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# THE PARTNER

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## CPF Police Officer of the Month, August 2019: Patrol Officer Taylor Bohlen

Cleveland Division of Police **Patrol Officer Taylor Bohlen** is assigned to the NICE Unit (Neighborhood Impact Community Engagement), so it wasn't very surprising that he recently played a significant part in saving a life. Ashley Spencer was walking down the stairs at Cleveland City Hall when she experienced a severe asthma attack and frantically waved to Officer Bohlen, who was standing nearby. Ashley collapsed while PO Bohlen assessed the situation, could not find her pulse, and immediately administered CPR, saving her life.

After the incident Ashley recalled, "I was taking my inhaler and it wasn't working and in a matter of seconds I went down for the count."

Officer Bohlen remarked, "I was able to put my prior work experience to use as well as the training I received from the department. Combining that with being at the right place at the right time made everything come together." Officer Bohlen also made it a point to visit Ashley at the hospital to check on her condition.

Officer Bohlen's immediate supervisor, Lieutenant Arneil Rose, commented, "I first met Patrol Officer Taylor Bohlen at the Fifth District. From the beginning you could tell he was serious about his career path. He already had a label of service about him from his previous EMT training. Officer Bohlen is new to the NICE Unit, but I remember from his interview that he expressed that he wanted to be of service to the NICE unit. How lucky we and the citizens of Cleveland are to have him."

It is because of his caring for the citizens he serves and his devotion to his work that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Patrol Officer Taylor Bohlen as its **Police Officer of the Month for August 2019**.

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



**Community Partners of the Month, August 2019: Lauren Nicoloff, Evan Berliner (both from First Interstate) and Randy Harris (Steelyard Target)**

The City of Cleveland has celebrated the **National Night Out Against Crime** event for 36 years, and for the last 13 years, **First Interstate Properties** has hosted the event at Steelyard Commons.

The First Interstate team of **Evan Berliner** and **Lauren Nicoloff** have done an amazing job of organizing and planning the event and have helped make the Steelyard National Night Out one of the largest in the nation.

**Steelyard Target and Randy Harris and team** have been tremendous partners for NNO. Not only do they contribute financially, but they also bring many Target employee volunteers to help cook, set up, and serve.

The City of Cleveland and Cleveland Police Foundation value these partnerships formed through NNO and understand that strong partnerships like these build a stronger community.

It is because of this investment in our community and dedication to helping Cleveland Police better connect with our community that the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name Lauren Nicoloff and Evan Berliner of First Interstate Properties, as well as Randy Harris and his Steelyard Target team, as **Community Partners of the Month for August 2019**.

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



**Community Partners of the Month, July 2019: Trident Marine and**



## Linda Mae Charters

Ten years ago, then Cleveland Police Chief Mike McGrath brought together police officers from the Cleveland Division of Police and 30 kids from the community. They shared a morning of Lake Erie fishing on **Trident Marine's** charter boat *Holiday*, with owner and Captain Wayne Bratton running the vessel.

This event was met with great appreciation from both the officers and kids. "Hanging out" together in a relaxed atmosphere strengthened the bonds between them. This experience became an annual event as the **Cops for Kids Fishing Outing** was born.

Eventually, the gathering became large enough to include another boat and Captain Vitus Kijauskas of **Linda Mae Charters**. Just like Trident Marine, Linda Mae Charters charged a nominal fee to ensure the Cops for Kids event would continue to the present time.

Both Wayne and Vitus have always gone beyond the call of duty to make sure the cops and the kids have a good time and were always available for our trips on the lake. Unfortunately, Captain Bratton passed away last year from an extended illness. However, his devotion and dedication to our cops and kids will never be forgotten. Captain Wayne's son Bill has taken over the business and made it his goal to continue to make the *Holiday* boat available for our events.

It is with great pride that the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name Trident Marine (Bill Bratton) and Linda Mae Charters (Vitus Kijauskas) as the **Community Partners of the Month for July 2019**.

