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PARMA HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AAA PLATINUM SAFETY AWARD

Parma Heights – The Parma Heights Police Department was one of only ten Northeast Ohio police departments honored with a 2015 AAA Platinum Award, AAA’s highest honor. This is the second consecutive year that the city has won a Platinum Award. Award recipients are chosen from among hundreds of departments nationwide that participate in the Community Traffic Safety Program and Parma Heights was one of only 56 regional winners recognized by AAA East Central.

“Identifying and successfully addressing hazardous local traffic problems is a serious challenge and these communities have shown incredible leadership in developing workable solutions that save lives,” noted AAA East Central President Jim Lehman.

The goal of the AAA Community Traffic Safety Program is to “encourage communities to address local traffic safety issues in a coordinated and cost effective way, with an emphasis on the ‘3E’s’: enforcement, education and engineering,” according to AAA. Platinum award winners were honored for their outstanding efforts to make the region’s roadways safer for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

“Receiving this award for two years in a row goes hand-in-hand with the Transportation for Livable Communities (TLCI) grant activities we have going on for redevelopment of the Pearl Road corridor,” said Mayor Michael P. Byrne. “The TLCI grant also emphasizes the safety of all users of our roads.”

The awards were announced in the January 2015 issue of the AAA *Motorist* magazine after their presentation at a ceremony held in November, 2014.

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