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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Joe Mannion | President / Member of the GCPOMS Executive Board / Board of Directors

Welcome to the GCPOMS The Epitaph, the official publication for the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society®. On May 20, 2022 will be our 37th year remembering those who have made the ultimate sacrifice protecting us and their communities of northeast Ohio. We have pledged to "Keep the Promise to Never Forget." Even through the past 2 years dealing with the Covid pandemic, the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society has kept that pledge. During the first year of mandated crowd restrictions, GCPOMS Board members made sure to come down to the Memorial and read the names of our Fallen Heroes whose names are on our Memorial, Last year, with some restrictions still in place, we were able to hold our service and honor Detective James M. Skernivitz E.O.W. 09-03-2020, Cleveland Division of Police. GCPOMS is inviting everyone to come to the Memorial Service on May 20th this year and join us in honoring Patrol Officer, Shane H. Bartek, E.O.W. 12-31-2021, Cleveland Division of Police and his family as his name will be forever memorialized on our Memorial walls along with 191 other Fallen Officers. May Shane's family and all Surviving families, find comfort in the wonderful memories they have of their loved ones, who have given up so much while protecting us.

It takes a lot to make the Police Week come together. Planning for the next year starts the following week after this year events take place. GCPOMS board members and volunteers work throughout the year planning, making calls, sending invites, working fundraisers, taking their own time to make sure the Memorial Service, Memorial site and Police Week runs smoothly, without any complications.

The Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial will begin Police Week in Cleveland starting with the Grave Marker placements on Saturday May 14, 2022. Starting a few weeks before this, Sgt. John Dean and his committee of 14 volunteers, which consist of Survivors, Police Officers and volunteers, will make sure all the markers are cleaned and the flags that go with the markers are not frayed or damaged. This group along with more volunteers and Officers from municipal, county, state and federal agencies will travel to over 65 different cemeteries across northeast, Ohio, and out of state. They will properly place the grave markers to make sure all 192 Officers who are on our Memorial walls, have a marker placed at their graves. At the end of Police Week, the volunteers go back out to the cemeteries, and pick-up the markers, and return them to be put into storage until next year. If you would like to volunteer, please



Keeping Our Promise to Never Forget Our Fallen Heroes

contact Sgt. John Dean at jtdean@policememorialsociety.org.

Our Candle Light Vigil will take place at the GCPOMS Memorial on Monday evening, May 16th at 7:45 p.m. Our Memorial Parade and Memorial Service will take place on Friday, May 20th. The parade will start at 10:30 am from East 12th and Lakeside Ave., ending at the Memorial site with our Memorial Service. Before the parade and Memorial Service, A reading of names of all officers killed in the line of duty, locally and nationally, will take place starting at 6:00 am. Volunteers and Survivors take part in this event. Our Police Week will end with the Cleveland International Tattoo, held at the Cleveland Public Hall on Saturday, May 21, 2002. Tickets are \$25.00 under 16 years old are free.

Please go to our website **www.HonorOurFallen.us** or **GCPOMS.org** for a schedule of events.

In closing, I asked that all you try to make one of our events and especially our Memorial Service. I am looking forward to seeing and meeting you.

Stay safe and healthy,

Joe Mannion, President

POLICE WEEK MAY 15-21, 2022

































SURVIVORS' CORNER

Summer Bartek | Survivor / Twin Sister of Patrol Officer Shane H. Bartek

Washington Irving once said, "There is a sacredness in tears, they are not the maker of weakness but of power. They are messengers of overwhelming grief and unspeakable love." Shane started off life being blessed to be adopted by Debra and Ronald Bartek. It was fate for them to be our parents. And fate they came with a son Eric, the big brother Shane always wanted. He came into this life with his twin sister Summer, we were inseparable. Ronald and Debra taught us resilience, kindness, and good morals. Growing up, Shane inherited a natural ability to be a leader and a strong knowledge of the difference between good and evil. He was academically smart; things came easy to him. He was a protector to everything that was in his orbit and was looked up to by so many people, even at a young

age. He always enjoyed making others happy and laugh, with his uncanny ability to always know what to say. He didn't talk a lot to fill in silences like others, but when he spoke it was profound or perfect. As a young child he enjoyed life with family and his twin. We would ride bikes everywhere, talk on walk-e-talkies, play ghost in the graveyard, or make up games with our own imaginations. He was my best friend, and I was his.



