

A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF STAPLES TO THE OFFICERS OF THE NPD:

Today makes twice that I have used these words recently. "in honor of those that make the ultimate sacrifice". Let us do our part to keep these words from being said again.

As we go through the next several days and weeks, please remember that we live and work in a community that supports us. But remember that danger lurks in strange and unanticipated places.

Be careful

Be vigilant

Be empathetic

Be brave but do not be afraid to de-escalate

Be proud of your service, your sacrifice and your opportunities

Be Noticeable

Be Professional

Be Dedicated

Be thankful

Be a Norwalk Police Officer as you have been trained.

Continue to do these things as you have and our community will be safe, our mission will be fulfilled and you will return home safely so that you can serve another day.

Our profession is in a difficult time. Our society and our country are in a difficult time. We will emerge from these difficulties stronger, united and more understanding.

Our profession is sometimes difficult and sometimes dangerous but it is usually rewarding. It is dangerous because there are bad people in this world and sometimes we must engage them. It is rewarding because regardless of what is happening around us, each of us know that our efforts are supported by our community. We know that as we continue to focus on the high standards and noble ideals of our mission; our support will grow.

I am proud to be your chief.

I am proud to be a police officer.

Our community is comforted by our presence, our resolve, our patience and our decisions. Take strength from this support and be proud to be a police officer as well.

We Are NPD