

Village of Sheffield 4480 Colorado Avenue Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054

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Re: Statement on the Passing of Lieutenant Aaron Bober

On Friday, November 21, 2025, Sheffield Village and the Sheffield Village Police Department lost a dedicated and deeply valued employee. We will all miss Lieutenant Aaron Bober.

Aaron was hometown grown — a lifelong resident of Sheffield Village/Sheffield Lake. He graduated from Brookside High School in 2000, joined the Sheffield Village Police Department as a reserve officer on January 26, 2004, and soon after became full-time. On May 29, 2013, he was promoted to Detective, and on July 26, 2021, he earned the rank of Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Bober served this community with distinction. He was the department's training officer, firearms instructor, and range master. He was an OPOTA-certified instructor and held the designation of Master Criminal Investigator, awarded by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. His expertise, leadership, and commitment elevated the professionalism of our department.

Aaron was a big personality — the kind of presence you felt when he walked into a room. His absence will be felt deeply by our officers, our staff, and the entire community he served so faithfully.

The Village of Sheffield has been humbled by the outpouring of love and support from residents, friends, and neighbors. We are also profoundly grateful to our surrounding law enforcement partners in Lorain, Avon, Sheffield Lake, and Amherst for their immediate support, assistance, and guidance during this difficult time.

Lieutenant Bober's service, loyalty, and legacy will not be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, his loved ones, and all who served alongside him.

We want to extend a heartfelt and deeply sincere thank-you to the Sheffield Village Fire Department, whose members responded immediately and provided the highest level of care during an incredibly difficult moment. They rendered treatment with professionalism, compassion, and honor—treating not only a patient, but a great friend and fellow Village employee.

A special recognition goes to Chief Giles, who supported the EMTs upon their return to the firehouse. In a moment that required strength and steadiness, he led with patience, boldness, and courage, setting the tone for his team and reminding us what true leadership looks like in times of crisis.

We also thank the leadership team of the Police Command Staff, led by Chief Bill Visalden, for their unwavering presence and guidance throughout this time. Their leadership—marked by patience, courage, and boldness—has been a source of strength for the entire Village.

Sheffield Village is blessed to have safety-service professionals of this caliber. Their dedication to one another and to this community reflects the very best of who we are.

With deepest respect,

From the Office of Bob Markovich Mayor & Safety Service Director