



Rochester Police Department

Media Release

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Statement of Chief David Smith

Yesterday morning, at 11am, I was asked by the media “how dangerous is it out there for the Officers of the Rochester Police Department?” My response was that every day, the men and women of this department leave home, not knowing if they are going to return home at the end of their shift. 10 hours later, Officer Anthony Mazurkiewicz, a father, a husband, and a 29-year veteran of the Rochester Police Department, was killed in the line of duty on Bauman Street while in service to our community.

Last night, Officer Mazurkiewicz and his partner, Officer Sino Seng, were attacked in a cowardly ambush and fell victim to the very violence in our community that we are trying to combat. Officer Mazurkiewicz was shot at least once in the upper body. He was transported to Strong Hospital, where despite heroic efforts, he passed away. Officer Seng, an 8-year veteran of the Rochester Police Department was shot at least once in the lower body and transported to Rochester General Hospital. Thankfully, he was treated, released, and now recuperating from his injuries at home with his wife and children. In addition, during this attack a female bystander was also struck by gunfire and treated for non-life threatening injuries.

During this critical incident, the full force of this region’s law enforcement responded to the scene. I would like to thank the United States Marshall’s Service, ATF, New York State Police, New York State Parole, Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, Monroe County District Attorney’s Office, Monroe County Probation, Town of Greece Police, Town of Irondequoit Police, Town of Gates Police, Town of Brighton Police, Town of Webster Police, Village of East Rochester Police and any other agency that responded to assist. This same full force, is being utilized to bring whomever is responsible for this heinous act, to justice.

This is an ongoing investigation and updates will be provided as they become available. As we speak, the brave men and women of the Rochester Police Department are continuing to protect our community, despite this horrific and shocking loss to our family.

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