

# Serve Your Community's Civil Servants

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**A quick list of ideas for honoring, supporting, and showing respect for those who put their lives on the line every day to keep your community safe.**

- **Write letters to your police, fire, and sheriff departments committing to prayer for each group on a regular basis. Follow up with “we prayed for you today” notes.**
- **Host a special patriotic service or rally at which local law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and first responders are introduced and given a special (not necessarily expensive) gift. Or host a picnic for them on or near a patriotic holiday.**
- **Sponsor an officer or firefighter and his or her spouse to attend a couples’ retreat or conference.**
- **Create a plan to turn an area of your church into a resting spot for firefighters if there is a major fire in your neighborhood, or to give law enforcement officers breaks during a crisis event. Keep the area stocked with water, snacks, phone charging stations, and other helpful items and have a team ready to open it for service on short notice.**
- **Take homemade snacks or treats to their workplace regularly, along with notes of appreciation.**