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A Message from Police Chief, Brian Sturgill

WINTER DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE FOR SAFETY

Is your car ready for winter travel? It's not too late to winterize your car. Check out these car care tips to prepare you for winter driving:

- Check your tires and replace them with all-weather or snow tires, if necessary.
- Keep your gas tank full to prevent ice from getting in the tank and fuel lines.
- Remember to completely defrost or scrape all widows before driving to prevent vision obstructions. Don't forget to do the same for side-view mirrors, headlights and taillights!
- Replace windshield wiper blades.
- Use a wintertime fluid in your windshield washer.
- Make an emergency kit to keep in your car. Include water, snacks, first-aid kit, blankets, flashlight, extra batteries, portable cell phone charger, jumper cables and emergency flares.

PREPARE TO DRIVE SAFELY

- Avoid using cruise control in wintry conditions
- Steer in the direction of a skid, so when your wheels regain traction, you don't have to overcorrect to stay in your lane.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly.
- Increase following distance to 10 seconds.
- If possible, don't stop when traveling uphill.
- If visibility is severely limited due to a whiteout, pull off the road to a safe place and do not drive until conditions improve. Avoid pulling off onto the shoulder unless it is an absolute emergency. Limited visibility means other vehicles can't see yours on the shoulder.
- Give space to all ODOT snowplows.

KEEP A CHARGED PHONE WITH YOU

Your cell phone can help with any emergency you may come across. It's important to keep a charged cell phone with you, so you can call for help if anything were to happen!

SHOP With A COP

On Saturday, December 13, 2025 members of Cuyahoga Heights Police Department participated in the "Shop-With-A-Cop" program. The "Shop-With-A-Cop" program is organized and sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) - George Murray Lodge #67. Every year members of the FOP raise funds in order to take local children on a holiday shopping spree. The children transported via a large police procession to Walmart in Macedonia for the shopping chaos. After the shopping was completed, the Cuyahoga Heights officers and children returned to the Cuyahoga Heights Police Station for pizza and treats.

This year Cuyahoga Heights police officers raised $3,000 and as a result were able to take seventeen village residents shopping.

Over 100 police officers and volunteers from 16 local departments were on hand to make the event a success. In total, over $35,000 were raised! This was the 30th year of the FOP "Shop-With-A-Cop" program.

The Cuyahoga Heights Police Department would like to thank the following donors who went "above and beyond"!

Cuyahoga Heights Senior Citizens Howmet Aerospace
Mr. Don Giancursio

I would also like to thank the following officers and volunteers who took the time to participate in the shopping spree:

Dep. Chief Ken Schoeffler
Lt. Ted Mackiewicz
Ptl. Tyler Selig
Dispatcher Melissa Zemko
Dispatcher Megan Gallagher
Mr. Dave Palucki
GHMC Deputy Clerk of Court Danita Jimenez
Mrs. Lee Ann Schoeffler

STAY SAFE!

Respectfully,

Chief Sturgill

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Chief of Police

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