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THE PARTNER

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Detective Lisette Gonzalez, CPF Police Officer of the Month, March 2018



Detective Lisette Gonzalez of the Cleveland Division of Police Fourth District has always shown a great concern for the community she serves but as of late, that concern for people has expanded. Detective Gonzalez has gone to Puerto Rico twice on her own time since Hurricane Maria devastated that island. She has assisted with the relief efforts to get things back to normal and on multiple occasions, personally spearheaded fundraising for the cause.

When asked about Detective Gonzalez's work ethics, her immediate supervisor, Sergeant James Bryant stated, "Detective Gonzalez is a lead detective who never backs down from a challenge or hard work. Many neighborhoods in our city are a safer place because of her dedication and work ethic. Detective Gonzalez is an asset to the Fourth District Detective Bureau, the Cleveland Division of Police, and the City of Cleveland."

For her dedication and devotion to community service, the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to recognize Detective Lisette Gonzalez as its **Police Officer of the Month for March 2018**.

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

New! The Community Partner of the Month Award

The Cleveland Police Foundation has implemented the **Community Partner of the Month Award**, given to individuals from the community who strive to support the mission goals of The Cleveland Division of Police and the CPF. These good folks support law enforcement and continue on a daily basis to help improve their individual neighborhoods. Award recipients receive a plaque and appropriate recognition. Thank you to these achievers!

January Community Partner Honoree: Mike Duda of Sports Focus Sporting Goods



Mike Duda, owner of [Sports Focus Sporting Goods](#), 6659 Pearl Rd # 103, has been an incredible partner and donor to the Cleveland Police Foundation over the last several years. Mike has donated thousands of dollars in new clothing and sports equipment to the Foundation for distribution by Cleveland Police officers throughout the city. This has enabled us to help our recreation centers and local sports leagues with football and baseball equipment and uniforms, and people who are homeless and needy with much appreciated warm winter clothing. Mike provided hundreds of pairs of socks to refugee students at Thomas Jefferson International Academy, many of whom came to this country with little or no cold weather clothing.

As Mike puts it, "I started donating to the Cops and Kids program over 20 years ago [and now have the] opportunity to expand the type of donations I can provide. I trust the Cleveland Police Foundation and Captain Sulzer to distribute to those with the greatest need. I live in the city of Cleveland and strengthening the bonds between the Cleveland Police and our community is important to all of us. I encourage others to help as they can."

For his devotion to the community and the CPF we are honored to bestow upon Mike Duda the **Community Partner of the Month for January 2018**.



Donation from Sports Focus in early 2017

April 3, 2018: Come and support local law enforcement as the Cleveland Cavs take on the Toronto Raptors!



Tickets start at \$17. \$5 of each ticket will be donated back to the Cleveland Police Foundation. [Info and tickets...](#)

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

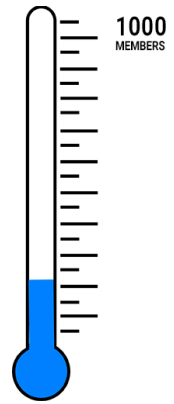


Help with Our Challenge: 1000 Friends of the Cleveland Police Foundation by December 31, 2018!

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 Peace 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](#)



"BOLO"

Be on the Lookout: Mark Your Calendar

March 10

[St. Patrick's Recognition Dinner and Raffle](#)

March 18

[Documentaries: "Dusk & Shadow" and "Disorganized Crime"](#)

April - National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 3

[Cavs and Raptors - Law Enforcement Appreciation Night - Benefits the Cleveland Police Foundation](#)

April 4

[Citizen Police Academy Begins](#)

April 6

[Emerald Society "Night at the Races"](#)

April 19

[16th Annual Rally for Troops - Harley-Davidson](#)

April 21

[Blue Line Unlimited/Outdoorsmen for Officers Banquet and Gun Raffle](#)

May 15

[Platform Beer and Cleveland Police Museum - "Roll Call Beer"](#)

May 15

[Officer Fahey Memorialized in D.C. at NLEOM](#)

May 18

[Ribbon Cutting at Police Memorial \(for expansion\)](#)

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 \(event in Orlando, Florida\)](#)

April 24
Casino Royale Benefits Cops for Kids

September 30
**Canadian Police & Peace Officers
Memorial Service**

May 12-20
Greater Cleveland Police Week

November 29
GCPOMS Night at the Races

May 12-15
**Honor Guard and Pipe Band National
Memorial Trip to D.C.**

In the News Around Town

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!

April 24: Cle Cops for Kids Casino Royale



Cleveland Cops for Kids needs your help! In order to help us help others we ask that you consider supporting our April 24 Casino Royale fundraiser from 6-10 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral. All the proceeds go to our Cops for Kids programs, whether it's providing a Christmas for a child, food and clothing for the less fortunate, or diapers for a struggling family. [More information...](#)

2nd Annual Outdoorsmen for Officers Banquet

Last Year's Event Sold Out. [Purchase Your Tickets Early.](#)

Blue Line Unlimited and the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society are pleased to present the 2nd Annual Outdoorsmen for Officers Banquet at the UAW Hall in Parma. This includes a 50 gun raffle and dinner, hors d'oeuvres, Chinese and 50/50 raffles, presentation of colors and more. Dinner is provided by World Famous Mission BBQ, and wine and beer are available. [Tickets and event info...](#)

The Progress of the Cleveland Police Museum



Remodeling is moving along for the Cleveland Police Museum. Now occupying the space in front of the Memorial Badge Wall on the south side of the first floor of headquarters, the museum is planning

its reopening for May 2018. [Read more...](#)

Cleveland Royale Recap



"Where's my Bentley?" James Bond asks Q as he's shown his gadgets and vehicle at the start of Goldfinger. "Oh, it's had its day, I'm afraid," replies Q. And with that, the Aston Martin became the Bond car.... [Read more...](#)

Chicago Tribune: "When echoes of bagpipes fade after another police funeral, cops know they are alone"

When an exemplary police officer like Cmdr. Paul Bauer is buried, Chicago binds itself in a liturgy of grief. Pageantry comes with it, from the bagpipes echoing in the gangways of the two-flats near the church, the eulogies, the public tears of politicians, the rows and rows of officers from departments across the country. And all those blue ribbons tied to all those trees. [Read more...](#)



We Get Mail!

Carol Georgia Mains: "Saw my favorite Captain, Keith G. Sulzer, on Fox 8 News today! Thanks to CPD and CFD for all that you do!"

Teryle Ciaccia: "God bless Officer Haggerty for his giving and caring spirit. He is someone truly making

a difference with kids!"

#Chas #Retirement

Bob Semenak: "To my dear friend of many years, congratulations, Chas. And thank you again for your years of service on the Force."

John Jaros: "Full retirement? Wouldn't bet on it. Congratulations and best of luck on whatever road you travel."

Patti Kohler, Linear Creative: "It's been great working with you Chas and I look forward to continuing our efforts to promote this wonderful organization."

Mark Mazur: "Thank you, Chas, for everything that you've done for the Greater Cleveland Memorial Society. They should be planning a statue near the police memorial. Have a happy retirement!"



February 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.

Gun Safety Series

Anyone who is going to own a firearm should respect it and secure it when not in use to help prevent firearm accidents and misuse.

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



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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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