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We Want to Thank the Community

On the evening of Thursday, July 7, 2016, tragedy struck the City of Dallas. This tragedy was felt nationwide by the community and all the brothers and sisters who wear a badge. Like many of you who watched as the events played out on television, our hearts hurt for the families of the officers who were killed and all of those who were injured during this horrific act.

Over the past several days, members of our community have expressed their shared sorrow for the tragic event in Dallas, as well as their appreciation and support for our officers and the Beaverton Police Department (BPD). Residents have reached out to officers in the field to personally thank them for their service, and numerous emails, cards, flowers, and food continue to be delivered to the police department. "I am overwhelmed at the outpouring of support we have received from our community in response to the tragic loss of lives of these five heroes in Dallas. The BPD sincerely appreciates our community and the generous support we continue to receive," said Chief Geoff Spalding.

"I'm not surprised, but grateful for the response from Beaverton residents," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "It warms my heart that our officers are receiving cards, calls and confirmation that the work they do is valued. Once again, it makes me proud to live in and work for this city."

We are very aware of the current tensions that exist between police and some members of our communities and we remain resolute in our commitment to continue to build trust and ensure that public confidence remains strong. As incidents of violence ripple across our nation, we will not be divided or defeated. Our hearts are steeled with a resolve to police justly and thoroughly, remembering both the officers who've gone before us and the good people who depend upon us to step into the gap. We want to thank the citizens of Beaverton for working with us in partnership and unity to keep our communities safe. We are all stronger as we work together for a safer city.

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