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THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE AND THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES WHITEHOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR COMMUNITY POLICING EFFORTS

The Whitehouse Police Department was recently named the June 2021 “Agency of the Month” for their outstanding community policing efforts.

In 2018, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and the Law Enforcement Foundation formed a new committee named “Community Relations and Engagement” to work with agencies of all sizes and capabilities to highlight their positive work that’s being done around Ohio each and every day.

In 2019, the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police and Law Enforcement Foundation Community Relations and Engagement Committee began a new program named “Sharing Ohio’s Best” to help bring awareness to the amazing work that agencies do all over Ohio to promote positive policing.

The Community Relations and Engagement Committee compiles submissions from agencies and selects one each month to be recognized. Each agency is eligible. Typically, the committee focuses on creativity and how the program impacts the individual community. Recent programs that have been recognized include a teen driving course, programs to help the disabled, and programs focusing on community safety.

The Community Relations and Engagement Committee issued this statement “It is our pleasure to recognize the outstanding efforts by the Whitehouse Police Department for their community policing commitment that helps make us stronger. We congratulate Chief McDonough and the hardworking members of his agency that have gone above and beyond to provide quality community policing ideas to their citizens.”

About Whitehouse Police Department Community Relations Program

Birthday Parades - Since social gatherings were extremely limited during the pandemic, and social distancing became the norm, one way to celebrate birthdays within the village (for both young and seasoned residents) was through “Birthday Parades” made possible by the Village Safety Service Departments. Residents within the Anthony Wayne were surprised by the birthday parade of police, fire, and family members driving by the birthday boy or girl’s residence to help celebrate their special day. The Whitehouse Police and Fire Departments made these special parades possible with the help of family members and close friends.

Free ID Checking Guide Booklets - As part of the Department’s community engagement and in working with the business community, the Police Department, through a generous donation by the AWAKE Board, provided free copies of the 2020 ID Checking Guidebook for all liquor establishments and carryout’s that sell alcoholic beverages in the Village. Should a clerk be suspicious of the ID presented for alcoholic beverage purchase, he/she can use the Guidebook as a reference. Should the clerk not feel comfortable with the ID, he/she can call the police department for further verification or deny the sale. The Guidebook is another reference our business community can use to ensure they are not selling to underaged persons. The Guidebooks were well received by the business community members.

Shop With a Cop Event - Officers from the Lucas County area participated in the annual Shop with a Cop event. Held every December, the program's main service event children ages 6-10 with a law enforcement officer for a shopping spree leading up to Christmas. The hope is that this experience of shopping for gifts for their family alongside Lucas County's finest will instill in each child a positive experience with law enforcement which will carry into their adolescence and adulthood. Whitehouse PD participates in this event annually

About Whitehouse Police Department

The Whitehouse Police Department is a full-service, professional law enforcement agency that subscribes to a community-policing philosophy. Working in partnership with residents and businesses, their goal is to provide the services the community deems important.

The Mission of the Whitehouse Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in the community by providing superior police services, in partnership with citizens, to prevent crime and to ensure a safe environment.

The Department consists of the full time Chief of Police, Deputy Chief, two Sergeants, two Corporals, a full time School Resource Officer, four full time officers, six part-time officers, a part-time Property Room Director, and a civilian clerk/office assistant. Full time dispatching services are provided by the Lucas County Sheriff's Office.

About Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police

The Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to continuing professionalism and innovation among police executives in order to assure the continued success of the law enforcement community. Established in 1928, the Association is a fully staffed organization, offering a broad range of professional, educational and informational services.

With a mission to enhance our profession through strong leadership, innovative programs and exemplary services, the Association's goals are: to serve its members; to increase the public's understanding of the role police play in maintaining our quality of community life; and to foster improvements in police education, practice and research.

About The Law Enforcement Foundation

The Law Enforcement Foundation (LEF) is a 501(c)3 organization established in 1985 by members the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP). The mission was created around creating safer communities through the continuing education of law enforcement executives, education to the children of the community through our trained DARE officers, and to educate law enforcement on special topics as trends indicate.

The Law Enforcement Foundation (LEF) is the only entity in Ohio certified to train Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) officers where officers are prepared to educate children and parents about drug abuse prevention, internet safety, bullying, decision-making skills, and personal responsibility.

The Law Enforcement Foundation is also the only entity to provide a three-tiered, executive-level management training for law enforcement, culminating in a Masters-level certification in law enforcement management.