



CLEVELAND POLICE FOUNDATION

MISSION – PROGRAM PORTFOLIO – LEADERSHIP

HISTORY

The Cleveland Police Foundation was founded in 2010 by (retired) Chief of Police Michael McGrath and several leading business leaders including Ed Lozick (Swagelok), Sam Miller (Forest City Enterprises), and Tom Ganley (Ganley Automotive Group).

Independent of the Division of Police and Cleveland’s political leadership, the Foundation was patterned after the larger NYC Police Foundation and committed to the idea that an educated, well-trained, and modernly equipped police department results in a safer community for all.

NARROWED MISSION FOCUS

Challenging times with public distrust of police, the explosion of juvenile crime, and dangerous levels of stress experienced by police officers, and low morale have necessitated narrowing the Foundation’s mission to focus investment on three primary areas.

1. **Building bridges of trust and understanding between the community and police.**
2. **Creating opportunities for positive police interaction with kids.**
3. **Enhancing the morale, mental health and well-being of police officers.**

COPS & KIDS

The Foundation is partnering with community organizations and police charities such as PAL (Police Athletic League) to scale-up interactive programs for underserved inner-city kids to learn, work and play with police officers as role models. Key investments include:

- Increase the number of “Fishing with Cops” events to accommodate hundreds more youngsters.
- Expanding athletic opportunities through such as wrestling, rowing and sailing, and support for the PAL / Golden Gloves Program.
- Launching interactive arts activities pairing cops and kids with interests in music, cooking, painting murals, and more.

HELPING COPS COPE

Heroes Fund: Continue to assist the families of officers killed in the line of duty, and officers with duty-related health issues,

Support Mental Health: Seek out and fund innovative approaches to relieve job-related stress and trauma such as the availability of therapy dogs in each Police District, and classes to teach mindfulness, self-awareness, and empathy, and Yoga for mental wellness.



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Recognition: Show appreciation by putting the spotlight on “exceptional” police work with monthly recognition in our “Partner” newsletter, and through social media.

COMMUNITY BRIDGE BUILDING

Outreach Coordinator: The retired Cleveland Police officer, Bob Guttu, who literally wrote the book on Community Policing functions as the liaison between the community, Division of Police, and the Foundation.

Interactive Events: The Foundation underwrites and promotes opportunities for citizens and police officers to interact. Popular events include “Coffee with Cops” staged periodically in each Police District. We make a point to alert Foundation “Friends” members to all interactive special events.

Community Partnerships: We work with the leadership of civic organizations and neighborhood groups to facilitate conversations with police and public safety officials to address their unique constituent public safety issues and concerns.

Safety Briefings: We facilitate briefings by CDP community police officers on personal, office, home, and vehicle safety, and provide access to public safety content.

SUPPORT POLICE CHARITIES

The Foundation works to meet the underwriting needs of the principal police charities including the Mounted Unit, Honor Guard, Museum and Historical Society, Police Athletic League, and Cops for Kids.

FIDUCIARY SERVICES FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE

Citizens wishing to make contributions to the Cleveland Police or any of the five police districts must do so through the Foundation. Funds are maintained in restricted accounts and disbursed as directed.

Special Projects:

- The Foundation managed donor-driven funding for the initial **ShotSpotter** pilot demonstration project. The technology proved to be highly effective and is now being implemented across the city.
- **Gun-Buyback Events** are periodically staged by the Division with the funding for gift cards acquired from Foundation sources.

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Together we can make a difference!



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