



From left: Cleveland Police Foundation's new officers Ed Stevens, APR, Secretary; Dick Clough, Board Chair and President; John Anoliefo, Vice President; and Richard Henry, Treasurer

## Cleveland Police Foundation Announces New Officers and 2022 Board of Trustees

The Cleveland Police Foundation (CPF) announces its new officers and an expanded board of trustees, according to **Rick DeChant, CPF Executive Director**.

The new officers include **Dick Clough, Board Chair and President; John Anoliefo, Vice President; Ed Stevens, APR, Secretary; and Richard Henry, Treasurer**. These appointments took effect January 1, 2022.

"While we are happy to announce our new officers and board, we know that our



organization would not be in the excellent place it is today without the work of our outgoing Chair and President **Grant Dinner**, said DeChant. "Without his leadership and dedication to the Cleveland Police Foundation, we would not have the financial strength and posture in the community to be able to fulfill our mission—bringing our community and police closer."

Other outgoing officers include **Jim Craciun** who was vice president and **Woods King, III, Esq.** who was treasurer. According to DeChant, Dinner, King and Craciun will remain on the board.

Dick Clough, CEO, CloughCleveland LLC, IdeaEngineering, is well known for his work with the Green Ribbon Coalition, the Tour of Good Cheer and other significant community initiatives. Clough plans to pursue an ambitious agenda bringing citizens and law enforcement together to resolve issues and encourage police openness to reform through cultural transformation.

"The Foundation has its work cut out for it," Clough observes. "Our great city's vitality and well-being, renaissance of urban living, and economic growth largely rests upon the success in building bridges between police and citizens and maintaining public safety." Clough concludes, "The stakes couldn't be higher."

John Anoliefo is well known to the City of Cleveland as the president of the Famicos Foundation. Ed Stevens is Chairman Emeritus with Roop & Co. and has been a public relations professional in Cleveland for decades. Richard Henry runs RHG Solutions, a company strong in company turnarounds and mergers/acquisitions.

Besides the individuals already mentioned, the 2022 members of the board include:

- **Alex Machaskee**, Retired Publisher, *The Plain Dealer*
- **Carolyn Williams**, Federal Reserve Bank
- **David Akers**, Equalis Group
- **Doug Bugie**, FPC Worldwide Recruiting
- **George Hwang**, Retired Owner, Pearl of the Orient (West)
- **Grant Dinner**, Former Chair and President
- **Jazmin Long**, Birthing Beautiful Communities
- **Jim Craciun**, Former Vice President
- **Mari Galindo**, Hispanic Community Activist
- **Mike Connoles**, Skylight Financial
- **Nicole Stacey**, MSW, ACSW, LISW-S, Professional Consultant
- **Patrick Kenny**, CHN Housing Partners
- **Seth Briskin, Esq.**, Meyers Roman, LPA
- **Steve Anthony**, Ernst & Young (FBI, Ret.)
- **Tawana James**, Thrive Behavioral Health
- **Thomas G. Klocker**, All Metal Sales, Inc.
- **Woods King, III, Esq.**, Former Treasurer
- **Yvonne Pointer**, Community Activist
- **Bill Denihan**, Board Member Emeritis

