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FITZGERALD ANNOUNCES NEW COUNTY-WIDE COMMUNITY POLICING INITIATIVE

CLEVELAND — Addressing the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association, Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald announced today the creation of the new Community Oriented Policing Initiative.

The Community Oriented Policing Initiative's purpose is to bring together Impact Units with the knowledge, equipment, manpower and other resources available from the Sheriff's Office in partnership with their law enforcement agency to impact crime within Cuyahoga County and aid in all facets of Community Oriented Policing.

"Community policing strategies work, and we can play an expanded role in supporting and encouraging those local efforts," said FitzGerald. "The funds dedicated to this initiative will allow our Sheriff's office to put more deputies on the street, and by working on a rotating basis with local police departments across the county, we will increase police presence and prevent crimes before they occur."

"The Sheriff's office looks forward to assisting our colleagues in law enforcement with special or serious crime issues where additional manpower is needed for a short period of time and for a specific need." said Cuyahoga County Sheriff Bob Reid.

Impact Units will be a unit of the Sheriff's Office Criminal Division, made up of experienced, trained deputies available to assist any local law enforcement entity in Cuyahoga County with all types of investigations and enforcement. This may include area surveillance, robberies, and traffic enforcement. The Impact Unit will not act as an independent investigative unit, but as an assisting unit to the requesting agency with current investigations or targeted enforcement.