

From the Desk of Detective Dave

A Letter of Thanks

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It's no secret we're in trying times, seemingly filled with threats and violent acts against citizens and police. Between the recent terrorist attacks and the assassinations of Police Officers, one could easily believe civilization is in total chaos. We all have our opinions about the reasons surrounding this perceived chaos, but that's not what this letter is about.

This letter is about recognizing the good people, which I certainly believe outnumber the bad, and things they do. These are people who take the time to welcome a soldier home after serving their tour, stop at a traffic accident to help someone until paramedics and police arrive, or volunteer their time to a worthy cause.

These are the same people who have recently expressed their gratitude and concern for the members of the Frederick Police Department. In all the years I've worked in law enforcement, in large and smaller communities, I've never been approached by so many who openly express their gratitude for the police and I've heard our patrol officers share similar stories.

On behalf of the Frederick Police family, I'd like to express our gratitude to these people and say, "Thank You" for your support. Your gifts of flowers, pizza, cookies and candy have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. In fact, some people around here have appreciated it more than others and now get to work out more! So when you get discouraged by what you see in the news, remember that we each have the choice to counteract that by taking a page out of the good people's book. You might be surprised at how much a little goes a long way.

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