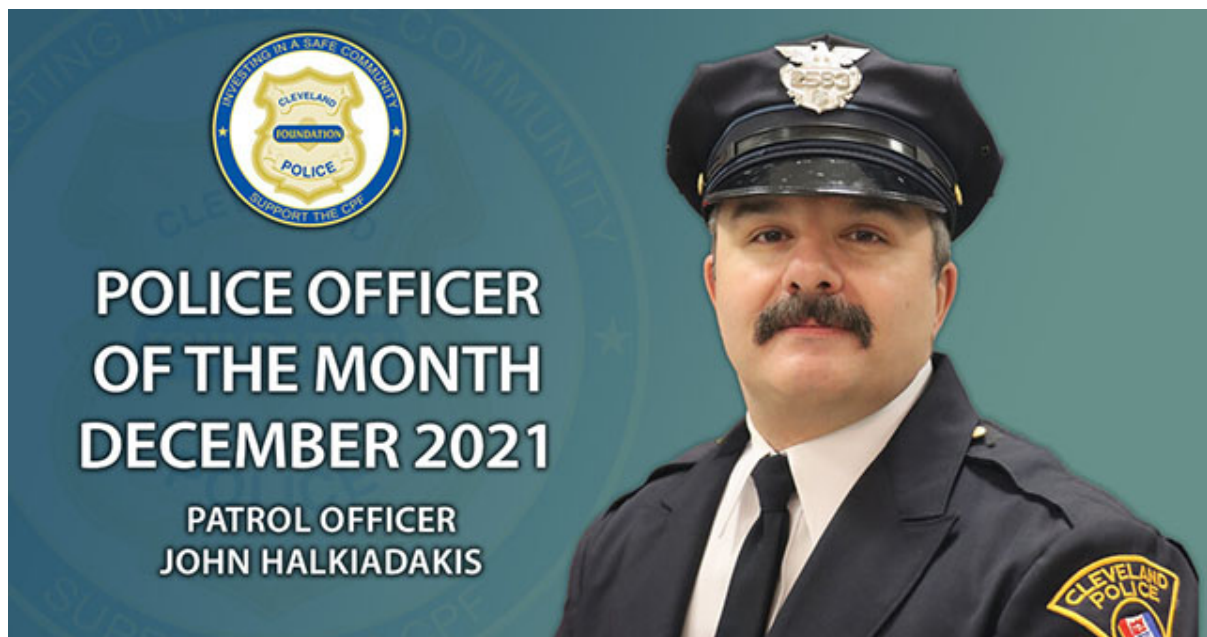
The Cleveland Police Foundation has established itself as the bridge between police officers and the community by producing measurable results from participation in the



Cultural Transformation, Shot Spotter, Summer Pipeline and Heroes Fund programs. The Foundation continues to focus on six areas:

- Cultural transformation designed to change police officers from warriors to guardians of the community.
- Technology in the form of programs such as Shot Spotter.
- Diversity whereby we pinpoint police officer candidates from urban areas.
- Community policing with commitments to the Cops 'n Kids and Police Athletic League among others.
- Police charities such as the Mounted Police Unit, Honor Guard and more.
- Officer mental health and welfare including the Heroes Fund.

For more information go to [www.clevelandpolicefoundation.org](http://www.clevelandpolicefoundation.org). You may also call 216-536-6776.



## The Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to recognize Patrol Officer John Halkiadakis as the December 2021 Police Officer of the Month.

**Patrol Officer John Halkiadakis** of the Cleveland Division of Police Second District recently showed by his actions that he is always ready to serve his community whether he is on duty or not!

Recently while off-duty at his home, P.O. Halkiadakis was summoned to assist his good friend and neighbor who was obviously having a heart attack. The officer immediately responded to render aid. Without hesitation, Halkiadakis performed what was later determined to be lifesaving CPR on his neighbor until Cleveland EMS could arrive. The neighbor has since recovered and credits John for not only being a good friend but also for saving his life.

**Lieutenant John Farnsworth** of the CPD Second District stated for this article that, "P.O. Halkiadakis works every day to make a positive impact in his community as a police officer. He applied the training he had received in CPR and first aid and made an impact close to home as well. This selfless act is indicative of his positive nature whether he is on





or off duty.”

It is because of his dedication to the community he serves and the lifesaving efforts he performed on his neighbor that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name Patrol Officer John Halkiadakis its **Police Officer of the Month for December 2021**.

**More about the Police Officer of the Month Program...**



**The Cleveland Police Foundation proudly announces that the recipients of our Community Partner of the Month Award for December 2021 are St. Ignatius of Cleveland and St. Brendan of North Olmsted.**

For the past nine years, **CPD Lieutenant Tim Maffo-Judd** has spearheaded the Second District Holiday Sock and Underwear drive to support the homeless community during the winter months. This year the lieutenant decided to contact **St. Ignatius High School** for some help!

