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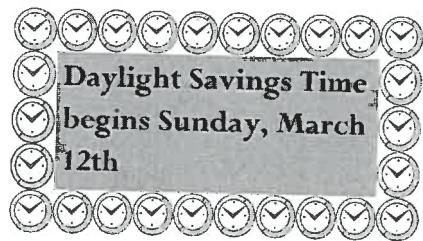


NEW OFFICERS

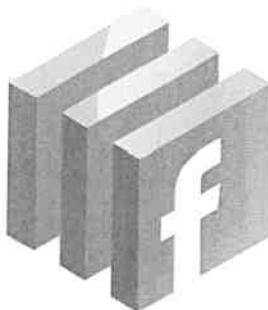


On [REDACTED] the Akron Police Department welcomed five new police officers when they took their Oath of Office in the Council Chambers. The new officers are: Drew Campbell, Kathryn Hight, Jeffrey Long, Devin Ray, and [REDACTED] These officers just completed their state certification and in-service program with APD. They began the field training program February 6th. Congratulations and welcome to our new officers!

Photo courtesy of Bruce Ford



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RED CROSS HONORS OFFICERS

On March 2nd, The American Red Cross of Summit, Portage and Medina Counties honored local heroes at their annual 'Acts of Courage' awards ceremony.

APD's Officers Marcus Muster, Chris Schnee, and Jeff Leslie and Detective Steve Snyder were among those honored.



Officer Marcus Muster was on the scene of a fire in May, when he and an Akron firefighter noticed an elderly woman wandering in a dazed state near her closed window. Despite lacking any safety equipment, Officer Muster chose to follow the firefighter up his ladder and assist in pulling the woman out of her burning apartment building. Later, Akron Fire Department Lieutenant Art Dobbins stated that when he expressed his appreciation to Officer Muster for his actions, the officer

was humble and did not think he had done anything special. However, Officer Muster had taken an active role to help the Fire Department save the woman's life.

One early September evening, Officer Christopher Schnee and Detective Steven Snyder were on duty as part of the security detail at Chapel Hill Mall, when they received word that there was an unconscious man outside of Macy's; they went to investigate. Patrolling a nearby neighborhood in his police vehicle, Officer Jeffrey Leslie also responded to the scene. Fire Medics Lukas Burns and Aaron Byard were already on the scene, responding



to a call about an unresponsive individual at the mall and possibly a fire. The victim was trapped inside his burning vehicle. Fire Medic Byard ran off to see about pulling the man out, while Fire Medic Burns grabbed a fire extinguisher. Officer Schnee and Detective Snyder joined Fire Medic Byard at the open window where thick black smoke curled around them. They yanked at the door, but it would not open. Flames licked at the interior of the car as the two men attempted to pull the victim out through the window. Until the fire squad arrived, they were without proper fire-retardant covering, clothed simply in their cotton uniforms. Fire Medic Burns, and Officer Leslie emptied each of the available fire extinguishers on the flames in an attempt to give Schnee and Byard time to pull the man out. The two men were able to pull the victim out as flames engulfed the truck. They placed the severely burned man on the waiting gurney.

The actions taken by each of these modest men extended far beyond their oaths and duties, making them heroes.

Article & photos by The Red Cross of Summit, Portage, & Medina Counties



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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The annual Special Olympics Winter games were held February 1st & 2nd at Brandywine Ski area in Peninsula. As in previous years, the APD came out to help; several officers set up and ran the beginner events for the athletes. It was a very rewarding and enjoyable experience.



Photos submitted by Officer Jim Conley



If you MUST drink,
DON'T drive!



COP FOR A DAY



On Monday, February 20th, Joey, Ryan, and Adam Heckel had the opportunity to find out what it's like to be a Junior "Cop for a Day". Officer James Conley greeted the boys on their arrival to the Akron Police Department. They received a tour of the building and the Police Museum; and met Chief James D. Nice, who swore them in as Junior Police Officers. Throughout the day's experience, Joey, Ryan and Adam learned about being a police officer and heard many interesting stories about former and current police officers and some of the criminals they encountered.

Photo submitted by Officer Jim Conley

A “BIG FATTUESDAY” Thank You to the folks at Zion Lutheran Church at 139 South High Street, for their annual Officer Appreciation Luncheon. Once again, they served a delicious feast. Police Officers are reminded from time to time of the real kindness in the community and this is one fine example. Thank you again for the hospitality and kindness your staff has shown to Akron Police Officers and our police family.



SPRING BREAK SAFETY TIPS

Spring Break is right around the corner for students.

Wherever you are bound; the beach, the slopes, the mall, here are tips to help make the week as safe as it will be memorable:

- **Secure your space** here before you leave. Lock all doors and windows. If you still have a land line, turn the ringer off and don't leave a message saying that you are away. Leave a light on or better yet, put a light on a timer so that it appears as if someone is home. Put a hold on the mail.
- **If you live immediately near campus**, UA and Akron police can check your house periodically over spring break (if you have a friend who is not leaving town for break, ask him or her to periodically check your house).
- **Don't pack your car the night before**. It may take only a minute for a determined thief to break in.
- **Travel in groups**. There's safety in numbers. If you are going to separate from your group, tell someone when you will return. Take a cell phone, if possible (but remember that they may not work out of the country).
- **If you are of age to drink**, set a limit and stick to it. Don't drink on an empty stomach. Be on guard; alcohol affects judgment and lower inhibitions, leading to risky behavior that would be avoided otherwise. Don't leave a drink unattended. If you are away from your drink for a while, toss it. It's not worth the risk. And you already know not to drink and drive.
- **Don't broadcast your absence**. Sure, Tweeting from the beach will make your friends jealous, but it could also tip off others that your campus home is unoccupied.
- **Call ahead to where you are staying** to learn how you can secure your valuables. Don't slide them under the pillow and expect them to be secure. Ask if a safe is available. If not, perhaps it's best to leave them home.
- **Always carry identification**. Make sure someone at home knows how to reach you (in case there's a family emergency).
- **Know your surroundings**. Carry a map. Plan your journeys. Tell others where you are going.
- **Remember that what happens during Spring Break** doesn't necessarily stay there. It could follow you back to Akron.

