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MAY 2020

# THE PARTNER

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## CPF Police Officer of the Month, May 2020: Patrol Officer Lakisha Harris

**Patrol Officer Lakisha Harris** is the full-time training coordinator for the Cleveland Division of Police Fifth District but still manages to find time for numerous community policing projects.

Throughout and around the district, Officer Harris has participated in food giveaways and provides security for the Cleveland Food Bank to ensure their giveaways are fair and orderly. On one day in particular, Officer Harris worked over her assigned time without a break to ensure that the food bank handed out the maximum amount of food, even after the event had ended.

When asked about Officer Harris' work ethics, Lieutenant Marcus Montanaro stated, "As you know with our current state of emergency, it is nearly impossible to spend time with the elderly of our community. However, Officer Harris has donated her hard-earned money as well as her time in securing toiletries and cleaning supplies for events like the 100 Goodie Bag donation drive benefiting seniors of the Margaret Wagner House. In addition to helping the elderly, Lakisha is now spending her time and resources to obtain future donations to help infants and toddlers at the Jane Hunter Social Services Center. Even though Officer Lakisha has a full-time position as training coordinator, she still manages to find time to do all of the above and much, much more."

It is because of her dedication to the community she serves that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Patrol Officer Lakisha Harris as its **Police Officer of the Month for May 2020**.

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



## Community Partners of the Month, May 2020: Bureau of Communications

**The Bureau of Communications Control Center** includes dispatchers and call takers who work hand in hand with our officers, firefighters, paramedics and emergency medical technicians on a daily basis. They are the true first responders and are not only the lifeline for the members of the community but for all of our public safety personnel working on the street.

Even though at times they are overwhelmed by these duties and more, the dispatchers and call takers always find time to participate in fundraisers and other ways to help the citizens of the City of Cleveland. During the Christmas season they sponsor families in need to help Santa purchase, wrap,

and deliver gifts. The members assisted the Easter Bunny to make Easter baskets and then deliver to hundreds of children in women's shelters. They also purchased Halloween costumes and donated pumpkins to the Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center for the annual Halloween party for all the families served. In addition, the members of the bureau have hosted fundraisers for officers and their families who need assistance, they've made contributions to the Edna House for Women, and sponsored the "Linen Closet" fundraiser to assist families and victims with replacing their sheets in times of need.

It is because of their dedication and devotion to the community and the first responders they serve that **the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name the Bureau of Communications as its Community Partner of the Month for May 2020.**

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

# "BOLO"

## Be on the Lookout: Mark Your Calendar

July 21, 2020 - **CANCELED**

Kids Fish CLE for Free

## In the News Around Town



## National Police Week in Cleveland

National Police Week and National Peace Officers Memorial Day was proclaimed by President Kennedy in 1962. Though the COVID-19 crisis has caused cancellation of Cleveland's Police Memorial Week events, those who gave the ultimate sacrifice were not forgotten!

This year, 307 fallen heroes will be memorialized on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. We invite you to [watch a video](#) of the local commemoration ceremony from Friday, May 15, when the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society read the names of fallen officers. Every year during Police Week the Society holds a ceremony at the Memorial to honor the memory of those officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Respect. Honor. Remember.

### Community Contributions

OFFICER DEREK OWENS OWENS MEMORIAL PARK



**Officer Derek Owens** now has a beautiful park built in his image on a street dedicated to him! It's great to see families out enjoying themselves, wearing masks, and finally using the park for its designed purpose.

A big shout-out as well to the West 117th Street Home Depot for donating a new Echo handheld blower, and Tom Stuckart with Integrated Restoration for donating a bench.



### **DETECTIVE CLARK & OFFICER SCHROEDER MEMORIALS**

First District Officers Kerry Novak, Juan DeJesus, Lyniece Turner, William Haburjak, Jake Simonelli, and Dylan Madej as well as Detectives Christopher Porter and Bill Adams and Lisa Fox from Home Depot all pitched in to beautify the memorials honoring two fallen officers from the First District. **Detective Robert Clark** and **Officer Jonathan "AJ" Schroeder**, you will never be forgotten.



Great job by the First District, Lisa and Dean Fox, and Home Depot!

### **OFFICER DAVID FAHEY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**

Officers from several units and **Officer David Fahey's** family came out to create a fitting memorial to a hero. Special thanks to Angel and Robinson for pitching in and getting their hands dirty! The memorial is on Interstate 90 westbound past Warren Road.

The Cleveland Police Foundation also wants to thank Ontario Stone for donating 1,000 pounds of stones, and the Rocky River Home Depot for donating nearly \$500 for improvements.



