



## Department of Police Village Of Villa Park

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Dear Villa Park Residents,

These past two weeks have been a roller coaster ride for me as your Chief of Police and it's a ride that you, the community, had a big part in, the really GOOD parts.

Our Villa Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was a wonderful uplifting affair; I saw nothing but smiling faces, neighborhood parties, family get-togethers and I experienced a true sense of community along the parade route! Thank you Villa Park!

Then came the tragedy to law enforcement in Dallas, a blow to police officers world-wide; what terrible irony that officers protecting the public's right to march and protest are murdered while protecting a protest AGAINST the police. The low of lows for law enforcement, so many unanswered questions beginning with why, and who might be next.

And from that heartbreak, a level of support that I never expected; letters, cards, emails, Facebook posts, all in support of YOUR officers here in Villa Park. What I like to call the "silent majority" of citizens who support good law enforcement have ended their silence in support of your officers with wonderful words and gestures. What began with a simple prayer service from our local clergy last Friday has morphed into daily receipt of well-wishes and support from both current and former residents. Your kind words and support are overwhelming and very much appreciated!

On behalf of the men and women of the Villa Park Police Department, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Every day we will try to live up to your expectations and keep our community safe; every night we will be vigilant while you sleep, keeping the watchful eye. Our community partnerships are stronger than ever today and together we are the community with all who live, work and visit Villa Park.

Be Safe Always!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Pavelchik".

Robert Pavelchik  
Chief of Police