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THE PARTNER

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November 2018 Police Officer of the Month: Detective Chris Gibbons

Detective Chris Gibbons has been a dedicated Cleveland Division of Police officer since 1997 and has been with the Employee Assistance Unit since December 2004. He excels at his job description, which is to help fellow officers deal with traumatic and stressful situations. For those who turn to substance abuse, Detective Gibbons can offer an experienced hand. As a recovering alcoholic, he knows what it is like to battle these types of demons.

Detective Gibbons turned his life around and become an outstanding police officer like his father and grandfather. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Edna House, founded by his sister Erin. This program helps women recover from their addictions and has graduated over 300 participants.

When asked about Detective Gibbons, his former supervisor, retired Sergeant Lynda Marshall Dismuke stated, "I recruited Detective Gibbons for the job on the EAU because I knew from his days working the

streets that he had a true feeling for the people he dealt with and for the community in general. He was what I called a 'real' officer – which means he wasn't fake and always put a sincere and caring effort in helping his fellow officers."

It is because of this devotion and dedication to both the officers of the Cleveland Division of Police and the community he serves that we recognize Detective Chris Gibbons as the **Police Officer of the Month for November 2018**.

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



November 2018 Community Partner of the Month: Linda Lewis

Linda Lewis has been a longtime supporter of the Cleveland Division of Police and has held the position of secretary for the Cleveland Police Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association since 2006. She is also active in her community and is one of the founding members of the Fullerton Road Block Club. So whether it is marching with her group in the Police Memorial Parade or organizing the Alumni's Summer Picnic and Christmas Party, Linda is always there to make any event a success.

When asked about Linda Lewis, retired CPD Officer Bob Guttu, who is himself a co-founder of the Alumni Association stated, "Linda joined the group about a year after its inception and has made it her personal goal to keep it going to make it the success it is today. She is one very special person."

It is because of her devotion and dedication to her community that the Cleveland Police Foundation names Linda Lewis as its **Community Partner of the Month for November 2018**.

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



12th Annual Gun Buy Back a Success!

The Cleveland Police Foundation is once again pleased to report on the success of the Annual City of Cleveland Gun Buyback.

In just two and a half hours we managed to collect **185 firearms, including 146 handguns and 39 long guns**, at the 12th Annual Buyback, held October 20 at the CPD 3rd District Headquarters. A victim of this year's success, the event had to be stopped early after running out of gift cards.

The buyback was primarily funded through a generous grant provided by **ArcelorMittal** to the CPF. The Cleveland Division of Police collected, inspected, catalogued and prepared the firearms for eventual disposal at the ArcelorMittal plant to be recycled into new steel.

The firearms themselves were exchanged for \$100 gift cards purchased through and donated by our longtime supporters and community partners, **Dave's Supermarket, Target and Tru North Shell**.

[More information...](#)



Fifth District Police Community Relations Committee Awards Ceremony

The 2018 Fifth District Police/Community Relations Awards Ceremony was held at the [Cleveland Job Corps](#) on October 18th, 2018. An enthusiastic crowd was on hand to honor both police officers and citizens who willingly make their community a better place to work and reside. Also in attendance were **Mayor Frank Jackson**, **Chief Calvin Williams** and a host of other city dignitaries to recognize these special individuals.

Among these recipients were **Patrol Officer LaKisha Harris**, **Deidre Lightning-Whitted** and **Swagelok Inc.** (Gary Plona) – all winners of the **Cleveland Police Foundation Community Service Award**.

Congratulations to all the awardees!

A big thank you to CPF board member **Nancy Feighan** for her assistance and to the Job Corps staff for a great job in making this ceremony a success.



First District Police Community Relations Committee Awards Ceremony

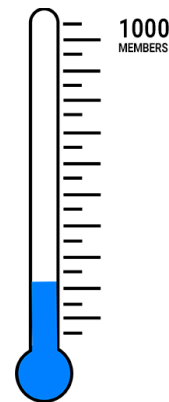
The **Annual First District Police/Community Relations Award Ceremony** was held on November 1st, 2018 at **St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church**. In attendance to honor the officers and citizens from the First District were numerous city dignitaries, family, friends and citizens from the community. On hand to present the Cleveland Police Foundation yearly Community Service Awards were board members **Nancy Feighan** and **Jim Craciun**. This year's recipients were **Officer Tim Riley**, **Jennifer Mahoney** and **Athens Pizza**. Upon completion of the award's presentation a meal was provided by the Community Relations Committee. Congratulations to all the award winners on a job well done and keep up the good work, you all are very much appreciated.