[More about the Community Partner 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](#)

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# "BOLO"

## Be on the Lookout: Mark Your Calendar

**September 5, 2019**

**First District Community Relations  
Committee Meeting**

7:00-8:00 pm

**September 6-8, 2019**

**PAL Youth Leadership Conference**  
Kalahari Resort in Sandusky

**September 7, 2019**

**CLE PAL Kalahari Boxing Classic**  
9:00 am-5:00 pm at the PAL Youth  
Leadership Conference in Sandusky

**September 10, 2019**

**Second District Community Relations  
Committee Meeting**  
6:30-7:30pm

**September 11, 2019**

**Quaker Steak & Lube CLE PAL Bike Nite**  
5:00-10:00 pm

**September 18, 2019**

**Fifth District Community Relations  
Committee Meetings**  
6:30-7:30 pm

**September 24, 2019**

**Third District Community Relations  
Committee Meeting**  
7:00-8:00 pm

**October 4, 2019**

**Cops for Causes Reverse Raffle**  
Benefits Cops for Kids and Kids'  
Christmas Parties

**November 7, 2019**

**First District Police/Community Relations  
Awards Ceremony**  
6:30-8:00 pm

**October 27, 2019**

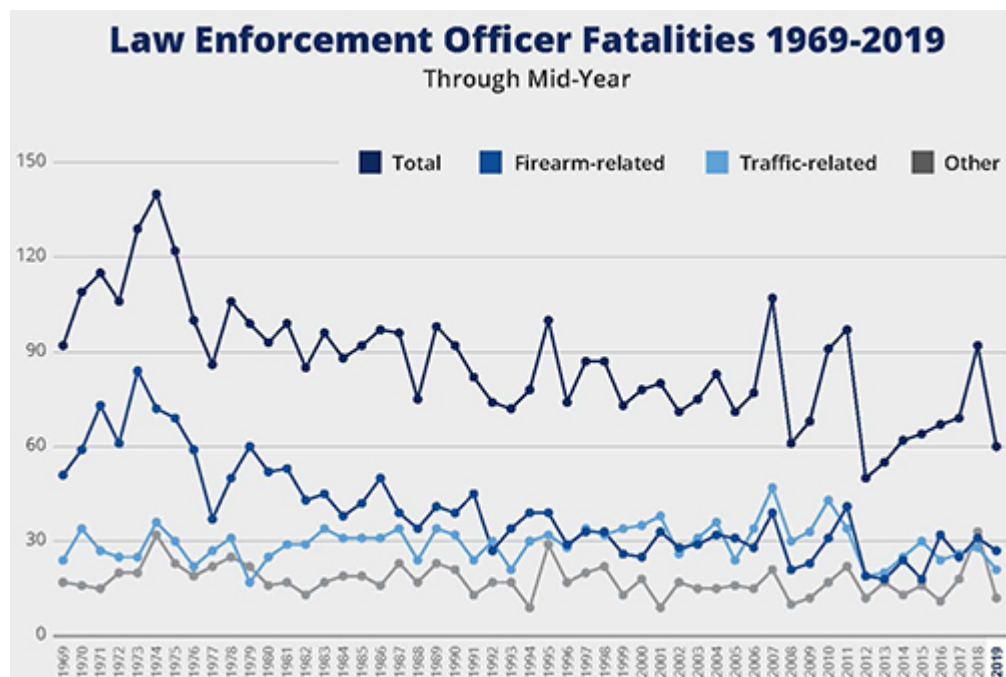
**Maximum Assault Wrestling presents  
"Halloween Havoc"**  
Place: TBA; watch this space and save the  
date!

**December 7, 2019**

**9th Annual Cleveland Police Children's  
Holiday Party**

## In the News Around Town

### Officer Fatality Update (July 31)



#### Preliminary 2019 Officer Fatalities

The 2019 Mid-Year Law Enforcement Officer Fatalities Report was released July 31, revealing that 60 officers have been killed in the line of duty in the first half of 2019—a 35 percent decrease over the same period last year (92).

	2019	2018	Change
Total	67	104	-35%
Firearms	29	36	-19%
Traffic	24	30	-20%
Other	14	38	-63%

[Read the report here.](#)



## National Night Out Against Crime

On August 6, 2019, the City of Cleveland celebrated the 36th Annual National Night Out Against Crime. For the last 13 years First Interstate Properties has hosted the event at Steelyard Commons. The First Interstate team of Evan Berliner and Lauren Nicoloff have done an amazing job of organizing and planning the event and have helped make the Steelyard National Night Out one of the largest in the nation.

