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The Cleveland Police Foundation is honored to recognize Lieutenant Marcus Montanaro as the August 2021 Police Officer of the Month

Lieutenant Marcus Montanaro of the Cleveland Police Fifth District is very active in the community he serves!

Lieutenant Montanaro promotes the Community Policing concept on a daily basis and has been a staunch supporter of the Cleveland Police Athletic League for many years. He assists at the Children's Holiday Party by delivering gifts to disadvantaged youngsters and attends the Cops for Kids fishing events to ensure the children enjoy their special day. The lieutenant has also made it his personal mission to build up the district gym so that the officers have the equipment to help keep them healthy and fit.

When asked about Lieutenant Montanaro, PAL Executive Director Bob Kumazec stated, "Although he prefers to work behind the scenes out of the limelight, he is most deserving to be recognized for his compassion and service to others. I'd like to thank Lieutenant Montanaro personally for his willingness to assist us with the PAL mission and for being such a good friend throughout the years."

It is because of this compassion and service to others in the community that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Lieutenant Marcus Montanaro its **Police Officer of the Month for August 2021**.

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



AUGUST 2021 COMMUNITY PARTNER Cleveland Police Athletic League

Pat Kenney (CPF Board), PAL Executive Director Bob Kumazec, Dick Clough (CPF and PAL Board President), Bob Guttu (CPF Community Outreach Coordinator)

Proudly Announcing our August 2021 Community Partner of the Month, the Cleveland Police Athletic League

The Cleveland Police Athletic League has a rich history in providing quality recreational and educational activities for youth. In fact, many of the current volunteers, coaches, and police officers have participated in PAL programs as children. Here in Cleveland, we are very lucky to have many dedicated volunteers plus an executive director, Retired Cleveland Police Sergeant Bob Kumazec, who has been with Cleveland PAL for over 20 years.

Sergeant Bob has made it his personal mission to ensure that the PAL program is one to be proud of! The annual kids' Christmas Party that he organizes reaches thousands of kids in the community and provides them with a day of games, activities, and presents they may not have received otherwise. Although there are many similar recreational and educational programs geared towards youngsters, PAL is the only program in existence that provides daily interaction with police officers in the community. Yes, indeed...every kid needs a PAL!

It is because of the dedication of all the volunteers and retired Sergeant Bob Kumazec that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name the Cleveland Police Athletic League as its **Community Partner of the Month for August 2021**.

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

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transform police culture to improve police community relations, and achieve a safer community for you and your family or business.

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of the Cleveland Police Foundation, and receive some "cool" perks in appreciation for the support.

**Support Vision '21's Programs: Help the Police Help the Community**

Our mission is to strengthen the bonds between the Cleveland Division of Police and the citizens it serves, working together to make our city safer for all. To accomplish that goal, the CPF works proactively to support and invest in programs, community policing initiatives and engagement, events that foster stronger relationships between citizens and police officers, and police charities.

Your participation will make a direct impact on the future of our community and give you sense of pride knowing you are an official FRIEND of the Cleveland Police Foundation.

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BOLO

SEPT 17, 2021

[Ohio Heroes Golf Outing](#)

Remembering Det. James Skernivitz and Officer Brandon Stalker

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OCTOBER 16, 2021

[Second District's 21st Annual Baby Shower](#)

Held for the benefit of Providence House
1:00-4:00 PM

SEPT 25, 2021

[Pipes & Drums of the Cleveland Police 5th Anniversary Gala](#)

Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum

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In the News Around Town

Barbers With a Mission

The second annual “Barbers with a Mission” event was organized by First District Community Engagement Officer Juan DeJesus. Local barbers joined together and volunteered to provide free haircuts to the kids at Laura’s Home, part of the City Mission. Many thanks to all of the barbers who volunteered their time to make this event a tremendous success!

[More...](#)



School Supplies for the West Side

The Cleveland Police Foundation was honored to partner up with Cleveland Police officers from the First District in a giveaway held for children who needed materials to ensure their academic achievement. There were plenty of smiles and appreciation from the parents and kids receiving the supplies however, some of the biggest smiles were from the officers who participated! [More...](#)



Summer Fun, Education, and Information

The [Hispanic Police Officers Association](#) helped out at the community fair sponsored by the [Cleveland Hispanic Humadaop](#).

Since 1989, Hispanic UMADAOP has existed to empower the Hispanic/Latino community to reduce the negative impacts of abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs through culturally sensitive and holistic prevention, education,



intervention, and treatment programs. Thank you all for a great summer event!

Neighborhood Cleanup in Detroit-Shoreway

On Friday, August 20, The Cleveland Housing Network, along with several volunteer organizations including the Cleveland Police Foundation spent the afternoon working on a Detroit-Shoreway community cleanup event.

The project focused on improving the area by cutting grass in vacant lots, cleaning up vacant houses and completing basic landscaping for residential homes.

Thanks to Channel 19 for covering this. There are more events planned throughout the area which the Cleveland Police Foundation looks forward to participating in. [Watch the video here.](#)



Youth Opportunities Unlimited

Cleveland Police Foundation was proud to be involved with **Youth Opportunities Unlimited**, a program that matches students with summer jobs. The program has been in existence since 1982 and works with youth from the eighth to twelfth grade. This is a Cuyahoga County program that is seen as job market strengthening for the region. The students gain work experience, interviewing skills and exploration in possible career fields.



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#MONTANARO

"Thank you for your service. Congratulations." – Mary Veres, RE Cleveland Police Foundation Police Officer of the Month for August, Lieutenant Marcus Montanaro

"Congratulations and may you continue to be blessed. One of the best bosses I ever had." –
Marquita Sellers

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.

Guns in the Home

It is very important that we make sure our children know what to do if they happen to find a gun either in the home or outside. Here are some tips from the Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program:

- **STOP!** – This first step is critical. Stopping first allows your child the time he or she needs to remember the rest of the following safety instructions.
- **DON'T TOUCH** – A firearm that is not touched or disturbed is unlikely to be fired and otherwise endanger your child or other people.
- **RUN AWAY** – This removes the temptation to touch the firearm as well as the danger that another person may negligently cause it to fire.
- **TELL A GROWN-UP** – Children should seek a trustworthy adult, neighbor, relative or teacher if a parent is not available.

We as adults should teach these important points to our children and continue to go over them periodically so they understand that a gun is not a toy and can hurt them.

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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.



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