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

Special CPF Police Officer of the Month, June 2020: Detective Todd Clemens with Wife Robin & Daughter Morgan

A different twist to the honor, **Detective Todd Clemens** of the Crime Scene and Records Unit is joined by his daughter **Morgan** and his wife **Robin** as awardees!!

Todd has worked in the Crimes Scene and Records Unit for about 10 years. He has processed many horrific crime scenes, and the trauma began to affect him and his family. To heal, Todd was able to take a break from his unit and began exercising at the Police Headquarters gym to relieve stress. Often his family would join him in his workouts. It was at this time that 14-year old Morgan noticed a large number of homeless people in the downtown area.

Morgan approached her father about wanting to do something to help the homeless and Todd suggested a hot, home cooked meal. The first dinner Morgan and the family made was ham, mashed potatoes, corn, bread, a dessert and beverage. The family packed up 10 meals and Todd and Robin drove Morgan to some of the homeless camps so she personally could deliver them. The following week Morgan increased her meals to 20. Thanks to generous donations from friends, family, and the Cleveland Police Foundation, Morgan, Todd, and Robin have been delivering meals for nearly seven weeks. Morgan wanted to do more, so she added deliveries to the sick, elderly, and shut-ins. The family has raised enough money to continue to prepare and deliver delicious meals for the next several weeks, and of course Morgan insists on continuing to deliver meals on a weekly basis. Thank you to Todd, Robin, and Morgan for helping us witness love and compassion during a very difficult time!!

It is because of this giving and charity shown to the community that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Detective Todd Clemens, with his wife Robin and daughter Morgan, as its **Police Officer of the Month for June 2020**.

For more information on Morgan's meals for those in need you can go to ["Morgan's Meals"](#) on Facebook or [contact Detective Todd Clemens](#).

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



Community Partners of the Month, June 2020: The Greater Cleveland Chorus

The Greater Cleveland Chorus (GCC) is a membership organization of over 70 female singers of all ages and from all parts of Greater Cleveland. GCC first contacted the Cleveland Police Foundation and the Cleveland Police last Christmas in an effort to spread some cheer and sing carols for the officers and the Cleveland community. Also, in November 2019, CPF dedicated the Officer Derek Owens' Memorial Park and the women volunteered to sing the National Anthem for the dedication.

Come December, GCC and CPF joined Santa Claus at the Third District and sang carols for the officers and dispatchers. This was followed by a trek to Public Square and the West Side Market, singing more

carols and bringing Christmas joy to the community.

GCC was kind enough to support the Cleveland Cops for Kids fundraiser events in March. They surprised the CPF by donating 1,200+ children's books in support of the Little Free Library project to promote literacy in Cleveland. During the pandemic, GCC reached out to provide meals for patrol officers as an appreciation of their continued service during these difficult times. The ladies provided pizza, homemade cookies, candy, and even sent 25 handmade masks! The masks were so nice the Honor Guard and Pipes and Drum Band asked if the group could make more masks for them. Without hesitation, another 30 masks arrived.

It is because of their continued support of Cleveland Police Officers and Dispatchers, and for the wonderful sounds with which they bless the community, that the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name the Greater Cleveland Chorus as its **Community Partner of the Month for June 2020**.

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"BOLO"

Be on the Lookout: Mark Your Calendar

July 21, 2020 - **CANCELED**

Kids Fish CLE for Free

In the News Around Town



Remembering Alice Wegrocki

The Cleveland Police Foundation is mourning the loss of one of our faithful and hard working volunteers, retired officer Alice Wegrocki!! Alice was a police officer for Cleveland for 37 years and a member of the Second District Community Relations Committee and then a volunteer at our Cleveland Police Foundation events. Alice was one of our first CPF Community Partners of the Month. Please pray for Alice and her family during this difficult time.



Cleveland19 News Interviews Richard DeChant of Cleveland Police Foundation

Thank you to 19 News [for this segment](#) featuring some of the initiatives of the Cleveland Police and Cleveland Police Foundation.



Law Enforcement Luncheon Held at Tenable Protective Services

June 12, 2020, Cleveland Police Foundation Board Member Pete Miragliotta held a Law Enforcement Luncheon in appreciation for all the officers do for the community on site at Tenable Protective Services. The officers and other attendees enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers & more cooked by numerous volunteers at the well-attended event.

When asked about the event Mr, Miragliotta stated, "I felt the need to show our dedicated brothers and sisters in blue how much we appreciate the job they do on a daily basis and we will continue to support them."

Thanks goes out to all who attended to show their support, including the following Cleveland Police Foundation board members: Rich Henry, Jim Craciun, Dick Clough, Mike Connole, Marcia Nolan, Doug Bugie, Woods King and our Liaison Officer Captain Keith Sulzer! Also thanks to Pete Miragliotta and his staff for hosting this fine event!



Derek Owens' Memorial Park Gets a New Addition

The Cleveland Police Foundation's Officer Derek Owens' Memorial Park has a new addition!! The Cement Masons Local 404 put in a sidewalk apron with a compass rose stamped into the concrete.

The compass rose not only shows physical direction but also represents spiritual direction—all who wander are not lost. The direction represents infinite possibilities, the present, the past, and the future. Thank you Barry Dijulius and the Local 404 apprentices, Tech Ready Mix, and Euclid Chemical for your hard work and donations!!

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💚"

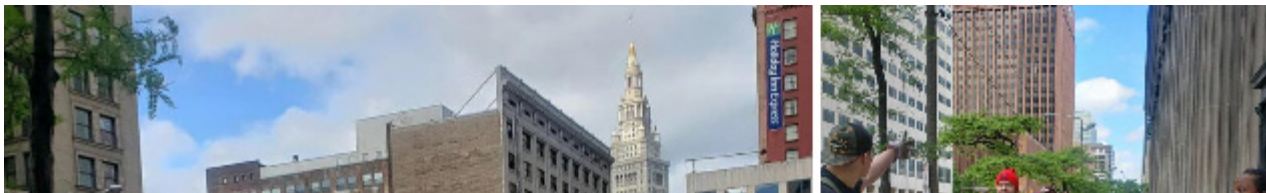
Jim Lynsky: "That's what the job is all about. Have each other's backs and full support."

#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.

Active Shooter Response Tips

Not long after a gunman opened fire at Fort Lauderdale International Airport last month, killing five, an airline employee in Cleveland asked his boss:

What would we do if that happened here?

Cleveland Police Sgt. Timothy Higgins attempted to answer that question last week during a training session for several dozen airline employees, who hope they never have cause to use it.

- The first line of defense is to be aware of your surroundings. If there's a safe way to leave after an attack starts – then leave.
- Instead of dropping to the ground or attempting to hide behind a desk, it might make sense to throw something at the shooter.
- Take stock of where the nearest restroom is, or emergency exit.
- If all else fails, he said, you might need to “counter” the criminal yourself.

You can the details of Sgt. Tim Higgins advice [here](#). Great job by Sgt. Tim Higgins of CPD's Community Policing Unit!!

Sources: Glaser, Susan. (2017, February 14 Published). Fort Lauderdale airport killings prompt active-shooter training at Cleveland Hopkins. [From Cleveland.com](#).

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