

## KCPD Reflection by Chaplain Patrick Ireland / 17 AUGUST 2025

First, thank you for the hard work you do each time you put on your uniform. When you put on the uniform, you put on bravery, courage and compassion to protect and defend the public good!

I understand some of the work you do, because I am a retired Army Chaplain with 20 plus years active duty, having deployed to Iraq just shy of two full years. I put on weighted body armor and Kevlar on a regular basis for self-protection. I attended memorial ceremonies for fallen Service members.

For this reflection, I am encouraged by a past president of our nation, Ronald Reagan and what Doug Wyllie has stated about the following quote.

**"Evil is powerless if the good are unafraid." —President Ronald Reagan**

*Bravery in the face of evil is what American cops exhibit every single day. I'll modify this great quote somewhat by saying that bravery is not the absence of fear, but resilient despite that fear. (Quote by: Doug Wyllie 17 April 2020)*

Let me be upfront. Often, at a horrible scene of murder/crime, I hear reporters state on the news, "We are still uncertain what the motive was, or what the motives were." In most cases, I know what the motive was. It was "evil."

Thank you for being brave to stand up against evil forces. Fear may remain while you face evil—that may be healthy; however, you do not have to face evil on your own. God desires to help. Proverbs 29:25 states, "The fear of man brings a snare." Another verse, 2 Timothy 1:7 states, "God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power, love and self-control." **And, you have that spirit of power, love and self-control when you ask God to assist you!**

Thank you again for the hard work and great work you do. And, may God continue to strengthen and fortify you in your hard work!

Blessings,

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