



Recognizing Outstanding Community Policing

Agency of the Month

### **Brimfield Police Department**

October 2021

"A stated core value of the Brimfield Police Department is "Community." Aligned with that, we understand as an agency just how important engagement and dialogue is with the various elements of our community. As a result, we strive to operationalize that agency core value in a variety of ways. At the end of the day, the members of our community are our "customers," and any opportunity we get to connect with them brings value to our police department and to our overall mission."

Chief Roy E. Mosley III, CLEE Brimfield Police Department

#### Coffee With a Cop

In collaboration with various businesses in the community including Panera Bread, McDonalds, and the Brimfield Bread Oven, the Brimfield Police Department has hosted multiple "Coffee With a Cop" events to create informal opportunities for the residents to meet and engage with the men and women serving their community over a cup of coffee.













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### **BPD Neighborhood Grill-Outs**

In 2021, a new program was initiated with an emphasis on bringing the police department not only out into the community in a more visible way, but into individual neighborhoods. Emerging from COVID-19, this has taken on added importance for them. The goal is to create opportunities for community engagement right where the residents are, with a "we'll come to you" approach. A canopy is set up with informational handout materials along with a grill for hot dogs and cold drinks supplied by the department. Toss in a few cornhole boards and there is a fun afternoon of community engagement! These events have been well received.









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#### Lemonade With a Cop

In 2020, Meijer built a new store in the community, and they reached out to the local school system, as well as the local government, to see how they could help and become a "partner" to Brimfield Township. This year, the Brimfield Police Department joined with Meijer to host the first "Lemonade With a Cop" event. Their staff was gracious enough to allow the department to set up an area outside the store where officers could meet with customers as they visited the store!



### **Cookies & Milk With a Cop**

With an emphasis on reading and creating opportunities for positive engagement between youth and law enforcement, in 2018 the department began a "Cookies & Milk With a Cop" program. In partnership with Field Local Schools, officers go into the elementary schools to read a book to the classes, and bring homemade chocolate chip cookies and milk along to serve to the classes after the book reading concludes.













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#### **BPD Kindergarten Safety School**

Each year in July, the department puts on a week-long Kindergarten Safety School Program for incoming kindergarten students to Field Local Schools. This program is spearheaded by the officers and staff, along with volunteers from the community and partnership with the Brimfield Fire Department. The kids learn about various aspects of vehicle and bicycle safety, fire safety, firearm safety and other aspects of safety in the home. The week-long program culminates in a graduation event attended by parents and family, along with a bike helmet that is donated by the department. The staff at Victory Baptist Temple Church generously donate the use of their building and grounds to host this event each year.













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#### **BPD Breakfast With Santa**

Each year the police department partners with Applebee's to host a "Breakfast With Santa" event for families in Brimfield. The goal of this event is to raise funds to assist the Shop With a Cop program by purchasing tickets to this event, while simultaneously creating an opportunity for families to bring their young children out to meet the police officers, as well as Santa and Mrs. Claus. The staff at Applebee's generously opens up on a Saturday morning and prepares breakfast food that the officers and staff members serve to all of the families in attendance. As breakfast concludes, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive to greet all of the kids and setup for photographs.







#### **BPD Senior Breakfast Program**

The Brimfield Police Department recognizes that senior citizens are an important part of the community. The Senior Program maintains contact information for many of the seniors in the community, birthday cards are sent out each year to the registered seniors. The department also partners with Beef O' Brady's restaurant each year around the holidays to host a Senior Breakfast. Seniors are invited to breakfast at the restaurant, where the officers and volunteers serve breakfast to them. It is the officer's way of expressing their appreciation to the seniors, while also providing an opportunity to engage with them and to get to know them better.









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### **Community Touch-A-Truck**

Each year the police department partners with the fire department, road department and other community and county organizations and food vendors to put on a Touch-A-Truck event at the Edson Road Park. Akron Children's Hospital has provided a life flight helicopter demonstration for past Touch-A-Truck events, and this year the department is sponsoring a UAV demonstration using the BPD drone Team along with a drone team from nearby Kent State University.







