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FALLEN OFFICERS HONORED AT CHEEKTOWAGA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. — Cheektowaga Middle School is teaming with local police to honor a pair of fallen Buffalo police officers.

They held a fundraiser Wednesday for the families of officers Craig Lehner and James Shields.

Lehner died during a training exercise with the underwater recovery team last month.

Shields, an alumni of a Cheektowaga Central, was killed in a car crash 15 years ago.

Lehner worked with the department's K-9 unit and named his four-legged partner in Shields' memory.

K-9 Officer Shield made an appearance before teachers played Cheektowaga police officers in a charity volleyball game.

Educators said they wanted to show students what an important role police officers play in the community.

The Cheektowaga Central School District together raised almost \$1,400 for the Lehner family and K-9 Officer Shield.



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