

## National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day January 9

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PENNSYLVANIA - Law enforcement officers are often seen only through the lens of the uniform they wear. Before the badge is pinned on and the shift begins, they're people just like everyone else. They wake up early, tie their shoes and drink coffee before heading out the door.

The difference is that when law enforcement officers leave for work, they do so knowing there's a chance they may not come home. They step into uncertainty by responding to unpredictable situations and placing themselves in harm's way to protect others. It's a reality that demands courage, strength and sacrifice.

Jan. 9 marks National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. It's a time to pause and recognize the individuals behind the badge. It's an opportunity to remember that those who serve are not just law enforcement officers but parents, spouses, children, friends and neighbors.

There are many ways to show appreciation for law enforcement officers in your community, including:

- Sharing a positive story about the role of law enforcement in your community.
- Posting on social media using #BackTheBlue or #LawEnforcementAppreciationDay.
- Sending thank-you cards or notes to your local department.

A genuine thank-you, a kind word or a brief conversation can go a long way in reminding law enforcement officers that their service is seen and appreciated.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's law enforcement community, we encourage everyone to take a moment on Jan. 9 to recognize the people behind the badge and thank them for the risks they take to keep our communities safe.



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