



**John P. Kalaman** was a five-year veteran of the Centerville Police Department when he lost his life on the morning of January 12, 1998.

About 6:00 a. m. John responded to an accident on I-675 near Wilmington Pike. After the crash victim had been placed in the rescue vehicle, John, along with Washington Township firefighters Bob O'Toole and Chuck Arnold, returned to the damaged vehicle. Another car traveling west lost control, crossed the median and struck the three men. Officer John Kalaman died instantly, and Firefighter Bob O'Toole died shortly thereafter in a hospital emergency room. Firefighter Arnold survived the crash, but with considerable injury. John, his parents and younger brother Bob lived in Kettering where John graduated from Fairmont HS in June, 1986. He played baseball with the KABC while in elementary school and junior high school. John graduated from the University of Cincinnati in June 1991 with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Russian language/Studies.

He had hoped one day to go into the foreign service, or work with the FBI. During off hours John loved to ski, sail, dance, ride his Harley Davidson motorcycle, and play softball and racquetball. The Noon Optimist Club of Centerville named their Respect for Law Award in John's



memory and to honor those in our community who unselfishly give of themselves in service to others.



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### OUR PROMISE TO YOU

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

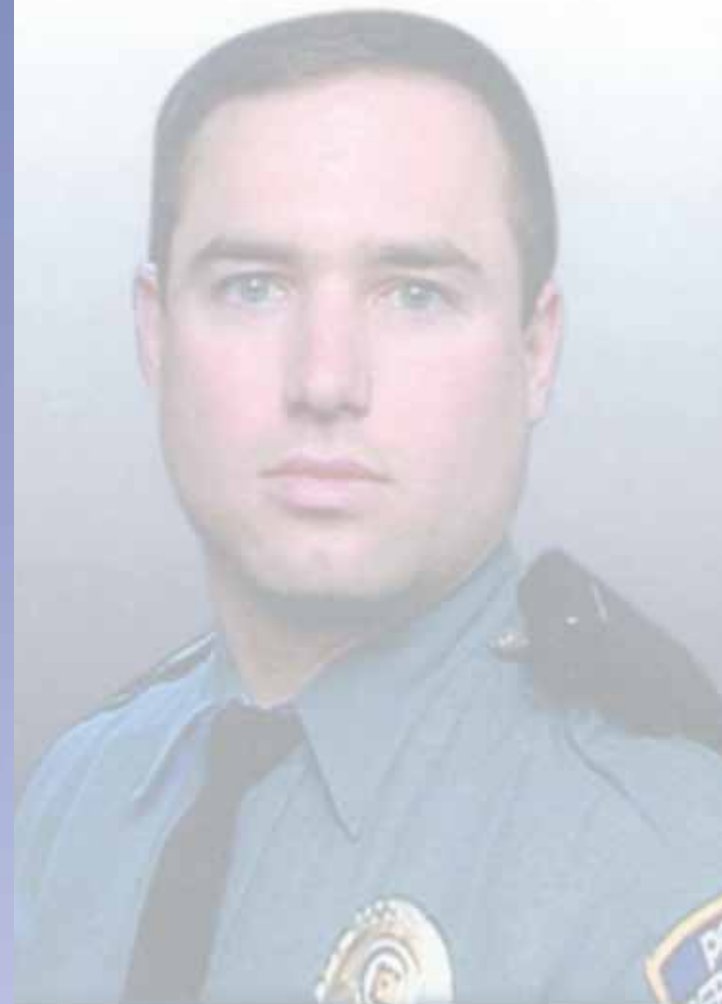
To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



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JOHN P. KALAMAN  
**RESPECT  
FOR LAW AWARD**



**Kyle Chmiel**  
*Deputy*

It is with great pride that we present Deputy Kyle Chmiel for the John P. Kalamán Respect for Law Award in recognition of his exceptional commitment to service, compassion, and community impact. Deputy Chmiel consistently exemplifies the highest ideals of policing through his work in crisis intervention, mental health response, and community engagement.

A strong advocate for the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program, Deputy Chmiel works closely with mental health professionals in support of vulnerable individuals, to de-escalate crises and to build trust within both the agency and the community.

