

**SwiftReach for MONDAY, October 26, 2020 – FINAL**

HELLO, IT IS OCTOBER 26. PLEASE STAND BY FOR AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR. THIS MESSAGE WILL REPEAT ONCE.

GOOD MONDAY EVENING. THIS IS YOUR MAYOR GREG KURTZ.

ON SUNDAY A MAN WAS HELD-UP AT GUNPOINT OUTSIDE A ROCKSIDE ROAD RESTAURANT.

THE VICTIM WAS NOT INJURED, THANKFULLY, BUT THE ROBBER GOT AWAY WITH THE MAN'S CAR AND CELLPHONE.

RESIDENTS ARE UPSET. SO AM I.

IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, THIEVES HAVE TARGETED CONVENIENT STORES AND GAS STATIONS, STOLEN UNLOCKED CARS FROM RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS, AND NOW THE BRAZEN ARMED ROBBERY OF A CITIZEN.

WE ARE NOT ALONE. COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT NORTHEAST OHIO ARE EXPERIENCING THE SAME INCREASE IN CRIME.

I WANT TO ASSURE EVERYONE, INDEPENDENCE POLICE HAVE:

BEEFED UP PATROLS

INITIATED NEW TACTICAL PROCEDURES

AND HAVE UPGRADED SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS WITH IMPROVED NIGHT VISION.

THIS BEGAN MONTHS AGO AND IT DOESN'T END THERE. AT OUR URGING, TOPGOLF AND SOME HOTELS ARE NOW HIRING OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICERS DURING PEAK HOURS.

I REMAIN COMMITTED TO ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT POLICE FACILITY ON ROCKSIDE ROAD.

WHILE THE PANDEMIC SLOWED THOSE DISCUSSIONS AND PLANS, SAFETY REMAINS A PRIORITY FOR ME.

I WILL HAVE MORE TO REPORT IN MY WEEKLY UPDATE ON FRIDAY. UNTIL THEN, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND GOD BLESS.

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