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

The Apple Creek Police Department was recently named the **March 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 OACP's Community Relations and Engagement Committee has recognized dozens of deserving agencies for the Sharing Ohio's Best Program. Each month, a different agency is selected from the submissions received. The agencies that are selected are then eligible for small grants to help them with their ongoing community policing strategies."

We are pleased to recognize the Apple Creek Police Department, of Wayne County, as the March 2025 Agency of the Month! Chief Doug Miller and his staff have created a culture of involving themselves into the fabric of their community when their community needs to see them the most. They have provided a Shop With the Chief program and have also included different programs around Halloween and Thanksgiving. We wish Apple Creek all the best as they continue to build upon their success! Congratulations Chief Miller and your staff!"

About the Apple Creek Police Department Community Relations Program

The Apple Creek Police Department strongly embraces the philosophy of Community Engagement in all its daily operations. Some of the community programs are:

- Thanksgiving Meals - They sponsor a family for Thanksgiving, donating an entire Thanksgiving meal and dessert.
- Shop with the Chief - They sponsor 6 families 14 children each received a \$100 gift card to Walmart.
- New Year's Safe Ride Program – The police department offered free rides home to anyone in need from 10pm to 2am on New Year's Eve.
- Community Camera Program - Residents can register their outdoor cameras to help with crash/crime investigations by providing video.
- Interactive via social media (Facebook). Updating the community on current events with the police department as well as important community updates.
- Daily house/business checks. Remaining visible and vigilant.

About Apple Creek Police Department

Chief Doug Miller was sworn in as the Apple Creek Police Chief on 19 September, 2024. Since that time, he has transformed the Apple Creek Police Department by recruiting and hiring quality Police officers that have a strong community policing focus. The Apple Creek Police Department is committed to providing the community with the highest quality police services possible to maintain the quality of life that is cherished by those who reside, work, and visit there.

Their mission is to:

- Respond positively to the Community's needs, desires, and values and in so doing be recognized as an extension and reflection of those they serve.
- Strive to provide a safe and healthy environment for all, free from violence and property loss resulting from criminal acts, and injuries caused by traffic violators. ·
- Manage inevitable change and welcome the challenge of future problems with creative solutions which are financially prudent and consistent with Community values.

The Apple Creek Police Department stands as an example of municipal members of the Police Department and are the Community's front line defense against criminal activity and quality of life concerns.

A message from Chief Miller.

I am extremely humbled and so excited for our department to be recognized for our efforts. Apple Creek Police officers are community focused, vigilant in deterring crime and enforcing traffic violations to keep our community safe.

I want to personally thank the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police for this honor. I would also like to thank my officers and the community for all of their support. May god bless all first responders and keep them safe.

Chief Douglas Miller, MSCJ

Douglas Miller

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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.