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In November, the CPF will host the Charlottesville Police Department’s annual Awards Dinner. Each year, we invite the community to “Treat a Cop to Dinner” as well as send a “Message of Thanks” to the police. Officers and their families not only enjoy a special night out, a delicious meal, and fabulous raffle and door prizes, but they also feel the support and gratitude from community members and businesses through these sponsorships.

Throughout the evening, the CPD recognizes the outstanding contributions and efforts of our city’s finest over the past year. Stories are shared of officers going above and beyond the call of duty in many heroic ways.

We appreciate all the friends and sponsors who help support this event and say “thank you” to the men and women who work tirelessly to protect our community and help create a safe place for individuals and businesses to reside and flourish. Please consider adding your name to the list of sponsors this year.

Scholarship Levels

$50—Treat A Cop to Dinner
$500—Sponsor a table of officers
$1000—Help Underwrite the Event

*invitations to attend the dinner are for CPD employees and special guests only. Donors will be recognized in the program

Want to “Treat a Cop a Dinner” or “Send a Message of Thanks”? Use the enclosed envelope or go www.cvillepolicefoundation.org
This spring we welcomed Al S. Thomas Jr. to the CPD as our new Chief of Police following the retirement of Chief Tim Longo. After a national search conducted by the City of Charlottesville, Chief Thomas rose to the top of the candidate pool as being a strong leader who was well equipped and excited about the challenges of this high-profile position.

Chief Thomas comes most recently from the City of Lexington, Virginia where he served as the Chief of Police since 2010. During his time in Lexington, he directed a number of major initiatives, including operational reorganizations, upgrades to emergency communications infrastructure, implementation of mobile data terminals and digital in-car camera systems, and expanded outreach to city youth with the implementation of multiple programs including a junior police academy, police summer camp, and a regional high school internship program.

Prior to his time in Lexington, Chief Thomas spent 20 years with the Lynchburg Police Department working in varied roles with increasing command responsibility. From 1985 until 1990, he proudly served in the United States Air Force, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Chief Thomas’ calendar has been quite full since his start date in May, but he has made it a priority to meet with many members of our community, building relationships and understanding the issues that face our specific area. He has reached out to the ACPD and UVAPD to continue to build on those strong relationships that are vital to successful policing in Charlottesville.

The CPF is excited to be working with Chief Thomas to continue to support the CPD in ways that are outside the City’s reach and that bring together members of our community with the police in positive and beneficial ways. He brings new ideas to our community that will broaden our impact and is supportive of existing programs that we will continue to grow.
Staying in Shape

A police officer’s job is physical—no doubt about it. But after years at the job and hours spent behind the wheel, many officers find they need some help staying in shape to perform their job. The CPF has been sponsoring specialized circuit training classes using the CPD Gym and the space around the Department. Dozens of officers have taken advantage of these classes and their words speak loud and clear that this type of training is very much needed.

“Since we are in a profession where our level of physical fitness can make the difference on whether or not we make it home to our families at the end of our shift, having this gift from you all meant a great deal to all officers involved.”

“[These classes are] very important for both our health and safety as police officers to be fit enough to handle extreme situations and avoid health problems later in life.”

Interested in helping us continue to fund classes such as these for the CPD? Use the enclosed envelope to make a donation!

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Here’s what else is going on at the CPF:

- Gearing up for our next Citizens Police Academy. Attendees get an insider’s look into the Department over eleven weeks of classes.
- Welcomed 8 new officers to the Department with a dinner following their Academy graduation.
- Sponsored “Ice Cream with a Cop” community events throughout the summer at local parks.
- Partnered with the Albemarle County Police Foundation and Mission BBQ to sponsor a “thank you” lunch for the Charlottesville, Albemarle County and UVA Police Departments.
- Won a grant for an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) from Firehouse Subs for the CPD.
- Hosted an Art Auction with Barboursville Fine Arts at The Paramount with proceeds benefitting outreach activities of the CPF.
- Partnered with local football star Mike Brown to assist in his Community Day which brings police and community members together.

Want to know how you can get involved? Check out our website at www.cvillepolicefoundation.org or use the enclosed envelope to make a tax-deductible donation.
The CPF is grateful for all of the donations we have received the past 12 months from the following businesses and individuals.

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