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### **Ohio Investigative Unit Participates in Cops and Kids Day in Canal Winchester**

**Who:** Ohio Investigative Unit, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety  
**What:** Cops and Kids Day  
**Where:** Indian Trail Elementary School  
6767 Gender Road  
Canal Winchester, Ohio  
**When:** Friday, May 15, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 2 p.m.

For the last several years, Canal Winchester's Indian Trail Elementary School Principal Beverly Downing has partnered with agents from the Ohio Investigative Unit, a division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, to host a Cops and Kids Day.

Cops and Kids offers students a chance to talk to law enforcement officers and first responders and see what type of equipment is used each day to save lives and make their communities safe.

"Each year, the students and our agents look forward to this event," said Ohio Investigative Unit Executive Director Cathy Collins-Taylor. "The agents enjoy interacting with the children. The relationships Mrs. Downing and her school have helped us develop are an important step in using law enforcement officers as positive role models for students."

Other area law enforcement agencies and safety partners include, but are not limited to: Westerville Police Department, Whitehall Police Department, Madison Township Fire Department, Metro Parks, K-9 Search and Rescue, and Med Flight of Ohio.

Building on the past success of the Canal Winchester event, the Ohio Investigative Unit has expanded Cops and Kids Day to other areas of Ohio, including Cleveland and Dayton.

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