

Office Of Community Engagement & Outreach

The Patrol's Office of Community Engagement and Outreach was established June 1, 2017, and operates under the direction of the assistant superintendent (Lieutenant Colonel Eric T. Olson). Captain Ronald S. Johnson assumed the position of director; he has an office in the Troop C area. The OCEO was established in response to challenges in recruiting, community relations, and overall public trust faced by today's law enforcement agencies. This office works to develop solutions to challenging social issues and connect community members with resources that effect positive change. The OCEO's focus is on cultivating and enhancing partnerships with emergency services agencies and community groups, citizens, and organizations throughout Missouri.

In 2017, Captain Ronald S. Johnson spearheaded this focus and worked with communities in the following ways:

- ✓ Strengthened the agency's connection to Yeatman Liddell Middle School by participating in special events like the Little Bit Foundation Food Pantry Ribbon Cutting and Make a Difference Day, providing a bullying presentation, attending a community advisor board meeting, and enjoying "Muffins and Moms" and "Breakfast with Dads" events.
- ✓ Served with Volunteer Team Chase, an autism resource distribution event.
- ✓ Attended the North/South Tech School of Law Enforcement Advisory Committee Meeting.
- ✓ Assisted with the Hurricane Relief Project for families in the state of Texas, an NBA Rookie Jayson Tatum Outreach program, which partnered with Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis Herbert Hoover Club.
- ✓ Partnered with the Chris How Foundation, Troop C, and local school district for a Christmas toy delivery at Woodward Elementary School and Highland Elementary School
- ✓ Adopted a Lee Hamilton Elementary School family (single mother with two adopted boys) to provide toys and cash donations.
- ✓ Initiated a New Crisis Nursery Initiative which provided resources needed for child care (shoes, diapers, car seats, high chairs, baby monitors, baby carries, bottle warmers, clothing, etc.). Partnership with Chris How Foundation, Troop C and St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department
- ✓ Took part in the Urban League Ribbon Cutting ceremony at the Community Building in Ferguson, MO.

In addition to the specific events listed above, Capt. Johnson took part in town hall meetings, attended clergy meetings and Heartland Black Chamber meetings, and

provided bullying presentations at several schools. He spoke at churches and the St. Louis Principals' Meeting, and attended round table and panel discussions.