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## **FOR IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE**

### **Parma Officers Asked to Help Develop National Anti-Identity Theft Training**

Town of Parma Special Police Officers Joseph Silivestro and Mike Silivestro, along with representatives from seven other agencies around the country, are being flown to Alexandria, VA during the week of August 11, 2008. The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) have invited the officers to serve as subject matter experts while developing a toolkit for volunteers in police service, and discuss areas of ID crime prevention, training, investigation and citizen education; and how volunteers could be used as valuable resources to law enforcement.

The IACP and Bank of America have partnered to develop a National Strategy to Prevent and Respond to Identity Crime. Through joint efforts, these two organizations seek to raise citizen awareness and increase law enforcement's expertise in responding to identity crime and conducting investigations.

Both Parma officers are highly sought after speakers, giving numerous presentations state-wide, in the areas of Internet Safety and Identity Theft Prevention. As with most officers in the Town's Special Police Department, their duties are predominantly of a volunteer nature, but both officers also work for the Parma Town Court. In their paid "professional" lives, Officers Mike and Joe Silivestro are educators with backgrounds in Information Technology and Security, respectively. Mike Silivestro teaches at numerous area schools, including EMCC, MCC, and RIT. Joe Silivestro, a former BOCES #2 Computer Systems instructor, recently started a position as a corporate trainer at the RE Ginna Nuclear Plant, and also served as adjunct faculty with GCC.

Due to their dedication, President Bush honored both officers, as well as many other Parma Officers with the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. All Town of Parma Special Police Officers are registered NYS Peace Officers. They have the same powers of arrest as police officers, when acting on an assigned detail, but are mainly volunteers for the Town. This allows Parma to utilize skills from a very diverse pool of talented members, each with their own unique abilities, and all at minimal cost to tax payers.

The Town provides all training and equipment to residents interested in joining. The dept has many opportunities, and is always looking for new members. For additional information see Town of Parma website (dept Special Police), email them at specialpolice@parmany.org or call 392-9461 x-118

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*The Parma Special Police was organized in 1962 as a volunteer organization and is funded by the Town of Parma to assist the public and authorities during community events, natural disasters and emergencies. At the request of the Town of Parma, they provide assistance to police, fire and EMS agencies in emergencies, and help with sporting events, carnivals, and festivals.*

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*The International Association of Chiefs of Police is the worlds oldest and largest nonprofit membership organization of police executives, with over 20,000 members in over 89 different countries. IACP's leadership consists of the operating chief executives of international, federal, state and local agencies of all sizes.*

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