



Sharing Ohio's Best Program

Recognizing Outstanding Community Policing

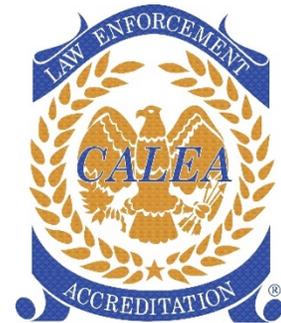


Agency of the Month

Mayfield Heights Division of Police

May 2022

The men and women of the Mayfield Heights Police Department understand the value and need in maintaining a close relationship with the Community that we serve. For this reason, the Community Operations Office was created in 2012. "Comm Ops" consists of two full-time officers that run the community programs and address quality of life issues that arise within the City. The two Comm Ops officers are regularly assisted by officers throughout the Department to make the community outreach programs successful and to allow citizens to get to know all the officers better. The programs include:



Neighborhood Watch

- In-person and live-streaming meetings
- Safety Tips
- Detectives briefing residents on the latest scams and crime updates
- Guest speakers
- Regularly attended by our Mayor, City Council Members, Police Chief and Captain, and many Officers from the Department
- Q&A



Citizens Police Academy

- The 8-week program is held one night per week and offered free to any resident or those that work or worship within the City. This program has been run annually since 2014. Almost every officer on the Department participates in the program so our "Cadets" get to know most of the officers.
- Each week focuses on a different aspect of the Police Department:
 - Patrol Division
 - Detective Bureau
 - Accident Investigation
 - BCI Crime Scene Investigations presented by a BCI Agent



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- Municipal Court / mocks trial attended by the Municipal Court Judge and Prosecutor
- Shooting range with instruction by the range officers (using airsoft Glocks/AR-15s). Cadets compete for the "Top Shot" trophy
- Specialty Units Night: SWAT, Bomb Squad, Drug Enforcement Unit, and Hostage Negotiators. Cadets are assigned to one of the specialty units and participate in a practical scenario that involves all the units working together to bring the mock incident to a peaceful conclusion. Cadets conduct an undercover controlled drug buy with DEU, SWAT executes a search warrant in their "shoot house", the Hostage Negotiators work to de-escalate a barricaded suspect, and the Bomb Squad removes and detonates a "suspicious package" with the robot's water cannon.
- Graduation with a certificate presented by the Mayor and Police Chief, followed by a reception.



Citizen's Academy for Teenage Students (C.A.T.S. – named after the school districts mascot, the Wild Cats)

This 2-day program incorporates most of the material presented at our adult Citizen's Academy but with a lot more hands-on activities such as having the kids process a mock crime scene and conduct mock traffic stops in a parking lot.





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National Night Out

- Free food and drink
- Music by a DJ
- Face painting
- Touch-a-truck (Police/Fire/Service Depts)
- Bounce houses
- Motorcycle demonstration
- Police Bicycle Unit – bike rodeo for kids
- Drone Unit demonstration
- Fireworks at dusk



Autism Awareness Month

One of the patrol cruisers is wrapped with the Autism logo to promote awareness in the month of April. Officers work with children with Autism and other special needs in a Safety Skills Program to teach them that police officers are here to help them, how to dial 9-1-1 in an emergency, to recite their address and phone number to police officers, and to make them comfortable with interacting with police officers.



Shop with a Cop





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Fill The Cruiser

Every year, near the holidays, MHPD officers conduct a Fill the Cruiser event to gather items for needy families within the City.



Safety Town



Ohio Torch Run





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Reading Program with Young Students

Officers stop by the local schools to read to young students.



New Driver Safety Class

An officer from the Traffic Bureau teaches safe driving. Included in this free program is a distracted driver simulator. As an incentive to attend the class, students are lent 5 traffic cones to practice their parking test until they obtain their driver's license.



OTHER COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

- Bicycle Patrol
- Victims Advocate Program
- Alice Training – Schools, Churches, Corporate Offices
- Annual Bank Alarm Training for Bank Employees
- Business Grand Openings

The partnership that we've built with our community is a source of pride at the Mayfield Heights Police Department

