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As we begin to reflect on 2014, one can argue that it is a year that we, as law enforcement officers across this great nation, cannot wait to put behind us. The law enforcement profession across these United States has been ridiculed in the public and even scrutinized by the same police administrations that hired us. Working as a police officer brings on a range of emotions. It can leave you feeling satisfied, rewarded, sad, disgruntled, lonely and fulfilled, all in the same shift.

The unprovoked murder of 3 police officers in one day only amplifies how dangerous this profession is and has a nation grieving for the families and agencies left to handle funeral arrangements during the Christmas Holiday.

We leave our families behind every day to begin our shifts never knowing if it's the last time we kiss our loved ones goodbye. This year alone, there have been 114 officers killed in the line of duty, 60 of those at the hands of an assailant. We are not perfect, but we are trained in this profession to treat individuals we encounter with respect and dignity.

The public must know that we, as law enforcement officers across this country, took an oath to protect and serve. The public must also know that we took this calling knowing that at any given moment we must deal with the actions of the one percent of those who wish us harm. They will continue to spew the hatred and evil that only they know. The hundreds of thousands of law enforcement officers throughout the country will continue to remain vigilant and know that the 99% of you remain supportive of our brothers and sisters in blue.

The elected officials' and public advocates' "Anti-cop" messages must stop. As evident throughout the country, these messages have incited riots and assaults on the same law enforcement officers that are standing by to protect the protestors' rights to assemble. These elected officials and public advocates have a responsibility to the communities they serve to form a partnership with law enforcement officers and begin a dialog of cooperation.

As you sit down at the dinner table this evening, we ask each and every one of you to take a moment and pray for our fallen brothers and sisters in blue and their families. We also ask that you pray that a spirit of cooperation between all law enforcement, community activists and political leaders can be achieved in order that this great nation can begin to heal.

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