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REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN OFFICERS



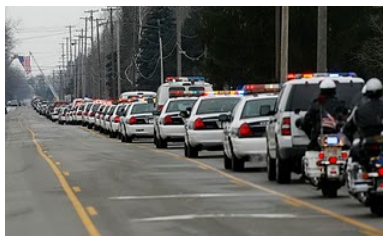
With Memorial Day fast approaching, it is fitting to take this opportunity not only to pay tribute to those officers who have died in the line of duty, but to the families that have been left behind. A recent spike in the number of officers killed over the past couple of years is certainly a cause for concern. Across the country, many officers will tell you there is a consensus among those in the field that criminals are becoming more aggressive and brazen during police encounters. With the violent death of nearby Sandusky Officer Andrew Dunn earlier this year, comes a chilling reminder of how dangerous and unpredictable the job of a police officer can be. His death has sparked memories of the loss of our very own Detective Keith Dressel whose life was senselessly taken from us more than four years ago.

Since 1880, the Toledo Police Department has lost 30 officers in the line of duty. These officers will forever be remembered for mak-

ing the ultimate sacrifice. We ask that you take some time to remember them and their service.

Keith Dressel On February 21st, 2007, Detective Keith Dressel was shot and killed when he and two other detectives interrupted a drug deal on Ontario Street at approximately two o'clock in the morning. Detective Dressel was a 14-year veteran of the department. He left behind a wife and two young children.

William Miscannon On September 18th, 1970, Officer William Miscannon was only 33 years old when his life was cut short. He was shot and killed while sitting in his marked patrol car at the intersection of Door and Junction Avenues, outside of the headquarters building for the Black Panthers, during the race riots. Patrolman Miscannon had been with the department for 3 years and left behind a wife and 4 young children.



Donald C. Brown On June 12, 1962, Patrolman Brown succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained three days earlier while

responding to a domestic disturbance at the home of a man fighting with his wife. As soon as Patrolman Brown and two other officers responded to the call, the man opened fire with a shotgun wounding all three officers. One of the officers returned fire wounding the suspect. Patrolman Brown had been with the department 7 years. He was survived by his wife and child.

Walter P. Boyle On December 8th, 1961, Officer Boyle was shot and killed by a man he was attempting to serve a warrant on for beating his wife. The suspect ran from his home when officers arrived. He turned and shot Patrolman Boyle four times as the officer pursued him.



For information on the remaining 26 officers who lost their lives in the line of duty while serving the citizens of Toledo, please visit <http://www.odmp.org/agency/3852-toledo-police-department-ohio>.



Sandusky Officer Andrew Dunn
March 19, 2011



Toledo Police Detective Keith Dressel
February 21, 2007



Toledo Police Officer William Miscannon
September 18, 1970



Toledo Police Officer Donald C. Brown
June 12, 1962



Toledo Police Officer Walter P. Boyle
December 8, 1961

Did you know? TROOPS CAN FACE CHALLENGES WHEN THEY COME HOME



As Memorial Day nears, we are reminded of the sacrifices that our military personnel and their families have made and continue to make for us every day. It is important to realize that when our soldiers return home from a lengthy deployment, many of them will face challenges in transitioning to home life. According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the following reactions are common when a soldier has returned from combat or a war zone:

- Feeling detached like they don't fit in.
- Missing the excitement of deployment.
- Tension in intimate and family relationships.
- Being irritable or angry.
- Feeling anxious.
- Heightened awareness to their surroundings.
- Nightmares or difficulty sleeping.

The struggles soldiers face when transitioning from the combat zone to home impacts the individual soldier, their families, their friends, as well as all of us in the community. Please take the time to read some interesting information about the transition from combat to home and share it with others.

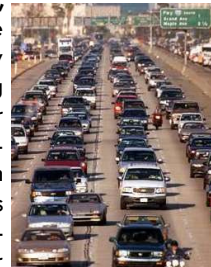
Combat Driving vs. Civilian Driving When soldiers return home from combat, they may face serious challenges while performing the everyday task of driving. In a war zone they are in a constant state of alertness as they

look for roadside bombs, snipers, and other deadly traps. As a result, soldiers returning home can find it extremely stressful to drive. Being stuck in a traffic jam or driving through construction zones may result in aggressive driving as they subconsciously revert to driving in a war zone.

Targeted Aggression vs. Inappropriate Aggression While in actual combat, split second decisions can mean the difference between life and death. Anger can help keep a soldier safe. When soldiers return home they may, at times, demonstrate hostility toward those whom they encounter in their daily lives because they are having difficulty with the transition.

