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Mayor Earling Calls Dallas Police Shootings ‘Heartbreaking’; Urges Community to Increase Efforts to Promote Tolerance and Respect for All

(Edmonds, WA) – In wake of last night’s deadly shootings of 5 police officers in Dallas, Edmonds Mayor Dave Earling issued a statement today calling for the Edmonds community to unite in support of their local police and to increase efforts to promote a more tolerant and diverse community for all.

“The shootings of police officers and other individuals in Dallas is a tragedy for all of us,” says Mayor Earling. “Like police families across America, we feel this terrible loss to our core. I am incredibly proud of our Edmonds Police Department and deeply grateful for their dedication and service to our community. Today, we grieve with them and with police families across our country.”

Earling went on to say, “There are no easy solutions to a horrific event like this. But as a starting point, we should recognize that the stigmatization of any group - including police officers - leads to violence. We must join our police - and our newly formed Diversity Commission - in their on-going efforts to build stronger bridges between all communities and community leaders. And certainly we, as a community that cares about itself, need to remain respectful of one another and at the same time remain vigilant for each other’s security and safety.”

Edmonds Police will join departments around the country in wearing mourning bands to honor the slain Dallas officers. By Presidential Proclamation, flags will be flown at half-staff from **Friday, July 8, 2016 until Sunset Tuesday, July 12, 2016** to honor the victims of the attack.

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