

OHIO CRIME PREVENTION



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"The professional voice of crime prevention in Ohio"

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Save the date!

Ohio Crime Prevention Association
Annual Conference 2021

October 17-20, 2021

Embassy Suites- Dublin, Ohio

Visit our website for more information or
to register for this exciting event!

The OCPA is proud to announce our
upcoming annual conference at the
newly remodeled Embassy Suites in
Dublin, Ohio. Our guest speakers are
excited this year to present the most up
to date ideas in professional crime
prevention training, as well as feature
a one day Active Shooter Seminar you
won't want to miss! This is all included in
your 4 day registration. More conference
information will be posted in our next
newsletter, so stay tuned!

(Active Shooter Seminar can be purchased separately)



2021 Conference 1 Day Event Announced!

Not able to attend the full 4 day conference? Don't miss
out! Plan to attend our 1 day Active Shooter Seminar,
featuring three dynamic speakers. This event will
examine 2 different active shooter events through the
eyes of those who were directly involved. Class size is
limited, and will be held at the Embassy Suites in Dublin,
Ohio, during our annual conference. Registration opens
May 1, 2021 on our website.

OCPA membership cards are available
for download on your OCPA profile.

Visit ocpa-oh.org/sys/profile

Active Shooter Seminar
Incident Study & Review
\$88
Monday, March 29, 2020 8 AM - 5 PM
Featured Guest Speakers include:

# 2021 Board Election Information

## Election of Officers to the OCPA Board

The Ohio Crime Prevention Association (**OCPA**) Board elections are an important part of the leadership of the organization, and as such, are a critical element of the **OCPA** Annual meeting scheduled for:

**Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

On that day, at the **2021 OCPA Annual Training Conference**, elections will be held for the offices of:

- ✓ **OCPA President (2 year term)**
- ✓ **OCPA Secretary (2 year term)**

As a volunteer driven Board without staff, **OCPA** depends on quality individuals to carry-out the mission of the organization, in partnership with the members of **OCPA**. The **OCPA** seeks Executive Board nominees that will help build a strong organization and enhance the capacity of **OCPA** to prevent crime through education and training.

In order to be eligible, you must be a member in good standing, and, presidential candidates must have served at least **one (1) year** on the Board of Directors. If you would like to be considered as a nominee for the **OCPA** Executive Board, contact your district representative (see [www.ocpa-oh.org](http://www.ocpa-oh.org) website for name and contact information) as soon as possible, as the district representatives must submit nominee names to the election committee **no later than sixty (60) days before the election**. Election co-chairs, Vice-President Joe Ture and Dan Katt, have requested that district representatives have their nominees emailed to the election committee **no later than:**

**July 1, 2021**

In order to be featured in the September 2021 newsletter.

### Write-in votes from the floor

The **OCPA** Constitution and By-Laws also provides for **write-in votes from floor nominations**. Please reference the **OCPA** Constitution and By-Laws for details.





Nominations are now being accepted for our annual **excellence in policing** awards, to be awarded during our **2021 OCPA Annual Conference** held in Dublin, Ohio at the Embassy Suites in October 2021. The Ohio Crime Prevention Association's Annual Awards recognize and honor law enforcement and community partners for their exceptional efforts toward preventing crime, while educating and involving their communities in effective, long-lasting prevention strategies. Please visit our website to view nomination and eligibility requirements.

**Please nominate your deserving officer or volunteer in these categories:**

**Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year (Sworn)**

This award recognizes the outstanding efforts of a **sworn** crime prevention practitioner for their contributions and outstanding performance in the field of crime prevention during the previous year.

**Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year (Non-sworn)**

This award recognizes the outstanding efforts of a **non-sworn** crime prevention practitioner for their contributions and outstanding performance in the field of crime prevention during the previous year.



**Special Project Award**

Every year new crime prevention programs are developed or old ones revitalized and given new direction. This award will recognize a new or improved program that has had a significant impact on crime prevention efforts in the last 12 months.

