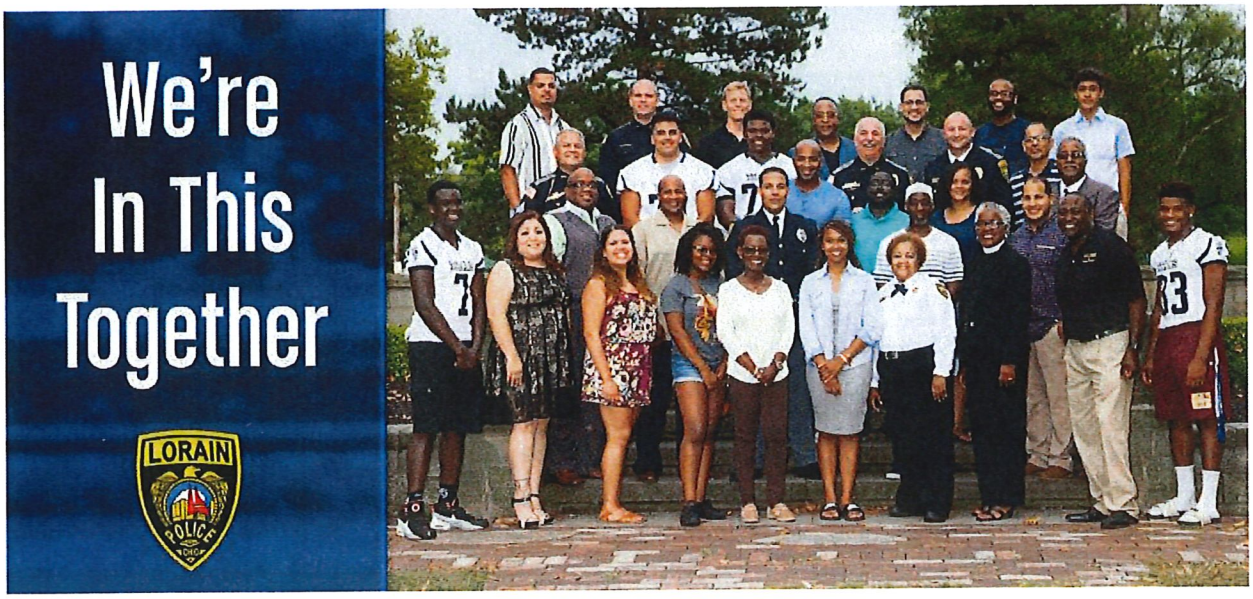
2016

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY RELATIONS



The Lorain Police Department participated in numerous community events throughout the year in support of the many organizations in the City of Lorain.

- Police Citizens Academy
- Community Billboards
- Ward 3 & Ward 6 Community Faith Sponsored Forums
- Neighborhood Blockwatch Program
- Eastside Blockwatch Annual Picnic
- El Centro Community Block Party
- El Centro Annual Gala
- Ward 6 "Party in the Park"
- Lorain County Police Memorial
- Lorain International Festival
- Lorain Port Authority
- Rockin' on the River
- Rover Fest
- Country Jam
- New Safety Town Project
- Lorain Pride Day
- "Do The Right Thing"
- Coffee with a Cop
- Shop with a Cop
- Operation Ident
- WebCheck Online Fingerprinting
- Text a Tip

- Community Emergency Blue Lights
- Emergency Operations Center Completion
- Peer Counseling Program
- Project Lifesaver
- Courtesy Professionalism Respect (CPR) Initiative
- Lorain Rotary Luncheon Speaker series
- City of Lorain/City of Elyria Joint Recruiting effort
- Lorain Police Auxiliary Explorer Program
- 2nd Annual First Community of God Police & Fire Appreciation Breakfast
- Lorain County Labor Agency Quarterly meetings
- St. Joseph/Catholic Charities Homeless Shelter
- Citizens for a Better Lorain, Love, Peace and Soul Fest
- Church of the Open Door Back to School event/Summit Academy
- Horizon Academy Summer Safety Event
- NOVCC
- Lorain Historical Society Summer Safety Event
- Family Fellowship Church Cruiser Carwash
- FOPA Annual Fundraiser
- New Creations Youth Pancake
- Speak Up Speak Out-City Hall
- Charleston Cafe/Training Center (Sponsor)
- Dr. Bernice King Presentation (Sponsor)
- Partnership with PACE and Power 89.1 FM Radio for community outreach
- Undocumented Advisory Board (LOIRA, El Centro, Sacred Heart)
- Greater Victory Baptist Church Summer Camp

LORAIN POLICE SHOP WITH A COP PROGRAM

MAKING A DIFFERENCE – ONE CHILD AT A TIME

Department members continue their commitment of service to the community even when they are off-duty. 2016 marked the sixth year of the Shop with a Cop Program. The generous donation from the 100 Men and 100 Women Who Care About Lorain County organization, allowed officers and staff to feed 170 underprivileged children and take them holiday shopping.

