



# Sharing Ohio's Best Program

Recognizing Outstanding Community Policing



Agency of the Month

## Perry Township Police Department

May 2026

When Chief Bryan Taylor took command of the Perry Township Police Department in 2023, he brought a clear, inspiring vision for what policing should feel like in the community: one centered on stronger relationships, deeper trust, and meaningful engagement between residents and the officers who serve them.

The Perry Township Police Department began to grow not only in size but in spirit. Chief Taylor encouraged officers to be visible, approachable, and truly woven into the fabric of Perry Township. He pushed for modern standards, higher expectations, and a culture where service is personal, compassionate, and community driven.

Today, Perry Township Police Department stands as a department that listens, shows up, and invests in its people; both inside the agency and across the township. The connection between officers and residents is stronger, the commitment to outreach is greater, and the department's identity is clearer than ever. What began in 2023 as a new chapter, has become a transformation. A shift in culture, a renewed purpose, and a department moving forward with integrity, unity, and heart.

### ***Veterans Wish Tree Host***

Coordinating the annual Veterans Wish Tree program, giving the community the opportunity to support local veterans and their families through holiday donations and acts of kindness.





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## Trunk-or-Treat Events

Participating in multiple Trunk-or-Treats with local partners, including McKinley Eagles, Diehl School, Perry Local Schools, and the Stark County Sheriff's Office's annual event.



## Safety Town

Led by our DARE officer. Hands-on safety education program designed for young children, Kindergarten to First Grade, to teach them how to stay safe in everyday situations. It's a mini "kid-sized town" where they can practice real-life safety skills in a fun, controlled environment with police officers, firefighters, and instructors guiding them.





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## Career Days

Engaging with students at Perry High School, local colleges, and community programs to introduce careers in public safety.



## Chief for a Day

This program is a special initiative where a local child is chosen to step into the role of Acting Chief of Police for one unforgettable day. It's designed to build relationships, inspire kids, and give them a behind-the-scenes look at law enforcement.





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## Exceptional Olympics

Perry Township is lucky enough to host the annual Exceptional Olympics for all schools in the county. Showing support and encouragement for students with diverse abilities. PTPD officers ensure every athlete leaves with a stuffed animal and gets a cruiser tour.



## 911 Stair Climb

Honoring the legacy of 9/11 through participation and remembrance. Officers, first responders, and citizens climb the stairs at the McKinley Monument, mirroring the height of the World Trade Center towers.





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## Oktoberfest & Parade

Engaging with residents during one of the most celebrated annual township traditions. It's the kind of event where people stop and talk to officers, neighbors, old friends-the "everybody knows everybody" energy.



## Movie in the Park

A family-friendly community event where residents gather under the stars to enjoy a feature film on a large outdoor big screen. Township Departments provide snacks and a welcoming environment for all ages.

## National Night Out

Building positive relationships with residents through this nationally recognized community-police event. At PTPD, even our lost-canine social media posts have a purpose-and a little humor. We use lighthearted, playful captions to grab the community's attention and help spread the word quickly when a dog is found. That bit of fun goes a long way: more eyes on the post means faster reunions with their hoomans.





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## Cookout With Cops

One of PTPD's most signature community events, where officers step out from behind the badge and spend the day connecting with the people they serve. It's a relaxed, family-friendly cookout designed to build positive relationships, break down barriers, and show residents that their police department is part of the community. It's officers that are giving back in the most down-to-earth way: good food, good fun, and good conversation.





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## Cops & Bobbers

Spending quality time with kids and families through fishing and outdoor connection. Kids are provided poles, bait, fishing supplies, and trophies for the biggest catch, the smallest catch, and the most caught.



## Lemonade Stand Visits

Supporting young entrepreneurs through spontaneous and positive interactions across the township.





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## Seatbelt Challenge

Partnering with Stark County Safe Communities to promote safe driving habits among students.



## Numerous Escorts for State

Bound Athletes: Providing safe and celebratory escorts for Perry and Central Catholic athletes headed to state-level competitions.





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## P.R.I.D.E. Camp

DARE students who have shown excellence throughout the school year are selected to attend a special, rewarding experience recognizing their hard work, leadership, and positive choices. The camp includes hands-on activities, team challenges, community service, and exciting field trips.



## Safer Seniors Program

Perry Township Police have always been committed to their residents, especially their senior citizens. In 2023, the Safer Seniors Program was created to ensure older adults have the resources, information, and personal connection they deserve. This program includes informational meetings, lunch-and-learn events, and a Senior Watch initiative, all designed to promote safety, awareness, and well-being.

- **Fraud Prevention Seminars**  
Collaborating with area investigators to educate residents throughout the entire county about scams, financial crimes, and preventive strategies.
- **Senior Citizen Lunch & Learns**  
Designed to educate, connect, and support our older residents in a welcoming, relaxed setting. Seniors are treated to a complimentary lunch while enjoying informative presentations from guest speakers and vendors.
- **Keep Seniors Driving Collaboration**  
Partnering with Stark County Safe Communities on a lunch-and-learn focused on senior driver safety and informational vendors.



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