Deputy Chmiel's dedication can be illustrated through his ongoing support of an elderly resident living in unsafe conditions where he has coordinated resources, restored essential services, and engaged community partners to ensure her continued care. In critical moments, Deputy Chmiel's actions have been lifesaving. During a suicide attempt involving a new father, he responded quickly and immediately initiated CPR, providing the individual with a vital chance at survival.

What distinguishes Deputy Chmiel is his consistent pattern of compassionate, service-driven policing. He goes beyond the call of duty, builds meaningful partnerships, and reinforces trust within the community. Deputy Kyle Chmiel's integrity, empathy, and dedication make him highly deserving of the John P. Kalamán Respect for Law Award.



**Terry Blair** was a dedicated public servant and a committed member of the Centerville Noon Optimist Club. He was passionate about recognizing public servants and in 1998, became a driving force in naming our Respect for Law annual award in the memory of **John P. Kalamán**.



**Patty Fabrick**  
*Records Communications Supervisor*

Patty Fabrick is recognized as the John P. Kalamán Respect for Law Award recipient for her exceptional leadership, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the Centerville Police Department. Since becoming the sole Records Communications Supervisor in 2025, she has successfully led a team of dispatchers and records personnel through a period of significant transition, including staffing changes and increased operational demands. She consistently balances supervisory responsibilities with hands-on support, ensuring continuity of service while maintaining a positive, solutions-oriented environment.

Patty's accomplishments over the past year reflect both initiative and professionalism. She managed complex scheduling processes, played a key role in hiring and developing new dispatchers, and closely monitored training performance to ensure high standards. Stepping outside her prior experience, she assumed oversight of the Records section and led the agency through a successful LEADS audit with outstanding results. Her proactive approach to learning, technical problem-solving, and accreditation preparation demonstrates a commitment to continuous improvement. Above all, her advocacy for her team, strong leadership presence, and dedication to the department's mission make her a truly deserving recipient of this honor.

The mission of the Centerville Police Department is to provide exceptional police service and Patty contributes to that mission every day. She is a valuable member of the department, and we are fortunate to have her on the Centerville team.

# JOHN P. KALAMAN RESPECT FOR LAW AWARD

## RECIPIENTS

- 1998 – John P. Kalamán & Danielle L. Salyer
- 1999 – Thomas Heck & Jerry L. Hansen
- 2000 – Jeffrey Williams & Don McCuiston
- 2001 – Steven O. Maynard & Timothy Powell
- 2002 – Daryl Wagner & Todd S. Fazzari
- 2003 – Chad A. Eckenrode & Steven G. Egleston
- 2004 – Scott E. Thomas & Bob Werling
- 2005 – Faupo Lauofo & Ron Thomas
- 2006 – Mark Casey & Tony Ball
- 2007 – Ed Skinner & Gary Fulwiler
- 2008 – Michael Yoder & Tonya Baker
- 2009 - James A. Shanesy & Wade Fields
- 2010 - Aaron Nicley & Matt Wright
- 2011 - Adam T. Bennett & Jeffrey Gray
- 2012 - Judy Kuhns & Rick Ward
- 2013 - Scott Owsley & Dee Osterfeld
- 2014 - Nadia Dexter & Brian Burke
- 2015 - Jared Rhoten & Brad Fizer
- 2016 - Christine Smart & Jeffrey Gray
- 2017 - James W. Stephenson & Gary Ridgeway
- 2018 - Faupo Lauofo & Linda Shutts
- 2019 - Tracy A. Sommers & Jeff Papanek
- 2020 - Amanda Holland & Shane Carter
- 2021 – Jeff Kaercher & Jon Petry
- 2022 – Julie Gerspacher & Scott Morgan
- 2023 – Ryan Turner & Kathy DeBos
- 2024 – Josh Ratliff & Bill Jones
- 2025 – Brooke Cornett & Grafton Bowersox
- 2026 – Patty Fabrick & Kyle Chmiel

\* In each case, the first-named person is the Centerville Police Department honoree and the second-named person is the honoree from the Washington Township Sheriff's Department.

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Every Tuesday, 12 Noon, at the Yankee Trace  
Golf Course Clubhouse