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Columbus Police Department to Host Inaugural Cadet Appreciation Day

The Columbus Police Department (CPD) will hold its first Cadet Appreciation Day on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 12 p.m., to recognize the hard work and dedication of its cadets. The ceremony will be held in the Basement Training Room of the Public Safety Building

CPD's Cadet Program, established in 1971, gives young adults ages 18 to 20 hands-on experience in law enforcement. Many have gone on to serve as full-time officers, including Captain William Turner, who started as a cadet over 50 years ago and will be a featured speaker.

The event is made possible by sponsors Back Columbus Blue and Goodwill Industries of the Southern Rivers. High school seniors studying criminal justice will also be invited to attend and learn more about careers in law enforcement.

City leaders have been invited to attend as the department celebrates the next generation of law enforcement professionals and the impact of the Cadet Program in shaping future officers.



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