



February 13, 2018

Dear Parents,

This comes with a heavy heart as to what to say. As you know, Westerville is experiencing a dark time with the death of two of our own Police Officers, Eric Joering and Anthony Morelli. We are all feeling it. It is difficult to believe they are gone by an act of pure evil. These two men gave their lives protecting our community. From what I understand, they did more than that. They gave back to their community. They always helped people in need. They felt serving as an Officer was their calling and they served well.

It is difficult to know what to say or do. We all feel a need to do something. The most important and most powerful thing for us to do is pray. Pray for the precious families that lost their loved ones. Pray for the entire Westerville Police Department who is feeling it so intimately and their families as well. These prayers will be needed for a long time to come. None of us understand why horrible things happen. I believe that God grieves right along with us. My prayer is that each one of us may not only feel and accept His peace and comfort but that we can share it with everyone we come in contact with.

This is the time that we can witness to our little ones about relying on God in our time of need. We can model prayer for all of our first responders. We have the opportunity to see and discuss the goodness in people. The outpouring of love and support has been heartwarming. The coming together of our community has been amazing and encouraging.

Another tangible thing to do is to make a donation in an effort to support these precious families as they attempt to move on without their loved ones. After speaking with a Westerville Officer, these two organizations would be worthwhile and legitimate.

[www.gofundme.com/FOPLodge9HelpFund](http://www.gofundme.com/FOPLodge9HelpFund)

Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS)- P.O. Box 2113 Cridersville, Ohio 45806 740-207-0178  
[www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org](http://www.concernsofpolicesurvivors.org)

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families during this very difficult time. I know that God will bless them, our Westerville Police Officers and our wonderful city.

Blessings,

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*"Train up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it..." Proverbs 22:6*