



PRESS RELEASE

Community & Connections – Warren Police launch “Operation Back to School” to help local children

As the new school year approaches, the Warren Police Department is excited to announce "Operation Back to School," a community-policing initiative designed to help support low-income families in south Warren. This special event will take place on **Saturday, August 24, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Fitzgerald High School.**

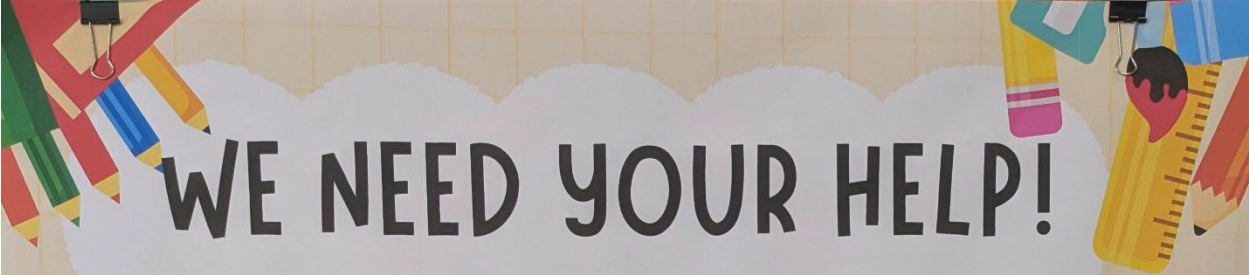
The goal of this initiative is to ease the significant financial burden families face when preparing children for the upcoming academic year. The event will offer more than just essential supplies. Attendees will receive free backpacks and school supplies, along with complimentary haircuts and hairstyles for both boys and girls. "This is an overlooked expense but an important one for kids," noted Officer Bryce Moon, the initiator and main coordinator of this event. "We want to send kids to school ready to start the year with the confidence everybody gets from a fresh trip to the barbershop/hair salon."

In addition to back-to-school essentials, the event will also feature fun activities for the whole family, including an ice cream truck, a bounce house, and face painting. There will also be demonstrations from various police units, offering a unique opportunity for invaluable police-community engagement. Choosing a location in south Warren was a deliberate decision. "We've heard that transportation issues sometimes restrict south Warren residents from attending events traditionally held at the Warren Police Department," said Officer Moon. To further assist families and help reduce any potential transportation barriers, a city bus will provide continuous shuttle service between Lincoln High School and Fitzgerald High School throughout the day.

Officer Moon explained that "many times, our contacts with kids can have a negative perception. We want kids to see us as approachable community members, not just figures in uniform. By providing support and creating positive interactions now at events such as 'Operation Back to School,' we are building a foundation of trust which is essential for a safe and connected community."

If you are interested and helping make "Operation Back to School" a truly impactful event, please contact Officer Bryce Moon at bmoon@warrenpd.org. Your financial support or donations of school supplies will directly assist south Warren families and help ensure children start the academic year confidently.

**For further information, please contact Warren Police
Commissioner Eric Hawkins at 586-574-4803**



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**THE WARREN POLICE DEPARTMENT
IS COLLECTING SCHOOL
SUPPLIES FOR:**

OPERATION

**BACK TO
SCHOOL!**

SUPPLY DRIVE

**COLLECTING CRAYONS, MARKERS, GLUE STICKS,
FOLDERS, PENCILS, PENS AND SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS THRU
FRIDAY, AUGUST 22**

**ALL SUPPLIES WILL BE USED TO FILL BACKPACKS THAT WILL
BE GIVEN OUT AT THE OPERATION BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT**