As one youth put it, - "this was the best day of my life".

THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP TEAM
ANNUAL REPORT

The Community Partnership Team's guiding principle is to connect, understand, and serve. Substantial relationships with the community allow the CPT to better understand the people and their needs and provide effectual service. The CPT has been active since August of 2016. We established a substation in West View Terrace, constructed a Face Book page, Twitter account, and a page on the LPD website. We attended 26 community events listed in addendum A. We also utilized intelligence led policing to solve problems in Leavitt Homes and Westgate Terrace. Two notable occurrences are the arrest of Nicholas Johnson, a prolific burglar and thief, at 2018 W. 21st St; and mediation between several residents of Lorain Dr. that ended a long, ongoing feud. In addition to the arrest of Johnson, the CPT has made 13 other arrests.

In 2017, the CPT will continue to connect, understand, and serve. We will commit to the following ten activities to fulfill our ethos:

1. On the first Tuesday of every month, we will be on the local radio station 89.1 to field questions from the public.
2. We will attend the neighborhood watch meetings and continue to work with and coordinate with the captains.
3. We will attend all the community events, as well as any others that arise, listed in addendum A.
4. We will maintain regular contact with Broadway business owners to best provide service.
5. Three training sessions will be conducted with the civilian use of force advisory board. The sessions will be complete by March, and the board will then begin to review the use of force incidents.
6. The SRO and the CPT will teach classes in the Junior High School and High School related to the rights and responsibilities of citizens when they encounter the police.
7. In the summer of 2017, we hope to have a teen citizens academy that takes place over one weekend. The Church on the North Coast is partnering with us to make this a reality.
8. Subsequent to the teen academy, we plan to interview the teens after the experience. We plan to use these videos to facilitate a community forum where we can discuss the police and use of force.
9. We plan to maintain our relationship with LMHA and continue to utilize intelligence led policing to problem solve and keep Leavitt Homes and West view Terrace safe and in good order.
10. Currently, many of the relationships we have with community leaders are limited to Christian leaders. In 2017, we plan to maintain these relationships, yet broaden our scope and develop relationships with other community leaders. 100 Men, Community Action, the NAACP and El Centro are target organizations.

The CPT has already received positive feedback from the community. We believe our contact with the public engenders greater trust in a time when the nation as a whole is experiencing tension between the police and community. The listed goals for 2017 will continue to allow the CPT to connect, understand and better serve the community.

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1st GRADER DO THE RIGHT THING AWARD WINNER

Egypt Flores, 6, center in pink, won a Do The Right Thing award from Lorain City Schools, Lorain Police Department and The Morning Journal for alerting a teacher when she heard someone call for help in the teachers' lounge at Garfield Elementary School. An aide fell over a chair, was injured and could not get up. Egypt, a first grader, and her family pose with Lorain School Board and members of the administration. Erin Gadd — Lorain Schools

2016 LORAIN POLICE CITIZEN ACADEMY PARTICIPANTS

EMERGENCY

SAFETY TOWN – 2016

Volunteer car washing of police vehicles by members of the Family Fellowship Church in Amherst for their summer project.

August - 2016

2016 Volunteer of the Year – "Doc" Rick Broz

Rick with Friendship Animal Protective League dog, Heidi.

It was with great pride that I was able to present "Doc" Rick Broz with the 2016 Friendship APL Volunteer of the Year plaque. His love of dogs has been a true inspiration to so many, and I have been proud to work alongside him over the past 5 years.

"Doc" Rick accepts his award for volunteer of the year!

The plaque reads:

"Doc" Rick Broz has been volunteering with Friendship Animal Protective League for the past 5 years. His contributions to both our shelter and to animals throughout Lorain County have been immense. His time with Herbie propelled him from shelter volunteer to animal hero. As an advocate for animals, he led the charge to pass legislation in the City of Lorain. This new law will prevent dogs from being tethered outside for the entirety of their lives. He has become a friend and a source of inspiration to both the two-legged and four-legged, and we are proud to have him as a volunteer!"

Thank you Rick for the thousands of hours you have dedicated to both Friendship Animal Protective League and to companion animals throughout the City of Lorain!