As Shane reached middle school his love for sports continued. He played soccer, basketball, and was active every day in his day-to-day life, and was even involved in orchestra all years of middle school and high school. In middle school he ventured into finding himself and who he wanted to be as a person. Once graduated from Berea Midpark he ventured to new places going to college at The University of Cincinnati studying criminal justice. He enjoyed learning as much as he could about the subject and more. He started to set a plan in place to become a police officer and followed that plan till the end. He enjoyed ride alongs and learning more about his future profession. There was one specific time that Shane was enjoying a night out with

friends and while walking home he saw a man who was involved in a hit and run. He was in the middle of the street bleeding and scared, Shane calmly ran to his aide, kept him calm and called the police. His leg was broken, and Shane helped stabilize it. This experience only proved to Shane even more that he was in the right career field and so excited for his future.

Shane started the academy August 19th, 2019, and it was his biggest challenge yet. The academy was mentally, physically, and emotionally challenging and something he's never experienced before. An admirable trait about Shane though is he never gave up. Our lives were built on resilience, and he was not going to quit on his dream. And on May 5th, 2020, he was sworn in officially as a police officer. As proud as he was that day there was a sadness that loomed over him that our father was not there to see this proud moment in person. The one defining reason Shane had pursued the police academy and to become a police officer was to make our late father Ronald proud. His drive, determination, and clarity on his future all stemmed to make this man proud of him and he did. Shane did his job everyday with dignity, integrity, and honor. He never bragged about his accomplishments or the things he did for others because kindness should be done in quietness.

Shane embodied the word selflessness. He believed in spreading joy and laughter to others lives. He trusted his gut and understood the difference between right and wrong and having a good moral compass. He was kind and honest, full of life and a sun, shining light in everyone's lives. To, me he

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IN MEMORIAM December 1, 1853 – November 3, 1929 – We will never forget!

John Osborne, Watchman Cleveland City Marshal's Office EOW December 1, 1853

Michael Kick, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW May 15, 1875

George Brenner, Marshal Wellington Village Marshal's Office EOW July 18, 1883

William Hulligan, Detective Cleveland Police Department EOW February 8, 1887

Nicholas Sheehan, Sergeant Cleveland Police Department EOW September 5, 1894

John Shipp, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW May 6, 1900

William L. Foulks, Detective Lieutenant Cleveland Police Department EOW September 29, 1900

Louis D. Weick, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW December 10, 1903

James H. Stedman, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW January 25, 1905

Spooner C. Crapo, MarshalRochester Village Marshal's Office
EOW November 11, 1905

Herman Reimer, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW January 28, 1911

Walter C. Chapman, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW August 22, 1911

Edward Parker, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW June 19, 1912

Leroy E. Bouker, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW November 28, 1912

Albert Miller, PatrolmanCleveland Police Department
EOW December 3, 1913

Rupert Becker, Night Watchman Amherst Village Constable's Office EOW April 10, 1916 John H. Gates, Watchman Medina Village Marshal's Office EOW April 18, 1916

Charles H. Goetz, Sergeant Cleveland Police Department EOW May 6, 1916

Harry Nelson Sayle, Deputy Marshal Village of Shaker Heights EOW August 27, 1916

Henry Froelich, Sergeant Cleveland Police Department EOW September 25, 1916

Edward M. Meany, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW November 29, 1916

Eimer P. Glaefke, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW September 13, 1917

William Brown, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW September 29, 1917

Alfred Ressler, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW August 6, 1918

Patrick Gaffney, Detective
East Cleveland Police Department
EOW December 19, 1918

William P. Armstrong, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW March 9, 1919

Ernest C. Gray, Deputy
Willoughby Township Marshal's Office
EOW July 16. 1919

Frank M. Moranz, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW September 26, 1919

William Isaac, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW December 1, 1919

Robert Shelton, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department December 7, 1919

Thomas Cook, Detective New York Central Railroad Police Department - July 12, 1920

David H. Barnes, Detective Sergeant New York Central Railroad Police Department - July 28, 1920 **John Vapenik, Marshal** Maple Heights Village EOW August 28, 1920

Edward Connolly, Captain Cleveland Heights Police Department EOW September 8, 1920

Walter Preuhs, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department October 17, 1920

Albert Block, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW February 11, 1921

August Dyke, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW March 24, 1921

Elmer Sprosty, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW April 21, 1921

Frank J. Koran, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW November 26, 1921

