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# THE PARTNER

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## October 2018 Police Officer of the Month: Patrol Officer Louis Kitko

First District Patrol Officer **Louis Kitko** is a tremendous example of an officer who cares for his community and the people he serves. Officer Kitko, a 20-year veteran officer, always has badges, coloring books, and child identification kits on hand in the First District lobby to pass out to children who stop by with their parents. He recently reached out to the Cleveland Police Foundation and personally purchased over \$600 in Cleveland Police teddy bears to pass out while on duty. Whenever Cops for Kids has a fundraising event, Officer Lou continually volunteers to sell tickets and helps support and promote the events.

When asked about Officer Kitko, First District Commander Daniel Fay stated, "Officer Kitko represents some of the essential traits of every police officer: he's community-oriented, has a great work ethic, integrity, he's a problem-solver and is service-minded. He is always willing to go the extra mile to assist

a fellow officer or citizen in their time of need. Officer Kitko is an asset to the First District and the Cleveland Division of Police.”

The Cleveland Police Foundation and Cops for Kids want to thank Patrol Officer Lou for creating a better relationship between the Cleveland Police officers and the children we serve.

It is because of this devotion we recognize Patrol Officer Louis Kitko as the **Police Officer of the Month for October 2018**.

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



## October 2018 Community Partner of the Month: Frankie Galizio

In the last five years, **Frankie Galizio** has hosted and helped organize five of our Cops for Causes reverse raffles as well as selling a large portion of tickets for each event. Proceeds go to outreach efforts of our dedicated Cleveland Police officers throughout the community. These include providing cribs for infants, Christmas presents and parties for struggling families, or donations toward helping those in need. The money donated to our Cops for Kids programs and to the Cleveland Police Foundation has helped us fulfill our mission by creating a better relationship between police and the community we serve.

Our officers truly appreciate the privilege of being able to help a family in need or a resident through tough times. We owe a great deal of thanks to Frank Galizio and all the volunteers from St. Rocco Parish who help us help others!

It is because of this unselfish and dedicated effort that the Cleveland Police Foundation names Frank Galizio as its **Community Partner of the Month for October 2018**.

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



## Third District Police Community Relations Committee Awards Ceremony

The Annual Third District Police Community Relations Committee Awards Program was held at the [Fatima Family Center](#) on September 20, 2018. On hand to participate were **Mayor Frank Jackson**, **Chief Calvin Williams**, and numerous city dignitaries.

These awards are given to police officers who go beyond the call of duty. Also being honored at this event were the Cleveland Police Foundation's Community Service Award winners: **Third District Detective Stephan Williams**, **Carm Kelly** from [Midtown Cleveland](#), and [The Landmark Restaurant](#).

The award's presentation was followed by a delicious meal provided by the **Community Relations Committee**.

Congratulations to all the recipients for a job well done!

A special thanks to **Nancy Feighan** and **Angela Thi Bennett** from the Cleveland Police Foundation for attending and assisting at the event.





## Fourth District Police Community Relations Committee Awards Ceremony

The 37th Annual Fourth District Police/Community Relations Awards Ceremony was held on October 4, 2018 at the [Benjamin Rose Institute](#). A fine crowd gathered to honor both officers and citizens who went beyond the call of duty. The Cleveland Police Foundation also honored some very special people with our annual Community Service Awards. They were **Detective Keith Walker**, **P.O. Marcus Jones**, [The Cleveland Housing Network](#), and **Anita Gardner**.

Among the recipients recognized by the Fourth District was a dear friend of the Cleveland Police Foundation, **Mr. Nelson Beckford**. Mr. Beckford has assisted the CPF with many projects, especially the new community park dedicated to Fallen Officer Derek Owens. He has acted as an ambassador between the community and law enforcement and served as a catalyst for many collaborations between them.

A big thank you goes out to the **Fourth District Community Relations Board** and all the family, friends, and neighbors who came out and supported the recipients.

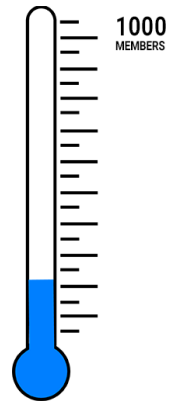
Congratulations to all the officers and citizens who were honored at this event.

Keep up the good work!



**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 about becoming a Friend](#)

## "BOLO"

### Be on the Lookout: Mark Your Calendar

October 20

[Annual Gun Buyback](#)

November 30

[GCPOMS Night at the Races](#)

November 16

[Cookin' With Cops](#)

March 7, 2019

[Tribute to the Blue](#)

## In the News Around Town



## November 16: Cookin' with Cops

Five teams made up of police officers and kids (one officer and three children) will compete in the cook-off at Tri-C. We invite you to come out and support your District! [More info...](#)



## Annual Gun Buyback October 20!

The Cleveland Police Department will hold their annual gun buyback program **October 20, 2018**. The buyback starts at 9 a.m. at Cleveland's Third District Police Station, 4501 Chester Ave. Anyone bringing in a firearm is eligible for a gift card valued at **\$100** for handguns and **\$200** for semi-automatic rifles.

[More information...](#)



Chief Edward Kovacic

## Chief Edward P. Kovacic, 1930-2018

We are sad to learn that **Chief Edward Kovacic** passed away on September 30. Kovacic was instrumental in building the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial, and was a strong supporter of the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society. [More information...](#)



## 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

## We get mail!

### #ChiefKovacic

*Former police chief Edward Kovacic passed away September 30.*

**Charles Lane:** "A great man and P.O. Never forgot where he came from. Rest in Eternal Peace Chief."

**Carmyn Marie-Anne:** "There're not enough words I can say to describe how great he was! At everything! Being a dad, a police officer, a friend, a confidant, everything he did in life he was great! I miss him so much. Life isn't the same without him."

### #CommunityPartneroftheMonth

*The October 2018 POM is Frank Galizio.*

**Thomas Mulgrew:** "Frank, it is a true honor to have you as a friend. Keep setting the great example of how good things happen to those who are unselfish and giving of themselves. You come from good stock. - Tbone"

## Recap photos . . .

Simply amazing amount of work - impossible to track it all! Here are photos from the plethora of events local police officers were involved in in over just a once month period.

[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.*

### Child Abuse Prevention Series

Tips for intervention and more.

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



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