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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Who: City Manager's Office, City of Loveland

What: Loveland Police Division Partners With Cell Phones For Soldiers

When: February 17, 2010

Where: City of Loveland, Ohio

LOVELAND, OHIO: More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas and are away from their families. Cell Phones for Soldiers and the City of Loveland are calling on all Americans to support these brave men and women by donating their unused cell phones for recycling. Donations can be made Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM at the Loveland Safety Center located at 126 South Lebanon Road.

“Cell Phones For Soldiers is an excellent organization and we are very pleased to be partnering with them.” said Deputy Chief Dennis Sean Rahe. “We get to help our soldiers and continue to expand our recycling efforts at the same time.”

Cell Phones For Soldiers was created by Brittany & Robbie Bergquist of Norwell, MA. After reading a story about a soldier who ran up a huge phone bill calling home from Iraq, these two teenagers decided to help out. They started by opening an account with \$21.00 of their own money. They are collecting cash donations and old cell phones. The cell phones are recycled for cash and the proceeds are used to buy prepaid calling cards for our soldiers serving in the Middle East. Cell Phones For Soldiers is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Their goal is to provide every US soldier with a way to call home for free. For more information, please visit [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com)

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