Carl Metta, Agent Federal Prohibition Enforcement Officer EOW February 19 1923

Samuel Kilbane, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW April 19, 1923

Dennis Griffin, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW May 14, 1923

Fred J. Webber, Patrolman Lorain Police Department EOW December 22, 1923

Roy Nightwine, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW May 11, 1924

Frank A. Sugan, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW June 28, 1924

Michael J. Hahnel, Patrolman Shaker Heights Police Department EOW October 20, 1924

Peter Fromm, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW February 13, 1925

Henry Richter, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW February 27, 1925 **Charles J. Frantz, Patrolman** Cleveland Police Department EOW April 14, 1925

Harvey A. Yoder, Marshal Bay Village Police Department EOW July 20, 1925

Charles C. Deal, Patrolman Lorain Police Department EOW November 6, 1925

John F. Saxton, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW February 15, 1926

Edwin A. Janes, Patrolman Shaker Heights Police Department EOW April 17, 1926

William G. Borgman, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW April 20, 1926

Michael B. Beuerlein, Patrolman Parma Police Department EOW May 20, 1926

George J. Buttermore, Patrolman Shaker Heights Police Department EOW May 24, 1926

Clinton Wolf, Deputy Marshal Parma Police Department EOW June 28, 1926

Lawrence R. Yaxley, Deputy Marshal Mentor Village Marshal's Office EOW January 30, 1927

Richard White, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW August 4, 1927

Albert Flemke, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW March 22, 1928

Anthony Wieczorek, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW September 13, 1928

Ernest L. Ford, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW September 19, 1928

Carl Sherman, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW March 6, 1929

Edward Butler, Detective Cleveland Police Department EOW November 3, 1929





IN MEMORIAM June 30, 1930 – September 28, 1970 – We will never forget!

Franklin J. Strohl, Deputy Lorain County Sheriff's Office EOW June 30, 1930

James Ryan, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW January 8, 1931

John Buettner, Detective Cleveland Police Department EOW August 9, 1932

Harry Rose, Marshal Seven Hills Police Department September 25, 1932

Herman Pahler, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW March 8, 1933

George Effinger, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW March 20, 1933

Harold Beingesser, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW July 29, 1935

Harry McCue, Detective Cleveland Police Department EOW July 29, 1935

Martin J. Carlin, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW August 3, 1935

William J. Burmeister, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW October 20, 1935

Joseph Ternansky, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW April 1, 1936

Otto Mosholder, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW December 10, 1936

Virgil T. Bayne, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW December 18, 1937

Gerald Bode, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW December 18, 1937

John J. Cleary, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department January 4, 1938

Raymond Griffin, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW May 30, 1938 **Robert Wehagen, Patrolman** Cleveland Police Department July 8, 1938

Louis Mlakar, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW July 20, 1938

John Luses, Deputy U.S. Marshals Service EOW September 8, 1938

James Goggin, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW January 13, 1939

Otto Jirecek, Marshal Solon Police Department EOW March 31, 1939

Clarence Smith, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW June 6, 1939

Otto J. Ziska, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW March 31, 1940

James Goodwin, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW May 4, 1942

Howard B. Taft, Patrolman Elyria Police Department EOW August 8, 1942

Patrick Ryan, Sergeant Cleveland Police Department EOW January 14, 1944

George Kirk, Patrolman Lorain Police Department EOW March 30, 1944

Lewis Hauschild, DetectiveEast Cleveland Police Department
EOW September 22, 1945

Clarence Cerell Chance, Patrolman Cuyahoga Falls Police Department EOW May 30, 1947

Norman Carl Reker, Patrolman Cleveland Heights Police Department EOW February 21, 1948

Henry L. Walton, Chief Fairview Park Police Department EOW March 12, 1950

Forney L. Haas, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW December 8, 1951 **Earl D. Thomas, Lieutenant**Gates Mills Police Department
EOW December 26, 1951

Eugene Stinchcomb, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW May 12, 1952

Joyce Robbin Moore, LieutenantWilloughby Police Department
EOW March 22, 1955

William Hudec, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW August 30, 1955

Warren Stainbook, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW August 30, 1955

Joseph Haydu, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW May 19, 1956

Garner M. Robertson, Patrolman Valley View Police Department EOW July 8, 1956

Howard Scott, Deputy Geauga County Sheriff's Department EOW August 14, 1956

Nicholas R. Catalano, Patrolman Mayfield Heights Police Department EOW December 26, 1956

