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City of Cleveland Police Officers Charged & Other Important Updates - **Update #252**

CLEVELAND –Below are some important updates from the City of Cleveland:

Three City of Cleveland Police Officers Charged with Misdemeanors

Cleveland Police Chief Calvin D. Williams announces that three Cleveland Police officers have been charged with misdemeanors in Cleveland Municipal Court. The charges occurred following an internal investigation which began after information was revealed about an incident that occurred on November 15, 2020 at the Cleveland Police Patrolmen’s Association at 1303 W. 58th Street.

Patrol Officer Michael Phelps, 29, was hired in December of 2015. He is charged with one count of misdemeanor assault from the CPPA incident and one count of misdemeanor assault plus one count of menacing from an incident occurring shortly thereafter. John Ogle, 29, was hired in September of 2016. He is charged with one count of misdemeanor assault. Wyatt Woodrell, 25, was hired in August of 2019. He is charged with one count of misdemeanor assault. All are accused of assaulting another Cleveland Police Officer. All three officers are currently assigned to the Fifth District on Basic Patrol and have been placed on restricted duty with no contact with the public pending adjudication of the criminal charges.

Once the criminal case has been resolved, an administrative review of the incident will be conducted. A decision on what discipline, if any, the officers will receive will be determined after the administrative review.

Any additional information will be posted via GOV QA.

City of Cleveland to Hold Press Briefing Today at 2 p.m.

On Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m., Mayor Jackson will hold a virtual press briefing to discuss COVID-19 vaccinations.

The press conference will be livestreamed on the [City of Cleveland Facebook page](#) and media may ask their questions into the comments section. Please include the name of your outlet when you post the question. We will also take questions from members of the public as time allows.

If media would prefer to send in their questions via email, they are welcome to send them to covid19media@clevelandohio.gov no later than one hour prior to the press conference start time.

The b-roll opportunity scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 23 with broadcast media is dependent upon receipt of the vaccine. The City will provide a status during today's press briefing or in the daily update.

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