

Hot Pursuit

Hot Pursuit is the official rock band of the Columbus Division of Police. The group of four Columbus police officers and a city public information officer combine their commitment to youth, their experience in law enforcement, and their love of rock and roll music to create a drug awareness program directly aimed at today's pre-teens and younger teenagers. Their musical format features original, classic and current rock and roll tunes to communicate their message of "Just Say No" to drugs.

Hot Pursuit has achieved national recognition through appearances on CBS Sunday Morning with Charles Kuralt, PM Magazine, the White House Conference on a Drug Free America, and most recently in Los Angeles at the National Easter Seals Telethon, where they performed the D.A.R.E. song live for a national television audience. They recently performed at Project Freedom in Wichita, Kansas for some 7,000 youngsters and South Bend, Indiana's annual D.A.R.E. graduation where over 12,000 people attended. They have just complete an anti-drug rock video based on the D.A.R.E. song which will be distributed to D.A.R.E. programs in schools throughout the United States.

The band has been featured in several national publications, including Good Housekeeping, Stars and Stripes, and Billboard. They were recipients of The Columbus Dispatch Community Service Award, The Franklinton Award, and The Discovery Trilon Award. Their work has received honors from Columbus City Council, The Ohio Senate, Columbus Children's Hospital, and Former First Lady Nancy Reagan. Most recently the band was recognized as a major contributing factor in Columbus, Ohio's designation as an All American City at the National Civic League Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Hot Pursuit has released two recordings: "Communicate", which was comprised of all original music; and "Back to School", a live recording of their anti-drug concerts presented at Columbus Middle Schools. Proceeds of over \$18,000 from the sale of these albums and cassettes were donated to Columbus Children's Hospital for the rehabilitation of juvenile drug abuse patients.

It's not difficult to catch one of Hot Pursuit's performances. In addition to performing at all of Columbus' Middle Schools and in middle schools and junior high schools throughout the region, Hot Pursuit performs at anti-drug rallies, D.A.R.E. graduations, and other community events throughout the United States. To date Hot Pursuit has performed in 27 states for well over one million people. Through rock and roll music, Hot Pursuit delivers a vital anti-drug message to the young people of today.

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Hot Pursuit is a five member musical group consisting of four Columbus, Ohio police officers and a Public Information Officer.

The group originally formed in April, 1986 as a Rock-'n-Roll band, playing for private parties, but has since "shot" into prominence with their "arresting" sounds of 60's and 70's Rock-'n-Roll, Motown and original music.

Since its inception Hot Pursuit has been very active. The group has performed approximately 1,000 shows for over a million people in 27 states. They have released two albums, "Communicate", and "Back In School", donating all proceeds to the Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. To date, the albums have raised in excess of \$18,000.00. Recently Hot Pursuit completed an anti-drug rock video which was released by Warner Communications in conjunction with the Aselin Corporation and marketed on a national basis. The band has also appeared on national television as well as many local networks several times. Hot Pursuit has received numerous citations and awards of recognition for their outstanding performances including citations from Ohio State Representative Mike Stinziano, Ohio State Senator Eugene Watts, former Columbus Mayor Dana Rinehart, Columbus City Councilwoman Cynthia Cecil Lazarus, and from several other civic organizations throughout the State of Ohio and neighboring states. The band has appeared twice on behalf of former First Lady Nancy Reagan for her campaign against teenage drug abuse, including a concert in Washington D.C., and they also performed on the 1990 National Easter Seals Telethon in Los Angeles hosted by Pat Boone.

Hot Pursuit continues to appear at numerous major functions, parties, fairs, and festivals throughout the region performing a variety of vintage Rock-'n-Roll, Motown, original, and easy listening music sure to please everyone's musical taste.

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