

Governor's Weekly Message Transcript: Honoring Those Who Serve and Protect

Every day law enforcement officers across our state put themselves at risk to protect us and keep us safe. We must never take their service for granted. At a memorial for Delaware officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice, we declared next week as Delaware Law Enforcement Officers Week. And I was proud to sign legislation that protects our officers' families, recognizing that without their support, we could not keep our communities safe.

The new law ensures health care coverage for the children of officers killed in the line of duty, giving our first responders the peace of mind of knowing that, even in tragedy, their kids will be taken care of. House Bill 158 represents one small token of respect and appreciation to show our officers and their families that we truly value what they mean to our state. It shows that we understand that when everyone else flees a dangerous scene, they run into harm's way: Like the officers who, without hesitation, sprint toward a burning building to rescue a family. Or like those who respond to the scene of a courthouse under a different kind of fire. Or like Georgetown's Chad Spicer, who 4.5 years ago confronted a dangerous criminal so someone else wouldn't have to. Officer Spicer tragically lost his life that day.

By taking action to support our law enforcement and by keeping alive the memories of Officer Spicer and the 39 other Delaware officers who have been killed in the line of duty, we inspire new generations to serve, and we keep Delaware moving forward