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PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCE REVAMPED PROGRAM

PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP, OH—The wheels are turning in the Perrysburg Township Police Department and they enthusiastically announce a revamped bike patrol unit. It has been a few years since they last rode but with the hiring of Deputy Chief Gilmore the desire to reintroduce the bike patrol, to benefit the safety and security of Perrysburg Township, came to the forefront.

Bike patrol units are very popular throughout the country and officers have specialized training in order to become part of a unit. Bike patrols are a way to provide another resource to tackle unusual crime situations. These units allow for more mobility and accessibility than patrol cars. Further, bike patrols are highly visible and more approachable to the public.

The use of mountain bikes will be prevalent in neighborhoods and business areas throughout Perrysburg Township. The bike patrol will operate year round; it is at the discretion of the Deputy Chief to determine if weather conditions make it unsafe or impractical for bike operation. In 2013 the revamped bike patrol will begin riding in mid-September once officers have completed the specialization training.

The mission of the Perrysburg Township Police Department is to affirmatively promote a feeling of safety and security to the members of our community. We do this by providing high quality police services related to the protection of life and property; by taking steps to prevent criminal activity; by detecting and investigating criminal activity; by the apprehension of offenders and the enforcement of criminal laws; by recovering property; by providing leadership in community involvement and awareness programs; by keeping and maintaining records; by training of personnel; and by maintaining high ethical standards.

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