Welcome Chief Brackney

We hope you will join us in welcoming Dr. RaShall Brackney to Charlottesville as the new Chief of the Charlottesville Police Department (CPD). Chief Brackney is a retired 30-year member of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police and the former Chief of Police at George Washington University.

She did not miss a beat upon her arrival to the area this summer. The CPF organized a series of “Meet & Greet” events for her to immediately connect with key members of our community before the anniversary events of this summer occurred. Now that she is several months into her tenure, she continues to be a bridge builder in the community. The CPF is excited to support her and the CPD’s efforts to reach all members of our community and to continue to build police legitimacy.

Appreciation Dinner

In November, the CPF will host the Charlottesville Police Department’s annual Appreciation Banquet. Each year we host this dinner to thank CPD officers and staff for their work and to recognize those who have responded with creativity, courage and compassion to all types of situations -- some routine, many dangerous, all important.

We also invite the community to show their gratitude to the men and women who serve our community by donating to the dinner and sending “Messages of Thanks” on our website.

Over the past year, the department has faced additional challenges in the aftermath of the rallies that came to Charlottesville last summer. At a time when police in our town and around the nation are under intense pressure and scrutiny, let your voice be heard in support of the men and women who perform their jobs day after day with professionalism and integrity. 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.

Sponsorship Levels

$50—One Officer’s Dinner
$500—Sponsor a Table of Officers
$2000—Help Underwrite the Event

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

Under the new leadership of Chief Brackney, the CPD is focusing efforts on building police legitimacy in the community, addressing disproportionate minority contacts, and increasing training on procedural justice. The CPF is supporting these efforts in a variety of ways, including helping develop a vision for long-term impact for cultural shift, collaborating with other agencies around the city, and engaging in meaningful outreach activities that are not isolated events, but fit into a larger vision to build bridges between the police and members of the community. The following are some programs we have recently helped support.

The Pedal Power program helps kids get safe used bikes, new helmets, and bike safety skills. Officer Lynn Childers started an after-school bike club, hosted a bike festival, and hopes to reach additional neighborhoods in the next year.

We hosted our first ever Junior Cadet Program this spring in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club. About 10 kids attended 4 after-school sessions to learn about the K9 units, Forensics, SWAT team, Traffic, and 911 Center. They proudly wore their graduation hats and t-shirts at Cops 4 Kids Day and received special recognition.

Our 10th annual Cops 4 Kids Day was another great success, with hundreds of kids in attendance and amazing support from the Boys & Girls Club. Officers and kids played games, shared food, and got to know each other in a fun and relaxed setting.

The Ice Cream with a Cop events were great fun this summer as our officers went not only into City Parks, but several neighborhoods that have residents who might not have transportation to get to the cool treats around town. We gave out hundreds of Kona Ice cups and continued to build relationships in our most vulnerable communities.

While we dealt with a bit of wet weather at this year’s Charlottesville Night Out, we were pleased to see hundreds of people and dozens of organizations from the community come out to embody our motto “One Night, One Community.” The dunk tank, bounce house, face painting, free food, giveaways and Kona Ice set the stage for officers and residents to continue to build relationships.
“You can’t pour from an empty cup. You need to take care of yourself.” Isn’t this statement so true? And how true is it for our officers, who have extremely stressful, highly demanding, publicly scrutinized, and rarely rewarded jobs? What can we do to help our officers “fill up their cups” so they can be healthy and continue to serve our community to the best of their human abilities? We are always open to suggestions, so send them our way! The following are a few ways that we and others in the community have sought to meet this need.

**Affordable housing** is an issue in Charlottesville, and public servants like our officers face the nearly impossible task of finding suitable housing on a police salary. The CPF’s downpayment assistance grant of $20K has helped over a dozen officers, but many more officers have benefitted from reduced Realtor, lender, and closing cost fees from our many Affiliate Partners. Find participating businesses on our website and reach out if you’d like to join the program.

**Gratitude Cville** is a new website created by long-time supporter of the police, Michael Kaminski. The website will list businesses who offer discounts to our local police and military personnel, making it easy for supporters and public servants to find each other. The website is free to join, so visit www.gratitudecville.com to enlist, and spread the word!

Two businesses—**Mission BBQ** and **Complete Nutrition** have taken it upon themselves to raise awareness and funds to support our officers. Mission BBQ sold “Hometown Heroes” cups leading up to September 11th, with proceeds supporting local fire and police officers. Complete Nutrition made and is selling t-shirts to the public that support our officers. The words used to describe officers include “Heroism, Bravery, Determination, Strength, Commitment, Reliability, Fearlessness, Service.” Proceeds from the sales of the shirts will go to the CPF to support our programs.

The **Charlottesville Triathlon**, held in September at Fry’s Spring Beach Club, selected the CPF as the beneficiary of the race, and we are so thankful! Congratulations to all the athletes and thank you to the race organizers.

*Know of a business or organization that wants to give back to officers? Use the enclosed envelope or visit our website to reach out to us.*
The CPF seeks to improve the quality of life in Charlottesville by offering a community partner for our police department. The Foundation promotes excellence in police services by investing in programs that enhance our department and yet are beyond the reasonable reach of the City’s budget. We reward excellence by celebrating the successes of our department and the skills of its officers. And we strengthen the connections between the department and the public through outreach programs and community events.

To receive our e-newsletter, send your email address to: mindy.goodall@cvillepolicefoundation.org

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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