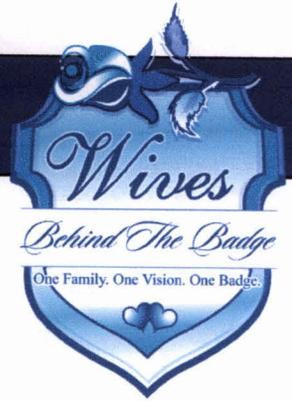




Illinois Auxiliary



September 2, 2015

Paint Illinois Blue, September 19th

This year National Thank a Police Officer Day will be recognized on Saturday, September 19th. In an effort to bring much needed appreciation to the men and women of law enforcement, the Illinois Auxiliary of Wives Behind the Badge, Inc. is sponsoring "Paint Illinois Blue" across the entire state of Illinois.

In honor of National Thank a Police Officer Day we are asking communities across Illinois to help Paint Illinois Blue on September 19, 2015.

Communities are encouraged to show their pride and appreciation for their local Department on 9/19/15 by displaying something blue. Items can include a bow, shining a blue light or placing a supportive message on a business message board. Volunteers with the Auxiliary will be selling bows in their local areas for \$5.00. We are issuing a challenge: Which town can turn more blue? We hope that you will accept the challenge and encourage others to do the same. Have fun making a creative display and please submit photos to our media liaison, kelly.media@wivesbehindthebadge.org.

So far in 2015, 83 law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty. Law enforcement officers and their families deal with incredible stressors and there is no end in sight. Wives Behind the Badge, Inc. wishes to serve as a positive voice for law enforcement in communities across the nation with events like Paint Illinois Blue. The Illinois Auxiliary – Wives Behind the Badge, Inc. is a registered not-for-profit in the state of Illinois and was established to support law enforcement officers and their families.

Thank you in advance for your time. Our officers deserve to know their communities support them and your participation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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