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CPF Police Officer of the Month, October 2019: Patrol Officer Lynn Hampton

Patrol Officer Lynn Hampton of the Cleveland Police Community Relations Unit has been an excellent example of community policing!

Officer Hampton often uses his own money and resources to create programs and interactions with the community!!

Sergeant Tim Higgins of the Community Relations Unit says of Lynn, "Hampton has embraced his role as a community relations officer since his return to the Community Relations Unit. Officer Hampton took the initiative to begin many programs, interacting with children at Washington Golf Course with the First Tee program, working with members of Job Corps to strengthen relationships through open conversations, and providing Safe Senior presentations at senior living centers. Additionally, Officer

Hampton has been a mentor to the other officers of the Community Relations Unit by showing the opportunities that officers have to strengthen relationships and opinions of the Cleveland Division of Police with the community.”

It is because of his dedication and devotion to the community he serves that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Patrol Officer Lynn Hampton as its **Police Officer of the Month for October 2019**.

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



Community Partners of the Month, September 2019: Chas Shramek

Chas Shramek, owner of [Proforma Connected](#), is a tremendous supporter of the Cops for Kids Program!

Chas was searching for a charity to support that would help Cleveland Police Officers as they worked in the community. He reached out to his childhood friend, Sergeant Brian Middaugh. The sergeant suggested Cops for Kids.

The financial support that Chas provides for Cops for Kids allows CPD officers many opportunities for community involvement. The officers create relationships with the children of Cleveland through random acts of giving or through Christmas events and community programs.

Chas Shramek and Jacilyn, his wife, are true examples of giving. They understand the importance of forging a better relationship between the police and the community they serve. Thank you Chas... we here at the CPD and the Cleveland Police Foundation appreciate you more than you know!

It is because of this dedication to making the community a better place to live that the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name Chas Shramek as its **Community Partner of the Month for October 2019**.

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



You are invited to this ceremony dedicating the new Officer Derek Owens' Memorial Park on November 9.

A dedication for a new 18,000+ sq.ft. public park on Cleveland's east side — Officer Derek Owens' Memorial Park — will be held on November 9. The collaborative project was the effort of many community partnerships and will serve as a beautiful public gathering space. It will open Spring 2020 thanks to efforts of the family of fallen Cleveland Police Officer Derek Owens, Cleveland Police Foundation, Western Reserve Land Conservancy, Saint Luke's Foundation, Cleveland Foundation, LAND studio and others.

Saturday, November 9, 11 a.m.

Officer Derek Owens' Memorial Park
10404 Parkview, Cleveland

The park is composed of three parcels of land consolidated into one to form the new 18,022 sq.ft. space. Features of the new park include reflective walking paths made from the sandstone foundations of demolished neighborhood structures, new plantings and trees — including favorites of Officer Owens — and a play set, courtesy of the Cleveland Browns.

The Cleveland Police Foundation is the owner in perpetuity and will provide the maintenance and upkeep of the park.

History

Cleveland Police Officer Derek Owens was shot and killed in November 2008 while responding to a call to the 10400 block of Parkview Avenue, just off of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. Officer Owens and his partner responded to a dispatch to investigate youth gathered in a vacant garage of an abandoned house at 10410 Parkview Avenue.

Officer Owens loved serving his community and leaves behind his wife, Ericka, his two children Sydni and Chandler, his parents, Wayne and Barbara, and his sister Dawn. Residents of this block of Parkview wanted to show their respect and condolences to the family, community, and the Cleveland Police Department by establishing a reflective park in the memory of Officer Owens and in unity with his family. Many community partners and organizations came together to make the Officer Derek Owens' Memorial Park possible.

[Read complete press release here...](#)



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 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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Be on the Lookout: Mark Your Calendar

November 7, 2019

**First District Police/Community Relations
Awards Ceremony**

6:30-8:00 pm

November 9, 2019

Derek Owens' Memorial Park Dedication

11 a.m.

November 12, 2019

**Second District Community Relations
Committee Meetings**

6:30-7:30 pm

November 20, 2019

**Fifth District Community Relations
Committee Meetings**

6:30-7:30 pm

November 26, 2019

**Third District Community Relations
Committee Meetings**

7:00-8:00 pm

December 5, 2019

**First District Community Relations
Committee Meeting**

7:00-8:00 pm

December 7, 2019

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

City of Cleveland Public Hall,

500 Lakeside Ave. E,

Cleveland, OH 44114

9:00 am-5:00 pm

December 18, 2019

**Fifth District Community Relations
Committee Meetings**

6:30-7:30 pm

In the News Around Town



New Equipment for the Fifth District Gym

A hearty thank you to Cleveland Police Foundation board member **Doug Bugie** who donated a treadmill and exercise bike to the Fifth District gym. Lieutenant Montanaro, who picked up the equipment stated, "The officers of the Fifth District would like to thank Mr. Bugie and the Cleveland Police Foundation for providing this equipment to us and rest assured it will be put to good use by our officers."

Thank you Doug for your contribution!



Cleveland Celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month

On October 11, **National Hispanic Heritage Month 2019** was celebrated as it came to its close (September 15-October 15). A special reception and dinner featuring Hispanic cuisine was held in the City Hall Rotunda of the City of Cleveland.

Cleveland Division of Police **Sergeant Emmanuel “Manny” Velez** was recognized with the Outstanding Community Leadership Award. The sergeant has worked tirelessly for the mission of the Hispanic Police Officers’ Association as Vice President of the HPOA!

Other recipients of the Outstanding Community Leadership Award were **Rosa Cruz** and **Ricardo Leon**.



Cleveland Police and the 19th Annual 2nd District Providence House Baby Shower

The **19th Annual 2nd District Providence House Baby Shower** was a tremendous success! Baby clothes, diapers, hygiene supplies, toys, Halloween costumes, and much more were donated to this outstanding organization.

Providence House is a crisis nursery that cares for children from birth to 12 years old while their parents seek help getting their lives turned around.

This year our Community Relations and NICE Units joined the 2nd District officers and officers from around the city, along with our 2nd District Community Relations Committee in hosting the party. Great job by retired 2nd District officers **Hughlean Medlea** and **Sue Sazima** for coming out to organize and support this event for the 19th straight year!

We get mail!

#DerekOwensMemorialPark

Christine Dunn: "What a tribute to a fallen officer. The park is awesome. Thank you for always thinking of others."

Marge Harkness: "What a wonderful display. Put in place to honor Derek who always carried himself with honor."

The Black Shield Police Association: "We are SO proud of these strides! Many thanks to the Foundation for their tireless work."








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Kathy Forst: "I think each and every officer goes above and beyond every time they are on duty. They do not get enough credit for the hard job they have. They risk their lives daily, to protect our city. Thank you to each and every officer. God bless and stay safe."

Leo Tully: "I back the Blue. Thanks for all you do."

Ines Barranca: "Thank you Cleveland Police Foundation and the City of Cleveland for such a wonderful event honoring our seniors yesterday. They enjoyed the great food and music and overall feeling of being appreciated!"

#Classof1969

RC Melendez: "I hope these fine men all enjoy their very long retirement. They deserve it!     
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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.

Halloween Safety Tips!

Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks
- Look left, right and left again when crossing the street and keep looking as you cross
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, face traffic as far to the left as possible
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up
- Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls



Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs
Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully
- Eliminate any distractions in your car so you can concentrate on the road and surroundings
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn on your headlights
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 – 9:30 p.m., so be extra alert during those hours

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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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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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