



Community Relations and Engagement Committee
2020 Summary Report
August 26, 2020

The committee has been hard at work this year in developing and implementing the *Sharing Ohio's Best* program. This program was created to showcase the outstanding community policing programs our member agencies use. Starting in November 2019, we have selected one agency each month to be the following month's *Agency of the Month*. Then, working with Terri Hager, our webmaster, we share their submission to our membership. Additionally, working with the Law Enforcement Foundation, Christie Ward then works with the selected agency to spread the word to the local media. This is a win-win for all that are involved. This is just one additional way we can help share our good work. To-date, we have recognized 11 agencies in this program. We look forward to seeing other agencies participate soon.

Just as school was moving forward, pre-Covid, we had been continuing to work with our youth sub-committee/advocacy board to help spread our law enforcement purpose with teens. Unfortunately, just as talks were going forward with the Ohio Department of Education, school was shut down for the pandemic. We hope to resume youth topics very soon.

We continue to work with professional sports teams and organizations to promote unity. Currently, as of early September, we are close to organizing new efforts with the Cleveland Browns and Columbus Crew. Further work will begin soon with the NFL Hall of Fame in Canton. President of the Hall, David Baker, has pledged his ongoing support of Ohio's law enforcement. We will be in more discussions very soon on how we can work together to accomplish more with the NFL Hall of Fame. Certainly, now is a time when our relationships can prove to be the catalyst to help.

We ask that agencies continue to keep our committee in mind for suggestions or ideas that we can better engage all agencies. No matter the size of agency, we believe our committee can help on a variety of issues that may arise.

Committee Members Include:

Chief Brandon Standley, Chair
Chief Mike Pomesky, Perry Township Police (Stark County)
Chief Arthur Fowler, Jr., Wintersville Police
Chief Terry Grice, Montville Township Police
Chief Aaron Tillman III, Woodlawn Police Division
Chief Calvin Williams, Cleveland Police Department
Chief Eliot Isaac, Cincinnati Police Department
Chief Thomas Quinlan, Columbus Division of Police
Sergeant Christopher Smith-Hughes, Columbus Division of Police
Captain Marvin Hill, Ohio Highway Patrol
Donna Harrass, Executive Director, OACP

Respectfully Submitted,

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Chair, CREC