As fate would have it, Maffo-Judd was pleasantly surprised to find one of his teachers from St. Edward High School, Mr. DeVenney, working as Campus Minister at St. Ignatius. DeVenney agreed to help the lieutenant with the clothing drive, then taking it upon himself to contact Principal Julie Onacila from **St. Brendan School** in North Olmsted. Between the two schools a substantial amount of new underwear and socks were donated and delivered to St. Ignatius and picked up by a group of Santa's Elves.

At that time, Lieutenant Maffo-Judd stated “This is really remarkable how these two schools came together to help us help those in need. It is my hope that we can continue this tradition with them and possibly plan other events to solidify this relationship.”

It is because of this combined effort of both schools to assist Lieutenant Maffo-Judd and the CPD Second District in this clothing drive that the Cleveland Police Foundation is proud to name St. Ignatius of Cleveland and St. Brendan of North Olmsted as their **Community**



## Partners of the Month for December 2021.

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

### Remembering Patrol Officer Shane Bartek



It was indeed a sad and solemn day Tuesday, January 11, 2022, as **Patrol Officer Shane Bartek** was put to rest after being murdered in a carjacking incident on the west side of Cleveland.

The morning started with a memory-filled dedication ceremony to Shane held at Grace Church in Middleburg Heights. Attended by many of his relatives, friends, and fellow officers from around the state, tribute was paid for the sacrifice made by this 25-year-old police officer.

Upon completion of the service, the body of Officer Bartek was accompanied by numerous police and personal vehicles to his final resting place at Holy Cross Cemetery. What was truly impressive about taking part in this procession was to see the large number of First Responders at attention and individuals from the community along the route.

As people held both United States and Blue Line flags, everyone braved the extreme cold to honor one of Cleveland's Finest. **Thank you, Patrol Officer Shane Bartek for your service and rest assured you will never be forgotten!**

*Submitted by Bob Guttu, CPF Outreach Coordinator*





The Cleveland Police Foundation mourns the tragic loss of **Patrol Officer Shane Bartek**.

We send our condolences to the Bartek family and all in the Cleveland Division of Police.

Those wishing to show their support for the Bartek family can do so through our **Heroes Fund** which supports the families of those lost in the line of duty or seriously injured while in the line of duty.



[www.clevelandpolicefoundation.org/heroes-fund](http://www.clevelandpolicefoundation.org/heroes-fund)

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### PLEASE HELP US...

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



## VISION '21 CAMPAIGN

### CONSIDER BECOMING A FRIEND

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



## Vision '21: 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.

[More about the Friends program . . .](#)



## Support Law Enforcement United to Help Families

## of Fallen Officers

*From Gabrielle Leon, daughter of Fallen CPD Officer Wayne Leon, end of watch June 25, 2000*



I have the honor of participating in the **Law Enforcement United bike ride** during National Police Week in May 2022. This is a 250-mile bike ride that will start in New Jersey and end in Washington, DC. This bike ride has the dual purpose of remembering and honoring fallen law enforcement officers while also raising money for organizations like The Road to Hope, **Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.)**, The Officer Down Memorial Page, and Spirit of Blue Foundation.

Through C.O.P.S., I began attending events like C.O.P.S. Kids Camp, Outward Bound, and Adult Children's Retreat. The families at these programs all lost a loved one in the line of duty as well. I finally felt like I was around people who "get it." I could relate to others about my struggles of understanding a world without my dad in it. These friendships made at Kids Camp, OB, and AC are worth more than gold to me.

This year, I was able to return to Kids Camp as a mentor. I watched as these little campers made friends they will hold close to their hearts for their entire lives, just as I still do.

C.O.P.S. and their hands-on programs like Kids Camp and Outward Bound have given me friendships, love, and support that have helped me get to where I am today. I am honored to be able to honor these brave men and women and humbled to have the support of so many.

~ Gabrielle Leon

**Law Enforcement United, Inc.'s** fundraising efforts support The Road to Hope, Concerns of Police Survivors, The Officer Down Memorial Page, and Spirit of Blue Foundation. They are a non-profit organization, EXEMPT from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.