**To submit your nominations, visit our website [ocpa-oh.org](http://ocpa-oh.org)**

Click on **Annual Conference**, then **Annual Awards**

**Nominations are being accepted through June 10, 2021**

## 2020 OCPA Award Winners

The Ohio Crime Prevention Association's Annual Awards recognize and honor law enforcement and community partners for their exceptional efforts toward preventing crime, while educating and involving their communities in effective, long-lasting prevention strategies.

### 2020 OCPA Sworn Practitioner of the Year

**Deputy Mike Walsh - Summit County Sheriff's Office**

**Nominated by: Michael Sanchez**

Sergeant Walsh has been serving the Summit County community for over 27 years, and currently holds the position of Community Policing Supervisor. He is a certified DARE officer and a School Resource Officer.

In his current position, Sergeant Walsh supervises the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit, School Resource Officers, and Juvenile Diversion Deputies, among other responsibilities. He also is a member of the Sheriff's Quick Response Team, where his unit is recognized for having the highest percentage of success in encouraging people to seek treatment for drug addiction.

Sergeant Walsh is instrumental in creating and promoting many programs which have positively impacted the young population of Summit County.



### 2020 OCPA Non-sworn Practitioner of the Year



**LeeAnn Shade - Lima Police Department**

**Nominated by: Brianna Leary**

LeeAnn was appointed as a Crime Prevention Aid for the Lima Police Department in June 2013. She completed her Crime Prevention Specialist training through the OCPA in October of 2013. LeeAnn has been a tremendous asset for the Lima community, and continues to shed a positive light on law enforcement.

# 2020 OCPA Award Winners

## 2020 Partners in Prevention Award

**Brunswick Police Department Brunswick, Oh.**

The 2020 Partners in Prevention Award was selected by the OCPA Board of Directors to recognize the outstanding efforts by the Loveland Police Department and the Brunswick Police Department to provide training to their community and their personnel. In addition to many outstanding local crime prevention initiatives, both Loveland Police Department and the Brunswick Police Department hosted House of Worship Training in their jurisdictions to instruct faith leaders how they, and their faith communities can avoid being victims of crime.



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## 2020 Partners in Prevention Award

**Loveland Police Department Loveland, Ohio**



# 2020 OCPA Award Winners

## 2020 Special Project Award

Walnut Hills / Mt. Auburn Group - Cincinnati, Ohio

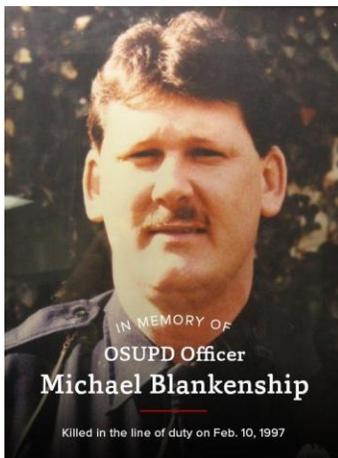
Nominated By: Dorothy Smoot – The Community Police Partnering Center

The Walnut Hills/Mt. Auburn Group received this award for their ongoing commitment to crime prevention that has addressed issues of crime and disorder by applying CPTED theories, and creating a communications app to help aid their efforts in making two of the city of Cincinnati's oldest neighborhoods safe. The app allows the WHMA Group and stakeholders to communicate with each other, providing quick services for residents and allowing all stakeholders to report on ongoing problem solving efforts in the neighborhoods. The app helps address the safety and community issues of drugs, prostitution, loitering, litter and homelessness. Visit our website to read more about this award winning program, and discover how you can nominate special crime prevention projects in your community for the 2021 Special Projects Award.



## 2020 Michael Blankenship

## Memorial Service Award



Since 1997, the **Michael Blankenship Memorial Service Award** has been given annually as the Ohio Crime Prevention Association's highest honor and is decided by the **OCPA** Board of Directors. This award recognizes a crime prevention practitioner whose life and work reflects a commitment to the philosophy and mission of the Ohio Crime Prevention Association. Due to the constraints of COVID 19, and the importance of this prestigious award, the board has decided to delay presentation to the much deserved recipient until the **2021 annual conference**.



The **OCPA** Congratulates our newest

## ***Certified Crime Prevention Specialists***

After successfully completing the three day course, **Introduction to Crime Prevention**, and passing the written exam, the following participants were recommended to the Ohio Crime Prevention Association Board of Directors to be approved for the designation of **Certified Crime Prevention Specialist**. This recognition confirms their continued commitment to the communities in which they serve. Congratulations!