Tactical Awareness vs. Hyper Vigilance To survive in combat, troops must constantly be armed and aware of their surroundings. Upon returning home, a soldier must learn to readjust and learn how to relax again. They may feel that is necessary to carry their weapon to protect themselves and their loved ones while at home, in their car, or when they are in a public place.

These issues are just a few of the examples of how difficult the transition from combat to home can be. Clearly, returning troops need the support of their family, their friends, and members of the community. For more information on this subject visit: <http://www.ptsd.ne.gov/pdfs/WRAIR-battlemind-training-Brochure.pdf> or contact the Department of Veterans Affairs in Ann Arbor, Michigan at (734) 769-7100.



The Toledo Police Department wishes to extend thanks to all active and veteran military personnel for their service.



Road rage can lead to accidents and senseless personal attacks.



If you have a driver's license, it is likely that you have experienced road rage in one form or another. Merriam-Webster defines road rage as "a motorist's uncontrolled anger that is usually provoked by another motorist's irritating act and is expressed in aggressive or violent behavior."

Most of us have felt the surge of anger that comes over us when someone pulls out in front of us or rides our bumper. Having said that, we must remind ourselves that we too may have "unintentionally" irritated another driver. After all, we are only human and we make mistakes. Let's face it, the average person doesn't set out to deliberately irritate other drivers. In an effort to decrease your odds of being involved in a road rage inci-

dent, be sure to follow the listed driving tips below:

- Make it a point to drive cautiously and be a courteous driver.
- Don't escalate a road rage situation. Ignore menacing gestures and refrain from returning them.
- Give yourself ample time to make it to your destination. Don't tailgate, and before you pull out into traffic make sure you have sufficient time to do so safely.
- Use your horn as a way to prevent an accident. Avoid using the horn to scold



another driver as it could trigger hostility.

- Don't challenge an aggressive driver by attempting to maintain your position in the travel lane. If someone wants to pass, move over and let them by.
- Stay as far away as possible from an aggressive driver. If necessary, report the driver to the police. If you can do so safely, try to obtain a vehicle description and license plate. Also, be prepared to give the 9-1-1 operator your location and direction of travel.



By following the listed tips provided, you can better ensure your safety, the safety of your passengers, and the safety of other drivers.

THE PREVENTION PAGE

How to prevent water related injuries & drowning.

There is nothing more refreshing and enjoyable than jumping into a pool on a hot and humid summer day. Unfortunately, where there is water, there is always a risk of drowning. In an effort to help prevent water-related injuries and drowning, please take the time to read the listed safety tips:

Supervision Make sure that children are supervised by a responsible adult who is giving their full attention to the task. Depending on the child's age, this includes supervising children while they are in the bathtub, when swimming, or when around bodies of water.

It is important to note that drowning can occur in as little as one to two inches of water. When supervising toddlers and pre-school age children, it must be remembered that water in buckets, coolers, and baby pools can be deadly. Remember to empty these types of containers as soon as you are finished using them.

Never swim alone. Always swim with someone else and try to choose swimming facilities that have life guards.

Enter the water feet first. Only



enter head first when the area is safe for diving and there are no obstructions. Many serious injuries occur because swimmers fail to take the time to ensure that the water is deep enough.



Take swimming lessons and learn CPR. The American Red Cross offers CPR lessons and swimming lessons for people of all ages. Taking these courses can help prevent water accidents.

Keep electrical appliances out of reach. Don't keep boom boxes, TVs, or other electrical appliances near the water. Any item plugged into an electrical outlet should not be within reach of the water.

Swimming and alcohol don't mix. If you are swimming, boating, water skiing, or supervising

children in or near the water, be sure to avoid alcoholic consumption before or during these activities.

Use certified flotation devices and life jackets. Do not use water toys such as noodles, air filled rafts and tubes, or boogie boards in place of proper safety devices.



For more information on water safety visit the American Red Cross at www.redcross.org and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Water-Safety/waterinjuries-factsheet.html.

REDUCE YOUR CHANCES OF BECOMING A CRIME VICTIM THIS SUMMER

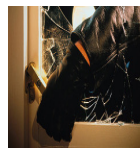


You can be one of the greatest deterrents of crime in your community by being aware of your surroundings and reporting suspicious persons or activity to the police. As the eyes and ears of the community, you can assist law enforcement in crime prevention and criminal apprehension. See the below listed tips to help reduce criminal activity this summer.

