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Dear Congregation Leaders,

The JSO is pleased to announce that we are partnering with this internationally recognized program. Adopt-A-Cop is a prayer protection ministry for law enforcement officers everywhere. It was initiated by Chaplain Sgt. Ken Rochell of the Michigan State Police in 1998. Ken began this ministry to serve as a bridge between local faith-based organizations and their local law enforcement agencies.

The purpose of this ministry is to assign a law enforcement officer to a family, group, or individual who will pray daily for them and send a note of encouragement, support and a thank you for their service to the community.

Participation in the program is completely voluntary for all police officers. All faiths will be included in the program. Participating police officers will be matched with their chosen faiths by the JSO program coordinator. Additionally, if a congregation is not represented, any police officer may request (through the program coordinator) that a particular faith based organization be added to the agency's list of participating organizations.

An attempt will be made to match police officers with organizations in their assigned zones. This is consistent with our mission statement, "To serve and protect in partnership with our community."

This program has established rules of conduct for the participants and they are as follows:

- The faith based organization must be able to commit to praying EVERY day for their officer.
- There is to be NO contact with the officer except through notes or letters through the designated means established by the program.
- The note must serve only to encourage and express appreciation. You may include scriptures if you desire.
- Please do not attempt to evangelize or preach. We are providing prayer coverage and support only.
- No personal contact is permitted unless initiated by the police officer.

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- 11 prayer points have been established and will guide the organization on how to pray for the police officer.

If you would like to participate in the Adopt-a-Cop prayer program please contact Assistant Chief Greg Burton at JSCadoptacop@gmail.com. In your email please include the following information:

- Organization Name
- Organization Address
- Denomination
- Contact Person's Email Address
- Contact Person's Phone Number
- Name of Person, Family or Group praying for the officer(s) (optional)

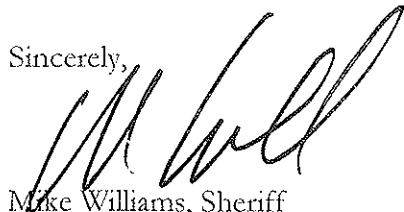
Prayer Points for Faith Based Organizations

Pray for the officer's physical safety, emotional strength, health/wellness at home, wisdom, financial stability, spiritual security, and strength of character.

- Pray for the peace that only the presence and power of God can provide them.
- Pray for Sheriff Williams and his leadership team to provide ethical and effective leadership.
- Pray for the ability to resist corruption, act justly, working with an attitude of service.
- Pray for the ability to deal with anxiety, stress effectively and relax off duty.
- Pray for officers responding to an emergency call, pray for their safety and for the situation to which they are going.
- Pray for frontline officers on patrol and police staff in key positions that they might build confidence and trust with the public.
- Pray for wisdom in all situations, including priorities and "on the spot" decision making.
- Pray for divine physical protection.
- Pray for peace and security at their home.
- Pray for adequate financial provision for all law enforcement.
- Pray for spiritual courage, strength, honesty and to be a dedicated individual of integrity.

Thank you for taking this partnership with our faith-based community into consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Williams" clearly distinguishable.

Mike Williams, Sheriff
Duval County, Florida

