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Crisis Response Team

There are so many great, effective ways you can support your police department after or during a crisis. Some of these may seem like small gestures, but it can mean the world to officers who are facing tragedy. The added bonus is that these are all forms of support from you and wives like you! You are the ones who know your officers best and support them the most!

Setting up a Meal Train

Arguably the best way to help any family having to handle a tragedy is setting up a meal train. It is simple, easy and many wives can participate. When tough times strike, not having to worry about dinner is such a blessing. This gesture of bringing a homemade or purchased meal to the mourning family is appreciated more than you can possibly imagine.

Schedule a Support Group Meet-up

Very few understand the unique set of concerns and circumstances a law enforcement wife faces every day better than the wives themselves. When there is a critical incident, it's a good idea to try to schedule a meet-up with other wives to get together and discuss what has happened. Doing so allows you to talk about your fears, about how the incident has affected you and how to cope with what is happening.

Snack/Drink Drop-Offs

The quickest way to a man's heart is through his stomach, right? That's no different with police officers! Arranging snack and drink drop-offs is such an easy

way to let the officers know their community cares about them and their safety. It's a good idea to keep in mind that your officers are working, so providing snacks that are grab and go so they can take them with them on the road is a great idea. Water, Gatorade, granola bars and protein bars are good items to bring to a department during a crisis. Remember, if you are bringing homemade goods, you must clearly mark where they came from. If you are dropping off at a station other than one you are familiar with, be sure to let the station know your name and your affiliation with the department.

Cold Call Local Food Vendors for Donations

During a time of crisis, we always want to help and look for others who want to help. There are many businesses who love to support law enforcement and all it takes is a phone call to ask them to donate. Grocery stores, sandwich shops and bagel shops are always good places to start. We have seen in the past that grocery stores will often times donate large amounts of bottled water.

Fundraisers

When a traumatic event occurs in the line of duty, it is necessary to financially support families who have suffered a loss or need to seek medical assistance. Officers have resources available through their departments, but we have found that often times more help is needed to support the payment of medical bills or simply lost wages. Many businesses in your community will be willing to help with fundraisers. It's a good idea to reach out to local hang outs, small businesses or even wives who sell items from their home (Scentsy, Jamberry, LuLaRoe, etc.). No amount of help is too small. You and your kids can host a car wash or bake sale or you can choose to host a national non-profit fundraiser through social media channels supported by the Police Wives of America. We urge you to use caution with crowdfunding sites. If desired, chose one that allows the most amount of money to be given directly to the family.

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