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City of Springfield Police Division Partners with Local Organizations to Promote Safety

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO – August 11, 2017 – Many City departments in the City of Springfield engage in community partnerships that allow them to get involved with the community in a more hands-on capacity. The Police Division has partnered with Springfield City Schools, Clark State Community College and the Springfield Metropolitan Housing Authority (SMHA) to staff officers at these organizations and ensure they have the resources they need to be secure.

The partnership between the division and the schools provides two School Resource Officers (SROs) at Springfield High School and two SROs who serve at three middle schools as well as Keifer Academy. The SROs stay in the school buildings during the school year to respond to any safety issues and are assigned to community-based tasks when the students are on summer break. This partnership has been in place for many years to the mutual benefit of both the school system and the police division.

The Police Division also works with the schools on school safety and anti-bullying programs, as well as the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program. DARE is a drug awareness program where officers from the Police Division work with students to demonstrate the consequences of drug abuse. The goal behind each of these programs is to build relationships between the officers and children and families in the community.

“These programs allow our students to build relationships that go beyond the four walls of a school or organization,” said Police Chief Stephen Moody. “These programs are helpful in deterring crime in our City, and our division is proud to continue participating in partnerships that benefit the community as a whole.”

Clark State Community College and SMHA both have officers on the premises for security and crime deterrence.

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