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# THE PARTNER

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MARCH 2021

## POLICE OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

PATROL OFFICERS MOLLY MADARAS AND COREY ROSE

**The Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to recognize Patrol Officers Molly Madaras and Corey Rose as the March 2021 Police Officers of the Month.**

Two outstanding officers from the Second District are true Heroes in Blue!

**Patrol Officers Molly Madaras and Corey Rose** responded to a fire that had fully engulfed a home on West 47th Street this past January. Also responding was Ohio State Trooper Hiram Morales.

When notified by a neighbor that there were people inside, the officers entered without hesitation. Once inside, they encountered a male in a wheelchair and carried him out in that wheelchair.



Ohio State Trooper Hiram Morales

They returned to the home after learning there was a female inside, located her, and assisted her out also. The two rescued citizens were guided to a safe area away from the fire at which time neighbors came to their aid, providing blankets for both of them.

When asked about the actions of these patrol officers, Second District Commander Tom Stacho stated, "These officers ran into a burning building without regard to their personal safety and risked their lives to save the lives of two citizens who, because of physical limitations, were unable to escape the raging fire inside their home. Their heroic actions are especially noteworthy and deserving of this recognition."

It is because of their dedication and devotion to their profession that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Patrol Officers Molly Madaras and Corey Rose as its **Police Officers of the Month for March 2021**.

*(Special note): Thank you to Commander Tom Stacho and Lieutenant Tim Maffo-Judd for this nomination!*

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



## MARCH 2021 COMMUNITY PARTNERS Billy Sharp, Jeff Brown, and Geoffrey Ledwidge

CPF Executive Director Rick DeChant, Jeff Brown, Geoffrey Ledwidge, Billy Sharp, CPF Liaison Consultant Keith Sulzer, CPF Community Outreach Coordinator Bob Guttu

### March 2021 Community Partners of the Month

Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, true support has been shown for the men and women of the Cleveland Division of Police!

Sparked by the effort and encouragement of Cleveland Police Foundation board member Dr. Yvonne Pointer, the crew of **Billy Sharp, Jeff Brown, and Geoffrey Ledwidge** visited all five police districts and the Public Safety Central Building to provide food for our Heroes in Blue.

The delicious dinners, breakfast sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee were provided by McDonald's, Angie's Soul Cafe, Chic Fil A, and Beckham's B&M Bar B Que. Additional donations for these food giveaways were received from Hope Haven, the Jeff Brown Radio Show and the Urban League Guild. A big thank you goes out to all who participated in this effort!

With special thanks and congratulations, it is because of their dedication to the Cleveland Division of Police that the Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to name Billy Sharp, Jeff Brown and Geoffrey Ledwidge as its **Community Partners of the Month for March 2021**.

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

## BOLO

**MAY 2 - 8, 2021**

National Correctional Officers Week

**MAY 13**

33rd Annual Candlelight Vigil

**MAY 9 - 15**

National Police Week

**MAY 15**

Peace Officers Memorial Day

## In the News Around Town

### Guns Off the Street and Into the Furnace

The [Cleveland Cliffs Steel Mill](#) was the location in March 2021 to dispose of over 400 long guns and handguns that were turned in at the City of Cleveland's Gun Buy Back Program (*the last event was October 2019 due to the pandemic*).

