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Patrol Officer Elizabeth Roach Blue Ash Police Department

Distinguished Law Enforcement Community Service Award

Those who have had the pleasure of working with Patrol Officer Elizabeth Roach during her 18 years of service with the Blue Ash Police Department say she is one of the most proactive and innovative officers they have met and someone who is genuinely interested in helping the community.

Officer Roach took the initiative to strengthen the relationship between police officers and the Latino community in Hamilton County. In addition to learning to speak and translate Spanish proficiently, she is a member of the Latino Coalition of Southwest Ohio and has made great strides in providing information on immigration and victims' rights to the Latino community.

Officer Roach has also taken a special interest in promoting understanding about mental health and people with developmental disabilities. She completed Crisis Intervention Team training to expand her own knowledge and also became a member of the Hamilton County Recovery Center's Board of Directors.

As a DARE and neighborhood liaison officer, Officer Roach is always finding ways to interact within the community. But according to Sergeant James Wimmers, one of her nominators, "What sets her apart is not what she does while in uniform or on patrol, which speaks for itself, but rather all that she does in her spare time to help educate and reach out to the community and how through these actions she has built relations with the community."