Edmund G. Smith, Patrolman Wellington Police Department EOW May 4, 1957

Edward G. Lentz, Lieutenant Cleveland Police Department EOW December 9. 1957

Edgar Nagie, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW March 26, 1958

Edward H, Perdian, Captain Newburgh Heights Police Department EOW September 15, 1960

Martin E. Mrugacz, Detective Cleveland Police Department EOW September 29, 1960

Michael J. George, Deputy Lorain County Sheriff's Office EOW January 9, 1961

Arthur W. Guenther, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW December 19, 1961

John P. Palermo, Deputy Lorain County Sheriff's Office EOW January 21, 1964

Lester G. Peterman, ChiefBentleyville Police Department
EOW February 10, 1964

William Greller, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW September 18, 1964

Chester Burmeister, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department December 23, 1964

Lummie Sanders, DeputyGeauga County Sheriff's Office
EOW July 28, 1965

Frank Humr, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW October 29, 1965

John R. Bohl, Chief Chardon Police Department EOW October 25, 1966

Steve J. Huber, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department May 11, 1967

Brian Kloka, Patrolman Broadview Heights Police Department EOW August 29, 1967

Leroy Jones, Lieutenant Cleveland Police Department EOW July 23, 1968

Willard J. Wolff, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW July 23, 1968

Louis Golonka, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW July 23, 1968

Roy Buckner, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW November 11, 1968

Kenneth Houser, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW April 2, 1969

John Apanites, Detective Cleveland Police Department EOW April 7, 1969

Joseph Tracz, Patrolman Cleveland Police Department EOW September 28, 1970

Memorial Parade & Ceremony | Friday, May 20



IN MEMORIAM March 10, 1971 – September 3, 2020 – We will never forget!