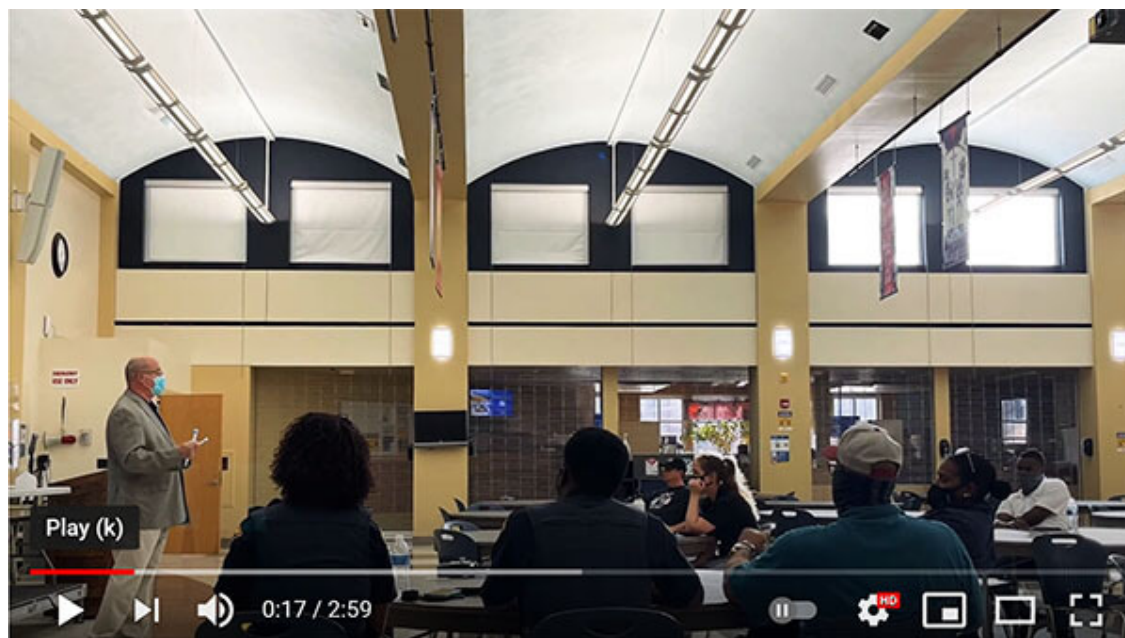


Members of the Cleveland Division of Police Ordnance and Property Section in fire-resistant garb pitched in the unwanted weapons in an explosion of flames.

Although it is unknown how many lives were saved by destroying these weapons, we can all sleep better knowing they were removed from the streets and neighborhoods of our communities!

*Submitted by Bob Guttu, CPF Community Outreach Coordinator*

*Photo by Ruggero Fatiga, City of Cleveland*



## Learning Police Procedures First-Hand

**The Citizens Police Academy** of the Cleveland Division of Police gives citizens an opportunity to learn first-hand the duties and responsibilities of police officers.

Participants also acquire a deeper understanding of the policies and procedures which help guide a police officer's decision in his or her everyday assignments.

As I attended the latest class along with the CPF's Executive Director Rick DeChant, I experienced this process as held at St. Ignatius High School.

The citizen-students were observing proper procedure in handling traffic stops. They all had the opportunity to learn how to pull a vehicle over, verbally engage and if necessary, arrest an individual. All this guidance was under the supervision of Officer Freddy Diaz and the members of the Community Relations Unit.

### [CPD Citizens Police Academy VIDEO](#)

Any interested citizen is welcome to join this 6-8-week course. Please call the Community Relations Unit for more information by dialing 216-623-5080.

*Submitted by Bob Guttu, CPF Community Outreach Coordinator*

## We get mail!

*RE Patrol Officers Molly Madaras, Corey Rose, and State Troupers Hiram Morales who responded to a fire that had fully engulfed a home on West 47th Street this past January:*

"Thank you for your exemplary service above and beyond the call of duty. Extraordinary rescue performed at great personal risk. An act in the historic traditions of the CPD."

~ Mike Morley

### 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.*

#### **A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IS NOT...**

*This is part two of a series of articles about Neighborhood Watch programs.*

Neighborhood watches are one of the original foundations of community policing and are referred to as the EYES AND EARS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. Members look out for neighbors and their property and report suspicious activities to law enforcement. By doing so, citizens are better served and protected in their neighborhoods.

But Neighborhood Watches are more than looking out for suspicious activity in neighborhoods. Through community mobilization, neighbors, businesses, coworkers, and students form an active majority against the minority of wrongdoing in the community. Watches allow individuals who often don't know their own neighbors the opportunity to discover the common interests and priorities they share and protect

themselves, their families, and their homes in a reasonable way.

Through mobilization, neighbors also become less fearful of crime. Residents work to prevent the possibility of crime in the area and develop a sense that something is finally being done to make their community safer. Mobilization brings residents, knowledge, resources, and energy together to form a partnership against crime to meet community needs.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ARTICLES

- Part One: ["What is a Neighborhood Watch?"](#)
- Part Two: ["A Neighborhood Watch is Not..."](#)
- Part Three: ["Organizing a Neighborhood Watch"](#)
- Part Four: ["The Neighborhood Watch Meeting"](#)
- Part Five: ["The Role of Neighborhood Watch Members"](#)
- Part Six: ["Neighborhood Watch: Solving Problems"](#)
- Part Seven: ["What Motivates Neighborhood Watch Members"](#)
- Part Eight: ["How Neighborhood Watches Grow"](#)

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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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