CPF Police Officer of the Month, July 2019: Sergeant Rochelle Bottone

Recently, First District Sergeant Rochelle Bottone had the pleasure of meeting a resident of West 146th Street. This neighbor wanted to show his appreciation to all the Cleveland Division of Police officers by displaying a law enforcement flag in his yard. Sergeant Bottone was able to procure a flag and dropped it off at his house. On a subsequent visit to the man’s home, the sergeant discovered that the man’s therapy dog would sometimes leave the backyard through a hole in the fence.

Sergeant Bottone recruited other officers from the First District. They returned to the man’s property and not only repaired the fence but cleaned up the entire yard!

When asked about this unselfish gesture, First District Commander Daniel Fay stated, “Kudos to Sergeant Bottone for initiating this action and thanks to Detective Adams and officers Nuti, Hoban, Adams, Turner, and Zak for representing the true meaning of ‘To Serve.’”
It is because of her caring for her fellow man and devotion to her duties that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Sergeant Rochelle Bottone as its Police Officer of the Month for July 2019. Also, a big thanks to all the officers who assisted!

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

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

"BOLO"
Be on the Lookout: Mark Your Calendar

August 1, 2019
Pipeline Program Graduation at City Hall
12:00-1:30 pm

September 6-8, 2019
PAL Youth Leadership Conference
Kalahari Resort in Sandusky

August 6, 2019
National Night Out Against Crime
5:00-9:00 pm at Steelyard Commons

September 7, 2019
CLE PAL Kalahari Boxing Classic
9:00 am-5:00 pm at the PAL Youth Leadership Conference in Sandusky

August 13, 2019
Second District Community Relations Meeting

September 11, 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

Congratulate 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.
Save the Date: Oct. 4 Reverse Raffle To Benefit Childrens' Holiday Parties

You are cordially invited to participate in the Oct. 4, 2019 Cops for Causes Reverse Raffle at St. Rocco’s Hall, 3205 Fulton Rd. in Cleveland. Doors open at 6pm; dinner is served at 7:30.

$50 per person includes dinner and open bar. Proceeds benefit Cops for Kids and the 1st and 2nd District Christmas parties for needy children.

Only 200 main board tickets sold! For tickets and reservations, contact Captain Sulzer at (216) 623-3334 or Frank Galizio at (216) 526-4123.

From Captain Sulzer: "Here is the flyer for our Christmas fundraiser for needy families. We split the
money between the 1st and 2nd District Christmas parties. Each party invites about 200 kids and families from the neediest in the district. Santa performs for the kids and it is a terrific event."

Please spread the word with this flyer!

Sponsored by Greater Cleveland Sandlot Baseball

Empowering Latina Youth to Achieve Their Goals

On Tuesday July 16, CPD Community Relations Officer Freddy Diaz had the opportunity to visit “La Mariposa” camp (The Butterfly). This summer camp focuses on empowering young Latinas to believe they can accomplish any dream or goals they have.

The camp is held at Hispanic UMADAOP on Scranton Road in the Tremont neighborhood of Cleveland.

Kids and adults chatted, laughed, and shared thoughts on challenges young people face. We know they were motivated to follow their dreams!

Jimmy Malone’s Scholarship Golf Outing

The Cleveland Police Foundation and Cops for Kids showed support for 105.7’s Jimmy Malone’s Scholarship Golf Classic at Westfield Country Club. Malone offers college scholarships to some 55 students, providing $3,000 or more per year.

This was a great opportunity to talk informally with some great kids, and give them an honest perspective on college and their careers after school. About 90% of these students graduate, and the hope is for them to come back to Northeast Ohio once they have completed their studies.

The Malone Scholarship and College Now work to get these students mentors who guide them through their college experience, and we salute them for giving back to Cleveland and our youth!
Cleveland Police Pair Up with DJ Doc’s Fresh Camp

Cleveland Cops for Kids, the Second District, and Community Policing spent some time at DJ Doc’s Fresh Camp on Friday July 12 as they shared a meal and made some music!

Fresh Camp is a summer program teaching inner city youth how to create positive themed hip-hop and rap songs. Some of the themes they tackled were giving kids a voice, Cleveland’s lead paint crisis, and reducing violence in our streets.

Cleveland Police Officer John Fore, forever known from now on as John E. Fore “Gotten,” even laid down a beat with the kids to everyone’s amusement!

Cops for Kids provided Crust Pizza for lunch. (Crust Pizza was named one of “Cleveland’s Own” by Kaulig Charitable Giving Programs and featured on Fox8!)

A big thanks to DJ Doc and his brother Lee Harrill for bringing police and our youth together for some positive interaction.

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."

Cleveland Police officers from Community Policing and our Bike Patrol had the opportunity to participate in the Kids in Flight’s Wings of Wonder at Burke Lakefront Airport! This is a wonderful event giving kids sight seeing flight tours around Cleveland.

#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 💕💕. He was a fine young man. 🕵️‍♂️ ⚖️"  

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

#HeroesRollCall

RE Patrolman Willard J. Wolff  

Tia Be: They are all HEROES, L.O.D. or not. God bless all our men/women in blue. MY late husband, Patrolman Stanley Hart Badge 661. Forever his proud wife.

#Unknown

Terri Pekarcick says, "This Foundation gives and does SO much for their community! Absolutely WONDERFUL!"

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.

911 Tips
In an emergency, location is the number one thing dispatchers say you need to be ready to give them.

People sometimes assume that your location pops up on a map as soon as an emergency dispatcher answers the phone. Not necessarily true. If you’re calling on a mobile phone, they do not have the exact spot. Newer model mobile phones may give them general location information but not exact addresses. Older phone models would not have that information at all.

An exact address is best, or a street and nearby cross street. If you don’t know those, try to provide landmarks to help dispatchers send help.

If calling 911, stay calm. The dispatcher has to be able to understand you to help you. When it comes to information about the call, they’ll usually ask who, what, where, when and sometimes why.

Deputies don’t want to respond blindly to a call that might become violent. Often, dispatchers will ask if any weapons, drugs or alcohol are involved for officer safety information.

Listen to the dispatcher and let them lead you through questions. Rather than just ask you open-ended questions, they may give you multiple choice answers. Those are often easier to process for people who are upset.

People sometimes get frustrated with dispatchers because they think that in answering many questions, it is delaying a critical response. But the dispatcher is not the one responding to the scene; in a public safety call, the deputy has already been dispatched. The information being gathered is being relayed simultaneously to the deputy heading to the scene of the call.

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

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