides behind-the-scenes leadership in the Honor Guard, including the HG’s 2016 trip to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial events in Washington, D.C., and this year’s trip for the addition of PO David Fahey’s name to the NLEOM in May.

For his dedication to excellence and exemplary representation of the Division in public ceremonies, the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to recognize Sergeant Tom Ross as its **Police Officer of the Month** for January 2018.

[More about the Police Officer of the Month Program...](#)





Cleveland Police Honor Guard – Sgt. Ross is the fourth Officer from the left in the middle

# "BOLO"

## Be on the Lookout: Mark Your Calendar

January 4

[Cleveland Leadership Career Fair](#)

January 6

[Hispanic Police Officers Association](#)

[Three Kings Benefit](#) - SOLD OUT

January 14, 1-5 p.m.

**Blood Drive at CPPA Hall** - Blood Drive for Officer Ken Brown's wife, Dawn, who is battling stage 4 breast cancer.

February 23

[Cleveland Monsters](#)

[First Responders](#)

[Night Benefits CPF and Cops for Kids](#)

All first responders are entitled to a complimentary ticket, while all family and friends receive a buy one/get one heavily discounted \$20 ticket. Order your discounted tickets by February 2. For



May 12-20

[Greater Cleveland Police Week](#)

May 17-20

[33rd Annual Greater Cleveland Police Memorial Commemoration](#)

June 30, July 1

[2nd Annual Honor Guards Day \(event in Orlando, Florida\)](#)

September 30

[Canadian Police & Peace Officers Memorial Service](#)

November 29

[GCPOMS Night at the Races](#)

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# OFFICER NEEDS ASSISTANCE

**BLOOD DRIVE  
JANUARY 14, 2018**

**1-5PM**

**CPPA HALL**

Officer Ken Brown and his wife Dawn are expecting their beautiful babygirl Cassidy next month, as most of you know, his wife is battling stage 4 metastatic breast cancer.

All donations will go directly to dawn.



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## In the News Around Town

### Settling in...

The Cleveland Police Foundation is pleased to announce its new office location in the Cleveland Police Credit Union. The address is 2301 Payne Avenue, Suite 201 in Cleveland, 44114.

CPF Executive Director Charles W. Lane, Jr. said, "This is an ideal situation. We've had five different offices in six years, so it'll be outstanding to have a more permanent home in a great building!"



### Three Kings Benefit

Our best wishes for a fun night for celebrants and supporters at the **21st Annual Three Kings Dinner, Dance, and Scholarship Benefit** this Saturday, January 6, 2018 in Tremont. **The benefit is now sold out!**

### Cops, Kids and Christmas!



Cleveland Police Officers from across the city came to join Santa and his elves at [Ronald McDonald House](#) to distribute toys, t-shirts and goodwill to kids and families who are away from home because of illness. This event got its start from now-retired CPD Officer John "JT" Thomas when his son was treated at the Cleveland Clinic in 1982. Thomas felt the need to throw this party then and continued every year since for all the kids fighting illnesses while away from home for the holidays. [Read more...](#)

## Second District Christmas Party





The Cleveland Police Foundation was proud and honored to again support the Children's Christmas Party at St. Wendelin. Over 200 terrific kids and their families were treated to lunch, gifts, and a singing Santa like no other in Cleveland at this festive party. The CPF received unbelievable support from our friends at Skylight Financial Group, who raised enough toys for needy children and their families from all across the city. Great job by the Second District Community Relations Committee, [St. Wendelin](#), Community Policing, Community Relations, Second District, and all of our police friends and volunteers who made this the best Christmas party in town! [Read more...](#)

## Fifth District Basketball Game



On Saturday, December 23, 2017 officers from the Cleveland Division of Police once again participated in a competitive sporting event against the young adults from the Fifth District community. This time it was a basketball game that was held at the Salvation Army Facility located on Grovewood Avenue. Much like the football game that these two teams had in the fall it was a real nail biter! After a brief warmup both teams stood side by side for the National Anthem along with a modest and enthusiastic crowd after which time the game began. [Read more...](#)

## **Universal Steel, Browns and Cops for Kids**





**Universal Steel Corporation/CNG National Group** donated their suite at First Energy Stadium for the Browns vs. Raven game to the Cleveland Police Foundation. CPF invited the Cleveland Police Law Enforcement Explorers to the game as thanks for all the great things they do in the community. Thank you to the Fifth District's P.O. Lakisha Harris for escorting the kids and families, and thank you, John Kresila and Universal Steel!



## **We Get Mail!**

Thanks to Lisa Fox who said regarding Friends membership, *"This would be a great gift for someone who has everything and doesn't need anything.... make that person a member/friend of the Cleveland Police Foundation."*

### **#ChristmasCheer Department**

*"May God Bless all the work that you do out there in our behalf, and for taking care of our communities. We appreciate everything that you do out there. Happy Holidays!"*

*"#UNLIMITEDLOVE and thanks to the boys in blue!" - Willie Lawson*

The Cleveland Police Foundation donated toys to Cudell Recreation's Annual Christmas Party sponsored by Willie Lawson, the "#UNLIMITEDLOVE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY." Willie, Ron Fields, and many volunteers and donors helped bring the Christmas spirit to the Cudell neighborhood!



Thanks to the generosity of our donors, particularly Skylight Financial Group, we were able to make Christmas a merry one for three teens who are living with a friend due to their mother's absence. From Cleveland resident Maria Velasquez: *"Thanks so much to the Police Foundation for making Christmas happen for my neighbor's boys. We really appreciate it so much! I hope you guys enjoy it!"*

## December Recap Montage



[Read all about it here!](#)







## Safety and 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.*

### Holiday Safety Tips Series

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



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