



Sharing Ohio's Best Program

Recognizing Outstanding Community Policing



Agency of the Month

Miami Township Police Department

January 2022

The Miami Township Police Department places a huge emphasis on community involvement. A police department can thrive or fail based on this principle alone. In order to build the crucial trust-based relationships with the community, they created a multitude of events that provide the level of interaction necessary for that to grow.

Pet Microchipping Event

The Miami Township Police Department partners with a veterinarian clinic in their jurisdiction (Day Heights Veterinary Clinic) to provide microchips for pets at half the cost once annually.



Fill-A-Cruiser

Two Fill-A-Cruiser Events were created by Miami Township and cohosted by the Milford Police Department to fill police cruisers with back-to-school supplies to be distributed to the needy within the Milford School District in their jurisdiction.





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National Night Out

Each year, Miami Township Police and Milford Police Department cohost the National Night Out event.



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The Miami Township Police Department participated in the Undivided Training program as a racial solidarity movement to inspire meaningful conversations to break down the barriers of racial divide. As a result, the Miami Township Police Department initiated a campaign designed to get officers interacting in areas of the community that need to see police in a more positive setting. With the assistance of the Fire Department, portions of the parking lots in two of the lower income apartment complexes were roped off. The Fire Department opened the hydrants, the Police Department supplied water balloons, water guns, drinks, food and popsicles—a welcome offering on two particularly hot days. Additionally, they had a raffle with giveaway prizes.





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Miami Township Police Citizens Police Academy & Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

Miami Township Police offer a Citizens Police Academy annually that spans from September to November, in which members attend one night a week and learn about what it means to be a police officer and the training associated with becoming an officer. They are currently on Session 26. Additionally, the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association meets once a month and works in a volunteer capacity at police officer events.



Kindergarten Safety Camps/Bike Safety

Miami Township Police Officers attend camps sponsored by the Township and go to classes at the elementary schools upon request to discuss safety topics. The children also have the opportunity to explore the police cruisers, and participate in different demonstrations. They received a grant from "Put A Lid On It" and distributed the helmets at the various bike safety events.





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Reading with Officer Sherri & Tress

The Miami Township Police Department now has a floating School Resource Officer that shifts between each of the elementary schools within the Township. The Department also has a newly minted therapy dog, Tress. Officer Sherri and Tress have teamed up to bring reading fun to the students from the elementary schools.



Halloween Costume Contest

Miami Township residents can submit photos of their child in costume to participate in the costume contest. The winner will receive a gift bag with giveaways and donated gift cards from Township businesses. They will also have the opportunity to tour the station and interact with officers.





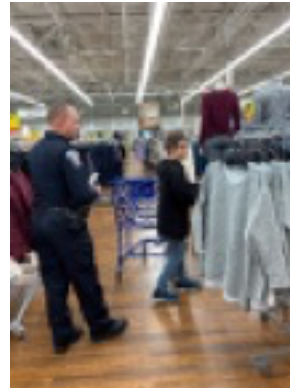
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Shop with a Cop

The "Shop With A Cop" program allows children in the community, selected by the Miami Township Police Department, to shop with a police officer for Christmas gifts for their brothers, sisters or parents. While the program is not designed to allow the child to buy gifts for themselves, the police officers will often allow the child to pick something out if there are funds available.



Blue Santa Post

Miami Township Children will have the opportunity to deliver their letters to the Blue Santa Post in the Miami Township Police Department lobby. They will then receive a letter from the Chief verifying that their letter has been delivered to Santa.

