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# THE PARTNER

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**CPF Police Officers of the Month, April 2020: Patrol Officers Antonio Andino, Carmen Hall, and Crystal Lewis**

Fourth District Community Engagement Officers **P.O. Carmen Hall, P.O. Crystal Lewis, and P.O. Antonio Andino** are exceptional. These officers have done some very innovative and creative projects to help create a better relationship between Cleveland police officers and the community served. They are always looking for different avenues to bring together officers and the community and they always have a smile and a great deal of energy wherever they go!

Fourth District Lieutenant Steve Cornacchione says: “The Fourth District CEOs have come up with new and exciting ways to reach the community here in the Fourth District. P.O. Lewis and P.O. Andino started a lunch program that brings together neighborhood officers and students, allowing the kids to interact with the officers. We all know that the younger kids always want to see the officers’ equipment, so they made police vests with real Junior Police badges that the kids can try on. A unicycle club was started at one of the local schools, Eastside Arts Academy. This is run by P.O. Carmen Hall.”

“The CEOs have set up dinners with community groups featuring a question and answer session with officers focusing on bridging the gap so we as a community can better understand each other. They have made inroads with two high schools—JFK and John Adams—to start getting engagement opportunities between officers and students. Lastly, during these times of social distancing they have continued to reach out to citizens by utilizing social media and continuing to forward complaints to officers in the field.”

“Officers Lewis and Andino have been helping maintain morale by setting up meals for their Fourth District family as well as making sure supplies are getting to them in a timely manner. These are just some of the things that the Fourth District CEOs do on a daily basis.”

It is because of this dedication to bringing the community and police officers together that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Patrol Officers Antonio Andino, Carmen Hall, and Crystal Lewis as its **Police Officers of the Month for April 2020**.

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



## Community Partners of the Month, April 2020: Detective Cliff Kime and Captain Jim Purcell

The now successful “Six” program became a reality in 2016 through a combined effort of Cleveland Police Officers **Retired Detective Cliff Kime and Captain Jim Purcell (recently deceased)**. They were well aware that policing had the highest rate of suicide of any profession so they developed a mentoring program which allowed officers to have an anonymous way to seek help, guidance and direction.

The Six program gave mostly retired police officers the opportunity to mentor officers who may be having problems. These mentors can provide the resources and avenues to keep the officers healthy

without the fear of judgement.

When asked about the Six program, Detective Kime stated "Captain Purcell and I recruited a number of officers who bring different experiences to the table: struggles with addiction, injuries on the job, officer-involved shootings, etc. They can connect with other officers with similar issues to provide peer support and mentoring. Other communities have come on board the Six program knowing we have no agenda or incentive other than knowing that our effort has made a real difference in the lives of the men and women that serve and protect our communities. Unfortunately, Captain Purcell passed away on January 18, 2020 but his legacy as a cop's cop will live on as well as his Six program. I will present his plaque (posthumously) to his family."

It is because of their caring and dedication to the men and women in blue that the **Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name Retired Detective Cliff Kime and Captain Jim Purcell (posthumously) and their "Six" program as its Community Partner of the Month for April 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**

July 21, 2020

Kids Fish CLE for Free

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## In the News Around Town



### The Cleveland Police Foundation Wants to Thank Everyone Who's Been Pitching In However They Can During This Pandemic

#### Meal Deliveries Through St. Augustine's Hunger Center

A big shout out to Ohio City's Town Hall and Brian Thaxton from [St Augustine's Hunger Center!](#) Town Hall has been delivering over 100 meals a day to those in need in Cleveland and Brian has been managing the food distribution for the Hunger Center. CPD has joined this effort through delivering meals and directing traffic on special occasions. Thank God for volunteers!

The Cleveland Police Foundation and St. Augustine Hunger Center also want to thank [U-HAUL](#) Company of Cleveland and Clark Avenue U-HAUL for donating 100 heavy duty boxes to St Augustine for

their daily meal delivery.

Three hundred meals per day are delivered and it couldn't be done without sturdy boxes!

The Cleveland Police Foundation and Cleveland Police also picked up a donation of nearly 200 gallons of milk and cream from [Mitchell's Homemade Ice Cream!](#) People in need were able to go to [St. Augustine Hunger Center](#) to pick up the dairy products.

### **Homemade Cookies, Pizza and Face Masks from the Greater Cleveland Chorus**

The Cleveland Police Foundation and Cleveland Police want to thank the wonderful ladies from the [Greater Cleveland Chorus](#) for donating pizza, homemade cookies, and some homemade face masks!



The donations were given to the five City of Cleveland police district stations and Cleveland fire stations 1, 13, 20, 23, and Dispatch.

These fantastic singers not only have great big voices...they also have great big hearts! Thank you and stay safe!

### **Hand Sanitizer from The B'laster Corporation**

The Cleveland Police Foundation and Cleveland Police want to thank The B'laster Corporation and Tom Porter and Randy Pindor for donating hand sanitizer to Cleveland Police officers!!

The [B'laster Corporation](#) manufactures this product right here in Cleveland!

Cleveland citizens can be extremely thankful that Tom and Randy are thinking of the safety of the police during this challenging time!!

### **Food for First Responders**



Dr. Yvonne Pointer, Councilman Blaine Griffin, Angie's Soul Cafe and many volunteers dropped off food for brave Fourth District Cleveland police officers who are first responders so they know they're appreciated during the coronavirus pandemic! Thank you for all you do!



