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Agency of the Month

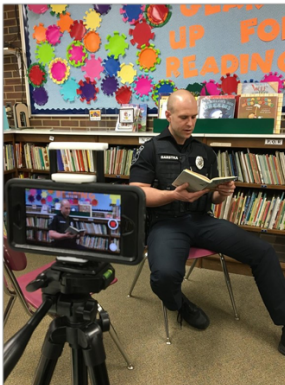
Canfield Police Department

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The Coronavirus outbreak has presented many challenges for individuals, families, and communities throughout Ohio and beyond. These challenges have also offered opportunities for creativity and resourcefulness. Officers at the Canfield Police Department quickly realized that many of the community outreach events held each year would be cancelled as a result of public health orders. This did not deter CPD from engaging with their community.

Reading with the SROs. . . .

Not unlike many Ohio students, Canfield Local School District students spent the end of the 2020 school year at home. Resource Officers Steve Garstka and Tim Lamping knew that many would enjoy seeing and hearing from them. They subsequently filmed themselves reading children's book, which were posted to CPD social media. CPD officers posted videos daily for over a month, which were viewed thousands of times and earned recognition from Gov. DeWine and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.



Easter Bunny. . . .

With the Easter Holiday approaching and families encouraged to stay home, CPD officers knew that they could bring some joy to those in the community. With a donated costume, CPD took to the streets and brought the Easter Bunny to each street, affording each child an opportunity to wave and cheer on the bunny. Even those outside the route got to enjoy the event through live feed of CPD social media.





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Sidewalk Chalk Contest. . . .

As warmer weather came during the spring, CPD officers encouraged outdoor time for children with a sidewalk chalk contest.

Upon request, a CPD officer dropped off a chalk set and parents were able to share the artistic abilities and creativity of their children. The masterpieces were shared on CPD social media, along with our own work.

