



# Sharing Ohio's Best Program

Recognizing Outstanding Community Policing



Agency of the Month

## Wooster Police Department

December 2022



### *Stuff the Cruiser*

The City of Wooster Police Department, with the help from school administrators, assists hundreds of Wooster City School children with a toy & clothing drive every November through December to provide these kids a Christmas. Lowe's also donates carbon monoxide detectors to provide to each of these families, in honor of Wooster Police Department Safety Administration Supervisor, Megan Keller, who along with her husband Cody and their dog, passed away November 8, 2017 from carbon monoxide poisoning.



### *Citizen's Police Academy*

This 5-month program is offered to give community members an opportunity to get a glimpse into the day-to-day reality of what life is like for a police officer. The class meets twice per month with nine sessions and a graduation for those who have completed the course. The academy is a national initiative with unique programs offered in cities across the country. The curriculum for the academy includes everything from listening to officer's spouse talk about what their life is like, and experiencing a traffic stop from the police point of view to intense topics, such as firearms, drug investigations, F.A.T.S. simulator and A.L.I.C.E.





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## Five-O Cookout

This is an annual community event that treats the community to free hotdogs, hamburgers and drinks. It serves as an opportunity for families to interact with our Officers out of uniform. The event includes an Officer Dunk Tank, face painting, WPD swag, handouts, and first responder vehicles to explore. The Wooster Fire Department also assists in this event.



## Badges & Bobbers

This catch and release fishing derby was initiated in 2022 and provides kids 15 and under with a free fishing pole and door prizes. It is another way for the community to interact with us both in and out of uniform.

**Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 from 9am-NOON**  
**Freedlander Park**

Kids 15 and under!  
• With Chaperone •

Snacks & Drinks!

**WOOSTER OHIO POLICE**

**BADGES & BOBBERS**  
Wooster Police Dept.  
FISHING DERBY

Catch and Release!

Join the Wooster Police Department for **FISHING** → **PRIZES** → **FUN**

No Fishing Pole? No Problem! Equipment provided if needed.





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## ***Honorary Jr Police Officer***

This program, in partnership with the Wooster City Schools, recognizes students in the 4th grade for various attributes, such as leadership, kindness and doing well at school. Monthly award winners are recognized at an assembly where they receive a letter from the Chief, a Wooster PD swag bag, and certificates for free pizza and McDonald's.



## ***Cash for Christmas / Sgt Santa***

This community initiative, in partnership with Wayne Savings Bank, provides cash to individuals that are stopped for a minor traffic violation and given \$100 to assist with the holidays. Sgt. Santa is sometimes a guest ride-along and presents the surprise. Sgt. Santa also makes appearances at other department community related events.





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## ***Bike Rodeo***

The bike rodeo provides a safety course for young bike riders to establish riding and maneuvering skills. Officers are throughout the different areas of the course to help the young riders with tips and bike safety information. Each child is provided with a free bike helmet.