Robert Woodall, Patrolman Oberlin Police Department

EOW March 10, 1971

Tom Hakaim, Patrolman

Cleveland Police Department EOW April 3, 1971

William A. Nagy, Patrolman

Cleveland Police Department EOW May 14, 1971

Michael Chihil, Chief

Newbury Police Department EOW January 1, 1972

Robert W. Bennett, Sergeant

Parma Heights Police Department EOW October 25, 1972

Richard Miller, Patrolman

East Cleveland Police Department EOW January 11, 1973

Frederick D. Vacha. Patrolman

Cleveland Police Department EOW June 20, 1973

William N. Shapiro, Patrolman

Cleveland Police Department EOW April 26, 1974

Philip P. Maher, Patrolman

Cleveland Police Department EOW May 29, 1975

Edward Murray, Patrolman

Cleveland Police Department EOW July 3, 1975

William Prochazka, Detective Sergeant

Bedford Heights Police Department November 10, 1975

Jerome C. Poelking, Captain

Cleveland Police Department EOW December 8, 1975

Joseph Baca, Deputy

Medina County Sheriff's Office EOW August 28, 1976

John S. Reese, Patrolman

Cleveland Police Department EOW September 2, 1976

Hubert S. Smykowski. Patrolman

Garfield Heights Police Department EOW October 5, 1976

George Maxin, Auxiliary Captain

Willowick Police Department EOW December 31, 1976

Carl E. Summers, Captain

Lodi Police Department EOW December 10, 1977

Francis Smolka, Patrolman

Vermilion Police Department EOW October 29, 1978

Robert A. White, Parole Officer

Ohio Adult Parole Authority EOW April 27, 1979

John Hubbell, Patrolman

Cleveland Police Department EOW June 4, 1979

Kenneth M. Tomaszewski, Deputy

Lorain County Sheriff's Office EOW July 3, 1979

Johnnie L. Oliver, Special Agent

Federal Bureau of Investigation EOW August 9, 1979

Dominck J. Boscarelli, Patrolman

Olmsted Township Police Department EOW August 23, 1979

David R. Wiley, Patrolman

Mayfield Village Police Department EOW September 5, 1979

George Zicarelli, Detective

Cleveland Police Department September 17, 1979

Desmond Sherry, Patrol Officer

Cleveland Police Department EOW July 3, 1980

Anthony J. Johnson, Sr. Patrol Officer

Cleveland Police Department EOW October 21, 1981

Benjamin F. Grair, Jr., Patrol Officer

Cleveland Police Department EOW August 5, 1983

Stephen M. Kovach, Patrol Officer

Cleveland Police Department EOW March 11, 1984

Mark S. Decker, Police Officer

Veterans Administration Police EOW January 31, 1986

Leonard Wilcox, Police Officer

Veterans Administration Police

EOW January 31, 1986

Gary Paster, Patrolman

Macedonia Police Department EOW May 29, 1986

Ernest C. Holbert, Patrolman **Cleveland Police Department**

EOW October 27, 1987

Jeffrey B. Olson, Patrolman

Solon Police Department EOW March 15, 1989

Alcee S. McCray, Security Officer

CMHA Police Department EOW October 14, 1989

Aubrey R. Williams, Auxiliary Police Officer

North Olmsted Police Department EOW November 7, 1989

Thomas Smith, Patrolman

Cleveland Police Department EOW March 9, 1993

Dennis N. Glivar, Sergeant

Garfield Heights Police Department EOW August 14, 1994

Michael W. Brown, Police Officer

Garfield Heights Police Department EOW December 8, 1994

Robert A. Stefanov, Police Officer

Garfield Heights Police Department EOW December 8, 1994

Derrik M. Lanier, Police Officer

CMHA Police Department EOW March 2, 1996

Edward Claybrooks, Jr., Patrol Officer

Cleveland Police Department EOW December 27, 1996

Hilary S. Cudnik, Sr., Patrol Officer

Cleveland Police Department EOW December 30, 1996

Michael W. Muzychenko, Sergeant

Cleveland Police Department EOW November 25, 1997

David M. Smith. Patrol Officer Cleveland Police Department

EOW April 15, 1998

Robert J. Clark II, Detective **Cleveland Police Department**

EOW July 1, 1998

Wayne A. Leon, Patrol Officer

Cleveland Police Department

EOW June 25, 2000

James M. Salvino, Jr., Deputy Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office

EOW February 17, 2001

Jonathan J. Schroeder, Detective

Cleveland Police Department EOW August 31, 2006

Jason D. West, Investigator

Cleveland Heights Police Department EOW May 26, 2007

George M. Brentar, Patrolman

Euclid Police Department EOW October 10, 2007

Derek W. Owens. Patrol Officer

Cleveland Police Department EOW March 1, 2008

Joshua T. Miktarian, Police Officer

Twinsburg Police Department EOW July 13, 2008

Jarod M. Dean, Police Officer

Boston Heights Police Department EOW January 19, 2009

Thomas F. Patton II. Police Officer

Cleveland Heights Police Department EOW March 13, 2010

James A. Kerstetter, Patrolman

Elyria Police Department EOW March 15, 2010

Jonathan V. Bastock, Police Officer

Stow Police Department EOW February 5, 2011

Jason Gresko, Police Officer

Willoughby Police Department EOW September 21, 2012

Kenneth Velez, Trooper

Ohio State Highway Patrol EOW September 15, 2016

David J. Fahey Jr., Patrol Officer

Cleveland Police Department EOW January 24, 2017

Mathew Mazany, Patrolman

Mentor Police Department EOW June 24, 2018

Vu X. Nguyen, Patrol Officer **Cleveland Police Department**

EOW July 6, 2018 James M. Skernivitz. Detective

Cleveland Police Department EOW September 3, 2020

Shane H. Bartek, Patrol Officer

Cleveland Police Department EOW December 31, 2021

Cleveland International Tattoo | Cleveland Municipal Auditorium **Saturday Evening, May 21**



Mary A. Lentz | Survivor / Editor of The Epitaph
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SURVIVORS' CORNER

Summer Bartek | Survivor / Twin Sister of Patrol Officer Shane H. Bartek

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was my other half, my twin, we started life together and went through it together. Life wasn't so difficult because I knew my twin was going through it too with me. I aspired to be like Shane my whole life. He drew people, in such a way I never could. I was so proud to let everyone, and anyone know that I had a twin in life, that we had a bond that not many people shared. It has been an honor to be Shane Henry Bartek's twin. To see him thrive in life and live so much of it in 25 years that others never have. Shane has left a lasting footprint in this world of his life and love that he has given. He will be remembered and never forgotten. Even though he is gone physically from this world his spirit remains in me. We have a bond not even death can take from us. Shane will forever be loved, cherished and most of all remembered. Gone but not forgotten, your legacy continues in all who loved you. To finish off this piece is one of our favorite quotes from our favorite books ever, Harry Potter. "Happiness can be found in even the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light". Love you always Shane.

Forever Your Twin, Summer



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