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*Thank you for honoring our fallen friends, sons, brothers, and colleagues.*

## An Officer in Need

Taking care of one of our own in need, the Fourth District's **Patrol Officer Dave Muniz** was honored with a **parade of zone cars** and an additional ceremony where his fellow officers presenting him money raised to help him through his battle with cancer. Awesomeness during National Police Week!



## We Are All In This together!

The Cleveland Police Community Relations Unit wants to remind everyone that wearing a mask and social distancing while in public will help slow the spread of the COVID-19.

Stay safe and be responsible!

### Masks, Good Food, & More

#### THE SUPPORTING CHOIR

The Cleveland Police Foundation wants to thank the **Greater Cleveland Chorus** and **Pat DeVeny** for donating dozens of masks for our Cleveland Police Honor Guard and Pipes and Drum Band, with additional thanks to Janis Mohat for delivering and Stephanie Doerner for coordinating. GCC also brought us three boxes of books for our Little Free Library project!



#### DR. YVONNE POINTER AND FRIENDS

**Sam Sylk's Chicken and Fish** fed our Fifth District officers a wonderful Sunday dinner, volunteers fed our First District, and the Third District dug into catering from Chicago's Home of Chicken and Waffles! Thank you Yvonne, Jeff Brown, volunteers, and donors for the appreciation you've shown for all the great work our officers have been doing during this pandemic



#### DISASTER AVERTED

The Cleveland Police Foundation and the Cleveland Division of Police want to thank **Integrated Restoration Disaster Repair Specialists** and owner **Tom Stuckart** for remembering those who serve during this pandemic crisis. With their help CPF was able to provide Crust Pizza and yummy desserts to all five districts, Public Safety Central, and our wonderful





police dispatchers.

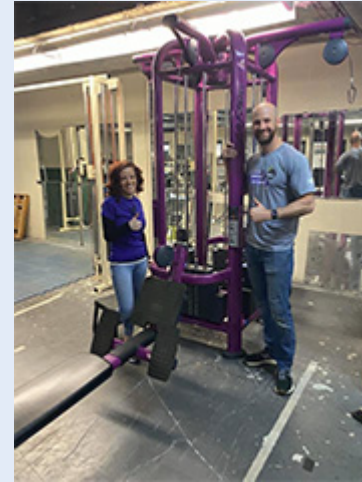
## Staying in Shape

The Cleveland Police Foundation and Cleveland Police want to thank **Planet Fitness** on Smith Road for donating this incredible cable machine for our officers to use after the quarantine! It's wonderful that they thought of helping our first responders during these trying times. Thank you **Mark Campbell and Lindsay McCullom**; this equipment will be welcomed by our men and women.

We also thank the **West Park-Fairview Family YMCA** for their generous donation of equipment for the First District gym, and Fitness Serve for their assistance! The YMCA continues to be a great community partner.

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*Much, much appreciation goes out to all for supporting the police department and CPF!*





## The 145<sup>th</sup> Academy

The Cleveland Police Museum was the proud host of the 145th Cleveland Police Academy Class Graduation on Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

Amidst the social distancing protocol of the COVID-19 crisis, the graduates dispersed six feet apart wearing masks. That certainly did not dampen the degree of their accomplishment.

**Congratulations to the newest additions to Cleveland's Finest!**

## We get mail!

### #PoliceWeek

**Brooklyn Mckenzie:** "Would've loved to be there for my dads partner and friend, AJ. Wish we could be notified for these things so more can help out. 💚💚 great work!"

**Colleen Versluis Wacker:** "This makes my heart happy. His Mom works at Austin's school. She is an amazing person💚"

**Jim Lynsky:** "That's what the job is all about. Have each other's backs and full support."

### #MonsterTruck

**Stephanie Doerner:** "Whoa! When did the CPD get a monster truck?! =)"

## 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.*

### Having a Safe Vacation

Summer is the perfect time for a family break, but criminals don't take a summer break. You can avoid becoming a victim to lurking property predators by staying alert and following a few basic prevention measures.

- Be aware of what's happening in your neighborhood. Make sure you talk to your neighbors and participate in neighborhood block clubs or block watch groups to stay informed.
- Lock your doors, including the garage door. Unlocked doors are open invitations to intruders.
- Ask a trusted family member, friend or neighbor to keep a watchful eye on your home or have your mail held at the local post office until you return.
- Put lights on timers to give the impression that someone is home.
- Don't post on social media that you are leaving town, and wait to post photos until after you return from your trip.

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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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