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Cleveland Police Foundation's
POLICE OFFICER OF THE MONTH
January 2020

CPF Police Officer of the Month, January 2020: Patrol Officer Jeff

Petkac

Officer Jeff Petkac is assigned to the Third District Safety Patrol where he is not only committed to the Community Policing concept but is always first to volunteer his time to assist those in need.

Officer Petkac also likes working with the children in the community and has assisted with the Cops & Kids program since 2006 and the Cleveland Police Athletic League since 2010. When asked about his involvement with the kids in the community Officer Petkac stated, "We did more than just 'give out toys' during the Christmas season – we also bought school supplies for needy kids, and a bike, helmet and lock for a young boy who had his bike stolen. We even delivered a washer and dryer to a family in need whose kids were being picked on because of their dirty clothes. I have to say the 'things' we gave away were nice but the positive interaction we had with the kids is what meant (and continues) to mean the most to me."

When asked about Officer Petkac, Executive Director of the Cleveland PAL Bob Kumazec stated, "Jeff has been a loyal and dedicated volunteer for over 14 years and has sacrificed his time and many times his own funds to help the less fortunate in our community."

It is because of his dedication to the community that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Patrol Officer Jeff Petkac as its **Police Officer of the Month for January 2020**.

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



Community Partner of the Month, January 2020: Dick Clough

For the last 35 years, **Dick Clough** has taken his Tour of Good Cheer event on the road during the Christmas season to reach out to those in need throughout the community!

Dick and his band of dedicated volunteers travel in a caravan guided by Cleveland Police officers with Santa in tow. They go to various locations throughout the city delivering presents and singing Christmas carols. For Christmas 2019, the group made ten stops including Charity Hospital, Mt. Carmel and Garden Valley.

Besides being the CEO (Chief Everything Officer) for the Tour of Good Cheer, Dick also finds time for other organizations. He is a board member and secretary for the Cleveland Police Foundation, attends and donates stuffed animals for the CPF sponsored Cops for Kids Fishing Events, and always shows up at the five CPF District Awards ceremonies.

It is because of his caring for the community and dedication to the Cleveland Division of Police that the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name Dick Clough as its **Community Partner of the Month for January 2020**.

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

Order your 2020 "Dog and Pony Show" calendar today!

Woof woof! [We invite you to buy](#) the 2020 Dog and Pony Calendar. Featuring beautiful shots of the K-9 dogs and horses in the Cleveland Mounted Unit in our second edition calendar!



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"BOLO"

Be on the Lookout: Mark Your Calendar

March 7, 2020

[Cleveland Cops Got Talent](#)

7:00-11:00 pm

July 21, 2020

[Kids Fish CLE for Free](#)

TBA

In the News Around Town



North Coast Harbor Ice Fest

The **Cleveland Police Foundation** and **Community Relations** passed out gift bags to children at the [North Coast Harbor Ice Fest](#) on Monday January 20th.

The event was free and featured a vast display of ice sculptures. There were crafts, hot cocoa, and giveaways. And the [Rock & Roll Hall of Fame & Museum](#) as well as the [Great Lakes Science Center](#) offered free admission. Awesome job by Jessica Kerr and the Downtown Cleveland Alliance staff!

It was a great time for all at the North Coast Harbor, where the city meets the lake in Downtown Cleveland.



Celebrating Sister Corita's 85th in Kind

The Cleveland Police Foundation and police officers from Community Relations and the 2nd District stopped by to celebrate **Sister Corita Ambrose's** 85th birthday in style; serving lunch at St. Augustine's Hunger Center. The CPF also brought cake and ice cream, but serving others was the real tribute to Sister Corita's incredible dedication to those in need in Cleveland.

A big thanks to Mitchell's Ice Cream and BJ's Wholesale, and happy birthday Sister and thank you for everything you do for the least of us!



Celebrating National Law Enforcement Day

The Community Relations Unit spent some time at [Wade Park School](#) to celebrate National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Everyone had an awesome time as Raymond and Michael read some of their wonderful thank you cards. Javon also gave a [Distinguished Gentlemen](#) speech.

Thank you Ms. Bullock and Wade Park staff and students for supporting our men and women of law enforcement!



Gun Safety at Orchard School

Thank you to Second District Cleveland Police Officers for spending time with Kindergarten students to talk about gun safety, give out little gift bags, and then surprise two individual students with bikes for winning the coloring contest!

What a fun experience with the kids singing over and over "Stop! Don't touch! Run away tell a grownup!!!"

A great interaction between police and community kids at [CMSD Orchard School](#) in Ohio City.

We get mail!

#SisterCorita85th

Sharon Sneed: "Happy Birthday Sr. Corita 🎂❤️ And, thank you 2nd district officers for all you do to keep us safe. This 2nd district woman loves seeing you all around!! 💖"

David Baloga: "Happy Birthday to Sister Corita! May God bless and smile upon her today and always!"

#CaptainPurcell

Shelley Gandee-Lesczynski: "Sincere condolences to his family, both blood and blue. My prayers of comfort are sent to everyone. Thank you so much for being a HERO and making ultimate sacrifices each and every day for Cleveland. I'm very sorry you had to suffer and become a Warrior to this disease of Cancer. May God bless you on your new journey. RIP Captain. 💖💖"

Jan Feuerstein: "Rest In Peace Sir. Be only a prayer away from all who love you 💖💖💖"

#Shoutouts

Matthew Russ: "Awesome Job Captain America aka Keith G. Sulzer and the Cleveland Police Foundation, too. 👍👍👍🚗🚗🚗🚗🚗"

Don Searle: "One of the finest and most grounded families I know. Obviously Kate and Jake [Daley] have been fortunate enough to have awesome parents who have passed on some wonderful values. Fantastic job Kate, you and your brother have extremely bright futures. Congrats to the whole family."

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.





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.

⊗ **Bullying** ⊗

Bullying is the use of force, threat, or coercion, to abuse, intimidate, or aggressively dominate others. The behavior is often repeated and habitual. One essential prerequisite is the perception, by the bully or by others, of an imbalance of social or physical power, which distinguishes bullying from conflict.

Rationalizations of such behavior sometimes include differences of social class, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, appearance, behavior, body language, personality, reputation, lineage, strength, size, or ability.

- [Part I – What is Bullying?](#)
- [Part II – Statistics](#)
- [Part III – What Kids Can Do](#)
- [Part IV – Cyberbullying](#)



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