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Once again a senseless tragedy has struck another U. S. community, with the lawless killing and maiming of brave law enforcement professionals in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. We stand with the families, loved ones, fellow members of the agencies, and the entire Baton Rouge community and grieve this unconscionable act.

Incidents like this are domestic terrorism. They are perpetrated to deliberately erode the confidence we Americans have in our men and women in uniform – the men and women who have taken an oath to be the human shield against the evil and turmoil that exists in the world and here at home.

Let me assure my fellow JSO brothers and sisters, and the entire community, that we stand firm in our resolve to support each other every day, and remain vigilant of our surroundings and the danger that exists. We will not be deterred from fulfilling our sworn duty and commitment to serve and protect.

To the community, please know that the outpouring of support and respect you have shown our members is humbling and greatly appreciated. If I could ask that you continue to pray for our agency, its members, and the family members of our personnel. Our families also serve, and in these times we must focus on the family – the spouses and children who also serve. I want to thank them for their unwavering support.

Sincerely,

Mike Williams

Mike Williams, Sheriff Duval County, FL















