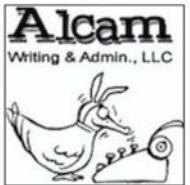




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More of the Best of the Valley

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Ansonia Police get safety gear thanks to church initiative

By Patricia Villers

ANSONIA - The city's men and women in blue have new life-saving equipment thanks to the Rev. John Hinson and his wife, Maude, of First Baptist Church.

The Hinsons raised \$16,000 last September at the second annual Police Appreciation Day they hosted at the 235 Prindle Avenue church.

Police Chief Kevin Hale said at a news conference Wednesday the proceeds purchased three bulletproof shields and eight automated external defibrillators.

"It was a monumental effort," he said. "I want to single out Maude (for her efforts in organizing two previous Police Appreciation Days)."



Hale added, "This will help keep our officers safe."

Maude Hinson said, "They go out every day not knowing if they're going to come back to their loved ones."

She said the committee set a fundraising goal of \$40,000 this year.

Hale said he'd like to outfit officers with ballistic helmets and purchase more shields.

"We're encouraging businesses, corporations, and individuals to please reach even deeper this year," Maude Hinson said.

Officer Brendon Nelson demonstrated how the 28-pound ballistic shields can help protect an officer from gunfire.

Mayor David S. Casseti expressed his gratitude to the Hinsons. "I want to thank Maude and Pastor John for the supplies and for helping out our department," he said.



See previous efforts of the Hinson's at the Valley-Voice :
[2017 Police Appreciation Day](#) [2017 Shop and Dine](#)
[2016 Community Forum](#)



Sun. **Oct 7th**
4pm

POLICE Appreciation Day!

235 Prindle Ave. Ansonia

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They Show Up... Will You?



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