



# Essential for the community, law enforcement

Law enforcement officers who don the uniform each and every day routinely put others first in the name of public safety. According to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, there are now more than 800,000 sworn law enforcement officers serving in the United States, including the dedicated members of the Appleton Police Department and Swift County Sheriff's Office.

Officers often step up to serve despite the risks associated with working in law enforcement. Diversity, fairness, respect, honor, and justice. Actions, both individually and collectively, can make a difference in our communities around the nation.

This year, the names of 556 officers killed in the line of duty were added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. These 556 officers include 224 officers who were killed during 2022, plus 332 officers who died in

previous years, but whose stories of sacrifice had been lost to history until now. A place of honor, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial features the names of the Official Line-of-Duty Fallen Heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Since 1786, over 23,000 law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty.

Law enforcement personnel serve many important roles in the communities they serve. According to the US Census 2020, Minnesota is among the states with the fewest number of police officers per 100,000 people. Minnesota has approximately 317 for every 100,000 people and approximately 18,784 Law Enforcement employees overall. These numbers change from year to year with new hires, retirement, and transfers.

Here's a closer look at the integral roles of police and other law enforcement personnel.

- Maintain law and order

- Save lives. Whether they're preventing a life-threatening crime or administering emergency medical care at a car accident until an ambulance can arrive, law enforcement officers save lives every day.
- Assist in adverse situations and provide crisis support. Police officers often fill the role of counselor or friend to people who find themselves in difficult situations. Training in situational de-escalation also means police officers are capable of defusing difficult situations before they snowball into serious, potentially life-threatening confrontations.
- Investigate crimes. Police are the first people to respond when crimes have been committed. These individuals investigate the situation and find the perpetrator.
- Foster strong communities. Law enforcement officers share a unique solidarity with other officers, peers, community leaders, and even medical professionals, which helps to create a



Appleton Police Department: Chief Sedrick Borsgard, Officer Cody Thomson, and Officer Lilbon Clark. Appleton Police Cruisers in front of the Memorial Park pictured above, officer photos were not available at Press deadline.

strong fabric for a community.

Law enforcement is an essential component of orderly, safe, and supportive communities. Recognizing and respecting the important role law enforcement officials play is a great way to show them how much their efforts and sacrifices are appreciated.

If you would like to show

your appreciation for law enforcement professionals at local, county, state, federal, and international levels: wear blue clothing in solidarity with police officers, thank a police officer for their service, fly a blue ribbon on your car antenna, mailbox, or anywhere a ribbon can be tied, send a card of support to your local police department or state

agency, or share a positive story about a law enforcement experience on social media. Let us make sure the men and women who protect and serve our communities know we value and support them every day.

Let's take this opportunity to introduce the public to the good men and women who sacrifice their lives to keep us safe in our community.

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Swift County Attorney's Office/Witness Victim Care	.....	(320) 843-2134
Swift County Sheriff's Office/Jail	.....	(320) 843-3133
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Domestic Abuse: Day One Crisis Line	.....	(866) 223-1111
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Benson Police Department	.....	(320) 843-4790
Appleton Police Department	.....	(320) 289-2112

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