



# Sharing Ohio's Best Program

Recognizing Outstanding Community Policing



Agency of the Month

## Piqua Police Department

March 2026

The Piqua Police Department focuses on community-oriented policing, building trust through active engagement, and enhancing safety through various initiatives.

### ***Police in Parks***

During the summer months, our officers rotate through parks throughout the city to build visibility and rapport in neighborhoods where families already gather regularly, enhancing approachability and trust. During each scheduled event, our officers:

- Lead informal meet-and-greets, answering questions, playing games and engaging one-on-one with all ages.
- Organize simple activities—such as gaga ball, wiffle ball, kickball, basketball or flag football—to spark conversation in a relaxed setting.





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## ***National Night Out***

In Piqua, National Night Out is a true community collaboration. Our Police Department partners with local agencies, nonprofits, neighborhoods and service providers to bring resources and fun directly to our neighborhoods.

Instead of holding one large event, neighbors host block parties throughout the city—creating welcoming spaces where families can gather, kids can play and officers can connect with residents on a personal level.

At the various block parties, the community enjoys interactive activities like games, bounce houses, bike safety stations and meet-and-greets with first responders.

The impact is simple but powerful: residents see officers and community partners not just as uniforms or institutions, but as neighbors and allies. National Night Out in Piqua strengthens trust, reinforces neighborhood pride and builds the partnerships that keep our community safe and thriving.





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## **Careful Corners**

Our Careful Corners program, offered in partnership with the Piqua Police Department and Piqua Fire Department, is designed especially for children entering kindergarten. This initiative introduces young students to the school environment while also providing important early learning experiences focused on safety.

Through engaging, age-appropriate activities, participants receive instruction from local safety professionals on a variety of essential topics, including street safety, bicycle safety, fire safety, home safety and bus safety. Interactive sessions give children the chance to practice safe behaviors while building familiarity with the police officers and firefighters who serve their community.

Careful Corners not only equips children with practical safety knowledge as they begin school but also helps foster trust and positive connections between families, educators and first responders.



## **School Resource Officer Program**

The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program is a partnership between the City of Piqua Police Department and Piqua City Schools that places dedicated officers directly in the district's buildings to provide safety, mentorship and daily support for students and staff.

In 2025, the program expanded to ensure one SRO is now assigned to every Piqua City Schools district building.

Beyond their security role, SROs work to build positive relationships with students, showing them that police officers are trusted adults they can turn to, not just authority figures encountered during difficult times. This daily visibility and partnership strengthen the bridge between law enforcement, schools and families, creating a safer and more supportive learning



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