

2021 Recipient Officer Ed Drayton
nominated by Lt. Michael Gabrielson
presented by Sgt. Jeff Perkins



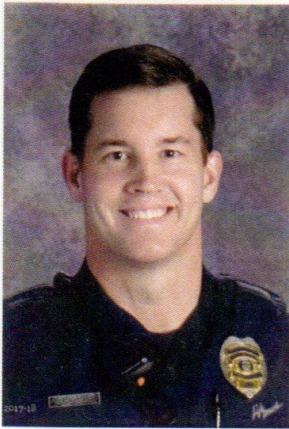
Above: Officer Ed Drayton with family & Sgt. Jeff Perkins

Read about Ed's contributions to the community on the next page below.



Dor-Wood Optimist Friend of Youth CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

ED DRAYTON



Officer Edward Drayton began his career with the Kettering Police Department in October 2000. He was assigned to the afternoon patrol shift for many years protecting the citizens of Kettering while providing exceptional service. During that time, he was a Field Training Officer and SWAT Operator. Officer Drayton was instrumental in developing the Kettering Safe Seniors Program that helps Identify, locate and assist seniors and other qualifying residents on times of crisis.

In 2016 Officer Drayton was selected as the 1st School Resource Officer (SRO) assigned to Fairmont High School full-time.

As the first full-time SRO, Officer Drayton has made a major impact on improving relationships with Fairmont Students. Ed is a positive role model and holds everyone, including himself accountable.

During the 2017-18 school year, Officer Drayton spent time in the classroom leading students on dozens of topics including drug education, social media, conflict resolution, anti-bullying and positive behavior. In total, he participated in over 50 school programs. He also conducted over 200 counseling and mentoring sessions with at risk students.

Ed has also been an active participant in the Dor-Wood's Optimist Kid's Day at Delco Park, Re-Do Day at Van Buren Maddie School and Kettering Safety Village.

Officer Drayton has also shown his devotion to youth in our area by organizing an annual Superheroes and Princess Visit to Dayton Children's Hospital. During this visit, several KPD officers and employees dress as popular superheroes and princesses to spend time with children admitted to Children's Hospital.

Officer Ed Drayton is committed to the Kettering community and our youth.