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By Kelsey Leyva, The Morning Journal

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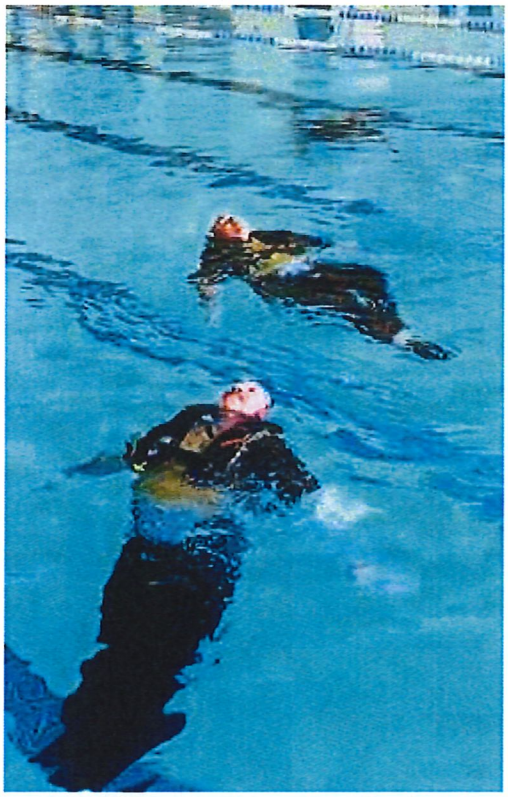

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Officer Juan Rodriguez, training officer for the department and member of the SWAT team, said he and Officer Mark Tomlin, the Marine Patrol officer for the department, worked together to find the course. Rodriguez said 80 of Lorain's 100 officers took the eight-hour course, which was divided into three hours of class time and five hours in the water at the YMCA of Greater Cleveland: French Creek Facility, 2010 Recreation Lane in Avon.

The purpose of the training was to give officers an idea of when they should get into the water and —when they have to — how to do so safely. Rodriguez said the department just purchased 60 life vests that will be put into the patrol vehicles starting in June. Each patrol cruiser is already equipped with a throw bag or rescue line that can be thrown to victims in the water.

The training course, which was offered May 6, 11, 16, 20 and 26, required officers to get in the pool while wearing their entire uniform, including boots. Then after floating for four minutes, they were told to put on the all of their equipment, including the bullet proof vest and the tools on their belt, and float for another four minutes.

"It could go anywhere from 25 to 50 pounds, depending on what gear they have on," Rodriguez said, adding that the course showed the officers it's better to take the extra time to remove the heavy equipment. "A lot of guys, with the water weight and all the equipment, they were looking at a solid 50 pounds more. I lasted two minutes with all of my equipment and then I swam to the edge because I couldn't float anymore."

Other than demonstrating the difference taking off the equipment before jumping in the water makes, Lorain officers learned the proper way to throw a rescue like to a victim to reel them in, how to approach and rescue someone in the water and what to do if a suspect is attempting to hold them in the water.

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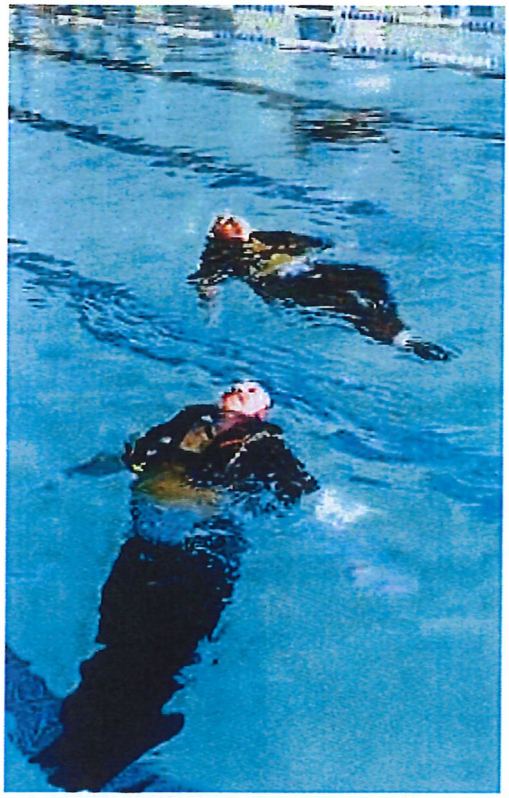

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"I think the big push was we've had quite a few incidents over the past couple of years with people landing in the water and suicidal people jumping in the water and officers jumping in," he said. "We had a flood probably about 8 or 9 years ago at the 21st Street underpass near Elyria Avenue where two old couples died. We had officers in the water then so this course has kind of been long waiting."

The most recent incident involving officers jumping in to Lake Erie to save someone occurred during the early morning hours Dec. 9, 2015. A suicidal Lorain woman drove her 2014 Mazda 6 through a lakeside yard off of East Erie Avenue and off a 35-foot cliff into the lake.

"We had three people go in," Rodriguez said. "Even though they only got waist high in the water, they still went in with all of the equipment, so that was probably the icing on the cake and when the chief said we should look for something as far as a water course to help our officers."

The plan for the future, as far as implementing water-based training, is to include a refresher course it in the every-other-year training each officer must complete. Rodriguez said each officer is required to complete at least 90 hours of training each year.

"We want to be ready in case something happens so that we don't have to depend on someone else," he said. "And for a lot of our officers, it's just in our mentality to help people and we'll put our lives in danger, so why not get the training that we need if we're going to jump in the water."

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