

What can I say to men and women who heroically put on a uniform and badge and place a gun in their holster, saying goodbye to their family, and going to work where their very lives are at risk? One could ask why in the world would someone do a job that could take them away from their family and loved ones.

I believe that the men and the women who serve us as police officers and supporters are given a special call, a special function, a desire to want to help people. This is not something they are made to do; many feel it is what they have to do. It is a part of who they are.

I want to thank each and every one of you wonderful officers for all the heroic acts that you do protecting our families, our city, our streets, our state, our world - putting your life at risk. We love you guys. We thank God for you and we pray for you each and every day. I pray that God's blessings, grace, and mercy will cover you at every stop you make and every time that you get into your vehicle. My prayers is that God's grace and mercy will guide you and keep you. May you find peace in the call that you have on your life.

**Chaplain Tony Johnson**