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Police Foundation Announces #weloveclevelandpolice Campaign

The CPF hopes to encourage the community to think positively about police officers and the role they play in keeping us safe during Police Memorial Month in May.

Cleveland, OH (April 25, 2023)—The Cleveland Police Foundation (CPF), an independent fundraising group established to be the fundraising arm of the Cleveland Division of Police, has just announced a social media campaign with #weloveclevelandpolice as a social media hashtag, according to Dick Clough, CPF president.

Clough indicates that interested individuals should start using the **#weloveclevelandpolice** hashtag on Twitter and join us on Facebook and Instagram.

"It is time to change the way we think about police officers here in Cleveland and everywhere across the United States," says Clough. "We want Clevelanders to join us as we salute our police officers during Police Officer Memorial Month. At the same time, we want to seek support for many unfunded initiatives and needs that police officers have, and the Cleveland Police Foundation can underwrite. What we can accomplish depends on the generosity of our community."

According to the Foundation, it plans to introduce a photo contest where participants submit photos showcasing their appreciation for officers. The images should include people posing with officers, police vehicles, or other relevant subjects. Prizes will be given for the best photos and will be featured on the foundation's social media platforms. Details will be available on the foundation's website starting on May 1, 2023.

Clough continued, "We are looking for stories of gratitude. We want the community to share personal stories about positive experiences with officers using the hashtag #weloveclevelandpolice. Even video messages will be welcome and combined in a single video with the top ten award-winning videos featured.

According to the foundation, it has been the fiduciary for the Cultural Transformation Program, Shot Spotter, and career pipeline feeder programs. It also serves as the clearing house for all police charities and provides 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," Clough concluded.

The 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 www.clevelandpolicefoundation.org 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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