**Enough thanks cannot be expressed to all those who have volunteered to serve our community!**



## The Easter Bunny Arrives

As the Cleveland Police Foundation, Community Relations, and the Second District pitched in over the holiday weekend, they were joined in force by the Easter Bunny!

On Easter Sunday morning, the officers and friends helped St. Augustine Hunger Center by delivering meals and directing traffic.

Nearly 3,000 holiday meals were delivered, making the day especially blessed!

Another big Happy Easter thank you to [Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church](#) and Father Doug Brown for donating twelve awesome Easter baskets to Cleveland Police and the Cleveland Police Foundation!!



Thanks to our friend Dennis Ancel, the baskets were stocked with Malley's chocolate bars. They were donated to the kids served by the [Ronald McDonald House](#).

A very Happy Easter to the kids, staff, and families at RMD House and blessings to all those who observe Holy Week and Easter!



# THANK YOU, DISPATCHERS!

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY  
TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK



## Thank You Dispatchers!

During [2020 National Public Safety Telecommunications Week](#), a shout-out went to [Lago East Bank](#) for bringing Cleveland dispatchers a special lunch. This was a token of appreciation for the essential service they provide to citizens through their communications with the Cleveland Police.

There are 120 personnel in Cleveland Police Communications. This number does not include those for EMS and Fire. All the dispatchers work to coordinate responses to calls for service and emergencies.

Thank you to all the Cleveland Dispatchers and Call Takers for their hard work hand in hand with police, firefighters, paramedics, and emergency medical technicians every day!

The heroes behind the badge!



## Upgrades at Owens Memorial Park

On Friday, March 27, the Cleveland Police Foundation and Cleveland Police Officers joined together at Owens Memorial Park. Two new picnic tables were installed and a new trash can put out.

Much thanks goes out to Adam Ressler from [Down to Earth Landscaping](#) for the donation of the matching blue trash can worth \$600! And a big shout-out for helping!



## Fulfilling a Birthday Wish

The First District received an unusual telephone call... A mother asked if we could drive by her house with our lights and sirens activated. Why? Today is her son's birthday, and she wanted to surprise him.

Members of the First District, utilizing good social distancing practices, presented Wil with a birthday present and sang "Happy Birthday"! While our community members continue to abide by the State of Ohio "Stay at Home" order, First District officers were able to creatively engage our community. Job well done!

Thanks to Commander Fay for this wonderful story!

# We get mail!

## #OwensPark

Ericka Owens: "♡♡♡♡"

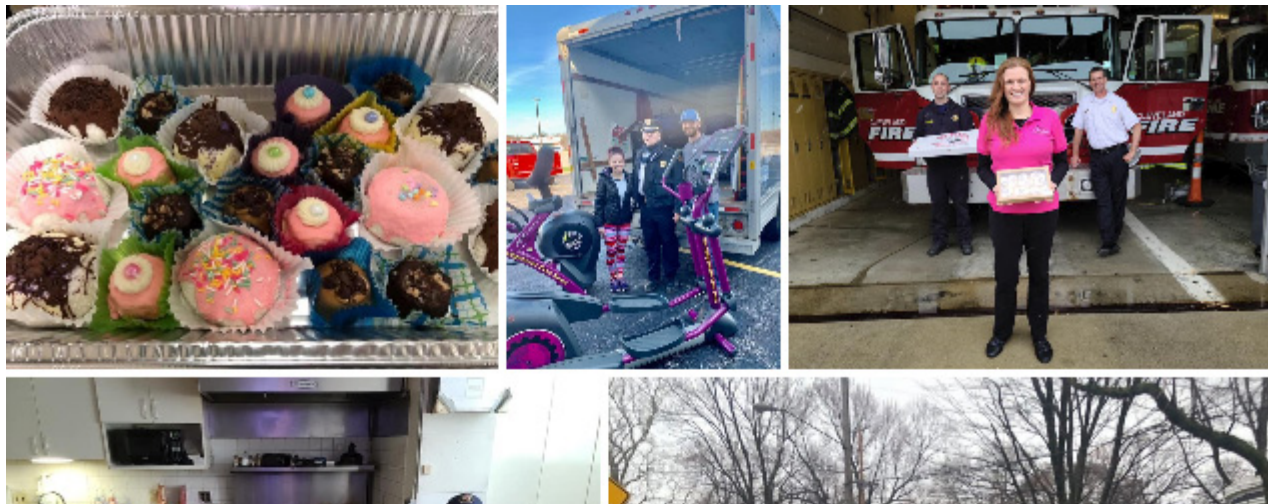
## #Community

Milton Basile: "Thank you Cleveland police for all that you do! Stay safe you are in our prayers."

Pat Gaul-Linder: "♡♡ Another example of CPD doing an act of kindness to brighten up someone's day. ♡♡. Stay safe 🙏"

## 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.*

### **New Coronavirus Guidelines when Calling for Emergency/Safety Services**

Call takers and dispatchers in the Communications Control Section will be asking callers health related questions in an effort to alert first responders to the possibility of contact with COVID-19 patients and to the need to utilize personal protective equipment. Callers will be asked if they are infected with COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 or if they are experiencing flu-like symptoms.

Callers may be asked if they have a fever, shortness of breath or a cough. Callers may be asked to meet first responders outside of their homes or to make a police report via phone or online. These questions will be asked as emergency services are being dispatched and should not delay any call for service for emergencies. These measures are enacted to ensure the safety of first responders so that they can stay healthy and continue to provide emergency services.

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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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