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Dear Agency Administrators,

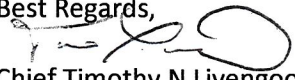
When I started my career in the early 90's, the mental and physical wellbeing of officers was not on the radar. Often, officers were told to "deal with it" with no support or knowledge of how to deal with not only the traumas of the job, but life in general. Today, we know better. It's clear that Officer Wellness is a necessary holistic approach that puts protecting our employees first. This ultimately protects our communities better with fit employees on the road answering calls for service. The best way to provide outstanding service to the community is to have your staff utilizing officer wellness methods and skills enhancing their wellbeing both mentally and physically.

I am passionate about officer wellness, and I hope you are too which is why I have coordinated with Steve Click at the Office of Criminal Justice Services to provide a presentation on Crisis Awareness / Self-Care as well as a presentation on First Responder Suicide Awareness & Assistance. Often, we don't know people are struggling until it's too late. We'd like to help change that statistic.

The courses will be presented free of charge at the Williams County Veteran's Memorial Building in Montpelier, Ohio by Steven M. Click, Director of First Responder Wellness for the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Director Click's resume is impressive, but more remarkable is his passion to ensure we are taking care of ourselves and our officers. His presentations are truly worth your time in attending.

The training will be Friday, March 31 at 0800 hrs. with the first session consisting of a 4-hour block on Crisis Awareness / Self-Care with lunch from noon to 1300 hrs. The afternoon session will be a 2-hour block on First Responder Suicide Awareness & Assistance from 1300 hrs. to 1500 hrs. We hope you and your officers can attend. Coffee, drinks and snacks will be provided at the training venue. Lunch will not be provided, but there are many options locally.

Attached to this letter is a roster sheet to RSVP with the names of those attending. Please return the roster sheet by March 10, 2023, so that we can provide the logistics necessary for a successful training day.

Best Regards,

Chief Timothy N Livengood

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