

## CITY OF MOUNT VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Chief of Police

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To Whom It May Concern,

The Community Police Foundation has been a valued partner of the Mount Vernon Police Department for the past two years, assisting us with our community outreach initiatives. Mr. Glenn Hechler, Executive Board Member and Director of the Community Police Relations Foundation, has been our main point of contact.

Mr. Hechler has been instrumental in securing the much-needed funding for our outreach programs. Not only did he help us secure these critical funds, but he also personally attended events and provided hands-on support. In a time of limited resources, we simply could not have hosted as many community events without their financial assistance.

The help from the Community Police Relations Foundation provides financial resources to the police department to host events where officers can engage with the community in a positive and meaningful way. These events help foster better relationships between law enforcement and the community, allowing residents to connect with officers outside of routine policing situations.

Together, the Community Police Relations Foundation and the Mount Vernon Police Department have hosted numerous successful events, including the Christmas Toy Giveaway, National Night Out, Back to School Backpack Giveaway, Halloween Trunk or Treat, and the Thanksgiving Turkey and Ham Giveaway. We look forward to continuing this partnership and expanding our community outreach efforts in the future.

I strongly recommend any police department considering a partnership with the Community Police Foundation. Their support is invaluable, and their commitment to fostering positive community relationships is unmatched.

Sincerely,

Marcel Jay Olifiers Chief of Police