**Hosted by: Miami Valley Hospital Dayton, Ohio**

Officer Dan Mamula CPO– Dayton Police Dept.  
Mindy McClain- Premier Health  
Johnathan Petry- Mont. Cty. Sheriff Office  
Benjamin Brossia- Oregon Police Division  
Joel Turner- Oregon Police Division  
Dennis Rahe- Loveland Police Division  
Deton Brookshire- Riverside Police Dept.  
Alexander Rector-Univ./ Rochester Pub. Safety  
Mark Yasbeck- Premier Health



**Hosted by: Vandalia Police Department**



Edward Skinner- Centerville Police Dept.  
Andrew Wehner- Vandalia Police Dept.  
Mike Deaton- Hilliard Division of Police  
Aaron Krouse- Berea Police Dept.  
Fred McNair- St. Vincent DePaul  
Terry Lanier- St. Vincent DePaul

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# *Certified Crime Prevention Specialists*

Hosted by: Bluffton Police Department



- Robert Otte- Montgomery Police
- Darrell Prewitt- Fairfield Township Police
- Jessica Newsome- Gates Mills Police Dept.
- Dorothy Stringer- Lewisburg Police Dept.
- Robert King- Reynoldsburg Division of Police
- Abigale Michael- Bluffton Police Dept.
- Alex Esparza- Westerville Division of Police
- Susan Marshall- Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective

Hosted By: Westlake Police Department



- John Betts- Lakewood Police Dept.
- Mark Arcuri- Westlake Police Dept.
- Jason Dancy- Westlake Police Dept.
- Dan Eynon- Westlake Police Dept.
- Scott Fortkamp- Westlake Police Dept.
- Pat Foye- Westlake Police Dept.
- Paul Hartranft- Westlake Police Dept.

- Tim Hitch- Westlake Police Dept.
- Richard Lea- Westlake Police Dept.
- Ryan Pischel- Westlake Police Dept.
- Joe Rutkowski- Westlake Police Dept.
- Anne Smith - Westlake Police Dept.
- Michael Stybel- Westlake Police Dept.
- Robert Toth- Westlake Police Dept.



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## ***Certified Crime Prevention Specialists***

Hosted by: Loveland Police Department



Brian Hayes- Hamilton County Sheriff Office  
 Andria Carter- Community Police Partnering Ctr.  
 Melissa Wahlert- Miami Township Police  
 Jeremy Jordan- Deer Park Police  
 Staci Phillips- Miami Township Police  
 Jason Doerman- Pierce Township Police  
 Christopher Wall- Hamilton Township Police  
 Angie Smallwood- Loveland Police Division  
 Jesse Moore- Loveland Police Division  
 Jacob Steinkoenig- Loveland Police Division

Bryce Stewart- Sidney Police Dept.  
 Maureen Flaute- West Carrollton Police Dept.  
 Mandowl Nixon- Ohio Dept. of Taxation  
 Jeremy Ohl- Woodlawn Police Division  
 Scott Marshall- Reynoldsburg Division of Police  
 Nicholas Lewis- Reynoldsburg Division of Police  
 Michael DeLong- Fort Wayne Police Dept.  
 Jeff Wiczorkowski- Cincinnati Police Dept.  
 Darrell Woods- Cincinnati Police Dept.  
 Michelle Bockenstette- Cincinnati Police Dept.  
 Jacob Hicks- Cincinnati Police Dept.

*\*Please be aware that some of the CPS class photos were taken **prior to** COVID19 social distancing mandates being adopted, and at all times, the **OCPA** observed safety policies set forth by Governor Dewine.*

## *Crime Prevention Specialist* Re-Certification

The principle purpose of the CPS Certification Program is professional development. Continuing education in the field of crime prevention is necessary for all who are involved with crime prevention programming, whether from a private or public sector. A re-certification program has been designed to encourage individuals to keep current in the new field developments and maintain their credentials. The certification designation is based on two criteria:

- Staying current on **OCPA** membership
- Attending at least one (1) **OCPA** educational event every 12 months.



