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BANK OF TRUST

Sir Robert Peel started the London Metropolitan Police Department in 1829 and is considered the father of modern policing. He developed 9 policing principles we still live by today. One of his policing principles is "To maintain at all times a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and that the public are the police, the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence."

Surely many of you have heard this policing principle before. At many law

enforcement trainings and events, the piece that is quoted is "the police are the public and the public are the police." This month, I would like to focus on a different part of this principle. That is, the police must "maintain at all times a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition..."



Sir Robert Peel

Deputy Chief Barnes talks regularly about the 'bank of trust.' Every day, in every citizen contact, our aim is to make a deposit in that bank of trust by treating community members with respect and working hard to meet their needs. This is the same concept Sir Robert Peel talked about nearly two centuries ago. That relationship our police department has with the public is critical to our legitimacy as police. That relationship is built every day by you.

The foundation of policing is reliant on a strong relationship with individual community members and the community as a whole. While there will always be a few individuals who disrespect police and make it

impossible for us to build a relationship with them, it is still imperative we treat those citizens with respect. How we treat those difficult individuals reflects our character to our community. These difficult situations often make large deposits of trust in the bank or make large withdrawals of trust from the bank.

Every day we have an opportunity to make our community a better place. We have a vested interest in this work because we live here, our families live here, and our children go to school here. The police are just "members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to duties incumbent on every citizen." That's us. We're lucky. Aim for excellence every day.

"Give to those who have nothing to give to you." *Rupi Kaur*

"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost." *Arthur Ashe*

"Goodness is about character - integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, moral courage, and the like. More than anything else, it is about how we treat other people." *Dennis Prager*

"Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the wrong. Sometime in life you will have been all of these." *George Washington Carver*

Awards & Promotions



We are very proud to welcome the newest officers to the Wausau Police Department!

Officer Michael Grund #198 and Officer John Shear #199 were officially sworn in on October 10, 2019.

Welcome to our blue family!

Acknowledgements & Other News

Leadership Training Graduates



Congratulations to our recent graduates of the Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) three week leadership development program!

(L to R) Ofc. Sandy Hunt, Ofc. Brady Copas, Ofc. Dennis Peterson, Det. Nate Stetzer, Ofc. Eric Lemirand, Lt. Jill Kurtzhals, and Ofc. Josh Bigger spent recent weeks learning, applying and presenting leadership concepts along with representatives from several other agencies. The knowledge they have gained will greatly benefit our organization and community!

An apple a day...



We were the happy recipients of 4 bushels of apples from Bear Fruit Apple Co. We made some awesome treats with these! Thank you! Thank you!

Acknowledgements & Other News

Pumpkin Carving



The Wausau Police Benefit Association hosted a pumpkin painting and carving gathering for officers and their families. We had a great turn out and went through about 30 pumpkins. A few of the pumpkins were left to decorate outside the police department.



Department Appreciation

From Lisa Rasmussen, City Council President

Ben,

On behalf of our city council, please pass along a message of sincere appreciation to all who assisted today in responding to this tragedy. You, your staff, Chief Schultz, the EMPD, Wausau Fire and all of the other state and local agencies that have helped today in the response are a blessing to this community and we are so grateful to have all of you. Today has been another stark reminder of how Wausau is not immune from the horrors we see on the national news. My prayer is that we can again find a way to heal as a community in the coming days and weeks, although it is such a sad reality that we are again mourning the loss of innocent victims and praying for their families, as well as praying for the well being of those who are tasked with the response to things like this. Please know that our hearts and support are with those who answer the call when the worst happens. While today was a truly awful day, knowing that we have the people we have serving our community and working together to keep this community safe is nothing short of amazing. The inter agency cooperation and response was excellent and much appreciated. Please share this message with all involved as you feel appropriate.

Lisa Rasmussen

From Marie Schmidt and the Forest Park Neighborhood Group

Dear Wausau Police Department,

The Forest Park Neighborhood Group would like to thank you for participating in our Annual Picnic festivities. Your generous donation of your time to share with us is greatly appreciated. People of all ages love to interact with our local departments, to experience hands on, ask questions, to learn, and to watch. Thank you for helping us to make neighborhoods better, stronger, and safer.

With much appreciation,

Marie Schmidt, Forest Park Lead & the Entire Forest Park Neighborhood Group



Community Partner Spotlight

Marathon County Humane Society



This session of Adopt With A Cop features Detective Nate Stetzer and Leo & Marley. These two dogs come as a pair and can only be adopted together. They formerly lived with a cat and children, so they are very flexible pets!



For more information on adopting them, contact the Marathon County Humane Society.



Community Partner Spotlight

Crisis Intervention Training



31 law enforcement officers, corrections officers and crisis professionals in Marathon and Lincoln counties graduated from a 40 hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) course that was held at Northcentral Technical College. Over the course of the week these officers have learned about local available resources and best practices when working with individuals and families facing mental health challenges. Congratulations to all of these officers and their agencies. Thank you to each of them for their commitment to providing better outcomes for persons facing mental health challenges.