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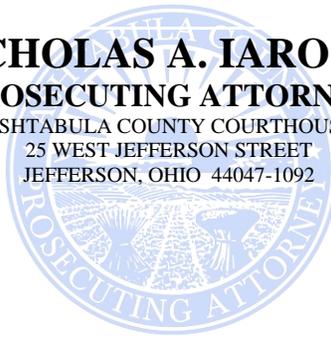
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In 2017, I initiated the First Ashtabula County Prosecutor's Law Enforcement Community Service Award in order to recognize the outstanding service work of law enforcement in our community. Assistant Commander of the TAG Law Enforcement Group Det. Greg Leonhard was the recipient of last year's award for his outstanding work in starting and organizing the annual Cops and Kids Camp for minority children at Pymatuning State Park.

In 2018, I have decided to recognize and award Ashtabula County Sheriff's Detective **George Taylor Cleveland** with the Ashtabula County Prosecutor's Law Enforcement Community Service Award. Many reasons exist to support Taylor receiving this award, but the following are a few of them:

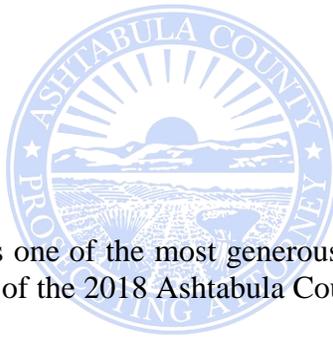
1. Taylor and his wife Louise have recently been foster parents to a youth in Conneaut whose family and living situation at the time was extremely difficult. Taylor and his family opened their home to this young man at a time when he needed it most. This young man went on to finish an outstanding high school career as a student, athlete, and community leader at Conneaut High School in 2018, and was selected to serve and is now serving in the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of Taylor and his family, this young man has an incredibly bright future.

2. Taylor has spearheaded most of law enforcement's efforts in Ashtabula County to fight the opiate epidemic plaguing our community. Det. Cleveland sought a grant from the U.S. Attorney's Office to fund and operate a Heroin Overdose Task Force in Ashtabula County so that trained law enforcement personnel can investigate opiate overdoses and determine the persons responsible for supplying the drugs that led to the overdose for criminal prosecution purposes. Taylor has been able to sustain this Task Force by obtaining a grant from the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and to start and operate the Ashtabula County Quick Response Team (QRT) made up of law enforcement and social service personnel who can assist the person overdosing to obtain the treatment services necessary to overcome their addiction. Without Taylor's leadership, the Task Force and QRT would very likely not have been organized and funded.

3. Taylor freely gives of his time to the community as he is a frequent speaker at drug awareness events. His speeches are always well-informed, educational, and delivered in an artful and respectful way.

4. In December, Taylor generously donated one of his kidneys to a person in need. The person was unknown to Taylor at the time and someone who was on the donor list. Taylor underwent surgery only a few weeks ago in Pittsburgh, and is now recovering from surgery.

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George Taylor Cleveland is one of the most generous persons I know, and for these and many more reasons is the recipient of the 2018 Ashtabula County Prosecutor's Law Enforcement Community Service Award.

Attached is a photo of Taylor receiving the award (left to right): Cecilia Cooper, Chief Assistant Prosecutor, Det. George Taylor Cleveland, and Prosecutor Nicholas Iarocci.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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