



JULY 2018

THE PARTNER

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In Memory of Patrol Officer Vu Nguyen

One of Cleveland's Finest passed away on July 6 after collapsing during training for K9 handlers. PO Vu Nguyen was on life support four days prior to his death, suffering during the 93-degree heat. He leaves behind a wife and two children.

Officer Nguyen worked out of the Third District and was on the force since 1998. He received the 2016 Cleveland Police Foundation Community Service Award for helping save the life of a young girl.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family, friends, and Community of Blue. May you rest in peace, Patrol Officer Vu Nguyen.

Officer Nguyen's wake is 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 11 at Chambers Funeral Home, 4420 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland. The funeral will begin 11 a.m. Thursday at Our Lady of Angels, 3644 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland.





Patrol Officer Chris Lane and Sergeant Steve Beckner

CPF Police Officers of the Month, July 2018: Sergeant Steve Beckner and Patrol Officer Chris Lane

When Cleveland Police and the U.S. Marshalls apprehended an Athens, Ohio, father accused of abducting his children, Sergeant Steve Beckner jumped in with both feet to calm the children and mother. He immediately fed the infant child and then [FaceTimed](#) the mother to let her know that the children were fine. When the mom called the sergeant the next day telling him she could not find a ride to Cleveland to pick up the kids, he and Patrol Officer Chris Lane both volunteered to drive them the 3½ hours to Athens to reunite the family.

Athens Police Officer Andrew Reece says he and his fellow officers were touched by the kindness of the two Cleveland officers. "It's a good 3½ hour drive each way," Reece said. "They were off-duty. They weren't getting paid to do this. It took my breath away."

Sergeant Beckner, however, insists he did nothing out of the ordinary. "It's an Amber Alert," Beckner said. "You want to help any way you can."

For their selfless actions in caring for the children and helping reunite them with their mother, the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to recognize Sergeant Steve Beckner and Patrol Officer Chris Lane as **Police Officers of the Month for July of 2018**.

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



June Community Partner honoree: Saint Ignatius High School

The students of Saint Ignatius High School exemplify community service at its best. They selflessly worked to donate the entire cost of tactical vests for the two newest canine officers of the Cleveland Division of Police. Recently, the Cleveland Police Foundation and the Cleveland Police Canine Unit visited the school to thank the students for their generosity and present them with their Community Partner award. The new canine vests ensure that the dogs will be safe from harm, helping to make Cleveland a safer community. As the community works with the police, the bonds are strengthened.



It is because of their admirable commitment to the City of Cleveland, Cleveland Division of Police, and the entire community that the Cleveland Police Foundation proudly announces that Saint Ignatius High School is the recipient of the **Community Partner of the Month for June 2018**.

[More about the Community Partner of the Month Program . . .](#)

Pre-order your 2019 "Dog and Pony Show" calendar today!

Woof woof! **Time to send in pre-orders** for our new *2019 Dog and Pony Calendar*. Featuring beautiful shots of the K-9 dogs and horses in the Cleveland Mounted Unit, this first edition calendar will be a collector's item! Proceeds benefit the Cleveland Police Foundation. Pre-ordered calendars will start shipping October 2018.

Photography services are provided as a courtesy from [Greg Murray Photography](#).



How to Purchase

Check out the video

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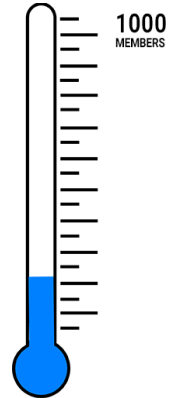
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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



Help with our challenge: 1,000 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](#)

"BOLO"

Be on the Lookout: Mark Your Calendar

August 7

[National Night Out Against Crime](#)

September 27

[Tribute to the Blue](#)

July 23

[Truth & Reconciliation Forum](#)

September 28-October 1

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

Fall 2018

Dates TBA for Kickin' It With Cops events - stay tuned!

November 29

[GCPOMS Night at the Races](#)

September 15

[Ride-2-Achieve](#)

In the News Around Town



July 23 Truth & Reconciliation Forum

The Truth & Reconciliation Forum is necessary to help us as a community better understand the divisions, discrimination, as well as similar existing social conditions to those surrounding the Hough (July 18-23, 1966) and Glenville (July 23-27, 1968) uprisings, come to terms with the legacy of our past, and create a safe environment that promotes collective healing.

[Info and Registration](#)



Cleveland Cops N Cribs: Putting infants out of risk

The Cleveland Police Foundation has teamed up with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health on the Cops N Cribs program. Cleveland ranks near the top nationally in infant mortality rates. Many of these infant deaths are due to sleep related causes, such as adults sleeping in bed or on a couch with an infant. [Read the article . . .](#)



Help Officer Simas Kijauskas

Officer Simas was diagnosed with brain cancer more than 17 years ago. He has been through multiple surgeries, many rounds of chemo and radiation, and too many days of feeling the side effects of those treatments and daily medications. He raised his 3 children on his own and served his community throughout. Simas is an incredibly positive and self-less man, kind beyond words, and now in need of your help. [How to help . . .](#)



Monster Truck!

The Cleveland Police Foundation's Cops for Kids Monster Truck was unveiled today at the Kamms Corner's 4th of July Parade! Superman, Captain America, the Hulk, and other Superheroes made an appearance on the side of the truck.

A big thanks to the students and staff at Ohio Technical College for fixing up this old classic and making it relevant again! "Come and Join Our Team" and become a superhero to Cleveland. Call our Recruitment Unit for information, 216-623-5233.



Calling all sponsors . . .

The mission of the Ride-2-Achieve Challenge is to promote safer, healthier communities by encouraging students to safely walk or ride their bicycles to school and to build trust between police officers and our youth. As a community of champions, we strive to motivate children in grades K through 8 to increase student achievement in the areas of attendance, academic and citizenship. [Info . . .](#)



Nimo and Bas

Mounted Unit Horses: The Hard-Working Bas and Nimo

From the medieval knights crusading to the Holy Land to Hollywood movies, comes a remarkable breed of horses, the Friesian. The Cleveland Police Mounted Unit is proud to stable two, Bas and Nimo. [Info . .](#)



Thank You, Skylight Financial!

The Cleveland Police Foundation wants to thank Skylight Financial for helping us help others! Cleveland Police Foundation's holiday activities for children in the community will be much more cheerful because of Skylight! [Read the article . . .](#)



Each Paver Remembers: Support the Police Memorial expansion with a commemorative paver

Show your support for the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society by sponsoring a Commemorative Paver brick for placement in the pathways at the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers memorial. This is a permanent tribute that offers the opportunity to show your family's or company's support to our fallen officers. [Information . . .](#)



We get mail!

#OfficerOfTheMonth

Steve Beckner: "Steve, Dad and I are so very proud of you. You are a dedicated police officer and wonderful father."

Jennifer Egan Rogers: "Congratulations to both! Chris your family is very proud of you! Helping children

must run in the family!"

Sue Olson Hunt: "What wonderful men they are. Well deserved congratulations!"

#CommunityPartner

The June Community Partner honoree was St. Ignatious High School.

Fay Kirchner: "Outstanding young men! You're making this world a better place! Thank you, CPD and CPD Canine Unit for serving and protecting! Be safe!"



#RefreshCollective #HipHop

Rosalind Taylor: I AM THE PROUDEST AUNT IN CLEVELAND OHIO!

Officers participated in a hip hop project with Refresh Collective and summer camp students to bring positive change to Cleveland.

June recap photos . . .

[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.

Summer Safety Tip Series

Summer hosts its own special concerns - stay safe!

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.



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

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