



# Cypress Police Foundation

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The Cypress Police Foundation was established in 2010 as a 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation benefiting the men and women of the Cypress Police Department and the community in which they serve. Please donate now and help support the Cypress Police Department. Please visit the Giving page on our website for more information on our organization as well as how you can help.

*"THE GUARDIANS OF THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF OTHERS"*

-George Savord

Retired Cypress Chief of Police

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am happy to report that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cypress Police Appreciation Luncheon went off without a hitch. It was great to see so many of you again after a two-year hiatus as a result of the shutdowns. Along with great conversation, we had an outstanding lunch, and the opportunity to honor some of the amazing men and women of the Cypress Police Department. Over the last couple of years, the environment surrounding policing hasn't been the greatest. It has made an already hard job even tougher. It was great to be able to set aside a few hours to just celebrate the dedication of the officers, staff and volunteers of the Cypress Police Department. It is obvious in talking with many of them the passion they have for their profession and our community.

Amazing events like this don't happen by chance. They take many hours of planning, hard work, follow-up, and sponsors. Speaking of sponsors, we would like to thank Warland Investments, Forest Lawn Memorial Parks and Valley Vista Services. Inc. They stepped up to be our event sponsors. We are also extremely grateful to all of the other organizations and individuals who helped sponsor the event at various other levels. Each of these outstanding organizations can be found on our website [www.cypresspf.org](http://www.cypresspf.org)

I would also like to thank and recognize, Nickol Ladd, Samantha Lagman, Amber Enriquez, Selina Mullaney, Scott Ausmus, and Dean Pinvidic. These individuals made up the luncheon committee and put in countless hours meeting and planning for the event. They were supported by all of the other members of the Cypress Police Foundation.

Finally, thank you to each of you who are dedicated to supporting the fine men and women who make up the Cypress Police Department.

Enjoy your summer, *Don*



# Cypress Police Appreciation Luncheon

## May 17, 2022



## MEET OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH OFFICER

By Mariellen Yarc

It was a true delight to talk with **Julie Marquez**, who is the Community Outreach Officer for the Cypress Police Department. Julie has been working for our Police Department for 14 years. Prior to coming to Cypress, Julie worked for Disney for 16 years.

Julie is the Instructor for the City's P.A.C.E. (Positive Actions Through Character Education) program which has been in place since the fall of 2011. This character education and drug awareness program has reached approximately 9,000 local 6<sup>th</sup> graders in our community. This is a 10-week program which reaches between 8-900 students per year. It is taught at all elementary schools in Cypress, including St. Irenaeus, Grace Christian and two schools within the Savannah School District. Julie meets with each class once a week and she teaches 12 classes per week. During Covid, she continued to teach PACE via Zoom.

In addition, Julie attends several community events each month and often brings "Donut" with her on these visits. Donut is a remote-control police car – Julie says Donut is the perfect Cypress Police ambassador (Donut was donated by our very own Police Foundation). The two of them visit kids at the Cypress Parks and Rec day camps, Boys and Girls Club, community events and during Covid, Donut was invited to participate in over 120 special occasion drive-by celebration parades. Donut is busy!

Julie and the PACE program are an integral part of the Cypress Police Department's goal to engage with our youth and foster a good relationship with them. Julie says she is lucky to be part of this and she loves her job: "It's like planting a seed and watching it grow."



Cypress Police K-9 Kubo is recovering after being shot in the ear in the line of duty. We are happy to report that, although his ear still hurts, he is well on his way to a full recovery.

### Our Mission

The Cypress Police Foundation in partnership with citizens, businesses, and philanthropic organizations, shall provide resources to the Cypress Police Department to enhance the Department's ability to serve at its highest level in improving public safety, decreasing crime, and making Cypress a safer place to live, work, and visit.

# Cypress Police Department Open House May 14, 2022

