Executive Director Charles W. Lane, Jr., Retiring

As of February 1, 2018, the Cleveland Police Foundation said goodbye to a very valuable asset to its organization, Executive Director Charles (Chas) Lane.

Lane has been a devoted leader with the organization since 2011 when then-Chief Michael McGrath asked him to lend his talents to help establish the Cleveland Police Foundation as the official charity for the Cleveland Division of Police. The Board of Directors offered him a part time position as Executive Director. He was soon working full time hours to get the fledgling organization up and running.

Lane made it his goal to fulfill the mission of the Cleveland Police Foundation by helping to forge stronger bonds between the Cleveland Division of Police and the community it serves.

"It has been a pleasure to work with Chas in his endless support of the Cleveland Police Foundation," Board President Grant Dinner asserted. "His dedication and devotion to the organization for the past seven years has helped us fulfill our mission goal."

"For the last six-plus years I’ve had the honor and pleasure of serving as Executive Director and helping to start this organization and building it to what it is today," says Lane. "By forging a stronger partnership with the leadership of the Cleveland Division of Police, the City of Cleveland, the business community and like-minded individuals, the future is bright for this organization. The sky really is the limit."

A great big heartfelt thank you goes out to Charles Lane for all he has done to make the Cleveland Police Foundation an organization that we can be proud of. Even better things are yet to come. Good luck with your retirement, Chas!
A Message From Chas . . .

Dear Friends:

Having had the privilege of working 36+ years with the honorable men and women in the police service, and the last 6+ years with the Cleveland Police Foundation (CPF), I am drifting into full retirement.

I’d like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the members of the CPF Board of Directors for the opportunity to serve this great organization. Additionally, thanks to the many fine people and organizations forming the team responsible for leading a fledgling organization into the viable one it is today. In its short history, the CPF is now poised to have a giant impact on improving morale within the Cleveland Division of Police (CPD) and its charitable and community engagement efforts.

The team effort has paid serious dividends and we’ve only scraped the surface of what can be achieved . . .

**To the leadership of the City of Cleveland and the CPD:** Embrace the Cleveland Police Foundation and actively support its efforts to grow stronger so it can help you, your members, and the community!

**To the rank and file members of the CPD:** Thank you for taking a stand in making our community safer. You truly are “The Thin Blue Line that separates a peaceful society from anarchy.” The CPF is your charitable organization. Embrace and support it!

**To the community:** Our police cannot do it alone... they need your help to make our city safer and a better place to live. Get involved in efforts to make your neighborhood safer and if you’re able, support the CPF’s mission by joining the **Friends of the Cleveland Police Foundation**.

Respectfully,

*Chas*

Charles W. Lane, Jr., Executive Director (Ret.)

[Learn more about becoming a Friend...](#)
Help With Our Challenge: 1000 Friends of the Cleveland Police Foundation by December 31, 2018!

While our new Friends membership drive has had some great results, we need your help to increase the momentum so we reach our goal of 1000 Friends by December 31. The Friends program helps us to offer stronger partnerships with programs in the community and more fully support our official charities: Cleveland Cops for Kids, Cleveland Police Athletic League (P.A.L.), the Greater Cleveland Peach Officers Memorial Society, the Cleveland Police Historical Society and Museum, the Cleveland Police Mounted Unit Charitable Trust, Pipes & Drums of the Cleveland Police and the Cleveland Police Honor Guard.

Learn More | Join Now

CPF Police Officer of the Month, February 2018
Patrol Officer Joseph Haggerty of the Cleveland Division of Police First District is not only a model officer in his everyday duties but excels in his longtime involvement with the Cleveland Police Athletic League. He has been a P.A.L. volunteer for over 15 years and is a driving force in dozens of P.A.L. activities involving the children in the community, and has served on their Board of Directors as a trustee and presently as secretary. When asked about Officer Haggerty's role in the Police Athletic League, Executive Director Bob Kumazec stated, "Officer Haggerty has been deeply committed to the goals and mission statement of the Cleveland Police Athletic League throughout both his professional career and private life. He has constantly strived to enhance relationships between police officers and the youngsters in the community. He epitomizes the term 'community police officer' in his thoughts and actions."

