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July 11, 2016

Greetings IAWP Family,

Our hearts are heavy as we reflect on the incidents that have unfolded in the US over the past week. Whether we wear a badge, support and love someone wearing a badge, or are associated in the law enforcement realm, we above all our human.

We joined our profession to be of service and to do the best we can to help and protect our fellow human in their time of need.

We know that our brothers and sisters in blue worldwide would do everything in their power to ensure that peace and justice prevails in the communities they serve.

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#Alllivesmatter

There should be no "lack of caring" line between citizens (of any color) and the police that serve them. All lives matter.

When two citizen were shown worldwide being shot at the hands of officers doing their duty (responding as they saw fit in the situation they were in), we grieved the loss of the citizens' lives. It was tragic. My prayer is that no one die. Then the news that twelve officers were shot by a sniper at a Peace Rally in Dallas which resulted in five officers losing their lives, seven officers being wounded and a citizen being injured broke our hearts. How did we get here?

How do we mend these broken hearts?

America is hurting. Citizens, the community and law enforcement are mourning these lives lost.

As members of IAWP, we are in place for such a time as this to aid in the healing of our communities and our police departments.

We can be a bridge however large or small in facilitating healing. Reach out to your families, churches, community centers and local businesses to host and encourage peaceful dialogue where concerns are presented, citizens are heard and education takes place between the guardians and the citizen they have sworn to safeguard.

Open communication, compassion and understanding are key.

I pray for peace in the United States and throughout the world. I pray for the safety of all law enforcement professionals worldwide. Be the change we seek in this world.

It starts with us.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you need to talk. I am available.

**With love, support and in-service,
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