



## Orange County News

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**District Attorney Hoovler Joins Sheriff DuBois, Orange County Police Chiefs,  
and Other Law Enforcement Representatives in Recognizing  
Law Enforcement Appreciation Day**

*Nationwide Campaign to Support Police Officers*

Orange County District Attorney David M. Hoovler; Orange County Sheriff Carl E. DuBois; William Worden, outgoing President of the Police Chiefs' Association of Orange County; and other law enforcement representatives issued a statement recognizing Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.), a nationwide day of support for police officers, established by the organization Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.). L.E.A.D. will occur on Monday, January 9, 2017.

All of Orange County's citizens are encouraged to show their support for our police officers.

"These are trying times for police officers," said District Attorney Hoovler, "men and women who selflessly dedicate their careers to the security of the public, and who daily risk their lives and their safety to protect us all. Despite their sacrifice, many in our society have advanced a false narrative designed to paint all police officers with a broad brush, improperly suggesting that police officers are bad people who do not deserve our support. Nothing could be further from the truth. Without the hard work, dedication, and bravery of our men and women in police uniforms, this country would be a far worse place to live. I urge everyone in Orange County to take the time on January 9th to acknowledge the efforts of our police officers."

"Over the past 14 years as Orange County Sheriff," said Sheriff DuBois, "not a day goes by without my thanks to the men and women of law enforcement and corrections, for doing a difficult job that becomes more complex each passing day. Thanks to all of you that feel the same way, and I know there are many."

“Police officers across this great nation have answered the noble calling to face tremendous dangers each and every day to protect and serve others selflessly with honor and dignity,” said William Worden, outgoing President of the Police Chiefs’ Association of Orange County. “Our profession is becoming increasingly dangerous to the men and women who wear a uniform, as witnessed tragically in 2016 with the increase in deliberate attacks directed at those who risk their lives to enforce the law and to keep us safe. This is completely intolerable, and we, as a society, must hold accountable anyone who targets police officers simply because they have the courage and the selflessness to wear the badge each and every day. The men and women in law enforcement deserve our gratitude and our respect for their courage, their bravery, and their service. I know I am deeply thankful for police officers and the critical role they serve in maintaining the peace and protecting our communities.”

“On National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day we show our support for all who put on a badge each day, knowing they may face extremely dangerous situations while carrying out their duties,” said Mike Essig, President of the New York State Fraternal Order of Police. “On this day, and every day, the NYSFOP supports and recognizes all those who stand on the front lines and continue to keep our communities safe. We encourage all to show their support of our law enforcement.”

“This past year has been an especially difficult one for law enforcement officers throughout the United States,” said Mike McGinn, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Jason Conklin Memorial Lodge 957 in Monroe. “As of December 29, last year there were 138 line-of-duty deaths, 62 by gunfire, which is an alarming 59% increase over 2015. The targeted executions of police officers in Dallas, Baton Rouge, and Austin have shocked our sensibilities and left us with a sense of abandonment by the very institutions that we have taken a solemn oath to protect. Fortunately, the men and woman of law enforcement in Orange County have strong support in the communities that they serve and a District Attorney who appreciates the dangerous and demanding job that they do each day.”

The L.E.A.D. organizers at C.O.P.S have suggested several ways that citizens may show their support for police officers:

- Change their profile pictures on social media to the .jpg image provided at [www.facebook.com/nationalcops](http://www.facebook.com/nationalcops).
- Wear blue clothing in support of law enforcement.
- Send a card of support to their local police departments or state police agencies.
- Share a story on social media about a positive law enforcement experience.
- Ask children in their communities to write letters in support of law enforcement.
- Participate in Project Blue Light, by proudly displaying a blue light in support of law enforcement.

- Organize an event or a rally in support of their law enforcement officers.
- Advertise their support through local media outlets or billboards.
- Post a public service announcement supplied by C.O.P.S. to their organization's webpage or social media pages.
- Most importantly, if they see a police officer, thank a police officer.

On Monday, District Attorney Hoovler will be showing his appreciation for the work of our police officers by visiting local police departments to deliver coffee and pastries.

For further information about Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, please visit the C.O.P.S. website at <https://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org/lead.html>.

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