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

November 5 - December 14

[Skylight Foundation Holiday Toy Drive](#)

November 30

[GCPOMS Night at the Races](#)

November 16

[Cookin' With Cops](#)

December TBA

[Crafts with Cops](#)

November 17

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[Tribute to the Blue](#)

In the News Around Town



Cookin' with Cops



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...](#)

Halloween Around Town

The Cleveland Police Foundation and our partners were quite busy this Halloween. First, we stopped off at the [Steelyard Commons](#) and the [Ward 16 Haunted Hallow](#) to pass out candy. Then, [Cops for Kids](#) stopped at the downtown [YWCA](#) and the [Big City Boo Halloween Party](#). And last but not least, the [Community Policing](#) group was out at the ["Say Boo to Drugs" Halloween Parade](#) alongside a stop at [MetroHealth](#) to pass out toys and candy. A big thanks to all the groups and volunteers who helped make this a happy, and safe, Halloween!



"Only if I can join you"

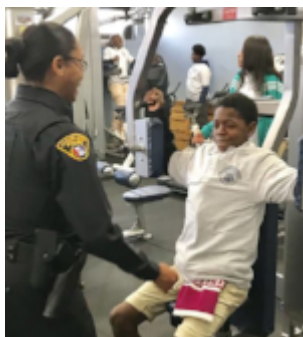
As you all know by now the Cleveland Police Foundation family lost a very special member of it's organization a few weeks ago with the passing of Chief Edward Kovacic. He was not only a respected member of our Board of Advisors but also was a 2014 recipient of our Lifetime Achievement Award and recognized for this at our 3rd Annual CPF Gala. One of his most satisfying and proudest



accomplishments was seeing the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial being built. [Continue reading...](#)

A Little Free Library in memory of Todd Bol

The Cleveland Police Foundation, with some help from the **United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Home Depot**, and students and staff at **East Clark School** installed our fifth **Little Free Library** at CMSD schools this morning. This library was installed in the memory of Little Free Library founder **Todd Bol** who recently passed away! Todd had recently traveled to Cleveland and donated five Little Free Libraries to the Cleveland Police Foundation along with a Little Free Library tricycle to be used for community events. [More info...](#)



Law Enforcement Shadowing Day at Harvey Rice

The Cleveland Police Foundation's **Law Enforcement Shadowing Program** took twelve 7th and 8th graders from **Harvey Rice School** on a field trip to get a front row seat and see what law enforcement officers do every day! [More info...](#)

Congratulations to the PAL Reddogs

The **Cleveland PAL Reddogs** braved the rain, hail, and wind to battle the **N.E.O. Saints** for the Cleveland Muni Football League Midget Division Football Championship. The Reddogs fought hard throughout the game but when time ran out the Saints came out ahead 14 to 7. However, the Reddogs had an outstanding season going undefeated until the Championship game. [More info...](#)



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

Woof woof! [Time to send in 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.

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



[How to Purchase](#)

We get mail!

#InTheService

Joanne Mickol: "Thank you! My dad was a Cleveland Police Officer. He missed many Christmases as we were growing up. My mom had many sleepless nights. Thank you for all you do! "

Jeanne Sweat: "The loss of one police officer brings such sadness and sense of loss to our community - there is never enough words to cover the profound sorrow felt when he/she falls..."

#ToddBol

Alanna Faith: "My heart felt condolences to his family and friends. His efforts will live on in every child that has had a love of reading ignited in them."

Sharon Davis Shockey: "Thoughts and prayers to his family and friends. Thank you for all your contributions to so many children. RIP"

#CookinWithCops

The Black Shield Police Association: "The Black Shield had SO much fun cooking and learning food science with these scholars! Thanks so much for the invite."

#CommunityPartneroftheMonth

The November 2018 Community Partner of the Month is Linda Lewis.

Charles Lane: "Thanks to Linda for her outstanding service to the community and support for our

officers. Congratulations Linda."

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 one 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.

- **Holiday Safety Tips Series**

Braving the season on the road and at home!

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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