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## 2019 Public Safety Career Pipeline Summer Closing Ceremony

On August 1, 2019, a recognition ceremony was held at City Hall Rotunda for youths and young adults ages 14 to 18 who had signed up for the innovative job readiness and work experience program in 2019. [The Public Safety Career Pipeline](#) is the result of collaboration between the Cleveland Police Foundation, Youth Opportunities Unlimited, and the Cleveland Division of Public Safety. The program helps highly qualified candidates pursue their dreams of a career in law enforcement.



PUBLIC SAFETY CAREER  
PIPELINE PROGRAM



## Cleveland Police Attend "Be My Neighbor" Event at Cleveland Public Library

Cleveland Police officers from Community Relations spent a few hours at the Cleveland Public Library's Main Branch interacting with the kids attending Ideastream's "Be My Neighbor" event!! Our officers handed out gifts and ice cream courtesy of the Cleveland Police Foundation and Cops for Kids!! Thank you Ideastream for allowing us to be a part of this great event!





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# "Cops for Causes" REVERSE RAFFLE

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## Save the Date: Oct. 4 Reverse Raffle To Benefit Children's 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!**

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## We get mail!

### #bike

**Carla Wilson:** "The heart they show is what's needed these days - they bought a bike for a bullied kid. Isn't that the OPPOSITE of what people try to claim policemen do? NICE WORK GUYS!"

**Cheryl Wise:** "I LOVE THE CPD. KEEP UP THE GREAT JOB, BE SAFE."

### #POM

**Ashley Spencer:** "Thank you so much Officer Taylor Bohlen for saving my life. Your immediate quick

thinking and action is the reason why I am still here today, and I can't begin to thank you enough for that!" *Patrol Officer Taylor Bohlen is August's Police Officer of the Month.*

**Chuck Gyorok:** "Congratulations Rochelle! I am not surprised you received Officer of the Month. You've always been kind, thoughtful and generous. Nice job to all involved." *Sergeant Rochelle Bottone was July's POM.*

## Recap photos . . .

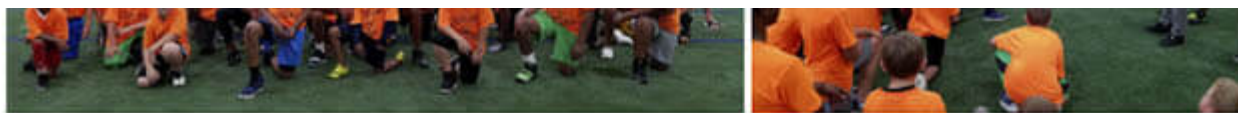
Simply amazing amount of work - impossible to track it all! Here are photos from the many events local police officers were involved in over just a short period.

[Read all about it here!](#)









## Safety and Crime Prevention Tips

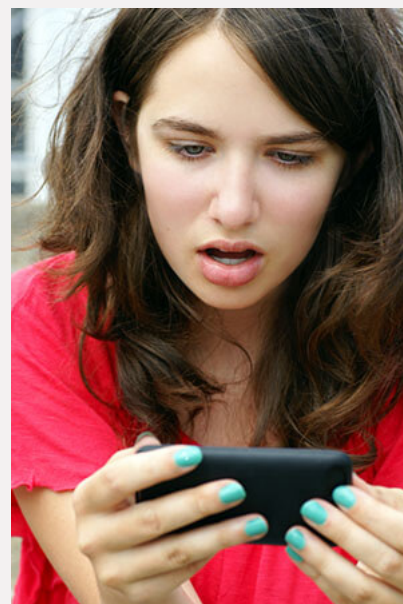
*The Cleveland Police Foundation in partnership with the Cleveland Division of Police and the Ohio Crime Prevention Association presents these tips so citizens can help to make our community safer.*

### How to Deal with Online Bullying

**Here are some things you can do to stop bullying:**

- Always think about what you post. You never know what could hurt or embarrass anyone.
- Keep your password a secret from others. They could give it away or use it in ways you don't want.
- Think about who sees what you post online. Privacy settings let you control who sees what.
- Talk to an adult you trust about any messages you get or things you see online that make you sad or scared. If it is cyberbullying, REPORT IT.

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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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