



Sharing Ohio's Best Program

Recognizing Outstanding Community Policing



Agency of the Month

Milford Police Department

December 2023

Project Lifesaver

The Milford Police Department has a team of officers who can provide a rapid response to save lives and reduce the potential for serious injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, Autism, Down Syndrome, Dementia, and other related cognitive issues. Through a grant from Project Lifesaver International, officers of the Milford Police Department and Milford Community Fire Department received equipment and training at no cost to the City. The grant provided specialized search and rescue equipment and training for 6 instructors. The training not only covered the use of the specialized equipment, but also consisted of lessons on how to communicate with people afflicted with cognitive conditions, all of which are essential to the successful rescue of missing persons who wander or otherwise become lost. Citizens who enroll in the program wear a small transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies the Milford Police Department, and a trained emergency team will respond to the wanderer's area with tracking equipment. It's their hope that they never have to use the equipment, but it provides peace of mind knowing that they are prepared.

Driven Project

They are the first agency in the United States to co-host Driven Project. In partnership with the Wyler Automotive Family, Childrens Hospital, and the Cincinnati Police Department, children battling serious illness were treated to a VIP experience that included their very own supercar parade, mascots, gift bags, a catered lunch, and more. They just wrapped up the third annual Driven Project!

Pattison Elementary School Liaison DARE Officer

One of their longest and strongest partnership is with the elementary school, where they have taught DARE for 25 years. The Milford Police Department is committed to the development and perpetuation of programs designed to prevent juvenile delinquency and provide a positive connection between juveniles and law enforcement. The D.A.R.E./School Liaison Program provides a forum through which students, parents, faculty, and law enforcement officers become acquainted and, as a result, earn a mutual respect. Officers make daily visits throughout their shift to interact with the students, teachers, and staff; however, they are currently planning to add a full-time school resource officer in 2024.



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Other Community Programs

- National Night Out
- Citizens Police Academy
- Junior Police Academy
- Shop with a Hero

Links to Photos

Photo 1: "Shop with a Hero"

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Photo 2: "Shop with a Hero"

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Photo 3: "Driven Project"

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Photo 4: "Project Lifesaver"

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