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CPF Police Officers of the Month, July 2020: Patrol Officers Ryan Lewis, Roger Jones and Malcom Sutton

Third District Community Engagement Officers **P.O. Ryan Lewis, P.O. Roger Jones, and P.O. Malcom Sutton** are outstanding. According to Third District Lieutenant John Farnsworth, "Their duties are to engage with members of the community in a positive manner, and how they complete this is open to their imagination and innovation. They sure have made a name for themselves in accomplishing these goals!"

Before the COVID-19 pandemic struck the nation, they would reach out to the daycares and schools and speak with the kids. At Bolton Elementary they ate lunch with the K-8 students which of course opened up a dialogue in a setting that was comfortable for them. Also before the COVID-19 concern, the officers responded to the local middle and high schools for a game of kickball or basketball during the kids' Physical Education classes.

Twice weekly, this ambitious trio checks in with their ward city council members to assist their constituents with quality of life issues. They spend countless hours at local senior centers and homeless shelters, providing another avenue for open dialogue to sections of the community who may not always see that opportunity.

It is because of their dedication and devotion to the community they serve that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Patrol Officers Ryan Lewis, Roger Jones and Malcom Sutton as its **Police Officers of the Month for July 2020.**

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



Community Partner of the Month, July 2020: Dr. Yvonne Pointer

Dr. Yvonne Pointer is a nationally known Cleveland anti-violence activist. She began her successful career with the City of Cleveland in the Department of Public Works and then joined the Community Relations Board as a project director. Dr. Pointer is now retired.

Yvonne and her devoted friends have been incredibly generous to our Cleveland Police officers since the COVID-19 pandemic hit. They have donated meals to each police district and other CPD units.

Dr. Pointer has always been a staunch advocate of improving police/community relations. Recently, she organized an event called *The Pastor, the Police, and the Person* in which officers and pastors shared a meal together and discussed how to improve the relationship between the community and CPD.

Yvonne has also worked hand in hand with the Cleveland Police Foundation for several years during the Christmas season to provide toys for needy children in her community.

It is because of her dedication and devotion to her community and the Cleveland Division of Police that the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name Dr. Yvonne Pointer as its **Community Partner of the Month for July 2020**.

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"BOLO"

Be on the Lookout: Mark Your Calendar

SATURDAY, AUG. 1, 2020

Officer David J. Fahey, Jr. Memorial Golf Outing

Note: this outing is sold out!

In the News Around Town



A Tribute to Community Policing's Finest!

On Monday, July 6, 2020 a pizza and ice cream social event was organized by **Captain Keith Sulzer** and held at Officer Derek Owens Memorial Park. What made this gathering extra special and bittersweet was that due to his impending retirement it was going to be Captain Sulzer's final event as a member of the Cleveland Division of Police.

A fine crowd of citizens including Mr. & Mrs. Owens (Derek's parents), kids and officers were on hand to share this very special day with this very special Police Officer who touched the heart and soul of so many people throughout the City of Cleveland!

Whether it was building the Derek Owens Park, replacing a bike for a child that had theirs stolen, cooking pancakes for the seniors, or visiting the children that were confined to Metro Hospital, Captain Sulzer always made it a point to make the day special for these individuals. Thank-you speeches were made by many individuals including Councilman Ken Johnson, former City Council President Jay Westbrook, Kim Fields and of course Mr. Owens.

Captain Sulzer thanked everyone for their support including his wife and two of his three sons in attendance. He then gripped his police radio where a dispatcher called him in for relief for the final time.

Although I didn't have the pleasure of working with Captain Sulzer on the job as an officer with the CPD, I did get to work with him with the Cleveland Police Foundation. The captain was the Liaison Officer and I was amazed at his dedication and devotion – not only to the citizens of the City of Cleveland but to our Heroes in Blue. He also was a believer in the Community Policing concept and encouraged other officers to believe in it also.