Educational events can include **OCPA** trainings, **OCPA** Annual Conference, or district meeting with a training component that focuses on emerging crime trends and new developments in crime prevention. **Registering for district meetings and other training through the website will help track OCPA educational event participation.**



*Initiatives that Work*

## **PACT** - Police and Clergy Together

Off. Ron Strehle CEO, CPO, Dayton Police Department

When they asked me to write an article about an initiative or a program that works for my department, honestly, I was a little worried. I am in no means a writer, as any of my high school English teachers would verify, and putting words to paper is not something I am naturally comfortable doing. But with the promise from my wife that she would not let me sound like an unschooled idiot, I reluctantly agreed. I have to admit that the one program that sprang to mind when I was approached, was the **PACT** program.

For anyone not familiar with this program, **PACT** is a Dayton Police initiative that partners the police department with faith based members of the Dayton community, with focus on 3 objectives:

1. Praying for our Dayton police officers, along with our community
2. Building and improving relationships with our Dayton police officers
3. Serving citizens and officers in need through critical incident callouts

In the past 8 years since its inception, **PACT** members have responded to more than 150 critical incidents, providing comfort and compassion to crime victims. These wonderful, amazing people answer the call every time, often in the middle of the night, for any reason, where ever they are needed. They arrive ready to comfort and console mothers who have just lost a child to suicide, families of homicide victims, or a parent whose infant has just passed. They are invaluable to this department, and we are deeply humbled by their willingness to assist us in the most distressing circumstances, when officers need to focus on the incident, but are aware that the victims and other family members also need care and understanding.

They were a vital resource during the Oregon District mass shooting in Aug. 2019, helping both officers and victim's family's deal with the tragic event, and its aftermath. Many of the members worked with police and families for over 18 hours, arriving at 3:00 am, and not leaving until well into the next day. I can truly state that they are one of our most successful community partnerships.

To be a part of the PACT initiative, clergy must attend the **PACT** Academy which consists of 12-three hour training sessions held at the Dayton police academy. They are trained about processes and procedures in the following areas:

Law of Arrest  
Peer Support  
Policy/Procedures  
Homicide/Suicide

Robbery  
Role of a Peace Officer  
Special Victims Unit  
Vice

Victim Assistance  
Children's Services  
Dispatch Processes

After their initial training, they are required to participate in quarterly ride-along with street officers and attend quarterly meetings of the group. As of February 2021, our department has 52 active **PACT** members.

If your department is interested in **PACT** and what this program can do for your community, please contact me at (937) 333-3889 or [ronald.strehle@daytonohio.gov](mailto:ronald.strehle@daytonohio.gov)

# Training Opportunities

**Westlake, Oh.                      May 26-27, 2021                      Cost \$ 149.00**

The Ohio Crime Prevention Association will be offering a two-day **Advanced CPTED Training Course** for sworn and non-sworn professionals interested in advancing their understanding of the CPTED theory. Advanced CPTED training will expand upon the concepts and principles of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), that were presented in our basic course. In this program, we will present a more detailed look of the specific environments and tools needed by crime prevention specialists to be successful as a CPTED practitioner. Participants must complete basic CPS training course before enrolling for this class.

**Visit our website for complete information or to enroll today!  
Hosted by the Westlake Police Department**



**Willoughby Hills, Oh.                      June 23-25, 2021                      Cost \$ 299.00**

The Ohio Crime Prevention Association will be offering a three-day **Introduction to Crime Prevention Course** for sworn and non-sworn professionals interested in beginning crime initiatives or those interested in refreshing their knowledge. Effective Crime Prevention has been seen as a key strategy in reducing crime and violence in our communities. This comprehensive course is designed to address local community needs ranging from physical security to violence prevention. This course is tailored to the needs of today's crime prevention and community policing practitioners, and places great emphasis on programmatic initiatives giving the practitioners the knowledge, tools, and resources to do their jobs successfully.

**Visit our website for complete information or to enroll today!  
Hosted by Willoughby Hills Police Department**



# On the website

Check out new informational flyers and door hangers just added to the website:



Have a resource that you want to share with other crime prevention officers?  
Send it to us via email at info@ocpa-oh.org