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The other week, a swarm of Cuyahoga County sheriff's deputies descended on Warrensville Heights in the first assignment of a roving impact unit.

It's not that Warrensville Heights is a crime infested municipality, but rather an outreach initiative launched by Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald and under the leadership of County Sheriff Bob Reid that is designed to keep our communities safer.

The deputies will serve warrants in the eastern suburb and curb drug- and gang-related problems by doing surveillance, canvassing neighborhoods and gathering information.

Kudos must be given to new Warrensville Heights Mayor Brad Sellers for getting ahead of the curve in an effort to insure the safety of the suburb's citizens and making it an inviting place for families to put down roots.

Under the program, deputies from the impact unit can help the already stellar Warrensville Heights Police Department catch drunken drivers or crack robbery rings for stints ranging for one day to 10. The goal is to increase police presence and prevent crime.

The unit is made up of both experienced deputies and new hires. And that's a good thing.

Seasoned professionals can team up with upcoming law enforcement officers to "show them the ropes."

This insures a new generation of police officers ready and willing to protect and serve.

The impact unit could very well change the face of law enforcement in Cuyahoga County, as well as give a boost to regionalism.

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We commend those who have "rolled out" this program.

We wish you well and say: "Be safe out there."

And "thank you."