- A thief may be carrying a duffel or a book bag in which they can easily conceal stolen items.
- A criminal may demonstrate outward signs of nervousness by fidgeting or constantly looking around.
- A person who has set out to commit crime may serve to conceal their identity by wearing a hat or a hooded sweatshirt. They may also wear oversized clothing that can be easily shed or used to conceal criminal tools such as a pry bar.

- Never assume you can trust someone in this circumstance. If possible, verify the person's identity through the peephole. If you are unable to verify the person's identity, if you feel unsafe, or you suspect criminal activity, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Knock on the door. Watch out for the burglar who knocks on your door to see if you're home. When no one responds to their knock, they may see this as the perfect opportunity to break-in. In a situation such as this, it is important to acknowledge their presence so they know you are home. You can communicate to them through a closed door. Be mindful that a would be burglar may pretend to be looking for someone or offer up some story about running out of gas or needing to borrow your phone. Be sure to report this suspicious activity to the police immediately.



Beware of persons posing as legitimate workers. They often target the elderly with the intent of gaining entry under a seemingly legitimate role such as a utility worker, tree trimmer, or government inspector. They usually work in pairs. One will work to distract the homeowner while the other enters the home to search for valuables and cash. Keep the following tips in mind:

- Stay inside, don't open your door, and don't invite unexpected persons in your home.

cell phone, if you have one, in your pocket.

Home Improvement Scams. This is the time of year when scam artists drive through neighborhoods looking for their next victim. It is rare that a legitimate company will solicit door to door as it is more cost effective to make phone calls or to distribute fliers. Beware of the following:

- The person drives an unmarked vehicle or has out of state plates.
- No written estimates or contracts are offered or they tell you that you have to sign a contract "right now".
- The worker asks for upfront costs or fees and only accepts cash.
- They explain that they just finished a job around the corner and they had some leftover materials.

Please take time to discuss the contents of this article with your friends, family, and co-workers in an effort to reduce crime.

Be aware of people that look out of place. Whether you are at home or out and about, be mindful of people that look out of place. Remember, criminals may be on foot, riding a bike, or in a car. Burglars and thieves are opportunists so if you sense that someone is casing the area, you need to notify the police. Consider the following:

- It is not unusual for criminals to look unkempt. Many commit crime as a way to support their drug habit and personal appearance may not be a priority.


WHO? WHAT? WHERE? WHEN? WHY? & HOW?

The idea behind the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY, & HOW page is to answer questions that citizens may have about police officer actions, police services, quality of life concerns, and other law enforcement-related issues. Readers are encouraged to submit questions that they would like answered to Lieutenant Cheryl Hunt. Lieutenant Hunt can be contacted at (419) 936-3444 or emailed at CherylA.Hunt@toledo.oh.gov.

How to get a copy of a crime report or an accident report.

In order to obtain a copy of a police report, the requester must be able to provide the "who, what, where, and when", so the report can be retrieved through the data base. There is no fee for a crime report involving a single incident, but requests to receive multiple reports involving different incidents may be subject to a fee. A copy of reports can be obtained as follows:

OBTAIN A COPY IN PERSON



You may obtain a copy of a [crime report](#) or an [accident report](#) by visiting the Safety Building located at 525 N. Erie. The Records Bureau is open to the public Monday—Friday between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

There is no fee for a [crime report](#) involving one incident but requests for multiple reports involving different incidents may be subject to a fee.

There is a **\$4.00 fee** for [each accident report requested](#). Note: Accident reports can be retrieved from the department website at no cost.

OBTAIN A COPY THROUGH U.S. MAIL

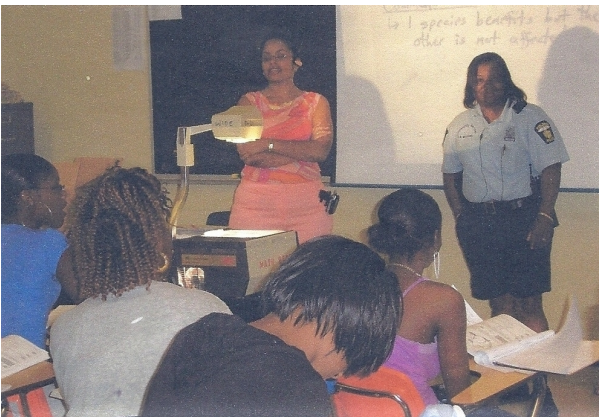
If you choose to obtain a copy of a [crime report](#) by mail you must provide the necessary information. This includes the name of at least one of the following: a victim, a witness, a suspect, or a reporting person. You must also advise what the incident involved (e.g. Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Burglary, Assault, etc.) as well as a location and date of the incident. Also, if you have the police report number you should include this with your request. Send the above information, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Toledo Police Reports Desk
525 N. Erie St.
Toledo, Ohio 43604

Once the request is received by the Records Bureau, a copy will be mailed out within 4 to 10 business days.