[Donate to fundraising campaign here...](#)

## In the News Around Town







## NAACP Cleveland Chapter Celebrates 109th Anniversary

At the 109th Anniversary Freedom Fund Dinner on December 5 at the Renaissance, the **Cleveland Chapter of the NAACP** honored **India Pierce Lee**, Senior Vice President, Program at The Cleveland Foundation as the 2021 Corporate Honoree.



The dinner was a true celebration of the work the NAACP has done in Greater Cleveland and nationally. The NAACP has a strong and long history of fighting for civil rights, social justice, and advocating for educational and economic opportunities for the citizens of the communities served. Towards that end, the MSNBC commentator **Tiffany Cross** was the keynote speaker.

The NAACP's mission is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination. The CPF prides itself on the diversity of its board and support of these values.

## Cleveland Police T-Shirt Benefits Heroes Fund

Thank you to Barstool Sports for presenting this "Cleveland Police Tee." 100% of the proceeds benefit the Cleveland Police Foundation's Heroes Fund, which provides assistance to the families of officers lost in the line of duty, or seriously injured in the line of duty. Most recently, Cleveland grieves the tragic loss of Patrol Officer Shane Bartek.





The \$28 cotton unisex shirt is offered in navy and features a Cleveland Police badge with a ribbon of mourning. Sizes range from S through 3XL. The website's shopping cart offers 4 interest-free payments of \$7 with sezzle. All sales are final.



[How to get the t-shirt...](#)



## "A century in the saddle: Cleveland Mounted Police Unit has performed, protected, and saved lives"

Did you know that the Cleveland Police Mounted Unit will have a new home? Thanks to FreshWater for this piece on the construction of the new facility and the history of the Cleveland Police Mounted Unit. We greatly enjoyed this January 20 article by Tom Matowitz.

[Read the article here...](#)





## Cleveland PAL Helping Give Good Cheer

**Cleveland PAL** Board President **Dick Clough's** 37th Annual **Tour of Good Cheer** was held on December 18. Volunteers delivered clothing, essentials, toys, and many other items to seven locations throughout the city. Youngsters from **Magnificat** and **St. Ignatius High Schools** along with their parents helped load up all the goods for delivery. Dick Clough's friends then delivered the items to needy community partners. Special thanks to Community Relations Officers who provided an escort for the Tour. Clough is also the newly-elected Board President of The Cleveland Police Foundation. Thank you, Dick!



To further the holiday spirit, CLE PAL purchased over \$40,000 in gifts and toys in place of its annual Cleveland Police Children's Holiday Party. The items were delivered to Public Hall and dispersed to all the districts, community relations, and other community partners on December 10 and 11. A very special thanks to **Mr. Dennis Gallagher** of the Arrow Corporation who made a substantial donation to CLE PAL. We would also like to thank **Victor Rucker, Commander Johnny Johnson, Jeff Petkac**, and all the police officers that helped by sorting, picking up, and distributing the gifts throughout the city.

Unfortunately, the annual party has been postponed the last two years due to Covid but we are planning to come back strong for the December 2022 CLE PAL Holiday Celebration!





## Shop with a Pro teams Browns Players and PAL Kids

On December 14 **Dick's Sporting Goods in Westlake** held a Shop with a Pro event for 10 lucky Cleveland Police Athletic League (PAL) kids. The children received a meal from Chick-fil-A and were later surprised to shop with three Cleveland Browns players, **Jadeveon Clowney, Ronnie Harrison, and Curtis Weaver**. Most of the youngsters purchased warm clothing, boots, and sports equipment. A very special thanks to **Mr. Nick Cipkus**, Dick's Community Marketing Manager for Northeast Ohio, who set up the entire event. A big thanks to Dick's for donating \$2000 to CLE PAL!

With the help of agents from the **Adult Parole Authority**, CLE PAL provided turkeys and meals for 86 families in Cuyahoga County the week before Christmas. Thank you to all the parole officers who gave their time and efforts to make someone's holiday a little brighter!

