

## **COPLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT LEVY 2021**

**The Copley Police Department utilizes the best technology available to help protect our community while being fiscally responsible with your tax dollars. These are a few examples of the technology we have equipped our officers with.**

### **MONTROSE AREA CAMERAS**

Copley Township has a significant portion of the Montrose Business district that it shares with Bath Township and the City of Fairlawn. There are numerous restaurants, retail stores, offices, and hotels in this area. It is estimated that about 20,000 cars travel through Montrose each day.

About 12 years ago, the Copley Police Department installed three surveillance cameras in the Montrose Business district, in order to help monitor activity and enhance safety. The Police Department is in the process of upgrading those cameras to four new artificial intelligence cameras to better serve the community.

### **BODY AND DASH CAMERAS**

Many police departments are using body and dash cameras to record the actions of the officers and the community that our officers come in contact with. The cameras record activity and serve as evidence in court. The cameras also protect the police department from false claims against our officers, thereby reducing costs of police liability insurance and unnecessary litigation. The recordings help police supervisors to ensure the officers are handling their encounters with the public in a legal, ethical, and proper fashion.

## **STAR CHASE PURSUIT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

The Copley Police Department has equipped its marked police cruisers with the STAR CHASE PURSUIT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. This system consists of a GPS module encased in a tracking projectile that is launched from the front of the police cruiser if a motorist fails to stop when officers activate their overhead emergency lights. Rather than pursue the vehicle, which might place the officer or the community in danger, the officer can activate the launcher and a projectile is fired at the back of the violator's car. Once the projectile affixes itself to the violator's car, the officer discontinues the chase and the violator's vehicle is tracked through GPS technology by our dispatchers in the Dispatch Center. Officers can call ahead and have officers in another community look for the car when it reaches its destination and comes to a stop.

The use of the STAR CHASE SYSTEM reduces risk to the officer and the community, saves lives, and protects communities. The Copley Police Department is the first agency in this area to deploy this technology. Vehicle pursuits can reach high speeds and become dangerous. However, officers are seeing more instances where motorists are failing to stop for the police, usually when there are drugs or guns in the car or the driver is wanted on outstanding warrants. We are using this technology to protect you and eliminate unnecessary risk.



**The STAR CHASE Projectile**



The STAR CHASE Projectile after it has struck and adhered to the back of a vehicle.



STAR CHASE LAUNCHER ON THE FRONT OF A POLICE VEHICLE