CPF Police Officer of the Month, June 2019: The Cleveland Police Honor Guard

The Cleveland Police Foundation is very proud to support the Cleveland Police Honor Guard for the important work they do and recognize them as one of our umbrella charities!

The Cleveland Police Honor Guard ensures that all appropriate courtesies are rendered at the funerals and memorial services for active and retired police officers, especially those who have died in the line of duty. Additionally, they represent the Cleveland Division of Police at civic functions, parades, and sporting events by serving as its color guard, and with precision marching and drill routines.

During their recent trip to Washington, D.C. for 2019 National Police Week, the Cleveland Police Honor Guard had the honor of escorting the family of recently deceased CPD Officer Vu Nguyen during the
candlelight vigil, as well as other families as they departed their buses. On National Police Officers Memorial Day they stood with thousands on the Capitol lawn for the official service and address by President Trump and other dignitaries.

When asked about the Cleveland Police Honor Guard, member PO Tom Ross stated, “It is critical that an agency the size of Cleveland has a presence at National Police Week every year. When there is a line of duty death in Northeast Ohio our Ceremonial Unit is often one of the first resources requested to assist that agency.”

It is because of their dedication and devotion to their duty that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name The Cleveland Police Honor Guard as its Police Officers of the Month for June 2019.

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

CPF Community Partner of the Month, June 2019: City of Cleveland Truck Repair Garage

The men working at the City of Cleveland Truck Repair Garage at East 49th Street and Harvard Avenue do an awesome job! Delton Wright and his men rarely get the thanks and credit they deserve for keeping our city trucks up and running.
The Cleveland Police Foundation's Cops for Kids truck has over 141,000 miles on it and the mechanics do a terrific job keeping that truck on the road for our many community events. Without these men, Santa wouldn't be able to make all of his toy deliveries for the holiday season!

On behalf of St. Nick and Cops for Kids, the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name the City of Cleveland Truck Repair Garage as the **Community Partner of the Month for June 2019**.

**More about the Community Partner of the Month Program...**

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**Help with our challenge: 1,000 Friends of the Cleveland Police Foundation by December 31, 2019!**

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](#)

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**"BOLO"**

**Be on the Lookout: Mark Your Calendar**

- **July 9, 2019**
  - Second District Community Relations Meeting

- **July 10, 2019**
  - Quaker Steak & Lube CLE PAL Bike Nite

- **Aug 1, 2019**
  - Pipeline Program Graduation at City Hall

- **August 14, 2019**
  - Quaker Steak & Lube CLE PAL Bike Nite
In the News Around Town

You Are Invited! Public Safety Career Pipeline Program Graduation Ceremony August 1

Congratulations these accomplished graduates Thursday, Aug. 1 at noon at Cleveland City Hall!

In 2018, youths and young adults from 14 to 18 years old joined this innovative job readiness and work experience program, a collaborative effort of the Cleveland Police Foundation, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, and Tri-C Public Safety Academy.

We invite you to watch this informative video about the Career Pipeline Program. You can also learn more about the Pipeline program on our website, here.
Halloran Park turns into Farm Country

The 2019 Halloran Park Summer Children’s Entertainment event theme on Friday, June 14 was "Farm in the City."

Kids and families had a great time with farm animals and pony rides, plus CPD’s Mounted Unit Officer Herron and steed Jack were on hand to greet the crowd. To top it off, the CPD ice cream truck was there to pass out ice cream courtesy of Cleveland Cops for Kids!

Great job by Halloran Recreation Manager Maryann Koziol Fields, Westown Development’s Rose Zitiello, and City of Cleveland Councilwoman Dona Brady. A big thanks to CPD’s First District officers, Community Policing, and Mounted Unit for participating. Great way to welcome summer!

Kids for Cops Fishing Event

On June 11, 2019 the Eleventh Annual First and Second District Cops for Kids fishing event was held at Edgewater Park. Sponsored by Safety Director Mike McGrath, there were 21 kids from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland joined by an equal amount of CPD officers for a morning of fishing aboard the Holiday Charter Boat.
Although the weather was sunny and cool, the lake had a slight chop and a few of the kids got seasick! But they still managed to catch some tasty walleye.

The group returned to the marina a little early and all enjoyed a nice lunch. Then the kids had the opportunity to interact with the police officers they fished with, as well as officers from the SWAT Unit, Mounted Unit, Motorcycle Unit, and K-9 Officers.

Thanks to all the Cleveland Police Foundation board members, neighborhood volunteers, and Cleveland Police officers who participated in making this event a success. And a special thanks goes out to board member Dick Clough for donating four large plush stuffed fish that were raffled off to four lucky children. The big ones didn’t get away!

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**Missing Persons Awareness Event at Public Square**

Cleveland Police and the FBI partnered together for a Missing Person Awareness event at Public Square on May 25. The purpose of this event was to draw attention to active missing person cases and to remind parents to talk to their children about safety.

Please take a few minutes to talk to your kids about bullying, gun safety, stranger danger, and internet safety. Young children need to know their parents’ names, phone numbers, and their addresses. Never assume your child knows this information; take the time to talk about these things periodically.

A big thanks to Cops for Kids for supplying ice cream and toys for the officers to hand out to the community!

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**We get mail!**

#WingsOfWonder
Cyndi Becker says, "These guys and lady were great. So proud to say I shared the day with Cleveland's finest. Cared so much for the kids and helped in any way possible. Such caring individuals. Great group. Kudos to George and Breeze, too. THANK YOU ALL for sharing this day."

#FathersDayRead

Nancy Feighan says, "Waverly Willis and Keith G. Sulzer, what a wonderful way to celebrate Father's Day."

#DerekOwens

RE New Little Free Library for the Derek Owens Memorial Park
Lisa Stevenson says,"Simply FABULOUS 👏ly. He was a fine young man. 😊😊"

Deborah Dickinson says, "The children's kindness just warms my heart. May we NEVER FORGET Officer Derek Owens!"

#MayPOM

Tom Tomsick says, "Congratulations, Andy! I hope someone can one day take up your banner to resurrect the Fund's activity."

Recap photos . . .

Simply amazing amount of work - impossible to track it all! Here are photos from the many events local police officers were involved in over just a short 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 presents these tips so citizens can help to make our community safer.

Fireworks Safety Tips

In the U.S.A. in 2016, at least four people died and about 11,100 were injured badly enough to require medical treatment after fireworks-related accidents.

First, we strongly recommend that you refrain from using fireworks and leave the displays to the professionals. That said, we realize that people like to enjoy the long-seated tradition of using them and celebrating our country’s freedom. So, here are a few safety tips for you and your family:

1. Never use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol.
2. Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
3. Older children should use them only under close adult supervision.
4. Anyone using fireworks or standing nearby should wear protective eyewear.
5. Never light fireworks indoors.
6. Only use them away from people, houses and flammable materials.
7. Only light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting.
9. Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks.
10. Soak unused fireworks in water for a few hours before discarding.
11. Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don’t go off or in case of fire.

Be smart. Stay safe! And best yet, leave the fireworks displays to the professionals.

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

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Thank you for supporting the mission of the CPF.