To top it off, **A Kidz Club** and **Coats for Kids** joined together with PAL to provide warm clothing, coats, hats, scarfs, and mittens for the annual "Keeping Resee's Kids Warm" event at Arbor Park in the Cleveland Police Third District. **Resee Brown**, our Program Director, organizes the event each year. Resee was in the hospital for several weeks but still made sure the event went forward.

Thanks to everyone for made the 2021 Holiday Season special for our Cleveland PAL Kids!







## Cleveland Police Helping Dads at Christmastime

Patrol Officer Jimmy Thomas is assigned to the **Cleveland Police Bureau of Community Relations**, a unit committed to engaging residents throughout the city. During the course of a meet and greet at the **Lutheran Men's Shelter**, Jimmy had the chance to speak with some men who expressed issues they were having that are often overlooked.

The men residing at the men's shelter are experiencing homelessness due to a variety of issues such as unemployment, addiction, and others. They often have very little money. The men expressed how heartbreaking it is to be unable to provide gifts for their children at Christmas time, so difficult that some opt to not see their children for the holiday at all due to having no presents.

Jimmy worked with the administration within the shelter to create a target registry so that the dads could choose a gift their own child would want for the holiday. The **Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association** funded this program and the gifts were purchased and taken to the shelter. A small group of officers stopped by to wrap the gifts with the men. As Jimmy put it: this wasn't a big production. It's just dads helping dads.

We know these men and their families had a very happy holiday thanks to police-community teamwork!

## Challenge Coins Still Available

### Detective James Skernivitz

A 22-year veteran of the Cleveland Division of Police, Detective James Skernivitz was a victim of gun violence during an undercover drug operation ambush on



September 3, 2020. "Skern" was also a member of the Honor Guard for 20 years and these coins honor his sacrifice.

The challenge coins are \$10 each. Please contact Bob Guttu at [rguttu@clevelandpolicefoundation.org](mailto:rguttu@clevelandpolicefoundation.org).

Thank you for remembering Detective Skernivitz and for supporting the Cleveland Police Honor Guard!

### **Cleveland Police Mounted Unit**

The tradition of the Cleveland Police Mounted Unit has always been dear to the hearts of the community, as demonstrated by the outpouring of support over the past few decades. Officially established in 1911, the team has been in several presidential inaugural parades, helped with crowd control, and spreads good cheer and PR throughout the City of Cleveland.



To further reinforce the future of the Cleveland Police Mounted Unit, the Challenge Coins are for sale at the stables at 1150 East 38th St. in Cleveland for \$10. If you choose to have them shipped, the cost is \$15. Please message the unit with your information via their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ClevelandPoliceMountedUnit>

Thank you for your support of this Cleveland tradition!

## **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.*

### **Domestic Violence**

No one deserves to be abused. Hopefully if you are being abused, you will be able to find a way to safely get out of the abusive relationship. However, the reality is that for many different reasons, some victims are not able to leave an abusive relationship once the abuse begins. If you're in a physically abusive relationship, please consider the following tips to help try to keep you and your children safe until the time comes when you are able to leave.

#### **DURING THE VIOLENCE**

- The abuser may have patterns to his/her abuse. Try to be aware of any signs that show she/he is about to become violent so that you can assess how dangerous the situation may be for you and your children.



- If it looks like violence may happen, try to remove yourself and your children from the situation before the violence begins.
- Be aware of anything the abuser can use as a weapon. Keep any sharp or heavy objects that she/he may use to hurt you out of reach.
- Figure out where the “safer places” are in your home – the places where there aren’t weapons within arm’s reach. If it looks like the abuser is about to hurt you, try to get to a safer place.
- If the abuser does start to harm you, don’t run to where the children are; the abuser may hurt them too.
- If there’s no way to escape the violence at that moment, make yourself a small target. Dive into a corner and curl up into a ball. Protect your face and put your arms around each side of your head, wrapping your fingers together.
- Try not to wear scarves or long jewelry. The abuser could use these things to strangle you.

**The National Domestic Violence Hotline** is 800-799-SAFE (7233) and the organization also offers a live chat at [www.thehotline.org](http://www.thehotline.org). If you are experiencing an emergency, call 911.

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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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