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Murphy Police Chief expresses thanks to community

MURPHY (July 19, 2016) The terrifyingly tragic incidents that have unfolded recently involving the senseless acts against law enforcement officers around the country have left a trail of anxiety, worry and restlessness among many, including local police officers.

“These horrific actions put everyone on a high state of alert,” says Police Chief Arthur “Trey” Cotten. “But, they have also awakened a movement here in Murphy and elsewhere that demonstrates how much we as law enforcement officers are cherished.”

The Murphy Police Department has been on the receiving end of an overwhelming level of support from residents and local businesses in the form of words, actions and goods. Even though the City of Murphy has not directly experienced any of the negative consequences of Dallas, Baton Rouge or any of the other affected communities, the local response in support of the police force has nonetheless impressed the Chief and members of the department.

“No words can truly express my gratitude for how our citizens have responded during this challenging time in our history,” said the Chief. “I am in awe of the incredible outpouring of love and compassion that we have seen at the Murphy Police Department. Our spirits have been rejuvenated, making us whole again.”

Murphy’s lengthy history with respect to the close relationship between residents and law enforcement has been extremely positive, demonstrated by the high participation rates in community policing programs like Neighbor 2 Neighbor, Citizens Police Academy, Youth Citizens Police Academy, Explorer Post activities, Drug Take Back, School Resource Officer program, and many other informal outreach campaigns.

Addressing the community, Chief Cotten acknowledged the outpouring of support. “Thank you for all you have done for us,” he said. “The spirit you have shown these past few weeks is something we can build upon to help all of us bridge gaps and improve relations in our communities.”

Serving and protecting remains as the ultimate goal, he said, pledging to continue to do so to the best of their ability.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27th Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.