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Rockaway Township Shows Support for Police and First Responders

On December 2, 2016, Rockaway Township honors Police and First Responders by painting a blue and red stripe in the space between the double yellow lines on Fleetwood Drive. Striping the roads has become increasingly popular in municipalities in New Jersey and throughout the rest of the country. The symbolic gesture represents our appreciation and support from the community for the hard working members of the Rockaway Township Police Department, Fire Department and EMS Squad, who sacrifice their time and risk their lives in order to protect and serve our municipality.

“Back in August, I wanted to paint a [blue and red] stripe, however, after speaking with the Chief of Police I opted to have “Thank You” lawn signs created at no cost to taxpayers to show support for our Police Department. These signs are still available for residents who desire to display them on their property. Our community reacted positively to that gesture,” Mayor Michael Dachisen said. “As in other municipalities, Rockaway Township has now adopted the striping practice as a sign of unity and support for all our First Responders and Police Officers.”

In our community, we are afforded the peace of mind that we will live, work and raise our children in a safe neighborhood which is due in large part to the dedication of our Police and First Responders. “We care about all our workers. As police officers, we appreciate the act. We have a tough job to do and the broad spectrum of support and care coming from the community and its leaders makes our job a little easier,” Rockaway Township Chief of Police Martin McParland stated.

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