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CPF Police Officer of the Month, October 2020: Patrol Officer Brooklyn Barnes

Patrol Officer Brooklyn Barnes, although on the job for just over two years, goes out of her way on a daily basis to engage with the community!

In November 2019 while on patrol in the Fourth District, PO Barnes came across some kids playing football. She decided to join them in the game and a bonding friendship began.

Officer Barnes learned that the children all lived in a nearby foster home. They asked if she would come back to visit again so she made it a point to do that whenever her workload allowed.

During one of her visits, Officer Barnes learned that the little guy named "Peanut" had a birthday coming up and never had a party. The officer made it her mission to go on her day off and surprise him with a huge celebration. Using donations from family and friends to

rent a bounce house and provide a birthday cake, she also invited members of the CPD Mounted and Motorcycle Units to the party. Barnes gave presents to not just Peanut but to all the other children so they didn't feel left out!

When asked why she decided to do this she stated, "I love these kids like they are my own and I wanted to show them that police officers are their friends and care about them."

It is because of her dedication and devotion to her profession and belief in the Community Policing concept that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Patrol Officer Brooklyn Barnes its **Police Officer of the Month for October 2020**.

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



Dave Mortach and Billy Morris (Mike Trivisonno not available)

Community Partners of the Month, October 2020: Mike Trivisonno, Dave Mortach and Billy Morris

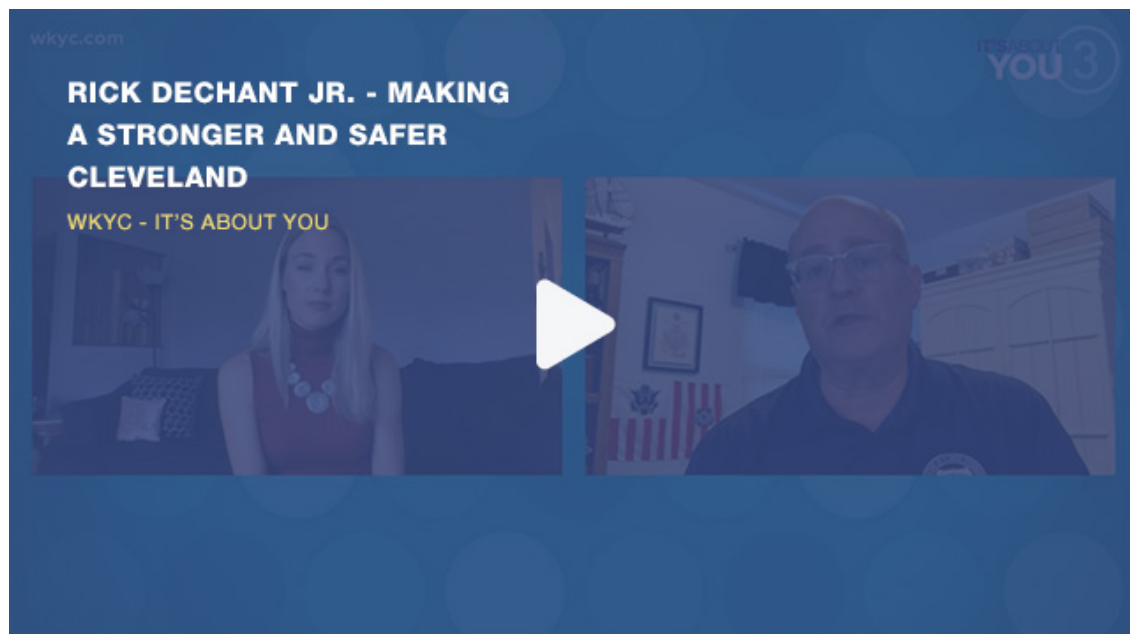
In September 2019, WTAM disc jockey Mike Trivisonno and local businessman Dave Mortach made it their mission to offer free lunches to Police Officers and Firefighters throughout Northeast Ohio. The sale of "**Triv T Shirts**" with backing by Mortach helped to offset the costs. Cleveland-grown famed musician Billy Morris was recruited to bring his **Smokin' Rock n Roll Food Truck** to feed the appreciative public safety servants.

In response to an email request to consider the Cleveland Division of Police, the trio had food delivered to all five districts plus Public Safety Central. Billy Morris wowed the hungry

law enforcement crowds with an acoustic rendition of the National Anthem to loud applause by all. A big thank you goes out to these three special individuals who not only delivered food to our heroes in blue but also brought smiles to their faces.

It is because of their caring and dedication to not only the Cleveland Division of Police but also to our brothers and sisters in blue throughout Northeast Ohio that the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name Mike Trivisonno, Dave Mortach and Billy Morris as its **Community Partners of the Month for October 2020**.

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



Executive Director Rick DeChant on Making a Stronger and Safer Cleveland

We are excited to announce that Cleveland Police Foundation's Director Richard DeChant appeared on *It's About You* Monday, October 26 at noon. Thanks, WKYC Channel Three!

