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Police grateful for acts of kindness in aftermath of tragedy

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In the aftermath of multiple shootings involving law enforcement officials across the country, police officers say their departments have received an outpouring of support from residents and businesses in their communities.

"These acts of kindness toward our police officers are an antonym to what is going on in several major areas of the country where police are being slandered and made out to be gangsters and criminals," Shelby Township Police Chief Robert Shelide said. "Our community embraces our Police Department and supports our officers' efforts in keeping them and their families and property safe."

According to Shelide, Sterling Heights Police

Chief John Berg and Utica Police Chief David Faber, some of the acts of kindness performed by residents and business owners in their communities over the past few months have included personalized greeting cards, handmade gifts and donations of food.

"The outpouring of support from the community has been very heartwarming," Faber said. "Our profession has not been looked upon favorably by those with the loudest voices. This has been discouraging to the officers that work feverishly day in and day out to make our community a safe and enjoyable place. The support that we have seen with the gift of food, cards, or kind words has reinforced in us that the majority appreciate the service that we provide and the sacrifices we make."

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Berg agreed.

"The outpouring of support recently from our residents in the forms of letters and cards and such only goes

to reinforce the positive relationship we share with our residents," he said. "Our officers truly appreciate the outward support and realize that they represent the large majority of the citizenship."

Berg also noted that the Sterling Heights Police Department has "traditionally

enjoyed a very solid relationship" with the residents and businesses it serves.

"I remind my officers each and every day that this is Sterling Heights, where the residents support us very strongly," he said. "As such,

we provide professional, proactive, and courteous police services to the public.

"I also remind my officers that while performing their duties in this professional manner, to remain ever vigilant and aware of their sur-

roundings, and to back each other up whenever possible, even on the most routine calls for service."

Shelide said he recently delivered a similar message to his department's officers.

"This is a law and order

town," he said. "The police have a job to do, and they do it remarkably well because of our residents' expectations. People who live and work here are proud of our community and our Police Department."