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CUYAHOGA COUNTY TO LAUNCH COUNTY-WIDE IMPACT UNITS

Community oriented policing aimed at crime, quality of life issues in County

CLEVELAND – Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald, Sheriff Bob Reid and area Police Chiefs will launch the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office Impact Units tomorrow, Thursday March 22, 2012 in the City of Warrensville Heights. Warrensville Heights is the first city in which the Impact Units will be deployed.

The goal of the Impact Unit (IU) is to strengthen the partnership between the Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement by aiding in all facets of Community Oriented Policing, ultimately impacting crime and the quality of life within Cuyahoga County. IUs will be available upon request to supplement existing law enforcement areas within a community.

Impact Units will be comprised of experienced, trained deputies who will be available to assist any local law enforcement entity within Cuyahoga County. The IUs will be formed as a unit of the Sheriff's Office criminal division and will provide the following services (as well as others assigned) to local law enforcement:

- Neighborhood canvass
- Area surveillance
- Robberies
- Traffic Enforcement in areas determined to be high accident areas
- Traffic enforcement in areas determined to be high DWUI areas
- Checkpoints to look for witnesses or suspects
- Other approved part one offense crimes.

WHAT: Launch of County-wide Impact Units

WHO: Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald
Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office
Mayor of Warrensville Heights, Brad Sellers
Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs
Cuyahoga County Impact Unit Deputies

WHEN: 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 22, 2012

WHERE: Warrensville Heights Police Department, 4301 Warrensville Center Rd.

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