Anchor Alexa Lee talked with Rick DeChant to learn about the Cleveland Police Foundation, turning protest into policy, and building bridges between citizens and police.

[Watch the segment here.](#)

"Thank You" Around Town

Sports Focus



Sports Focus and Mike Duda donated 13 large boxes of new clothing to be distributed to the homeless and refugee communities by Cleveland Police! Mike has continually donated to our efforts to help those in need in Cleveland.

Cleveland Montessori School

A special thanks goes to Cleveland Montessori School for donating protective face masks to the Third District Officers. Additionally, congratulations on receiving a school grant from the Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union.



Grace Baptist Bike Ministry

Thank you CPD Officer Mark Williams and Pastor Justin Brenenstuhl! They delivered bikes to some very happy kids. The Bike Ministry of Grace Baptist Church in Brunswick and Cleveland's Finest...taking care of those in need! Thank you!

Cops for Kids Raffle Donors

Big thanks to those who donated to our Cops for Kids 50/50 Raffle. Thank you Town Hall and Matthew Minyard for making and donating the Blue Line Flag! The raffle supports the Second District Kids Christmas Party and the Ward 16 Christmas party.



Vote with Discretion through Education: Now through Tuesday November 3, 2020

While social media can be a useful tool to connect us, it can also spread viral rumors, hoaxes, and conspiracy theories. Be a critical thinker and ask and answer your own questions.

Please check out these websites for reliable sources for information on voting:



- [Vote.gov](#) (USAgov and US Election Assistance Commission)
- [Your Guide to Voting During the Pandemic](#) (Consumer Reports)
- [Vote 411](#) (League of Women Voters Education Fund)
- [How to vote in your state](#) (The Washington Post)

In Cuyahoga County, there is a safe drop box at the Board of Elections 24/7 at 2925 Euclid Avenue in Cleveland in the rear parking lot. You may return your absentee ballot there by November 3 at 7:30 PM. You may also return your completed Vote by Mail Ballot Application there by October 31 by NOON. This is the site for early voting as well.

For information on in-person voting, how to get a Vote by Mail Ballot Application and more, see the [Cuyahoga County Board of Elections](#) website.

PLEASE VOTE...DEMOCRACY DEPENDS ON US!!

We get mail

“SKERNIVITZ + SABO FAMILIES”

While processing a huge stack of donations mailed in for the Skernivitz and Sabo families, I came across an envelope from Staten Island, New York. Chicken-scratched across the front was the Cleveland Police Foundation address with no return. Upon opening, I found a crudely folded piece of ripped grocery bag with a partial take-out receipt still hanging by a staple. Scribbled on the paper was “SKERNIVITZ + SABO FAMILIES” and stuffed inside were four crumpled dollar bills.

Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two very small copper coins. So He said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all the others. They gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything — all she had to live on.”

– Marilyn Jech

CPF and Police Officers in the Community

Simply amazing amount of work – impossible to track it all! [Here are photos](#) from a handful of the many different events local Police Officers were involved in over just a once month 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 residents can help to make our community safer.

Stay Safe When Driving:

- Plan your route ahead of time.
- Try not to travel alone.
- Keep your doors locked and windows rolled up.
- Don't drive in unfamiliar areas.
- Look in the rear view mirror often and watch around you – STAY ALERT!

- Always leave room ahead of your car to escape (don't box yourself in).
- Carry a cellphone with you at all times.
- DO NOT stop to help stranded drivers – call the police for them.

Carjacking:

Carjacking is a growing concern for many Americans. While percentage wise, the risk remains comparatively small, it is worthy of consideration. The American Automobile Association suggests:

- BE AWARE! Choose well-lighted, well-traveled facilities when stopping and try to park in a well-lighted area where people can see you.
- When returning home, be aware of all vehicles and pedestrians. Keep your home and your driveway well-lighted.
- Be careful after a minor rear-end accident. If you are bumped from behind and the circumstances are suspicious, call the police.
- Let someone know where you are going and when you will return.

Getting Into Your Vehicle:

- At night, park in a well lighted area.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Have your keys ready in hand.
- Look for anyone near your car or near you.
- Check the exterior of your car.
- Check the interior of your car before entering.
- Keep your car in working order at all times.
- Try not to ever let the gas tank get below half full.

If Confronted Getting Out Of Your Car:

- Avoid any verbal or physical confrontation.
- Cooperate.... move quickly away from your car.
- Walk or run away from the immediate area.
- Call the Police Immediately.
- Provide an accurate description of suspect(s) and vehicle(s).
- **If at all possible....NEVER go with the suspect(s)!!!**

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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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The Cleveland Police Foundation is the official charity for the Cleveland Division of Police and the only organization authorized to solicit charitable contributions on its behalf.

In addition to providing funding for youth and community outreach programs, community policing and engagement initiatives, safety & crime prevention programs, and supporting the members of the Cleveland Division of Police to help them better perform their duties, the CPF proudly supports the following charities in accomplishing their mission.



Contributions to the CPF are tax deductible under section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS Code.

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