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### CMHA UNVEILS NEW POLICE PATCH

**Cleveland, June 17, 2009** – The Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) has unveiled a new patch for the CMHA Police Department (CMHAPD). The concept for the patch was developed by CMHAPD Officer Ronald Hopkins. Hector Vega and Brenda Malone, both CMHA employees, created the design. This is the first redesign since CMHAPD's original patch design in 1973. Graphic is available at [www.cmha.net](http://www.cmha.net).

“Our police officers will wear these new patches with pride,” said Andres Gonzalez, CMHA Chief of Police. “This will symbolize our dedication to our residents and the people of Cuyahoga County.”

Blue was chosen for the background because it is the primary color identified with the law enforcement profession. The red border symbolizes sacrifice, dedication and honor, and the gold olive branches represent peace and civility for which police officers strive in the performance of their duties. The rays of light at the top represent illumination towards a future of hope, respect and goodwill to all citizens. The central horizontal band in red outline represents the laws police officers are sworn to uphold. The seals of Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland reflect CMHA's contribution as a partner in the region, and the year 1933 is when CMHA was established.

Founded in 1933, the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority is the oldest public housing authority in the country. It is an independent political subdivision of the State of Ohio, created under sections 3735.27 and 3735.50 of the Ohio Revised Code. It serves Cuyahoga County excluding Chagrin Falls Township, through two federally assisted housing programs: Low-Income Public Housing, which serves 16,000 residents, and the Housing Choice Voucher Program, which provides rental assistance to 14,000 households.

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