

**OP-ED BY ACTING U.S. ATTORNEY COREY AMUNDSON  
REGARDING ANNIVERSARY OF MASS SHOOTING OF  
POLICE OFFICERS IN BATON ROUGE**

Monday is the year anniversary of the mass murder in Baton Rouge of three of our law enforcement heroes and the wounding of three others, one critically. We should all take this somber occasion to remember and celebrate the fallen and wounded officers and to give some comfort – however small it may be – to their families.

It has often been said that the line between order and chaos is blue. I firmly believe this to be true. Without a doubt, our police officers hold one of the most important and impactful roles in our society.

Police officers protect our community against sexual predators who prey upon the most vulnerable among us; drug traffickers who use violence and addiction to end some lives and wreak havoc on others; and dangerous and often armed criminals who threaten the security and safety of all around them. They also serve our community in countless other ways, especially during times of crisis and disaster, risking their own safety to rescue others who find themselves in their darkest hours.

Police officers teach us all what being a hero really means. It is not about money. It is not about having an easy life. It is about fulfilling a calling to help others. The men we honor this week are perfect examples of police officers who answered that calling. Their service was a blessing to all of us.

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