OBTAIN A COPY OF AN [ACCIDENT REPORT ONLINE](#)

You may obtain a copy of an accident report online at <http://www.toledopolice.com/accrpt.html>. All reports will be displayed in Adobe Reader PDF format. Please be advised that it may take five business days after the accident occurred before the report is made available for download.



What is the STRIVE Program?

Success Through Review Incentive Vision and Effort

The STRIVE program was developed to assist the high school student who struggles with passing the required Ohio Graduation Test (OGT). In an effort to assist these students, the STRIVE program was developed by our very own Officer Wormely twelve years ago. The program is designed to prepare students in the areas of Math, Science, and Social Studies. A student can receive instruction in one or two of these subjects. The classes are taught by individually selected and caring teachers from the Toledo Public School System. There is a \$35.00 fee per student for this program.

Who do I contact for more information about STRIVE?

For more information about the program please contact Officer Wormely or Diana Vasquez at (419) 245-1162.

When and where will the instruction take place?

The program will run **June 8th—June 24th**, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Robinson Junior High School which is located at 1075 Horace in Toledo. **On June 21st**, the students will be given an extra opportunity to take the Ohio Graduation Test. If passed, it will count for their graduation.



What's Happening?

6TH Annual Toledo Police Athletic League Golf Outing



The Toledo Police Athletic League will be hosting their sixth annual golf outing on June 20th, 2011, at Eagles Landing Golf Course. This event is instrumental in supporting the delinquency prevention program that relies heavily on athletics to create a bond between the Toledo Police Department, the Lucas County Sheriff's Office, the

Toledo Fire Department and youth in the community. This framework allows law enforcement officers to become mentors to young people in order to reinforce the values of hard work, competition, and respect. This type of positive influence can counter gang influence, substance abuse, and potential violence that can occur in the under serviced areas of the community.

If you are interested in participating in the golf outing or if you want to learn more about the Toledo Police PAL program, you can call (419) 720-3375 or you can visit the PAL website at www.ToledoPal.com.

Safe-T-City Enrollment Continues



The Toledo Police Department continues to accept applications from parents wishing to enroll their child in the 2011 summer Safe-T-City program. The program is provided for children who are entering kindergarten in the fall of 2011. This year marks the 34th year

that the Toledo Police Department has offered this free child safety program to the youth of Toledo. At this time, the following sessions are still available for enrollment:

- June 27– July 8 (no classes July 1 & 4)
- July 11—July 20
- July 25—August 3

Parents can choose from morning or afternoon classes. Applications are available at any of the Toledo Police District Stations or on the Toledo Police Department website: www.ToledoPolice.Com.

Toledo Police Museum

Grand Opening June 9th



Grand Opening The Toledo Police Museum will open its doors to the public on June 9th. The museum, which will be manned by volunteers, will be open Thursday through Saturday, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. There is no admission fee, however, donations will be accepted.

We encourage you to bring friends and family to experience the history of the Toledo Police Department first hand. Some of the items on display include uniforms from past and pre-

sent, an old call box, a polygraph machine, and a 1948 model paddy wagon. Some of the artifacts date back to the 1800s.

In addition to seeing all the artifacts on display, you can have your mug shot taken, step inside a jail cell, or listen to the annual Christmas communication broadcast. The museum also offers four different video kiosks which display interesting information.



The museum is conveniently located in Ottawa Park in the building that once housed the Ottawa Park Nature Center. For more information about the museum call the museum at (419) 720-2485.

Questions or suggestions regarding this publication should be directed to Lieutenant Cheryl Hunt at: (419) 936-3444 or CherylA.Hunt@toledo.oh.gov

If you would like to receive future publications electronically, please send an email request to Lieutenant Hunt at the email address listed above.

37th National PAL Boxing Tournament

This fall the Toledo Police Athletic League (PAL) will participate in the 37th National PAL Boxing Tournament. The event will take place October 1st through October 8th at the Seagate Centre.

Volunteers are needed to assist with this event. If you are interested in attending the boxing tournament or volunteering, please direct your inquiries to Brandi Berends. Her contact information is listed below:



Phone: 419-720-3375

Fax: 419-720-3374

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