For his dedication to Cleveland Police Athletic League and devotion to the youth of the community, the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to recognize Patrol Officer Joseph Haggerty as Police Officer of the Month for February 2018.

More about the Police Officer of the Month Program...

Cleveland Police Officer Helping in Puerto Rico
Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico on September 20, 2017 as a Category 4 storm with winds up to 155 mph. Many residents are still homeless or without utilities. As the island territory struggles to recover, CPD Detective Lisette Gonzalez has generously lent a hand.

The Cleveland Police Foundation recognizes Officer Gonzalez for her unselfish commitment to others. Thank you, Lisette!

"BOLO"
Be on the Lookout: Mark Your Calendar

- February 23
  - Cleveland Monsters
  - First Responders
  - Night Benefits CPF and Cops for Kids
  - All first responders are entitled to a

- May 12-20
  - Greater Cleveland Police Week

- May 12-15
  - Honor Guard and Pipe Band National
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 questions, please contact Joe Kummerl at 216-420-2937 or via email. Flyer...

February 10
Recruitment Session for Cleveland Division of Police - Now Hiring!

February 23
Benefit for the Cleveland Police Foundation at the Cleveland Royale Event

March 3
Second Annual Badges and Bagpipes

March 10
St. Patrick's Recognition Dinner and Raffle

April 4
Citizens Police Academy Begins

April 19
16th Annual Rally for Troops - Harley-Davidson

April 21
Blue Line Unlimited Dinner and Gun Raffle

Memorial Trip to D.C.

May 15
Officer Fahey Memorialized in D.C. at NLEOM

May 19
Cleveland International Tattoo

May 17-20
33rd Annual Greater Cleveland Police Memorial Commemoration

Summer 2018
Cleveland Police Museum Reopens

June 24
10th Annual Cops Ride

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

In the News Around Town

Feb. 23 Cleveland Royale to Benefit the Cleveland Police Foundation
We extend huge thanks to Bernie Moreno Companies for their generosity. **Proceeds from the Cleveland Royale event** will benefit the Cleveland Police Foundation! This event is invite only. [More info...](#)

**Second Annual Badges and Bagpipes**

Come and support the Pipes and Drums of the Cleveland Police as they present the “Second Annual Badges and Bagpipes” Saturday, March 3 from 7 p.m. to midnight at Mulberry’s on the West Bank of the Flats, 2316 Mulberry Avenue. Admission is $10 and features live music, food and drink specials, and raffles. Listen to Buckfuddy and special guest, the Columbus Police & Fire Pipes and Drums. [More info...](#)

**St. Patrick's Recognition Dinner and Raffle**
The Retired Irish Police Society (R.I.P.S.) presents a St. Patrick’s Recognition Dinner and Raffle on Saturday, March 10, 2018. Held at Brennan’s Party Center, 13000 Triskett Road, doors open at 6 pm with dinner at 7 pm. Entertainment includes the Pipes and Drums of the Cleveland Police and the Brady Campbell Irish Dancers. Tickets are $50 from Tim Leahy at 216-403-4934 or Ed Sullivan at 216-702-7186. Hope to see you there!

Progress at the Cleveland Police Museum: Reopening Summer 2018
Cuyahoga County is working to finish renovations for the new location of the Cleveland Police Museum. The new space is across the hall from their old location and includes the badge case of fallen CPD officers. Once the county finishes its renovations, the staff will have access to the collections. In the meantime, plans are going forward to design new exhibits with the goal of a partial reopening by the summer. To help further the cause, donations may be made at clevelandpolicemuseum.org.

The Cleveland Police Mounted Unit
The Cleveland Police Mounted Unit is one of the oldest in the country, over 100 years old. Seven horses and riders comprise the unit today. Though helping to deter crime is the unit’s main function, its role in community relations cannot be underestimated. Sergeant Mark Medwid states, “Wherever the police come out on the horses, the public comes out to talk to them.” Read more...

January 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.

Winter Tips Series

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

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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.

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Donate Here

Thank you for supporting the mission of the CPF.