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

The Miami Township Police Department was recently named the September 2025 “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 “The Community Relations and Engagement Committee is pleased to announce that the Miami Township Police Department, of Montgomery County, will serve as the September 2025 Agency of the Month for our Sharing Ohio’s Best Program! Miami Township PD worked with their local school district to launch their first-ever Safety Town program and had a tremendous community response. This exciting new community policing strategy should help the community’s youth be safer as they grow and become more active in, and around, their community. Congratulations to Chief Nielsen and his staff for creating such an important program for their community! We know that this program will be long-lasting and save lives!”

### **About the Miami Township Police Department Community Relations Program**

#### **Safety Town**

The Miami Township Police Department (Montgomery County), partnered with the Miamisburg School District to host our first ever Safety Town at Jane Chance Elementary School. This informative and engaging program was developed with children aged 5-7 years old in mind. It features interactive and engaging topics related to: Pedestrian Safety, bike safety, firearms safety, bus safety, stranger danger, bullying, fire danger and more. Sessions included a bus ride to the police department and a tour with first hand and up-close exposure to specialized units like bicycle patrol, K-9s, and drones.

There was such an overwhelming response that they had to add extra sessions. They ended up running two sessions per day over two straight weeks. Overall, they ran Safety Town for 10 days, educating over 60 local kids and they had dozens of volunteers and supporters. This event helped the officers engage with local kids, parents, teenagers, businesses, schools, and more. It truly was a community engagement success.

### **About Miami Township Police Department**

The Miami Township Police Department is the largest township department in Montgomery County. Its authorized strength is based on available funding through two police operating levies.

The department holds the nationally recognized Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Certificate of Compliance that recognizes the department’s commitment to public safety and professional excellence. It also hosts one of the top National Night Out events in the country, bringing the community together to promote an anti-crime message.

Under the supervision of the police chief, their officers protect and serve the community, committed to these core values: Professionalism, Integrity, Courage, Excellence, Dedication, Honor and Service.

### **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.