

From the Police Department

2022 AMBER Alert Conference



On March 24, 2022, over 400 law enforcement officials from all over the state of Ohio attended the 2022 AMBER Alert Conference in Independence. Guest speakers were Dateline NBC Host-**Chris Hansen**, Cleveland kidnapping survivor-**Gina DeJesus** and mother/advocate/author-**Beth Holloway**, whose daughter (Natalee Holloway-18yrs.), was kidnapped & murdered in Aruba in 2000. All shared their passion for and heart-breaking experiences related to the subject matter. Some of the topics covered included; AMBER Alert procedures, missing children & adult investigations, and child internet crime investigations.



Pictured: Lt. Wallace, Lt. Grabowski, Ms. Beth Holloway
Det. Lukas and Chief Sturgill

Special thanks to the following Village of Cuyahoga Heights business partners for co-sponsoring the event:

- SUNDANCE Systems, INC.
- The 49th Street Tavern
- FLOCK Safety

From the Police Department (continued)

From the desk of Chief Sturgill

Dear Residents and Valued Business Partners:

It seems that we have finally reached the end of another Northeast Ohio winter. With the warmer weather and longer days comes an increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic (especially children) on the sidewalks and streets. We ask that you please pay increased attention and be more cautious while entering and exiting of driveways and while driving through our residential areas.

While on the subject of bicycling...

We all can agree that while riding a bicycle is fun, healthy, and a great way to be independent, it unfortunately does not come without dangers. As summer approaches, CHPD officers will begin to engage our community's bicyclists in order to pass along recognized safety tips and to inform them of Village regulations concerning the ever-popular activity.

With this being said, one of the easiest and effective ways to stay safe while bicycling, is to...

Wear a Helmet!

Recently, Village Codified Ordinance #444.07- SAFE RIDING REGULATIONS for BICYCLES was amended to require bicycle operators under the age of 16-years to wear a helmet. (See amendment below)

444.07 - SAFE RIDING REGULATIONS FOR BICYCLES

(i) All persons under the age of sixteen (16) years old shall wear a helmet at all times they are operating a bicycle within the Village

Although the ordinance only requires helmets for those under 16-YOA, it is highly recommended that all riders (no matter the age) wear a protective helmet while riding.

The CHPD asks that you please take time to review the enclosed NHTSA, Fitting Your Bike Helmet. Please share and discuss this important info with all young persons under your care.

For more information regarding Village bicycle rules and regulations, please visit the following link:
https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/cuyahogahts/latest/cuyahoga_oh/0-0-0-26440

More information on the topic of "bicycle safety" will be provided in future newsletters.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions or concerns regarding bicycle safety.

STAY SAFE!

Chief Sturgill

Brian D. Sturgill



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