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Subject: Good work by FPPD

Good morning Chief. It is one of those days where I have been thinking again, which always gets me in trouble. But.....

A few days ago I read FPPD press releases regarding two uneventful search warrant services by the Crime Suppression Unit, Detectives, and Road Patrol working together resulting in drug related arrests of two serious offenders on 13th and 15th streets a couple of days apart. Both seemed to go off very well without disruption to the neighborhoods or incidents of any kind. I was impressed enough that I sent a "thank you and great work" text to a friend in Crime Suppression.

In the following days I read two other national news reports about policing activity in other cities. One reported on an incident in which officers fired shots at a suspect later found to be unarmed, never hitting the suspect but wounding six uninvolved civilian bystanders. The other reported that in 2020 NYPD responded to 74,378 calls involving weapons yet shot only 12 subjects. My immediate reaction was that there are lessons in all of these reports.

In subsequent days, all of this has been churning in my mind and I

think a broader thank you to all of FPPD command, training, support, and front line staff is in order for development of important relationships with community leaders and concerned citizens, training in proper procedures and self control under extreme stress, sound investigative work and knowledge of target subjects, sound planning of the actions including officer and community safety, professional implementation of those plans, and completing the tasks without incident. There is no getting away from the fact that without attention to all of these areas we are a small slipup away from an event that could change our community forever.

So, for what one man's opinion might be worth in the grand scheme of things, I thank you and your Officers from top to bottom for their efforts on our behalf and work to maintain the best standards possible. I have lived in the real world long enough to know everything will not always be perfect, but you are all doing a great job maintaining the standard. I know many who agree. Keep up the good work.

I hope you can find a way, even just word of mouth, to pass along our support to those involved in the recent cases, Officers or civilians.

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