You will be missed, Captain Sulzer! Good luck in the future, My Friend!

—Bob Guttu, CPF Community Outreach Coordinator





Breakfast, Lunch, and The Way Forward

The Cleveland Police Foundation is helping create change in the law enforcement culture in Cleveland and across the region.

Thank you to the **Cleveland Leadership Center** for inviting **Grant Dinner, CPF Board President**, and **Angela Thi Bennett, Community Engagement Consultant of the Cleveland Police Foundation** to speak in its Way Forward Lunch Break on July 7. This forum's topic was "Affecting Systemic Change." [Watch the recap of our virtual discussion here.](#)

The Pastor, the Police, and the Person on July 2 was also a great success. Police officers and pastors paired up for a frank discussion over breakfast on police/community relations and how we move

forward after the recent protests and rioting in Cleveland. Thank you to **Community Partner of the Month, Dr. Yvonne Pointer**, and all of the pastors and officers that participated.

Hopefully, this is the beginning of many conversations and ideas on how we heal the relationship between the police and our community.

Aug. 1 Golf Outing to Remember Officer David J. Fahey, Jr.

Note: This outing is sold out. This Saturday, Officer Fahey will be remembered fondly amongst a gathering of community at the Legacy Golf Club in Avon Lake. Proceeds to be donated to CPD SWAT Officer Jon Rodriguez, who was severely injured on June 5 when a drunk driver struck the SWAT vehicle, forcing it into a pole. For more information about contributions please contact officerfaheymemorialfund@gmail.com.





Joining Together to Beautify Wade Park School

The Cleveland Police Foundation and Cops for Kids donated \$400 to purchase flowers to help beautify Wade Park Elementary School's campus.

With the assistance of Cleveland Police officers, **Wade Park School Principal Dr. Buddy**, staff, and students cleaned up the campus, planted flowers, spread mulch, and had a great time doing something positive for their community.

The staff and students of Wade Park went to downtown Cleveland on the Sunday after the rioting of Saturday night, May 30 and helped clean




up. Cleveland Police wanted to pay back so they pitched in and got their hands dirty as a thank you for caring.

Great job by Dr. Buddy, staff, and students for the positive influence you have on Cleveland!

We get mail!

#CaptainSulzer

Lisa Fischer: "Congratulations! So deserved! You personally delivered the "I support Cleveland PD" yard sign I purchased to Ohio Technical College. To this day I carry the card you gave me and the sign is still in my office. (6-8 years ago??) Bless you for all you have done! Enjoy YOUR time now! 

#OfficerOwens

Wayne Owens: "We continue to be grateful for all the support we have received."

Barbara Owens: "Thank you Tuff Shed, W. 117 Home Depot, and of course you, Captain Sulzer. Our family appreciates you!"

#DrPointer

Chris Jaworski: "This woman walks the walk after she talks the talk. I have admired her works for years. Congratulations Dr. Pointer!"

#POM

Mary Beth Page: "I worked with Mr. Lewis (center photo) when he was a probation officer before he began his career in law enforcement with the city. He was a well respected and loved member of our probation department so it does not surprise me one bit that he's going on to make such an impact here as well. Congratulations and God Bless you Ryan and your co officers! you are sure missed!"

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.

At this very challenging time for our country and the world we offer our best wishes to you for good health and financial security. For updates and information on COVID-19, we recommend visiting these resources as they are updated frequently and comprehensively.

CDC COVID-19 Info

CDC information on the disease, prevention, its symptoms, testing and how to care for someone who is sick.

Local COVID Information on Cleveland.com

Cleveland.com's recent feature stories include the latest from Governor Mike DeWine.

Economic Assistance for Individuals and Businesses

The State of Ohio's website includes unemployment resources, information on school meals, economic disaster loan program information and more.

COVID-19 Checklists

A plethora of resources for individuals such as cleaning alternatives, quarantines and more.

Information from the Cleveland Department of Public Health

Local information and resources.

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