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Cleveland Division of Police Reminds Community That the Cleveland Police Foundation Is Its Official Fundraising Organization

Updated ethics guidelines indicate that donations cannot be given directly to the Cleveland Division of Police.

Cleveland, OH (April 25, 2023)—Recent ethics guidelines have underscored that the Cleveland Police Foundation, an independent fundraising group, continues as the official fundraising arm and fiduciary for the Cleveland Division of Police, according to Police Chief Dornant "Wayne" Drummond.

"It is important to make it clear the City of Cleveland Division of Police is not in the fundraising business," said Drummond. "We need to separate fundraising, fiduciary responsibilities, and contact with local businesses and individual donors from the Division. We need the support we receive from the community for many unfunded initiatives and needs. But it must come by way of our intermediary—the Cleveland Police Foundation."

Dick Clough, president of the Cleveland Police Foundation, adds, "Our foundation has had responsibility as the fiduciary for the Cultural Transformation Program, Shot Spotter, and career pipeline feeder programs. We also serve as the clearing house for all police charities and provide funding for police officers and their families when the need arises. Businesses and individuals should visit our website to make a donation and see how we support the Cleveland Division of Police."

According to Clough, Cleveland Police Charities include Cleveland Cops for Kids, Cleveland Police Athletic League, Cleveland Police Historical Society & Museum,

Cleveland Police Mounted Police Unit Charitable Trust, Pipes & Drums of the Cleveland Police, and the Cleveland Police Honor Guard.

The Cleveland Police Foundation is a recognized 501 (c) (3) and all contributions are tax deductible.

For more information, visit <u>www.clevelandpolicefoundation.org</u> and go to the Donate link on the home page or mail donations to: Cleveland Police Foundation, 2301 Payne Avenue, Suite 201, Cleveland OH 44114.

About the Cleveland Police Foundation

The Cleveland Police Foundation is an alliance of business and civic leaders, law enforcement organizations and individuals committed to the ideal that an educated, well-trained and modernly equipped law enforcement agency leads to a safer 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. To accomplish this goal, the CPF works proactively to support and invest in programs, community policing initiatives and events that foster stronger relationships between citizens, the police officers and police charities. The Cleveland Police Foundation was incorporated July 7, 2005 and is a recognized 501(c)(3) organization. All contributions are tax deductible. For more information, visit www.clevelandpolicefoundation.org or write info@clevelandpolicefoundation.org .

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