

## **Caught Being Good Program**

Established for elementary school aged children from about 5 to 11 or 12 (officer's discretion based on the situation or other factors such as special needs) for doing good things.

Designed to promote positive relationships with children in Hudson and Hudson Police officers. The goal of the program is for Officers to reward kids for good behavior they see out around the City. The program also promotes positive visits to the station with their family. Officers should be familiar with the types of prizes we are giving out as well as the reason for the program so they can explain it to the citizens they encounter:

"I would like to give you this Caught Being Good ticket for (wearing your helmet, helping mom/dad, looking both ways crossing the street, wearing your seatbelt, etc) so you can pick out a prize at the police station".

**We're doing this so the kids can have a positive interaction with the police.**

### **Police:**

Officers will get their pad and when they see something, they believe deserves a Caught Being Good Citation they can either circle or check the box of what is on the citation or write in what they observe. There is no copy, the child receives the only citation. On the back are the instructions of how to retrieve the prize. A child may keep receiving citations but please limit it to one per encounter.

What is on the ticket:

1. Doing something kind
2. Making a good choice
3. Being Safe
4. Other
5. Fill in the blank box where you can write what you observed

\*We'll have the treasure chest in patrol for a few days for everyone to get familiar with what type of prizes we have.

### **Dispatch:**

When someone comes in to claim their Caught Being Good Citation prize, they'll provide you with the blue citation that the officer handed out to them.

The treasure chest key will be stored in the key box in dispatch (#84).

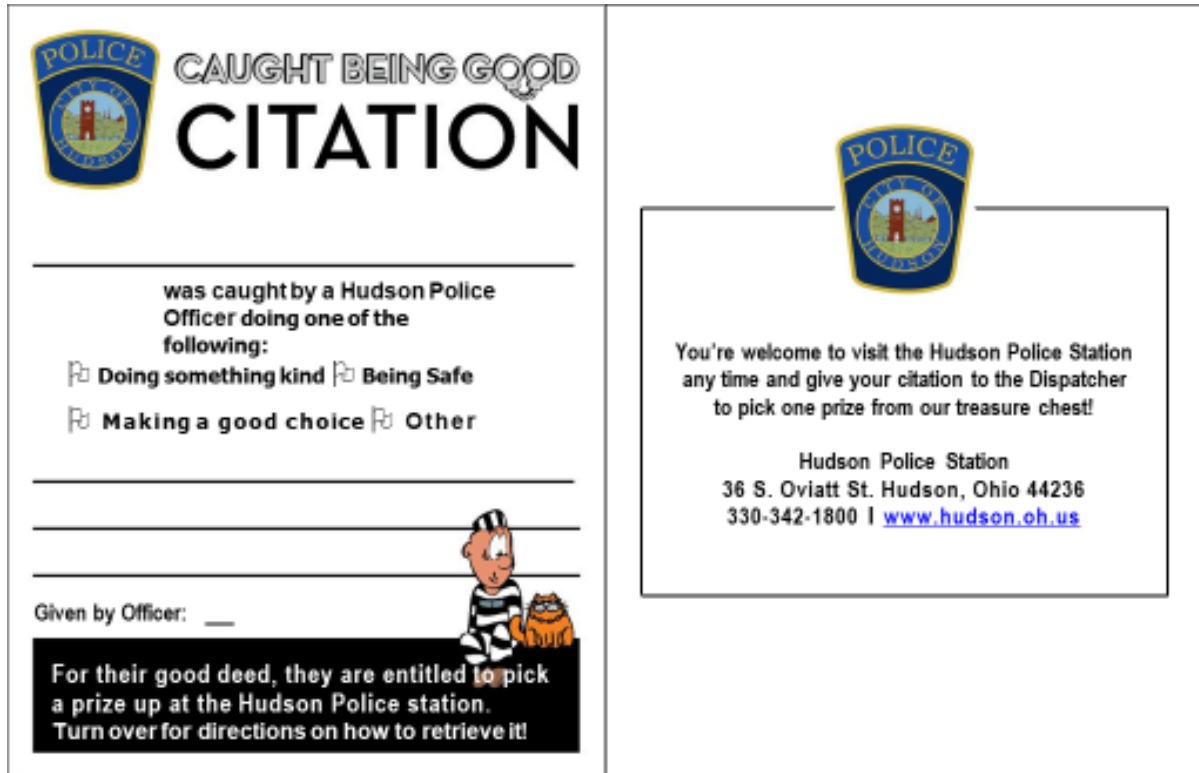
You can either hand the parent the key to unlock the treasure chest or unlock it yourself. The child will be able to pick out one prize from the chest and have an opportunity to take a picture by the wall art as well.

The parent will be given the opportunity to allow us to take a picture or provide us a copy of their picture so we can post to the department social media account, advertising of their Caught Being Good Citation.

After, please ensure that the parent locks the treasure chest and gives the key back to you. You can then place the blue citation in either Jim's or Joe's mailbox.

Thank you,  
Chief Tabak

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FRONT

BACK

“Thank you again Officer Gahagan for the unique police experience for the kids today! It is such a fun idea to get kids interacting with law enforcement! As requested, here are a few pictures from this afternoon.”

“Thank you again for recognizing our kids. Made their day!”

