



# Sharing Ohio's Best Program

Recognizing Outstanding Community Policing



Agency of the Month

## Cleveland Metroparks Police Department

January 2023



Chief K.J. Stillman and the Cleveland Metroparks Police Department participate in several community engagement initiatives, outreach events and programs. Below are a few of those opportunities:

### ***27th Annual Fairview Hospital Toy Run***

Lieutenant Petrucci and the Motorcycle Unit participated in the 27th annual Fairview Hospital Toy Run. This was a ride for a cause! This Harley-Davidson and Cleveland Clinic sponsored event raises funds and toy donations to be given to children being treated at Fairview Hospital.



### ***Safe Kids/Safe Communities Event***

Officers participate in the Safe Kids/Safe Communities Event at our Stillwater property located inside the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. One of our K-9 Officers, Chelsea Schoch and her partner Zeke attended this event to help address safety concerns within the community.

### ***Read with a Ranger***

Although the title has since changed to "Police" they participate in a program called, "Read with a Ranger". Officers attend several local elementary schools and read books to the children. Most recently, Officer Mallory Crawford attended the Dentzler Elementary School in Parma, Ohio. Officer Crawford read a safety-related story to the class and spoke about working as a police officer in the Cleveland Metroparks.





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## ***Ride the Beach Fundraiser***

The Cleveland Metroparks Police Mounted Unit is going on its 5th consecutive year with the "Ride the Beach" fundraiser. The event provides the public an opportunity to bring their own horse and ride the Cleveland shoreline at historic Edgewater Beach - taking in the spectacular views, plenty of photo opportunities, and time in the water if you choose. Proceeds directly assist the Mounted Unit with specialized equipment purchases and unique training opportunities.



## ***Fishing Derby***

Officers get involved with a local Fishing Derby at Wallace Lake, in Strongsville, Ohio and one at the Ohio and Erie Canal, located in Cuyahoga Heights, Ohio. This year, Officer Kort attended this event that encourages youth to interact with police officers while learning how to fish.



## ***Career Fair***

The Cleveland Metroparks Police love attending any career fairs that they can. This year, they attended one career fair at Charles A. Mooney Middle School located in Cleveland, Ohio. Officer Whaley attended this event, with other local police departments, to reach out to students showing an interest at becoming future officers.



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## ***K9 Demonstrations***

Although Cleveland Metroparks doesn't have schools of their own, they love to visit local schools within their jurisdictions. Recently, they visited Strongsville Middle School, in Strongsville, Ohio, where K9 Officer Simko performed a K9 demonstration with K9 Zeke. The event was also done to attract benefactors for cancer research.

They often get involved in events at surrounding public libraries. Recently, at the Cleveland Public Library, Fulton Branch, in Cleveland, Ohio, K9 Officer Simko gave a presentation and demonstration with her K9 partner, Zeke.

They also visited Grace Church in North Olmsted, Ohio where K9 Officer Collins performed a K9 demonstration to attendee to showcase Chase's abilities for church members.

Officers attended the Polaris Police academy in Middleburg Heights, Ohio to give presentations of how the Police Department operates and to inform cadets of the opportunities that can be found within the department. K9 Officer Simko performed a K9 demonstration for a group of young cadets. On a separate occasion, Officer Chelsea Schoch also performed a K-9 Demonstration and gave a presentation on the department.

They participated in an event called, "Creek Crawlers" Camp - located at the "Look About Lodge", Bentleyville, Ohio. K9 Officer Simko recently attended this Cleveland Metroparks summer camp to demonstrate Zeke's abilities to many young campers. This same program was held at the North Chagrin Nature Center in Willoughby, Ohio this year to which they also attended.

K9 Officer C. Schoch attended Brimfield Family Day in Brimfield, Ohio, where K9 Creed was able to showcase his skills and abilities for several attendees.







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## ***National Night out Events***



## ***Cleveland Metroparks Mounted Unit***

The Mounted Unit was recently involved in a program called "Ice Cream with a Cop" at Euclid Beach in Cleveland, Ohio. Sgt. Jessica McNally (Mounted) attended this youth summer camp sponsored by the Cleveland Metroparks to encourage positive interaction amongst youth and the police.

Officers attend several area safety fairs in the local jurisdictions. Most recently, officers attended the North Royalton Safety Fair. Officer Newman arrived on his horse (Mounted Unit) to the event that showcased to the public the various police, fire, and EMS departments serving in the area. The mounted unit is always a great conversation starter and is consistently drawing in a crowd.







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## ***Cleveland Metroparks Marine Unit***

The Cleveland Metroparks Marine Unit is shown below having fun and interacting with some of our park guests.



## ***National Father's Walk***

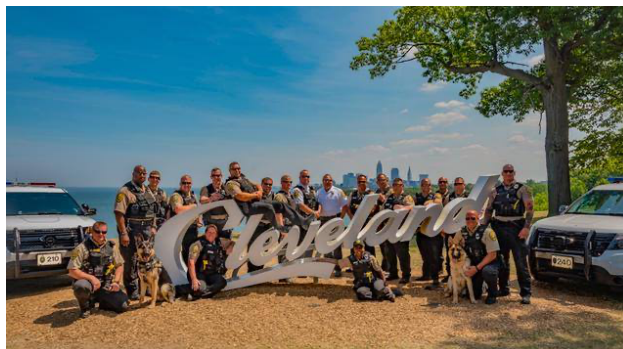
At Wade Park Elementary in Cleveland, Ohio, Officers Whaley and Tolliver attended the "National Father's Walk". This program honors and celebrates fathers and father figures and highlights their importance in the lives of their children.



## ***Community Events***

Recently, Officer Elliot attended a block watch event in Old Brooklyn, Ohio for the Old Brooklyn Society. This event was held to help area residents familiarize themselves with CMPD and other local police agencies serving the Old Brooklyn neighborhood.

The department partakes in many parades within their jurisdiction. Recently, they attended the City of Mayfield Heights Unity Day Parade located Mayfield Heights, Ohio. Officer Whaley drove a marked CMPD cruiser in the parade that encouraged positive community interaction with local police agencies serving the area.





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Sergeant Medlock and Officer Tolliver attended an event at the Cleveland IX Center called, "Meet your local Heroes" – local children were able to come by and meet the officers, get some free items, ask questions, and check out the police cruiser.



The Cleveland Metroparks Police Department is proud to serve the many communities around us and for this wonderful opportunity to bring their department's efforts to light.

